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James, 6 and Jordan, 4 watch a movie outside a class in Willingham Hall.

EFFORTS IN PLACE FOR KSU childcare facility

Haley Castillo Contributor

Faculty, staff, and administrators are currently evaluating survey results in order to begin developing the next steps required for approval of an on-campus childcare facility.

A survey regarding childcare needs given to the KSU community last October was met with a large response.

Of the 647 faculty, 814 staff, and 3,561 students that were surveyed, the majority of responses support the idea of having a child care facility on or near the KSU campus.

"Times are changing,"

said Hannah Pendleton, a sophomore psychology major. "More and more college students are having kids and I think the convenience of an on-campus facility would be really helpful."

As of right now, the KSU campus is unwelcoming to the presence of children.

According to the KSU Staff Handbook, "The university cannot accommodate children of the faculty, staff, and students on-campus during normal operating hours. Children are welcome to attend scheduled events and to make

brief visits when accompanied by a parent." This policy can make attending normal classes difficult for a parent with no means of day care.

Annie Warrington, a junior communications major, thinks the facility will help expand the KSU student population. "It would probably make the university a lot more friendly to people with children," Warrington said. "We would probably get a higher population of [parents]."

A committee is currently working toward continuing the efforts of bringing child care

services to KSU.

This committee "will be available to present data findings from the needs assessment, share the next steps in the process, address any questions about the child care initiative at various Senate meetings, SGA forums, and with other stakeholder groups upon request," said the committee's chair, Linda Lyons, in a statement. "The final findings will be shared with the campus community very soon in forums that are being planned

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR chosen for the Institute for Global Initiatives

Cyndni Cope Contributor

The Institute for Global Initiatives has chosen a new executive director to join KSU in July 2013.

Dr. Lance Askildson, assistant provost for internationalization at the University of Notre Dame, has been chosen as the new executive director for IGI.

Dr. Barry Morris, interim executive director for the past two years, said Askildson "has an outstanding record in international education and experience at several

levels." Morris said he is excited about the new addition to the program because it will bring some permanence to the position and the institute as a whole.

"For the people involved it means new energy and new progress," he said. While IGI has already received many awards, Morris said he hopes Askildson will continue to bring recognition to the program and expand it.

While at Notre Dame,

Askildson was most recently the assistant provost for internationalization, providing strategic planning and leadership for the university's International Studies Program as well as support and programming for foreign, second language and service programs on and off campus.

Askildson was also the director of the Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures and developed language learning programs. He

was a part of the administration for the study abroad programs as well as an associate professor of the practice and second language acquisition.

Askildson's experience and success at Notre Dame were what made him stand out from other candidates, according to the IGI search committee.

IGI promotes global learning and awareness through academic programs, services

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and research to get a deeper understanding of the world. The institute consists of the employees within it, faculty, staff and KSU students.

IGI has received much recognition in the past year, including the Sen. Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization from NAFSA, the association for international educators. In 2010, the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy selected KSU as one of the top 10 higher education institutes in the country with exemplary programs designed to engage Americans in international activities and issues.

One of the institute's activities is the "Year of Program," which promotes a new country each year to assist students in learning about and experiencing other countries and cultures.

The program hosts conferences, lectures, performers, exhibits and films, depending on the country selected for the year. The program works with the General Education Council and offers

IT MEANS NEW ENERGY AND NEW PROGRESS

grants to encourage faculty and staff to promote and disseminate information about the "Year of Program." The 2012-2013 year is the Year of Ghana, and many lectures and exhibits on Ghana's history and culture have been and will be available throughout the year.

Morris will return to his previous position as vice provost for strategic initiatives when Askildson takes his place as executive director in July.

SGA BEAT:

student forums, owl memorial and sex awareness

Kacie S. Whaley Staff Writer

President Rosalyn Hedgepeth was noticeably absent at this week's SGA meeting. The meeting lasted only approximately 30 minutes, but several announcements were made.

Director of Academic Affairs Katherine Street announced that her branch would be creating forums for students to voice their opinions on the subjects that matter most at KSU. Collecting these opinions will serve the purpose of upgrading general student needs in various departments. When Street asked for suggestions from summit attendees, one SGA member mentioned that in

the sociology department there's only one internship coordinator, suggesting her college increase coordinators. Another member suggested more options on how to finance study abroad. Those with other suggestions can contact the Department of Academic Affairs at directorstreet@ksusga.com or their SGA representatives in the SGA Senate office.

The senators of the College of Health and Student Services, Jensine Tomi and Elizabeth Thomas, are busy planning for the Owl Memorial, which will be held April 9 at 3:30 p.m.. The location is to be announced. Senator Tomi said the gathering will include "call[ing] out names

of fallen owls," or any of the deceased who were affiliated with KSU from recent years. Food and refreshments will be available.

Lashelle Benta, senator for residents, announced that a sex awareness event will be held on Friday in the University Rooms. The event will begin at 8 p.m. and is expected to end at around 11 p.m. Benta mentioned Sex Awareness will be "kind of like a sex appreciation night [with] sex games, information booths and an open forum for questions." She said the questions can be anonymous, and the campus health clinic will be there to assist with the Q&A portion.

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OWL EVENTS

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News Editor

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Wednesday

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- Sex, Lies and Chocolate
Gamma Sigma Sigma
8:00-11:30 p.m.
University Room A

Thursday

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- SGA General Meeting
Student Government Association
3:30-5:00 p.m.
University Rooms
- AKA Program Workshop
Alpha Kappa Alpha
6:30-7:45 p.m.
University Room B

Friday

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- Tasty Arousal: Sex in the Dark
Residence Hall Association
8:00 p.m.
University Rooms
- SO Percussion
Kennesaw's Festival of New Music
8:00 p.m.
Bailey Performance Center

Saturday

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- Hotwing Fundraiser
Ladies of Distinction
12:00-1:30 p.m.
Student Center Terrace
- Swing Dance Lessons
KSU Swing Dance Association
4:00-6:00 p.m.
University Room A

Sunday

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- Bible Study With the Bruhz
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
7:30-9:00 p.m.
English Building Room 168
- SGA Tea Time
Student Government Association
3:30-4:45 p.m.
University Rooms

POLICE BEAT

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Kacie S. Whaley Staff Writer

DAMSEL DISTRESSED

At about 1 a.m. on Feb. 3, Officer Speir reported to University Village in response to a scream heard by a resident. The resident had recently awoken when he heard a distressed scream that he assumed to be a female. The resident never saw the female, but after the loud noise, he noticed a tall,

blond, slender male speed-walking from where the resident assumed the female was located. The resident also described the male suspect as wearing khaki pants, a white shirt, a tan jacket and brown shoes. The officer completed a foot patrol around University Village but did not find anyone.

IS SOMETHING BURNING?

Two University Village RAs requested help from KSU authorities in regard to a suspected smell of burning marijuana. Officer Feinauer knocked on the door where the smell was the strongest but received no answer. He then attempted to contact the residents of the room via the residents' phone numbers on file. There was no response. Approximately

30 minutes later, one of the room's residents returned the officer's call and stated that she moved out of the room on Feb. 1 after being arrested for marijuana possession. She speculated that her former roommate might be responsible for the odor. Police later entered the apartment for a search. (And what did they find?)

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(From left to right) Craig Gross, Ron Jeremy

GREAT PORN DEBATE Comes to KSU

Shaddi Abusaid Staff Writer

The Kennesaw Activities Board will host Pastor Craig Gross and pornography legend Ron Jeremy on Thursday, Feb. 21 for the Great Porn Debate, a discussion about the merits of porn in America.

The debate, which usually lasts about 90 minutes, will examine and discuss the more controversial aspects of the porn industry. In previous debates between the two, topics over the merits of porn have included whether the industry degrades or empowers women and whether or not porn is an addictive and destructive habit. The two debaters may also discuss how the availability of porn in

America affects children. First, Jeremy and Gross will each give an opening argument. Then, students will be given a chance to ask questions or make comments to the speakers, followed by closing arguments from the debaters. A KSU student or professor will moderate the event. Afterward, a meet and greet will give students the opportunity to take pictures and ask more questions.

Celia Lehman, a middle-grades education major, said she has never heard of Ron Jeremy.

"From a religious standpoint, [porn] is degrading and objectifying to women," Lehman said. "It also gives men

unrealistic expectations of women." Mike Reynolds, a senior nursing major, doesn't view the porn industry as degrading to women.

"The women are the ones who get paid the most," Reynolds said. "There are good and bad aspects of porn. If you watch it too much and you think about sex all the time it can be distracting. In moderation it's fine."

Gross and Jeremy, who have spoken at more than 50 universities across the nation, will debate in the Student Center University Rooms at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21.

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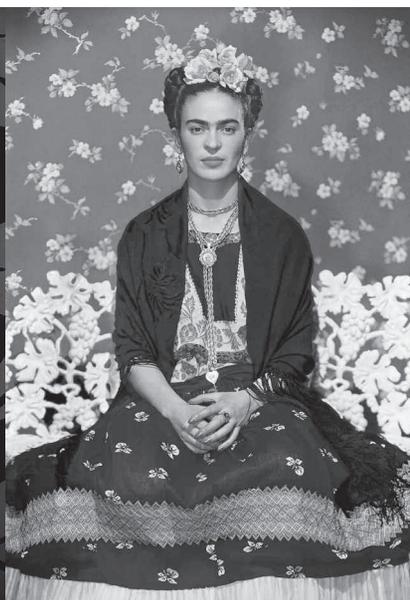
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COMMUTING

THE TRUE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Ryan Hames Contributor



The jury is out: based on my own observations, there are more commuters than residents at KSU. This revelation may come as a surprise to those of the on-campus community, so I think we, the commuting majority, should explain to them why everyone else is doing it.

There are several rewarding aspects of commuting, each of which has their own perks.

Take the traffic aspect for instance: what's not to love? I can't tell you how much I love hanging out in the middle of Chastain Road with a bunch of strangers sitting in our cars like we're in an easygoing parade, regardless of the weather.

If it happens to be rainy, I get to listen to that hypnotic song played by my windshield wipers. It puts me in a kind of trance that just makes it so much easier for me to focus once I make it to class, no matter how wet I am. And then when it's warm and sunny, a lot of commuters love rolling down their windows. Catching a whiff of that sweet-smelling atmospheric exhaust just soothes my nerves like nothing else on test days.

When we aren't in such an academic mood, there are tons of silly games commuters like to play. Most people have heard of 'Who's Horn is Loudest' or 'How Close to My Bumper Can You Get,' but my personal favorite is 'True or False: I'm About to Change Lanes.'

Some commuters, like senior English/Nursing double major, Audrey McAnarney, enjoy it so much they even go out of their way to commute to class. "I don't have a car," McAnarney admits, "but I love commuting so much I get my parents to drive me. It's a fun activity that we can do together and bond over."

Unfortunately for Audrey, getting dropped off in front of the English building causes her to miss out on one of the most exhilarating features of commuting: parking.

Every semester, commuters pay \$83 to apply for a coveted space in one of KSU's select parking lots and decks. Almost everyone who applies is accepted into the program, but this just makes KSU's parking spots more desirable. In the commuting world, if you don't have one, you want one.

Once approved, choosing which zone to park in is

often a challenge for the lucky commuter as each option offers numerous benefits. The West Deck is commonly believed to hold the most prestigious spots while the East Lot is believed to provide access to the most scenic approach to class. The Central Deck, with the largest selection of spots, often reels in commuters with its catchy motto: "All for One Spot, and One Spot for All."

For many, like senior English major, Maribeth Bryan, parking in the Central Deck is the most exciting event of her day. "Sometimes I drive around inside the deck for 15 minutes,"

Bryan declared, "just trying to find that one spot that's calling for me. The longer it takes, the more eager I become and the faster I drive. It's thrilling! And then, when I find it, I feel so triumphant it's like I've just won a veggie-dog eating contest!"

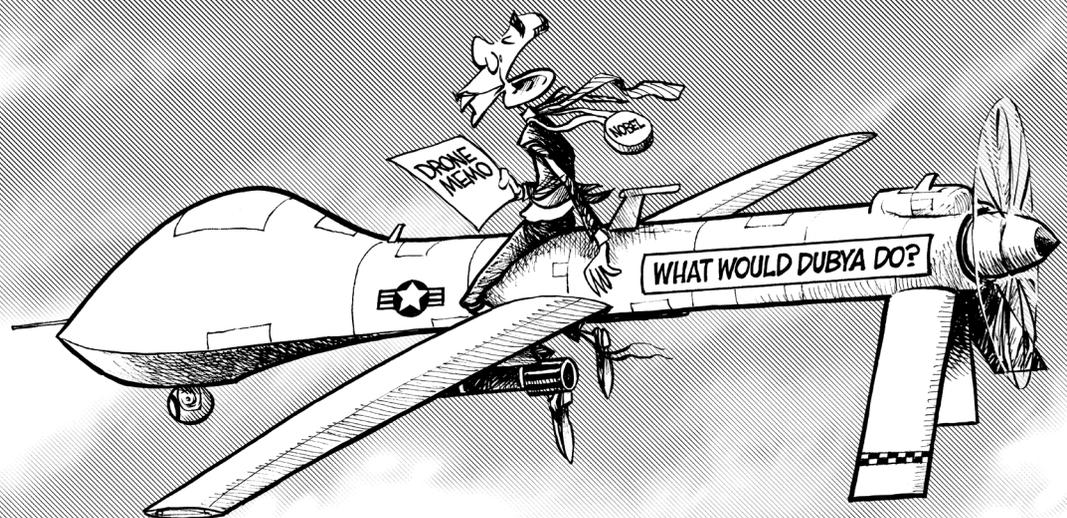
Between the traffic games and parking victories, is no wonder why commuting is so glorious. There's so much more we haven't gotten into yet: like how much fun it is at the Frey/Chastain red light to try to guess the riddle that that politically-charged homeless bike-rider guy has on his sign.

Just the sights and sounds

commuters get to witness moving at bottleneck speeds is enough to make anyone jealous; I know residents, but don't feel bad. After all, if it weren't for you on-campus residents, we wouldn't have anyone's eyes beholding us when we strolled into class fashionably late and breathless from the last-minute exercise our parking selection process afforded us. Thank you, residents, for making commuting that much more awesome!

Ryan is a senior and an English major.

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SAY BAH HUMBUG! TO CUPID

A.J. Scelzi Contributor



Valentine's Day is less controversial than other holidays, but still provokes strong emotions amongst the multitudes.

What is so special about Valentine's Day anyway? Is it the gifts from a significant other that brightens your day or is it the one day self-pity is not frowned upon?

It is definitely not about St. Valentine who died in the name of love. It would be more accurate if he died of shock due to the amount of cash he would have to dish out

purchasing a dozen roses. I doubt teachers in grade school still teach Valentine's Day history. Instead it has probably been replaced with an accounting class giving children tips on how to budget their bank accounts during this holiday.

The image of Valentine's Day is usually people in relationships basking in the essence of their sweet heart and single people left alone to count their cats. But is that really the truth or is it a stereotypical representation engraved into our minds? No. Every side has a different paradigm. The anticipation that you might receive a gift that essentially says "I know nothing about you" or "I didn't really care" send some people spiraling down a dark and narrow path of unneeded anxiety.

This simple holiday ignites the start of the end for many couples. According to an article

by Saabira Chaudhuri on The Guardian it found statistics on Avvo.com revealing that divorce filings rise about 40 percent this time of year.

Valentine's Day should be called Obligation Day because it is essentially a day card companies squeezed the life out of for profit. Many call this day a Hallmark Holiday. Kate Krier wrote an article in The Jersey Journal explaining that a Hallmark Holiday "exists primarily for commercial purposes, rather than to commemorate a traditionally significant religious or secular event."

Regardless of whether or not you are in a relationship, there are more than likely people you will wish a happy Valentine's Day, or buy a small trinket to show that you didn't forget about them. It might be more beneficial if you don't buy anything for anyone and opt out of this holiday. If you

accidentally forget someone you can start planning out a different path to walk to avoid the awkward confrontations.

The grade school days of handing out small cardboard valentines to a handful of people are long gone. Now it seems there is a silent war brewing beneath the surface between the couples and the single people.

There doesn't seem to be a winner. People in relationships are broke making sure they make their significant other feel special. The single people are at home with their wallets full of money, scrolling through forever alone memes on the Internet.

I think a revolution is in place where we celebrate this holiday the day after companies deem it appropriate and buy discounted chocolates and clearance stuffed animals for whoever we want.

Stop stressing about

Valentine's Day because whether you are single or in a relationship there are still people who care about you. So what if they didn't get you that blue teddy bear and they got you a pink one instead? So what if you are single on a day commemorating a day tribute to couples? You have friends that you can spend it with.

There are worse holidays to be lacking in. Instead of walking around upset about whatever it is Valentine's Day has brought you, break out the box of elementary school valentines and hand them out to your friends, and maybe even some strangers.

Despite the insanity that is Valentine's Day I think we can all be grateful that it only comes around once a year.

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TYING THE KNOT so it never comes loose

The Sentinel compiled proposal stories by KSU students. Below are some of our favorites.

"My fiancée and my best friend tricked me into thinking that she had to do a photo shoot of us for her photography class. So I planned the whole thing! What we wore, where it was, when it was, the props we used...everything. Turns out there was no school project, he was just planning on

proposing and knew that I would want pictures of it. After we had been taking pictures for a while he told me there was one more pose he wanted to do, got down on one knee, and asked me to marry him,"
-Aimee Croft, senior Accounting Major

We pulled into the West deck at KSU, so we could meet a friend in the student center. As Bill went to get out of the car, I pulled him back in. The quick conversation went like this.

Bill: What?

Tara: We've been together for five years.

Bill: And?

Tara: (Held his hand.) Will you marry me?

Bill: (He frowns.) Are you serious?

Tara: Yes, why wouldn't I be?

Bill: (Takes his hand away.) You tell me all these years how you want to be proposed to and then you do this?

Tara: I'm just tired of waiting and you still haven't answered me.

Bill: Yes, Tara, I will marry you...AND you will never find out how I was going to propose to you in two weeks.

Tara: WHAT?! I can wait. You can still propose.

Bill: Oh no, it's done. We're engaged now. (He gets out of the car.)

Tara: But...but....at least tell me how you were going to propose!

Bill: Nope.

Tara: Bill! You have to!

Bill: No I don't.

The conversation continued like that all the way to the student center. We have been together ten years, married for three, and he has yet to tell me.

-Tara Bruce, senior Sociology Major

"My fiancé Stephen and I have been together for almost 4 years now. Every summer we plan a trip to the beach and last year we went to Key West, FL. It was absolutely beautiful there. It was not like the typical tourist type of city, it had a lot of great local places. Instead of driving cars we rode bicycles and mopeds around. The first night we were there we ate at this amazing lobster bar off of the pier. It had a spectacular view that I could never forget. It was near the end of August so the weather was just right, warm and breezy.

After dinner we took a stroll on the pier and lied on the hammock they had at the end. A little later I was stunned to see Stephen down on one knee asking me if I would spend the rest of my life with him with the most beautiful ring I have ever seen in his hand. I was speechless and screamed yes yes yes! We are now planning our wedding that will take place next April of 2014 and I have to say, I am so excited and cannot wait for the day to come!"

-Mimi Ho, senior Finance Major

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ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE...

Tori McCrite Staff Writer

Roses are red, violets are blue... I want to spend a fun and cheap Valentine's Day with you. It's that time of year again when the stress is on to plan the perfect date that is memorable and exciting yet doesn't break your bank.

So what are some fun dates that are not expensive?

"My perfect Valentine's date is going to the park and packing a picnic. The park is free and a picnic is fun because you get to pack your favorite foods," Joshua Harlan, a sophomore biomolecular engineering major said.

Swift-Cantrell Park, located off Old 41 Hwy, serves as Kennesaw's largest community park. It features a dog park, three picnic pavilions, one mile trail, two playgrounds and an additional half mile trail.

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is also a great place for a date. It consists of more than 17 interpretive trails, is dog friendly and has grills for cooking out. It also has 11 miles of preserved earthworks for a fun educational date.

"I would definitely go ice-skating because it's only about 10 bucks, it's a challenge for both of you and it gives the girl a good excuse to hold your

hand," said Connor McKenzie, a junior computer science major.

Located right around the corner from KSU on George Busbee Parkway, the Ice Forum is an indoor ice-skating rink that is open year round. It is home to the Owls Ice Hockey team and has a live DJ on the weekends.

"My perfect Valentine's date on a budget would be going to the Planetarium at the Fern Bank Science Center. Going to the Planetarium would be the perfect date because it's only 7 seven dollars to get in, it's not your typical date and the observatory is free on Thursday and Friday nights," said Anna Rogers, a junior nursing major.

The Fern Bank Science Center is located off Heaton Park Drive in Atlanta, GA. The planetarium is a celestial theater that guides the audience through the wonders of the universe. The Fern Bank Science Center has more than 10 facilities ranging from the Rose Garden to the Aerospace Lab.

Though all of these Valentine's date ideas are grand, just remember this quote from entrepreneur, Katy Tulka: "As red and pink nears, I wanted to say; please make this day special in your own different way."

ATLANTA BALLET: DRACULA

Samantha Machado Arts & Living Editor

Choreographer Michael Pink takes on the challenge of "Dracula" as it returns to the Atlanta Ballet at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre. Pink was able to bring in the darkness and infestation of the story, as well as the romance and sexuality that comes along with it.

This iconic ballet demonstrates the skill and athleticism of the cast members. It is not without the digital effects to make this production a great performance.

From the Dracula type full moon and bats, the digital work adds to the dark and ominous feel of the production. The dancers easily convince the audience of their roles with the passion in the stomping, kicks and moves they perform.

The storyline starts with Jonathan Harker's journey to Transylvania and undoubtedly his encounter with Dracula. By the end of the story, the audience witnesses Dracula cast his spell over three cast members: Jonathan Harker, Mina Harker and Lucy Westenra.

Each has their chance to escape the wrath of Dracula through the chance of a different trip or mythic legend. Inevitably, it is Dracula's graceful dominance that overtakes each

dancer's soul.

Count Dracula, played by John Walker, a KSU Dance and Arts Administration student, displays his menacing role through perfect posture and flawless choreography. Walker's entrance of Dracula is smooth and tranquil despite being a dominating powerful character.

Act I concludes with the infatuation of blood from dancers Yoomi Kim, Jackie Nash and Alessa Rogers. In Act II, the skillful choreography is displayed with over 20 dancers on stage orchestrating around each other.

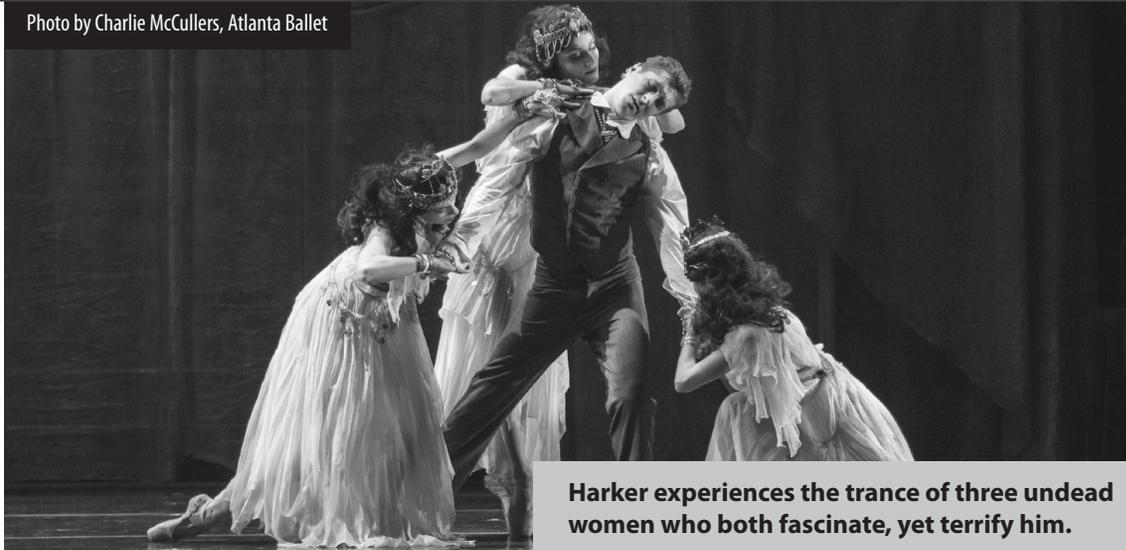
There is not a scene where the poise and elegance of dance is not held to the highest standard.

Every attendee should come ready to jump out of their seat at the end. The sound, orchestra and props work to make sure each audience member is thoroughly scared.

It only makes sense with Valentine's Day approaching to see this detail-oriented production of a star-crossed love for blood.

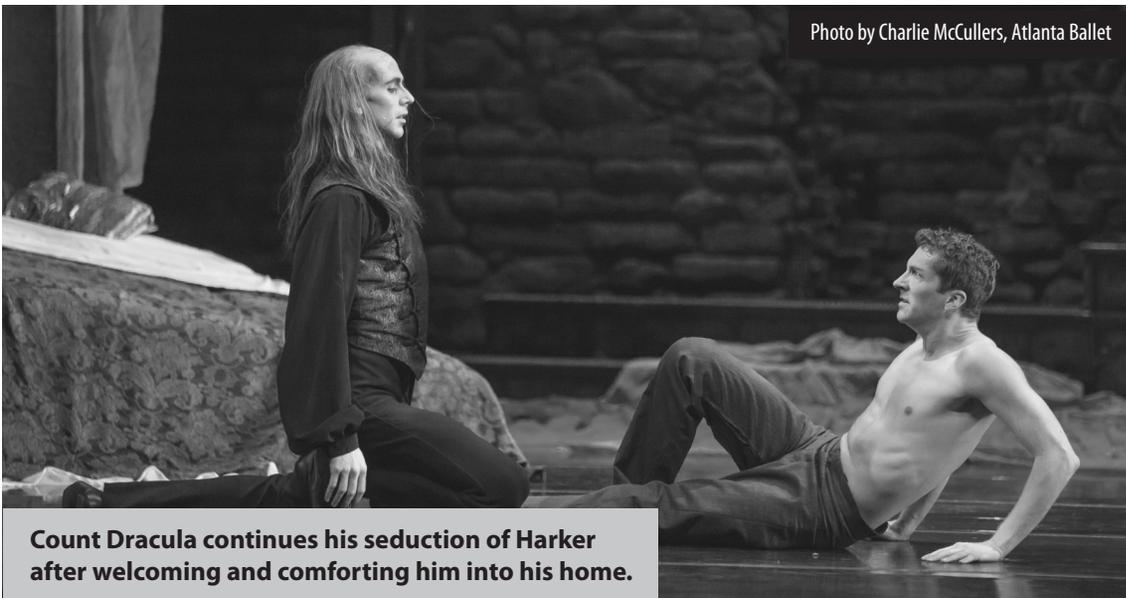
While the "Dracula" will be running Feb. 8-16, College Night will be Friday, Feb. 15 at 8pm. Tickets are \$20 using the promo code: COLLEGE.

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Harker experiences the trance of three undead women who both fascinate, yet terrify him.

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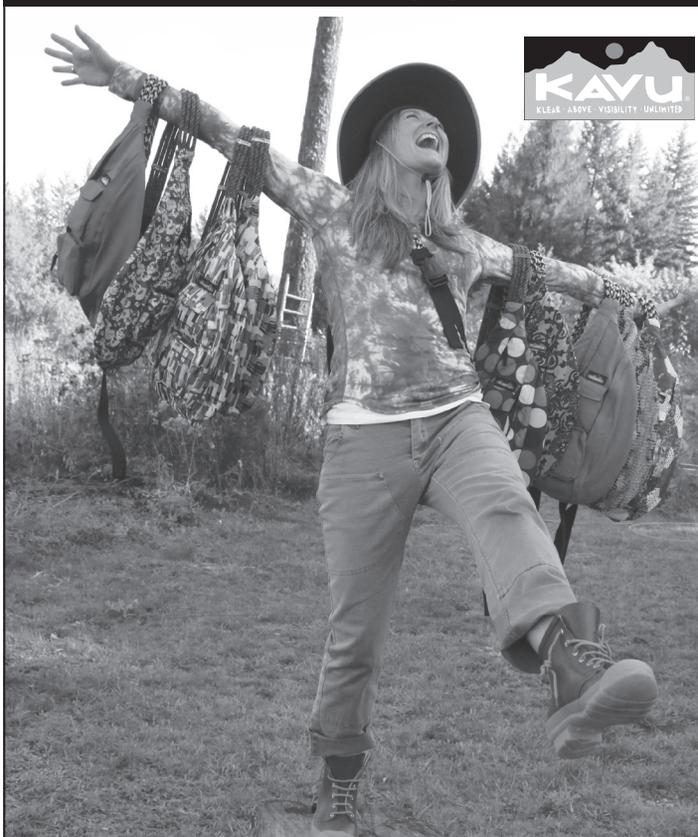
Count Dracula continues his seduction of Harker after welcoming and comforting him into his home.

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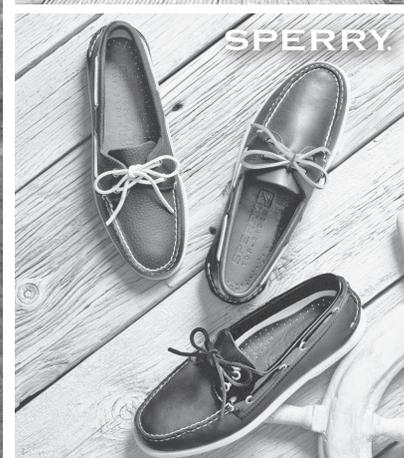


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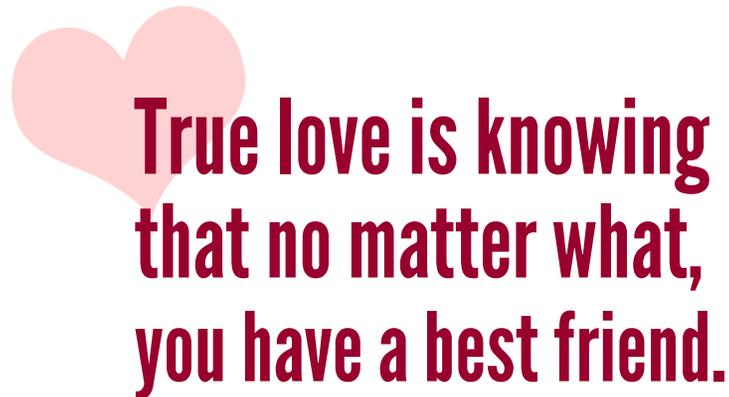
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THE LONELIEST NUMBER: enjoying Valentine's Day alone

Mark Stanhope Staff Writer

Valentine's Day, or as some prefer to call it, "Singles Awareness Day," has become a special event of giving and celebration for those who have a significant other to spend time with since the holiday's creation roughly 600 years ago.

But what about those who find themselves alone on the one day devoted solely to romantic relationships? Some may feel at a loss for a reason to enjoy Valentine's Day, with their friends out on dates or their favorite restaurants and theaters packed with couples.

Fortunately, single KSU students do not need to fret, as there are plenty of reasons to get out and treat yourselves! Rather than plopping down on the couch with a carton of ice cream in hand, venture

out and treat yourself to something special.

Numerous activities taking place on Thursday that welcome those without a significant other include a rally at the state Capitol followed by a flash mob, ice skating at Park Tavern and a performance by Atlanta's Center for Puppetry Arts.

In a form of protest, One Billion Rising, an organization devoted to human rights, will gather at the Georgia Capitol at 10 a.m. on Valentine's Day to promote the welfare of women worldwide. Afterward, the group will reconvene at Woodruff Park to "rise in the community" in a call to end violence.

Park Tavern will offer its final night of ice skating on Valentine's Day at only \$15 for anyone looking to skate

in the city and get some fresh air. Hours are from 4:30 p.m. to midnight, with adult skating starting at 8:30 p.m.

When thinking about romance, the works of Edgar Allan Poe are not the first thing to come to mind. Then again, neither are puppet shows. Atlanta's own Center for Puppetry Arts is hosting the "Oh, Poe is Me!" event during the Valentine's weekend for anybody looking to celebrate an unconventional Valentine's Day.

The center offers portraits taken in a Poe-like fashion, drinks from Fortunato's Tavern and shows likely to thrill anyone who loves to indulge in the macabre. The event is recommended for teen to adult audiences only.

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AMERICAN GHOUL: Horror Gone Wrong

Roderic Graham Contributor

"American Ghoul," the debut novel by Walt Morton, is a horror story supposed to be written in the spirit of authors Stephen King and Isaac Marion.

The more appropriate comparison for this novel would be "Goosebumps."

In American Ghoul, Howard "Harry" Pickman and his parents move from Baltimore to the small town of Madison in Georgia in 1968. Harry attends the local school, his mother is a painter and his father is just a regular hard-working man trying to provide for his family. The Pickman family seems very normal, but they are hiding their true identities; they are ghouls.

In order for ghouls to survive they must consume human flesh. Harry and his father steal bodies from a nearby cemetery, dissect them and harvest

the organs. This ritual goes undetected for years until finally Madison residents take notice.

The day after Harry turns 17, he watches from the woods as his parents are murdered and his house is set ablaze. On a hot summer night in July 1977, he escapes Madison and hitchhikes a ride to New Jersey to live with his grandmother, who is also a ghoul. There he struggles to blend in with the town and risk having his secrets exposed.

The beginning of the novel is exciting because it is filled with murder, secrecy and death—the key ingredients to any horror novel.

After Chapter 1, Morton uses drugs, teenage antics, bullying, a sexy senile grandmother and a group of young adolescents, including Harry trying to make it in a punk rock band, to keep the reader's attention.

The novel has a change of pace in the last chapter, when Harry is forced to stand up to his bullies from school. In classic hero-like fashion, Harry saves a friend's life and risks his own. The bullies who tormented Harry all school year take him on a joyride to torture him, but ironically it is they who meet their untimely demise.

Harry savagely kills and eats the organs of the four bullies who tortured him. He disguises the murder as a car accident and goes to live happily as a pre-med student at Brown University with the girl of his teenage dreams.

Morton should create a horror story with vivid details and a suspenseful plot, rather than fill the story with typical teenage problems..

AMERICAN GHOUL



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Morton's photo cover of American Ghoul demonstrates the torturous mindset of characters in the novel.



Walt Morton

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Courtesy of ALSO

Members of ALSO take time off from their studies to have fun as a stress reliever.

Club of the Week: ALSO

Chardae Sanders Contributor

The non-traditional student include those who are considered to work a fulltime schedule of more than 30 hours a week, are parents, delayed enrollees who did not enter a collegiate setting straight after high school, and members of the "25 and over club."

As a non-traditional student, it makes it easier to have a group of like peers who "ALSO" share the same experiences. The Adult Learner Student Organization, ALSO, is a free membership organization designed to cater to the needs of all students, staff and alumni.

"ALSO serves as an advocate for the non-traditional student," said Robert Powell, Assistant Director of Adult Learner Programs, "it gives adult learners an active voice that will be heard in decisions that affect students."

A part of the Lifelong Learning facility at KSU, ALSO was developed in 1993 after the disbanding of the SOTA, Students Over Traditional Age, as a meeting location for adult learners to exchange similar

information, study and network in a relaxed setting.

ALSO is a part of ANTSHE, Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education, which allows students to network with other students who are striving to reach the same positive result of achieving a degree. Members participate in various workshops and scholarship giveaways as an added bonus.

ALSO provides a team of individuals who serve as advocates to help the academic process run smoothly. Veronica Jones, manager of the Lifelong Learning Center, said she believes that "adult learners gain a sense of belonging on campus; [staff] will assist them in acclimating, and to being a successful, happy student at KSU."

The voice of adult learners does not go unheard. The ALSO staff is truly dedicated to addressing issues important to students. "ALSO has identified issues to address that effect adult learners," stated Powell, "including a childcare facility to provide childcare for students

attending classes on campus and more evening and weekend classes for the working student."

Besides a relaxed environment, ALSO provides tutoring services as well as service acts including Project Perfect Prom and Feast of Sharing. Project Perfect Prom is a service that accepts donations of prom attire including gowns, tuxedos, suits, shoes, and accessories for young men and women. Feast of Sharing is an annual charity event dinner during the month of November coordinated by ALSO. Staff members, students, and faculty donate can goods or money that is provided to KSU's Feed the Future and it brings the KSU community together while enjoying a Thanksgiving style meal with entertainment.

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KSU WOMEN'S LACROSSE READY TO MAKE history in program debut

Sarah Woodall Staff Writer



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The Owls opened their inaugural season on Sunday at home.

Another chapter has begun for KSU athletics, and women's lacrosse is ready to write history with pen in hand.

In the off-season, the Owls were successful in developing team chemistry and goals, creating their 2013 team motto: P.U.S.H.

Perseverance, unity, strength, and heart are the four words that make up P.U.S.H. The inspiration for this slogan came from an ESPN short film titled, *Man in The Red Bandana*.

"We identified with that early on and it just kind of evolved into what we wanted our team motto to be and what P.U.S.H.

meant," KSU head coach Kristina Llanes said. "The team took it to a whole new level with perseverance, unity, strength, and heart. Obviously those are four things we need to have on a consistent basis to be successful."

Llanes' players have truly embraced this P.U.S.H. motto so far. Freshman newcomers Brittany Jackson and Kylar Ferguson even wrote a blog post on ksuowls.com entirely about push, and at one-point states, "Every day the stadium door shuts behind us and there's the grass at our feet and sticks in our hands. We're laced up, goggles down, mouth guards in and it's time to PUSH."

"Our team saying is 'start unknown and finish

unforgettable," Ferguson said. "We are a new program, but really our goal is to just go out and play our hardest and leave an impression and represent Kennesaw State in a respectable way."

As the newest team to KSU, Llanes understands there are steps involved in achieving success, and the first step will be gaining exposure in the lacrosse community.

"We definitely want to gain exposure for Kennesaw State," Llanes said. "With us being the new program, we want to represent them well and we want to make sure we represent the Athletic Department well, and we want to represent ourselves well."

Thanks to Llanes' strong

recruiting contacts maintained over the course of her coaching career, the current roster for the Owls is full of talent. To Llanes, every player will shine.

"They are really going to share the spotlight as a group," Llanes said. "I don't think we are going to be in a situation where we only have one or two of our athletes making all of the defensive plays or offensive plays. And that is just due in fact that they really work hard as a team."

Out of the 17 players on the Owls' current roster, 11 are freshmen. To Ferguson, age should not be a factor for the underclassmen players.

KSU SOFTBALL PICKED TO FINISH SECOND IN conference, opens season with 5 wins

Eric Fuller Sports Editor

Projected to finish second overall in both the Preseason Softball Coaches Poll and the Preseason Softball Facebook Fan Poll, the KSU softball team made a strong statement to the Atlantic Sun Conference over the weekend, opening their season with 5 victories in the Georgia Tech-Kennesaw State Invitational at Bailey Park.

The Owls opened their first game against Missouri State on Friday with strong hitting, scoring in the first 3 innings of the contest. The highlight of the game was Angie Discoli, hitting a first-inning grand slam in her first career at-bat for the Owls.

The Owls went up 10-1 to finish the third inning, but a late rally in the fourth and fifth made it 10-8. The Owls notched 2 more insurance runs, winning

their first game of the season 12-8. Shortly after on the same day, they defeated Coastal Carolina 1-0 in an eight-inning contest.

The Owls came out strong on the second day of competition, blasting Eastern Michigan by a score of 7-0 on Saturday. The dominance continued, as the team turned their sights on Butler, downing them 6-2. The team finished the Invitational on Sunday after defeating Eastern Michigan in a rematch, 6-5.

The team returns a number of players from last season that competed in the conference tournament. The team finished second in the tournament, and hope that experience, as well as the addition of new players, will allow them to maintain a strong level of play as the season continues.

"We think the talent level is going to be good enough for us to contend," said KSU head coach Scott Whitlock. "The secret to it is staying healthy, playing well on defense, and get that hit in the right time of the game when you got runners on base."

Whitlock will look for veteran leadership from his upperclassman, combined with the young talent of the underclassman, to establish a foothold in the A-Sun Conference, and continue to build off their 5-0 start.

The team certainly has the talent to do what Whitlock thinks it can. Two Owls, senior Sharon Swanson and sophomore Kaylee Williams, were named to the A-Sun Preseason All-Conference Team, while junior Amanda Henderson was selected as the

Fan Voted Pitcher of the Year.

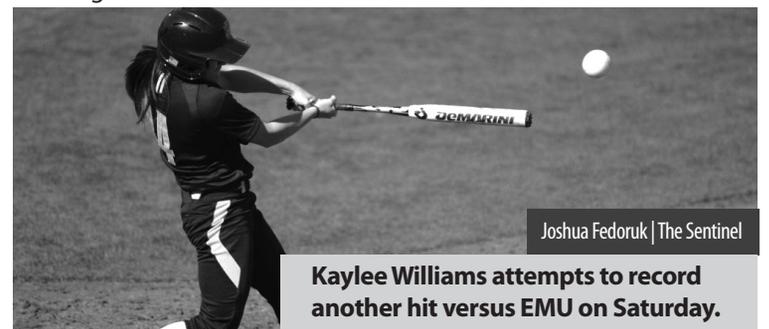
"I am very happy for the honor that Sharon and Kaylee both have been bestowed," Whitlock said. "Amanda is just an outstanding pitcher. She is a fantastic competitor, has a great personality and has great presence on the mound. Any time she is honored, I am not surprised."

Florida Gulf Coast University was picked to finish first. The Owls have experience facing their Florida rivals and will play them again this season. KSU

will have to play well against the combined effort of Chelsea Zgrabik, who was named the Preseason Player of the Year, and teammate Shelby Morgan, who was named Preseason Pitcher of the Year.

"They are an extraordinarily good program," Whitlock said. "They are going to be tough for anyone to beat."

The Owls will return to action when they host The KSU Classic next weekend in Woodstock, Ga.



Joshua Fedoruk | The Sentinel

Kaylee Williams attempts to record another hit versus EMU on Saturday.

OWLS USE THURSDAY LOSS AS MOTIVATION to defeat Jacksonville at home

Chase Brown Contributor

The KSU men's basketball team failed to end their losing streak Thursday against North Florida.

The game came down to the wire, but turnovers proved costly, as the Owls fell 60-52 in front an enthusiastic home crowd.

"I knew the fraternities and sororities were going to come with energy and passion, but I did not know they were going come with that much energy and passion," said KSU head coach Lewis Preston regarding the fan atmosphere. "I think it's one of the best atmospheres I have ever been in since I have been a head coach here. I really want to thank them for coming out."

The Owls started off fast offensively, grabbing a 9-0 lead. As the game continued in the first half, it was a turnover contest. North Florida and KSU had a combined total of 19 turnovers. Drenched with sweat and overcome with intense emotion, the Owls lost their lead. The first half ended with KSU trailing North Florida 22-29.

"At half time I discussed that we needed to stop turning the ball over, we had 11 turnovers at half. So once we took care of the ball. Now it comes down to the simple point, can you make a shot? At the end of the day that's what the game comes down to," Preston said.

Entering the second half, momentum began to build in the Owls' favor when Delbert Love made a jump shot from outside the key. Calm and collected, the sophomore focused in and sent the basketball through the net without hesitation. Fat heads of senior Markeith Cummings sliced the air back and forth as students waived them overhanging the court. Cummings was a man of steel offensively, but defensively he couldn't get the job done.

Cummings did not start for the game because of his recent performance on defense. Using his quick agility he was able to drive through defenses, and fly vertically with jump shots outside the key. Cummings

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put up 7 field goals and two 3-point field goals, adding 17 points to the scoreboard on his own. Defensively Cummings struggled, as he only had two rebounds during the game.

"The 17 points he scored is one thing but he played 30 minutes and only had 2 rebounds," Preston said of his senior. "My thing is I need him to get on the glass

more. I think he is the most physically talented player in this league, but there has to be a consistency of effort each and every day, but with that being said I am happy with the way he came out tonight I thought he came out and was aggressive."

Cummings hit a layup at the tail end of the game keeping the Owls in range of a possible victory. The score was 50-56 in favor of North Florida with 37 seconds left to play.

Despite the Owls perseverance, all hopes of victory turned sour. Chances of making the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament continued to deteriorate.

The Owl's Achilles Heel was their ability to stop screens. North Florida primarily set picks allowing them to blitz the ball down the key to the basket. The Owls repeatedly were left

dumbfounded when North Florida starters exposed holes at the bottom of the post.

The final score of the game Thursday night was 52-60 declaring North Florida victorious. The game added another loss in the record books for KSU's 2013 season.

"What this thing comes down to is one thing and one thing only and that's you can't beat anyone when you have 32 points in the paint. And then to top it all off when we get inside we are not able to be affective," said Preston.

Despite the majority of players having disappointing performances, Nigel Pruitt and Jordan Montgomery played well. Preston commented on the outstanding performances of Pruitt and Montgomery during the game Thursday night and how the losing season is affecting them.

"Well I think some of it is they are just starting to mature in front of your eyes. Unfortunately there aren't many sophomores and juniors right now. And you know, I think the thing with them is a lot of it comes down to them being men. I told a lot of these guys that their trial would be through fire and were going through hell right now," Preston said.

Fighting through criticism of their downward season, the team's goal after Thursday was to learn from their mistakes and become better from them. This past Saturday, the team showed that they could do that, proving that their season is not over yet. The Owls defeated the Jacksonville Dolphins 75-68 with the life of the team depending on the outcome of the game.

The team still has a long road from birthing a spot in the A-Sun Conference Tournament but they are able to continue to fight for their survival, which is an accomplished goal on its own.



Markeith Cummings scored 17 points despite coming off the bench.

OWLS TRACK AND FIELD SPRINT INTO conference championship

Tom Mudrak Staff Writer

The season is heating up for the KSU track and field team. The Owls are setting records, turning heads and perhaps most importantly, peaking at the right time.

The team had high expectations Friday and Saturday when they traveled to Birmingham, Ala. to compete in the Samford Invitational, and they didn't disappoint. After posting five record-setting performances in New York City the week before at the New Balance Invitational; three more Owls set personal bests in Birmingham. The Owl's efforts were highlighted by senior Gwen Jones, whose throw of 18.20m set the school weight throw record on Saturday.

Meanwhile, freshman Greciana Cooper bested her 1 mile record time set in New York, on her way to a 23rd place finish in Birmingham.

The positive results are a welcomed sight for coaches with the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship coming up in two weeks. Coming into the New Balance Invitational, Assistant Coach Agne Eggerth said the team's goal was to keep improving, and they have. The team handled the large crowds the coach was worried about, and many stepped up on the big stage. These are two things championship teams look for.

The men's team won the A-Sun Indoor Championship last year and the outdoor title in 2011. After the positive results in Birmingham, the team gets a bye week before they fight to defend their title. Leading the Owls in their attempt to repeat in indoor, is sprinter Sadio Diallo. The senior was impressive his last time out at the New Balance Invitational in

New York City. Not only did he win both the 60m and 200m dash, he set the school and event 200m record in the process.

"New Balance was a good meet for us but now we are all turning to the conference championship and hopefully we are going to do better," Diallo said after the event.

Success isn't anything new for the 2012 All-Atlantic-Sun selection though. Diallo currently has the top three and four best performances in the 60m and 200m dash respectively, for the Owls this year.

"I'm pretty confident, right now we are ranked 2nd, we have won two years in a row now and we should be able to get a third," Diallo said.

Cynthia Davis is also turning heads after setting the school record and winning the 200m in



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Track and field broke a number of records over the weekend.

New York. She followed up that performance by beating her own record this past week at the Samford Invitational with a time of 24.40 seconds.

The team now has two weeks to prepare for the A-Sun Championship. The event is being held at East Tennessee State, a venue the Owls are very familiar with.

"We pretty much know the facility and it's a pretty good track and I'm pretty confident, the whole team is pretty much familiar with the facility," Diallo said.

The team isn't changing its practice plan for the championship. According to Diallo, the team will stay the course that got them here.

"We're going to take it step by step, our goal is to win the A-Sun Championship and then we'll focus on outdoor championships, then we will focus on our aspirations in the NCAA Championships...you have to take it one meet at a time," Diallo said.

The Owls will return for the A-Sun Championship on Feb. 23-24 in Tennessee.



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MEN'S TRACK & FIELD @ ATLANTIC SUN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP FRIDAY, 2/22 ALL DAY JOHNSON CITY, TENN.

The KSU men's golf team finished 13th after three rounds in the books at the SunTrust Gator Invitational in Florida over the weekend

The Owls ended the day 28 over par as they shot 588 as a team on day one. KSU was just seven strokes behind 12th place Jacksonville.

"Today was a disappointing performance," said KSU head coach Jay Moseley. "We played poorly during the first round and bounced back with a great start in round two. Unfortunately we made silly mistakes late in round two and it cost us our chance to move up the leaderboard. We are a much better team than we showed today, so I know we will play better on Sunday."

“IT WASN'T JUST OUR WEEK OUT ON THE COURSE”

Sophomore Jimmy Beck led the Owls in the first two rounds of the tournament, as he was just three over par, 143. Jimmy shot a 75 in the first round of the invitational and came out in the second round with a brilliant stroke as he finished two under par, 68. This strong performance tied him for 20th place.

"Jimmy provided the one bright spot on the weekend for us," Moseley said. "His play this season has been consistent and strong, we just have to get some others to step up. It just wasn't our week on the course, but we will regroup and be ready for our next tournament."

The Owls had two players, Peder Lunde Hermansson and Jonathan Koltz, that shot nine over par. This tied them for 56th place overall in the tournament. Senior Ben Greene was tied for 61st place as he recorded a 10 over par. Sophomore Austin

Vick finished 11-over-par, 151, which tied him for 65th place overall.

Georgia Southern golfer Scott Wolfes led the individual medalist race, as he was four-under-par, 136. Florida State's Daniel Berger finished two behind Wolfes for second. There were six players in the tournament that finished at par. Florida State's team led the way in the tournament (561, +1), they finished nine strokes ahead of the host school Florida (570, 10+) and A-Sun rival North Florida (570, +10). Liberty University (572, +12) finished the day fourth overall and UAB (573 +13), finished out the top five.

For the very latest on men's golf follow them on Twitter at @KSUOwlsMensGolf.

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Jimmy Beck led the Owls in the SunTrust Gator Invitational, adding to his consistent and strong season.



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SPORTS

KSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM OVERCOMES slow start to bury Jacksonville

Eric Fuller Sports Editor

The KSU women's basketball team defeated Atlantic Sun Conference foe Jacksonville 57-51 in the KSU Convocation Center on Saturday afternoon.

Chelsea Mason and Sametria Gideon played strong for the Owls. Mason had her second double-double of her young career, as the freshman stand-out had a career-high 20 points and 10 rebounds. Gideon was one rebound shy of a double-double of her own, scoring 20 points and grabbing nine boards.

"We left it all out on the court today," said KSU head coach Nitra Perry. "It was just 40 minutes of total basketball. It wasn't a game with no mistakes, but we bounced back from those better than we have in any other game this season. Sametria came out and set the tone the right way for us. She wanted the ball, played terrific defense and was talking out on the court. Then Mason scored the ball really well for us and had an outstanding day."

The Owls played a fantastic final five minute stretch to end the game, extending their 2-point lead to six in the final minute. Ashley Holliday and Chantel Kennedy each scored a

free throw to end the game at 57-51.

The Owls have fallen short this season after many comeback attempts, but this time KSU was able to fight back from an 11-point deficit early on and hang on for the win.

"We've been working really hard in practice," said Gideon of the effort. "Coach has been on us and she's such a competitor and we came out before this game and said 'we're just not going to lose this game tonight.' I just wanted my team to win and we came out and did what we had to do."

The team dominated Jacksonville in every category of the game. Holliday had a career-high eight assists to aid the Owls in their season-high 15 assists as a team. The team grabbed 39 rebounds, nine better than the Dolphins. Mason's 10 led both teams. The Owls dominated in the paint and were able to turn 16 Dolphin turnovers into 21 points.

With the win, the Owls improve to 6-17 on the year and 2-9 in Atlantic Sun play. KSU will hit the hardwood again on Monday, when they take on North Florida at home in the Convocation Center.

Joshua Fedoruk | The Sentinel



Sametria Gideon was one rebound shy of a double-double in the Owls' win over Jacksonville.

“WE CAME OUT AND DID WHAT WE HAD TO DO”

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

@ USC UPSTATE 16
SATURDAY, 2/16
5:30 P.M.
SPURTANBURG, SC

@ EAST TENNESSEE STATE 18
MONDAY, 2/18
7 P.M.
JOHNSON CITY, TENN.

VS. LIPSCOMB 23
SATURDAY, 2/23
12 P.M.
KENNESAW, GA

VS. NORTHERN KENTUCKY 23
MONDAY, 2/23
7 P.M.
KENNESAW, GA