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KSU FOOTBALL SCORES FIRST TOUCHDOWN with program introduction

Sarah Woodall Staff Writer

It was an exciting day for Kennesaw State University on Feb. 14, as KSU President Dr. Daniel Papp finally introduced KSU football to 1,000 cheering students and faculty members in the Convocation Center.

Just one day after the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved KSU's request to add the program, Papp could finally stand behind the podium and ask the crowd this burning question: "Are you ready for some football?"

To Papp, adding a program, like football, will be the one way to finally put KSU on the map as a major university.

"We are going to be on the way towards becoming a major national university as well. Importantly, football can add to our reputation, and importantly, will also add to the reputations of our entire Alumni's degrees, and all of our student's degrees," Papp said about KSU becoming a major southern university.

Vince Dooley, legendary former head football coach for the University of Georgia, was also present. Dooley was diligent in bringing football to KSU as chairman of the football exploratory committee.

"It is a wonderful feeling of pride for everybody, the students, the faculty, the

alumni, community leaders, Fifth Third Bank and everybody that is connected with it, but a very special pride for Dr. Papp," Dooley said. "I thought he showed excellent leadership making this happen," Dooley added.

For KSU Director of Athletics Vaughn Williams, this too was a dream come true. Since taking over as the athletic director in 2012, his enthusiasm for the university has reflected on the many students on campus, including those present at the press conference.

"We did it! What a great day this is, and I can't tell you how happy I am for this institution," Williams said.

Just days ago, Fifth-Third Bank agreed to a \$5 million sponsorship deal with KSU to help start-up the football program, and assist in the possible future renovations of Fifth Third Bank Stadium, formally known as the KSU Soccer Stadium.

"I got the chills when I saw these shirts down here that said 'tradition begins here,'" Fifth Third Bank President Randolph Koporc said. "We are ready to take the field with you," added Koporc.

As for the future of KSU football, Williams and the rest of the Athletic Department staff will waste no time. To give a

glimpse into the future, Williams said they plan on hiring a head coach immediately. Other plans for football include adding a marching band and adding additional Title IX women's sports as well.

"I do believe that we can hire a coach in the next four to five weeks," Williams said. "I think Owl Nation should be extremely proud and understand that the word on the outside is that Kennesaw State is the place to be," he went on to say.

As for Fifth Third Bank Stadium and additional funding for football, there will be a series of open forums for the students to participate in to determine the possible renovations to increase the seating, as well as a \$100 increase in student tuition starting Fall 2013 to help fund the program.

For someone involved in football as long as Dooley, he understands the obstacles that may have to be overcome, but there will also come the time when this program will come out on top as winners. As for coaching, Dooley jokingly declined, stating he is "here to help, not to handicap."

Williams got the crowd excited with his motto for the journey to Fall 2015 saying, "It's our time folks!"



Balloons fall as students and faculty gather in the Convocation Center to witness history, as KSU introduces football.

Matt Boggs | The Sentinel

FUTURE PLANS

2013

February

Planning for renovations to Fifth Third Bank Stadium begins

March

Kennesaw State is expected to announce the hiring of its first football coach.

2013

March

Football Ticket Letter of Intent Program begins.

2014

February

Kennesaw State announces first recruiting class.

Spring

Kennesaw State holds first spring practice workout.

2015

Spring

Kennesaw State holds first spring football game.

August

Kennesaw State opens fall practice.

August

Inaugural Kennesaw State football game.

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

Haley Castillo Contributor

The KSU Department of Strategic Security and Safety are making efforts to raise campus community preparedness and awareness for emergency situations and disasters.

In a session held this last Thursday at the KSU Center, a room full of faculty and students were educated on how to respond quickly and correctly when faced with an emergency or disaster. The training pointed out ways to raise awareness of everyday things such as exit signs, objects to hide behind and places to avoid.

This department has made it possible to have communication between all KSU support departments that are responsible for the safety and security of the campus community.

According to the SSS department website, "KSU is moving towards an exceedingly robust system of preparedness, emergency alert and notification utilizing a layered approach, to ensure all customers are prepared and can respond to any emergency or disaster."

Amy Phillips, Manager of Human Resource Services, believes the session was very insightful.

"I definitely had not thought about just looking for the exits in any particular situation," Phillips said. "I certainly feel more prepared now than I did going into it."

Robert Lang, Assistant Vice President of Strategic Security and Safety, thinks KSU is well on its way to fulfilling this preparedness.

"We're pretty close to having achieved that," Lang said.

"We've taken a very proactive approach. We've put sirens in, and we only set them off for three things: tornadoes, hazardous material spills, and the third one is the active shooter."

Lang's department is also in charge of the KSU alert messages that faculty, staff and

students receive in the wake of an emergency.

"You get your messages, and you get a lot," Lang said. "Students will get a text message, a voicemail and an email. The idea behind these messages is to tell you what's happening."

The SSS department has created several security and emergency management initiatives. At the frontline of this initiative is the Crisis Coordinator Certification Program.

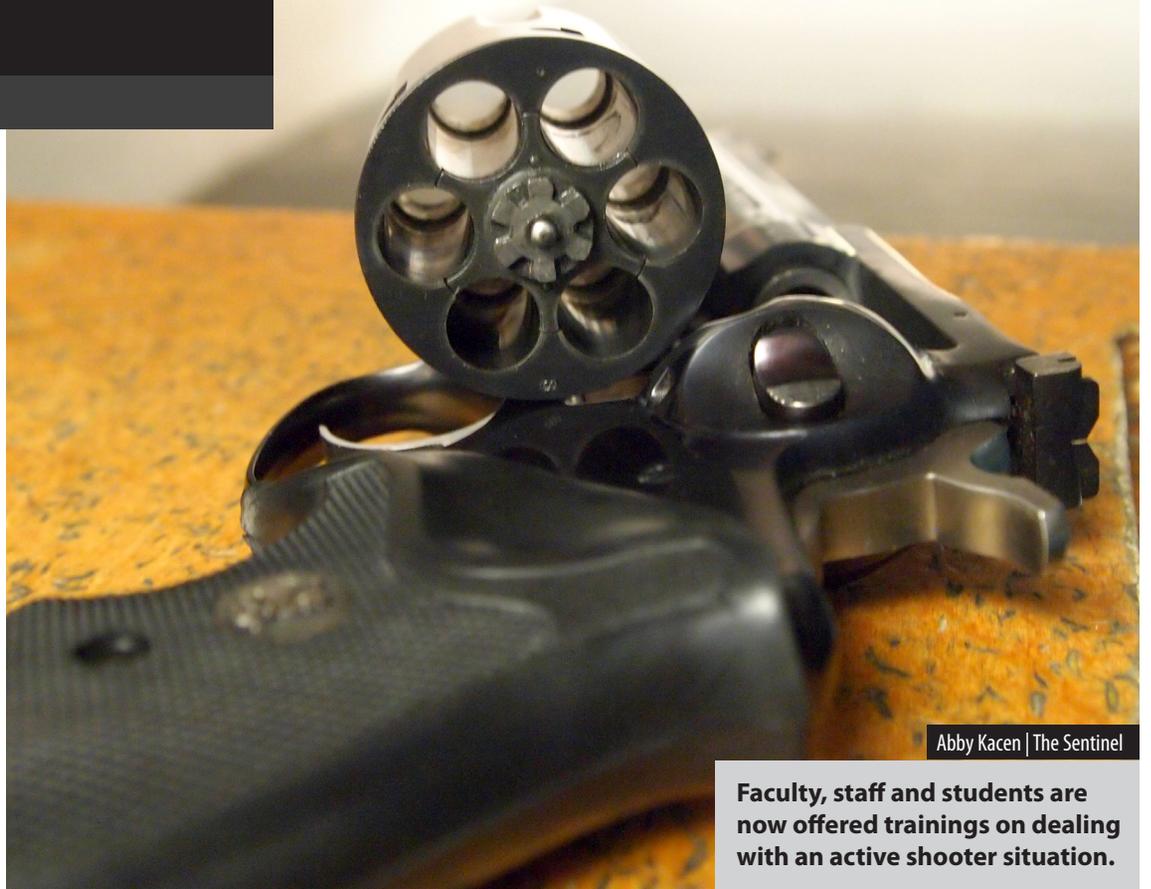
This program contains over 200 volunteers, each of which are trained in First Aid, Emergency Response, Security Awareness, Crisis Mitigation, CPR and AED. When faced with disaster, a Crisis Coordinator acts as an immediate responder while awaiting the arrival of trained first responders.

Deanna Hendrickson, Grants Manager Office of Research, a trained Crisis Coordinator, thinks the program is an important responsive tool.

It raises the level of awareness, being able to pinpoint things that you normally wouldn't look for," Hendrickson said. "I feel a responsibility to use the training I've been able to be provided to protect others and be able to help."

The SSS department conducts Active Shooter Training Sessions that are open to all faculty, staff, and students. The intent of these sessions is to educate the campus community on how to correctly respond when faced with an emergency situation involving an active shooter.

The SSS department will be holding another training session Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the Prillaman Building, room 1000. Seating is for the capacity of the room, and the session is open for all KSU faculty, staff, and students.



Abby Kacen | The Sentinel

Faculty, staff and students are now offered trainings on dealing with an active shooter situation.



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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

Wednesday

- French Conversation Tables
French Club of KSU
12:15-12:45 p.m.
University Room B

Thursday

- The Great Porn Debate
Kennesaw Activities Board
7:00-10:00 p.m.
University Rooms

Friday

- Kappa Kool Friday
Kappa Alpha Psi
12:00-3:00 p.m.

Saturday

- Purim Investigation
Hillel
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Leadership Room

Monday

- The Dating Game
Alpha Phi Alpha
7:00-8:00 p.m.
University Room A

- Drug Awareness Event
Kappa Alpha Psi
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Burruss Building Room 369

Tuesday

- Active Shooter: What Every Citizen Should Know
Strategic Security and Safety
12:30-1:45 p.m.
Prillaman Room 1000

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POLICE BEAT

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Kacie S. Whaley Staff Writer

I KNEW YOU WERE TROUBLE

On Monday, February 11th, a female student reported to KSU Public Safety that she was being harassed by her ex-boyfriend (a non-student). She said that he had been receiving information about her from two female KSU students. She confirmed he was sending her text messages disclosing that he has a secret military clearance and has access to all her private information.

The victim told an officer that he has not threatened her, but she still felt that her ex-boyfriend could be dangerous. The officer contacted the victim's former significant other and advised him not to call the female student and discontinue bragging about his military clearance. The officer also advised the victim to discontinue contacting the harasser.

GREEK THIEF

Two fraternity members reported stolen property on Thursday night, February 7th. One of the fraternity members stated that earlier in the evening, after he and his frat brothers left a tail-gate party, he parked his truck on the fourth level of the East Parking Deck. He left three Greek letters in the trunk of the truck,

under a tent. At 9 p.m., he returned and discovered the letters were gone. The two fraternity members stated that competitive members of another fraternity might be to blame for the theft. The letters, which represent the Greek organization, are six feet tall, wooden, and red with gold trim.

PORN UPDATE

Shaddi Abusaid Staff Writer

Porn star Ron Jeremy will not attend the Thursday Jan. 21 Porn Debate hosted by the Kennesaw Activities Board due to his being hospitalized for an aneurysm close to his heart.

"Ron and I started debating about 5 years ago," Gross said. "We've gone all over the world with it."

Pornographic actress Nina Hartley will stand in for Ron

Jeremy to debate the merits of the pornography industry with Pastor Craig Gross. Hartley has starred in more than 900 films in her nearly 30-year career.

He says that he and Hartley have debated at the event one other time.

The debate will take place Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center University Rooms.

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Shaddi Abusaid Staff Writer



Gov. Deal's proposed three percent increase to HOPE scholarships would continue to help cover 90 percent of student tuition.

Amelia Hodge | The Sentinel

In his January State of the State address, Gov. Nathan Deal proposed a three percent increase in funding to the HOPE Scholarship, which helps cover the cost of college tuition for eligible Georgia students.

The Georgia Lottery saw a significant increase in revenue in 2012. According to a June news release, Georgia Lottery Corp. raised more than \$900 million for education spending in fiscal year 2012, the most successful in the lottery's 20-year history.

Deal and the Georgia Legislature cut HOPE spending in 2011 to preserve funding for the scholarship. HOPE revenue had dwindled amid rising tuition prices, an increase in student enrollment and a decrease in Georgia Lottery revenue.

The cuts to the scholarship reduced funding to cover 90 percent rather than 100 percent of university tuition while

eliminating money awarded for books and fees. The Legislature also raised the GPA requirement for graduating high school students hoping to receive the scholarship in college.

Many of the new proposals the Legislature is considering this year are geared toward students attending Georgia's technical schools. One proposal, introduced by Senate Democrats, suggests lowering the GPA requirements of the HOPE Grant to the previous level of 2.0 for technical schools.

Georgia's technical colleges have seen a recent decrease in enrollment due to the increased eligibility standards of the HOPE Grant said Deborah Floyd, financial aid specialist at Chattahoochee Technical College.

Floyd said her school saw enrollment decline by nearly 3,000 students over several semesters but that enrollment is projected to turn around with the proposed increases to

scholarship funding.

"We'll probably get a lot more students," she said.

Floyd said the president of Chattahoochee Tech announced the proposed changes to the academic requirements at a meeting earlier in the week.

"We were saying that the academic requirement should be higher," she said. "2.0 is a C, but I suppose as long as they're passing and trying their best it's fine."

The lowered academic requirements will apply only to students receiving the HOPE Grant and will not affect Kennesaw State students receiving the HOPE Scholarship.

Sarah Baumhoff, associate director for Kennesaw State's Office of Student Financial Aid, hopes the proposed increase in scholarship funding will help more KSU students pay for college.

Baumhoff said 80 percent of KSU students receive some type of financial aid, which consists

of student loans, the HOPE Scholarship and Pell Grants. The majority of KSU students must take out student loans to fund their college education.

Lanesha Moore, a junior studying sociology at KSU, says that she did not qualify for the HOPE Scholarship when she graduated from Wheeler in 2010.

"It was stressful to come up with the funding for tuition," Moore said. "I was given an ultimatum between going to school and staying at home and working."

Moore received the HOPE Scholarship her sophomore year.

"It pays for almost everything," Moore said. "I have come out of pocket about \$300 every semester for tuition but I've taken out student loans to cover it."

"The average Kennesaw State student graduates with somewhere between \$18,000 and \$19,000 in debt," Baumhoff

said.

This debt is below the national average, which, according to The Project on Student Debt, was about \$26,500 for the graduating class of 2011.

"The Pell Grant hasn't gone up for three years and part of that is because of the spending cuts," Baumhoff said. "Another proposal that is being talked about is doing away with subsidized loans altogether."

At this point all of the proposals made by the governor and Legislature are tentative.

"That will be up to the General Assembly, whether they pass his budget or not," Baumhoff said. "They usually get the budget passed sometime in April, so we'll just have to wait and watch and see. We would love for him to increase it and we'd love for it to benefit our students, but until we see what they do with that we don't know for sure."

KSU WORKS TO MAINTAIN ACCREDITATION

Kayla Rowe Contributor

Kennesaw State University is currently in the process of reaffirming their accreditation with The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Kennesaw State reaffirmed their accreditation last in December of 2007, so now as a part of the reaffirmation process; they are required to submit the Fifth-Year Mid-Term Compliance Report. Since then, the requirements for accreditation have significantly risen so KSU is working hard on improving their documentation in order to retain their accreditation.

An institution that has been

accredited by this organization has demonstrated that they support higher education and that the programs and services they offer support this purpose as well

Work on the report is led by KSU's Office of Institutional Accreditation; headed by Dr. Leigh Funk and Ms. Susan Paraska.

"At KSU, we are dedicated to the pursuit of quality and to becoming an engaged and nationally recognized institution," said Funk.

"If done well, the requirements of accreditation should be woven into our policies, procedures and practices as part of our normal

course of business. The goal isn't to scurry around frantically preparing for an accreditation review and then 'go back to normal' as soon as the review is over," said Funk. "The goal is to go about our business of being a quality institution and then collect evidence of the great things we have done that demonstrate we are and have in compliance with the accreditation standards all along."

In reference to The Council for Higher Education Accreditation, a nationally recognized source on accreditation, being an accredited school benefits not only the institution but the students as well. When students

enter the professional field, the fact that they attended an accredited school could reassure future employers that they have been appropriately prepared.

"The darker reality of not maintaining accreditation is that if we don't maintain our accreditation status, we can no longer receive federal or state financial aid," said Funk. "Since approximately 80% of our students receive some sort of financial aid, loss of accreditation would mean the loss of a significant number of students, loss of faculty, loss of staff and the loss of our institution as we know it."

According to Funk

"preparation of our Fifth-Year Interim report is going well. We have received highly positive comments from our external reviews as well as some useful suggestions for how we might improve our report before submitting the final report."

Over the next two months KSU's Office of Institutional Accreditation will be working on improving and finalizing this report, which will be due on March 25 of this year. After it has been turned in, KSU will be informed on the status of the accreditation by mid to late July.

KSU FOOTBALL HAS LAUNCHED: TIME TO GET YOUR KNOW ON



Michael Foster Staff Writer

Doesn't it feel wonderful? We are all no longer left in the dark; KSU football is coming.

Last year, it seemed that the hush-hush tactics from members of the athletic department meant that the apocalypse happened in the Convocation Center offices. I spent three semesters at KSU as the sports editor for the Sentinel, and in that time I was never able to pry anything out of Director of Athletics Vaughn Williams.

I kept my patience, but feared the worst. Was KSU football going to happen? Wednesday's approval from the Board of Regents was the biggest news that has hit KSU campus in years.

For the sake of news reporting, we've all heard the same things. KSU's football program will enhance national perception. It will increase the face value of our degrees. It will attract more students, housing projects and community interest. These are all good things. Since my arrival at KSU in 2010, I've witnessed this university go from a standard second-tier backup to a marquee destination for metro area high school graduates, as well as international students. School pride is at an all-time high, especially with the brand new logos and merchandise.

With this announcement comes a new batch of rhetoric

from the people in charge. Who's going to be the head coach? Where will we play? What conference will we play in? So, for the sake of everyone's questions, I'll use this column as an avenue for our next round of the guessing game.

To kill the first rumor, no, Derek Dooley probably won't be the first head coach at KSU. The former Tennessee head coach's father, Vince Dooley, headed the Football Explanatory Committee at KSU two years ago. Derek just took a job as the Dallas Cowboys receivers coach. KSU expects to have a coach in the next month and a half.

Here's how the stadium situation looks: KSU Stadium, which will be renamed Fifth Third Bank Stadium in the name of the program's \$5 million donor, was originally introduced as the most advanced state-of-the-art women's soccer facility when it opened in 2009. The 8,000 seat complex isn't big enough, at the moment, to handle a Division I football team at a 24,000 student school, especially considering projections that KSU enrollment will be 30,000 by the time toe meets leather.

If you've ever walked into KSU Stadium, you might have noticed the oddly elongated, flat upper-concourse. There's room for a second phase of seating on the west-side of the stadium. That could do the trick, but if we expect this program to continue to grow, we would need a stadium that seats at least 20,000 fans.

There has been mention of a completely new stadium going up on the other side of I-75. Here's where we can place

“ IT WILL INCREASE THE FACE VALUE OF OUR DEGREES. ”

some trust. Williams was in charge of facilities as a director for the University of Connecticut's athletics before he came to KSU. Facilities are not only a concern for football, but for baseball as well. Basketball, volleyball, track and field and soccer are all set with great facilities. One of Williams' first major facility improvements was turning the Convocation Center into an arena-style experience with new LED boards and a fancy jumbotron.

For the sake of outrageous speculation, this football announcement is riding parallel with a current dispute between Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank, the Georgia World Congress Center authority and the city of Atlanta over a \$1 billion retractable roof stadium. The Falcons will almost inevitably have a new stadium by 2017, but recently reports have offered that if a downtown deal cannot get done, Blank will concede to footing most of the bill for a cheaper, open-air stadium in the metro-Atlanta area. Cobb and Gwinnett County have been mentioned

as destinations for a site. If the Falcons move to Cobb County, KSU could have an easy out into finding a stadium with more than enough seating capacity. This is not rare: Many pro football teams share venues with colleges, and many pro sports teams don't actually play in the city that prefixes their nickname.

Finally, we're all left wondering what conference this team will play in. The Atlantic Sun Conference is a Division I conference that doesn't sponsor football, but could retain the other KSU athletic teams. Either football, or the entire athletic department will jump from the A-Sun to a more accommodating conference by 2015. The conference will be an FCS division. Mercer, Savannah State and Georgia Southern are the only other FCS teams in Georgia.

The Pioneer League has been kind to A-Sun schools. Mercer and Stetson will join it this fall, along with a former A-Sun team in Campbell and A-Sun affiliate Jacksonville. Another option is the Colonial Athletic Association, which Georgia State and Old Dominion are leaving right now.

Speaking of, those are two pretty young programs joining the FBS, where Georgia and Georgia Tech reign supreme. Georgia State began in 2010 and Old Dominion in 2009. They will compete in the Sun Belt and Conference USA, respectively. As well, South Alabama, which started its football program this past fall, began at the FBS level in the Sun Belt.

The Ohio Valley Conference (which houses four Tennessee

teams and nearby neighbor Jacksonville State of Alabama), Big South, and the Southern Conference (home to the traditional FCS power Georgia Southern) are options as well.

Will KSU be a winning program early on? Probably not. It will likely play a transitional schedule in its first few years, meaning it will beat up on a lot of Division II, Division III and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes schools. Expect Reinhardt University, which is playing its first game this fall, to come calling. The best news is, with Mercer beginning its program this year, the rivalry will evolve, and we can really hate the color orange.

The above text is basically your speculative style-guide for the next two years. Beat the heck out of it. It's going to be a fun ride, and 2015 will be here before we know it. There's no reason to think KSU doesn't have the foundation and resources to become a football team we can be proud of for the rest of our lives. Being a part of the program's birth will be something you will always be able to hold onto.

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WAGING WAR ON DRUGS OR OUR FUTURE?

Ellen Eldridge Contributor



In the midst of arguments over hope and change, the battles in the ongoing war on drugs leave behind the bodies of students. The policies that make drug use a crime impact students destined to make mistakes and poor choices in their quest to live life to the fullest.

College is known as the time in one's life to learn from experience, and take life firmly, so the idea of a 'war on drugs' at the university level often conjures images of consumption as opposed to policy. A fraternity's idea of waging war on alcohol often

means polishing off a drink before the ice melts.

Our education borne from experience is wisdom, and our 20/20 hindsight vision allows us to accept our mistakes and impart our new-found knowledge on our children—or those with whom we associate as adults. So, why do the adults of this country not see the dire effects of the Nixon-waged "war on drugs" that started in 1971, before many of our parents were even married?

The question of whether or not drugs should be legal boils down to a distinction between perceiving drug use as a health issue or an issue with crime.

In an article published by Forbes.com July 5, 2011, President of the Institute of Drugs and Drugs Addiction Joao Goulao said in an assessment made ten years after the country decriminalized drug use in 2001 that decriminalization, along with a confluence of treatment and risk reduction policies, worked

to reduce the phenomenon of addiction in Portugal.

The fact that getting caught with a small bag of marijuana carries the same arrest penalty that being caught with a large amount of heroin fails the user because the law does not recognize the inherent problem of drug use.

News editor Greg Bieger closed his February 5 opinion on over-prescribing psychotropic medication with the question, "Do we really need to tell them [our children] to say no to heroin and then prescribe Klonopin to reduce stress?"

This matter of perspective is what will allow policy makers to distinguish the difference between viewing a student recreationally experimenting with drugs at a party from a student suffering from depression, anxiety and addiction. And this differentiation will allow parents, friends and anyone concerned to encourage the user to seek help for the

underlying issues that led to the drug use in the first place.

While the average college student will experiment with dangerous drugs, those who become addicted usually start with issues stemming from poor self image, depression and other serious mental issues. Learning to reduce stress and cope with life bumps in the road will stop the vicious cycle of anxiety and substance abuse more quickly than a jail sentence.

A report from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality finds that almost one in eight of the 95 million visits to hospital emergency departments made by adults in the United States in 2007 were due to a mental health and/or substance abuse problem (www.adaa.org).

The students who get caught are often arrested (and if not they are warned away from the criminality of their action rather than counseled to seek help for their health issue), which

means facing the stigma of a criminal record.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice shows that about 50% of the inmates in federal prisons and 20% of those in state prisons have been convicted of either selling or using drugs. Regardless of whether or not these individuals sought treatment for their possible addictions, they will experience a difficult path obtaining a job.

For college students, the dangers of drinking and drug use can mean much more than a life of addiction; the simple act of experimenting can lead to a stigma that will all but negate the degree earned. Ask yourself about the choices—mistakes—you've made and distinguish between the idea of criminal acts and opportunities to better health. Herein lies the mindset policy makers need to consider when making and, hopefully, changing laws.

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HONORING THE TRUE SPIRIT OF SCOUTING



Carleesha Freeman Contributor

Last month Boy Scouts of America put into consideration lifting their discriminatory ban on gay scouts and leaders. Boy Scouts of America, with over 100 million members, is one of the largest known to date youth organizations in the United States. If the policy does go into effect it will become one of the most profound changes in U.S. history. The decision concerning membership and leadership will be up to each organization.

The decision to change its policy is could come as early as May. The national executive board of BSA called it "the best policy for the organization." But according to the New York Times, just last summer, the ban on homosexuality was the best policy for the Boy Scouts. The United States Supreme Court once upheld the right of the BSA to exclude homosexuals.

Beginning decades ago, BSA stood their ground for keeping homosexuals out. As change continues to occur in our generation, more and more people have begun to take a stand on this policy. According to an article by Diana Reese from the Washington Post, BSA's membership rates have decreased, and companies such as The Merck Company Foundation, Intel Foundation,

UPS and United Way postponed some donations due to the anti-gay policy according to the Washington Post.

Support for gay rights is constantly becoming a growing trend. According to an article from the New York Daily News, Eagle Scouts, 'the most esteemed rank in the Boy Scouts of America,' are returning their hard-earned medals to protest the organizations ban of gay scouts leaders. Chris Baker from Minneapolis decided to turn in his badge after seeing a Facebook post from a scout who also did the same. Baker told the Daily News, "Let's do this. Let's drown them with returned Eagle Scout medals to show them they are wrong. As a Boy Scout I was taught that it was wrong to exclude people, whether based on race, physical

ability, or sexual orientation."

This will lead to some controversy. How did the BSA all of a sudden come to this decision to address this policy? We now live in a generation where equality is important and any sexual orientation is accepted. For BSA to even consider lifting its ban is yet another progression that will mark a significant change in history. "This is no more a step in the right direction than was "don't ask, don't tell" or civil unions", says Eileen McNamara from cognoscenti.org. Those policies hailed as progress 20 years ago, only institutionalized the denial of equal rights to gay people in the military and in marriage".

BSA will face intense criticism from both directions. Many campaigns have advocated that

the BSA adopt this nationwide policy to accept homosexuals as leaders.

If this policy does go into effect it will be marked as a milestone in history. No one should be turned away from leading, scouting or anything of the sort based on his sexual orientation. Just like the military's "don't ask don't tell", everyone should be appointed with equal opportunity. "Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law, for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well", says President Barack Obama at the inauguration January 21, 2013.

Carleesha is a junior and a Communication major.

COMMONS COMMOTION

A.J. Scelzi Contributor



The mandatory meal plans are not cheap, so what are you getting for your money?

The commons is strategically placed in a location that is easily accessible to all persons on the KSU campus. Although with so many people this creates a problem with the seating arrangements. Some students and are not satisfied with the current environment

that The Commons provides.

Sophomore Hollie Rhodus said, "we need a new facility... we have out grown this building." Rhodus also shared that one of her friends that attends the University of Georgia says that they have multiple dining room areas that are compatible with meal plan swipes.

Undoubtedly a new building would most likely cause an increase in meal plan price and tuition in general.

Admittedly, KSU does have other places where one can sit down and eat food and buy food, but doesn't that defeat the purpose of the meal plans? If you are on campus you might as well go to the place where the meal plan swipes are accepted. After all you were

forced to buy them.

Nonetheless, you walk in; get your food and all of a sudden it is as if you've become a lion in the safari. You just gained dominance over the kingdom, have some zebra meat on your plate, but wait there is no room at the watering hole. Do you ask the live zebra two tables down if you can sit down in the extra seat next to them? Unless conducting a sociology experiment, those encounters usually do not end up going so well.

The building is relatively new, clean, but not spacious. So all that money that is spent on meal plans must be for the expenses of the food.

For those of you who are vegetarians or vegan or somewhere in between, or

indifferent to their diet, The Commons provides a variety of options for all diets.

Associate Director, Culinary & Hospitality Services, Jenifer Duggan said, "We serve vegetarian and/or vegan items at every station, every day, and offer a selection of alternative proteins like quinoa and tofu."

The commons is able to prepare less popular items because according to Duggan The Commons practices small-batch cooking, only cooking the minimum amount of food and composing the left overs.

Although for the rest of the population that has no qualms on what they eat there is a wide variety. There are ten available stations always compiled with different types of food assembled. All of which are

flavorful and different and more importantly hot!

Globetrotter, The Commons' International cuisine platform has a menu that changes daily. This station also wants international students to submit home recipes that they miss and the cooks will do their best to make it just like their parents.

The Commons is also working on growing its own food as to provide a better quality of freshness to our palate. Plus a lot of the food is cooked from scratch.

So while perfection is not the song everyone is singing, it is the on the horizon.

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ARTS AND LIVING

OZ THE GREAT & POWERFUL: THE STORY BEFORE DOROTHY

Samantha Machado Arts & Living Editor



Oscar Diggs, Glinda, Evanora and Theodora all play their part in the magical world.



Following the baseline of the original *The Wizard of Oz*, Walt Disney takes on its own version, *Oz the Great and Powerful*. Sam Raimi, Director, projects his own vision for a new take on the 1939 film.

The film has a whimsical air about it with no shortage of magic. The main character is Oscar Diggs, played by James Franco. Diggs starts the movie as a small-town magician with many character flaws.

"He starts off as selfish and a bit of a womanizer; it blinds him of the love of the people around him" Franco said.

Throughout the film, Diggs runs into many magical characters that lead to many twists in the story line. Three witches, played by Mila Kunis, Rachel Weisz and Michelle Williams, are curious why he was brought to the Land of Oz

Oz the Great and Powerful is a mix of *The Wizard of Oz* and *Alice in Wonderland*. While many of the characters were in doubt that Alice was the one and only Alice, the same goes

for the characters in Raimi's *Oz the Powerful and Great*.

When Franco was brought the script for the film, he was curious as to how Disney would make his role different than the ones played predominately by women in comparable films.

"I wanted to make sure it was not a male version of Dorothy" Franco said, "Because he [Oscar Diggs] was pretending to be someone he's not, he gets himself into a lot of strange situations."

While it is a combination of *The Wizard of Oz* and *Alice in Wonderland*, Franco also spoke about his concern with the new and refreshing film and about getting himself into character.

"I want to make sure they were being loyal to certain things about Oz and that it had a fresh take on it" Franco said, "I have to figure out what that that role is and how I best fit into that role."

Oz the Great and Powerful certainly has its share of epic problems that face Diggs. Raimi had the vision to teach the

audience through a storyline instead of in the classroom.

"The best thing stories can do for us is show us the way without preaching and teaching. There is a simple beauty in friends coming together and that is what this movie is about" Raimi said.

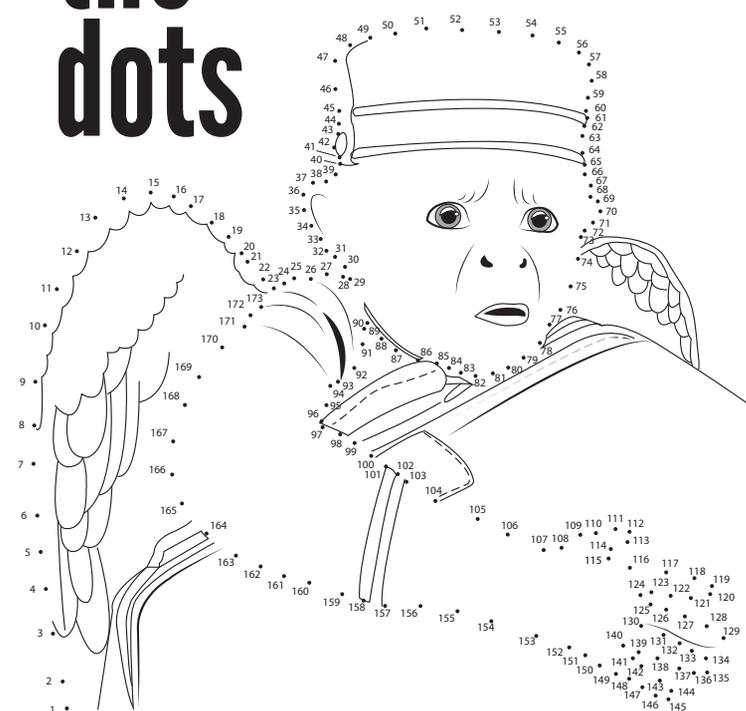
Teamwork was apparent in the film between Raimi and Franco, which started with their time together throughout the *Spiderman* trilogy.

"I have known Sam for over 10 years, he is one of my favorite directors to work with, when I was with him in *Spider-Man* I was a supporting character...Sam identifies with my character now so I felt his love working on this film" Franco said.

This transforming film touches on all magical ends of the spectrum. Following the magician and conman, Diggs, and his journey through Oz, it is a guarantee new take on a Disney film.

Oz the Great and Powerful comes to theatres on March 8.

Connect the dots



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, FREEZE!

Kevin Enners Staff Writer

Imagine standing on the cold shore of Lake Lanier, the icy water slapping against the tips of your toes as you gasp the late winter wind.

The water welcomes you with a 50-degree temperature – seven degrees warmer than the frigid gusts of air blowing in your face. At this moment, you might find yourself wondering what inspired you to do this.

For KSU's K9 police officer Todd Jackson, the answer is obvious: commitment to a greater good.

In 2010, Jackson was asked by former Lt T.S. Murphy to help raise funds for the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), which benefited the Special Olympics. This particular event, called "Cops on Shops," took place at Krispy Kreme on Highway 41 in Marietta. By the end of the first day, Jackson had personally raised \$1,500 with his precinct raising \$6,000, all of which went directly to the Special Olympics.

The idea for Special Olympics

was conceived in the 1950s with Ethel Kennedy championing its cause. Today, it has evolved into a "global nonprofit organization serving the nearly 200 million people with intellectual disabilities, with a presence in nearly 200 countries worldwide," according to Disabled World's website. Special Olympians enter this momentous competition in hopes of winning a coveted medal.

The annual Polar Plunge is another opportunity for Jackson to continue his commitment. This is his third year, as he braces himself for the chilly immersion. Insulated only by a costume, as seen in the picture, he dashes from the shore and, in his words, "completely plunges under water." Each year, he changes his costume based on peer recommendations. Captain America, fat Tinker Bell, and this year's Wonder Woman, amuse onlookers.

His personal fundraising efforts in 2012 and 2013

brought in over \$4,700. If the Kennesaw precinct raises \$5,000 this year, their name will be printed on T-shirts and sold as merchandise to further aid fundraising efforts. According to Jackson, these T-shirts will be on sale in the KSU Student Center on Feb. 21 from 11:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The Georgia LETR contingent has plans to add more events to their repertoire. The first annual golf tournament at Lake Lanier, taking place this year prior to the Polar Plunge, adds a new opportunity to help raise money for the Special Olympics. Jackson also indicated that a road race may be added onto next year's festivities.

KSU students and faculty are encouraged to support Officer Jackson. Tax-deductible contributions are easily made by visiting the First Giving fundraising website. KSU Owl Nation can also keep an eye out for Officer Jackson and the Kennesaw LETR booth in the Student Center.

Last year, Officer Jackson dressed as Tinkerbell as the people's choice selected.

Courtesy of Officer Jackson



Courtesy of Officer Jackson



This year, Officer Jackson dressed as Captain America before diving into the cold water.

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ANOTHER CHAPTER ENDS on Kennesaw bookstore

Amy Freeman Contributor

Barnes & Noble is looking to close one-third of its locations. Brooke Payne, a senior English major, gave her thoughts on why Barnes & Noble is closing so many of its doors.

"I think it's happening because stores, such as Amazon, offer cheaper prices than the actual bookstores themselves," Payne said.

Junior Theater and Spanish major Avery Sharpe agrees with Payne while adding, "there is a non-necessity for physical books," given the high availability e-books.

People no longer need to get in their cars and drive to a bookstore if they want to buy a book. Now they can order a physical book from Amazon or they can purchase one-book to read on their Nook or Kindle.

According to Sharpe, book

lovers are reading books on their smart phones or tablets because e-books "are more durable"; it is always available online, the pages cannot be ruined by spilled coffee and friends do not have to remember to return borrowed books.

Devices like Kindle, Nook and Google Books make reading more accessible to the public. It is much easier to pack your Kindle into your suitcase than to pack each individual book you want to read on your trip.

So do readers still prefer to actually hold a book in their hands, or would they rather have their library readily available with the swipe of a finger?

Although Payne owns a Kindle, she still prefers a physical book. Why? "Because it smells so good," Payne says, and

she loves flipping actual pages.

Sharpe, on the other hand, finds that "digital books are more efficient." It is easier to find book reviews, and they are generally cheaper.

So is technology making print books a non-necessity like Sharpe believes? Are books cheaper on Amazon or in digital form?

The important thing is reading. For readers such as Payne and Sharpe, it is about the love of reading, the adventure and the escape that a good novel can provide.

Payne loves "escaping into another world for a little while, just long enough to let your mind escape and think about other things." Whereas Sharpe infers that he "just likes a good story; I don't care what form it comes in."

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:

CARET GRANT AWARDED TO KRISTINE HWANG FOR RESEARCH ON EBOOKS

Catherine Koonce Contributor

Courtesy of The Sentinel



Kristine Hwang

Five undergraduate KSU students and one associate professor will travel to Chiba, Japan during KSU's spring break with the CARET grant to present their research on eBook learning.

Kristine Hwang began teaching at the School of Art & Design at KSU in 2011. In the summer of 2012, Hwang and five graphic communication students began conducting research to determine if eBooks can enhance learning on multiple levels. The experimental research focuses on how to learn from eBooks, the benefits of learning from them as opposed to hard copy textbooks and the publication process for eBooks.

The research group was awarded the Creative Activities & Research Experiences for

Teams, (CARET grant) through the Center of Excellence in Teaching & Learning at KSU.

CETL focuses on enhancing undergraduate research on campus, and the CARET grant is awarded to research teams of students and professors that exemplify the benefit of teamwork and guided research.

"The students work as a team. They learn better that way," Hwang said.

The Seventh Annual International Conference on Design Principles & Practices will take place March 2-9. The project is titled "Mobile Technology Enhances Learning: Interactive eBook of Type Anatomy."

"These students will be the only undergraduate students presenting at this doctorate conference," Hwang said.

An important factor within the project is how to go about researching a powerful and dynamic design such as an eBook. The grade of the design will assist in its effectiveness when being used as a learning tool.

Hwang does not believe students will give up purchasing and learning from hard copy textbooks but using a mixture of both is cost effective and travel-friendly.

The students and Hwang plan on continuing this research once they return from their trip to Japan and plan to submit the project to research publications. KSU students will be able to hear the project proposed during the Symposium of Student Scholars, hosted on campus on April 25, 2013.

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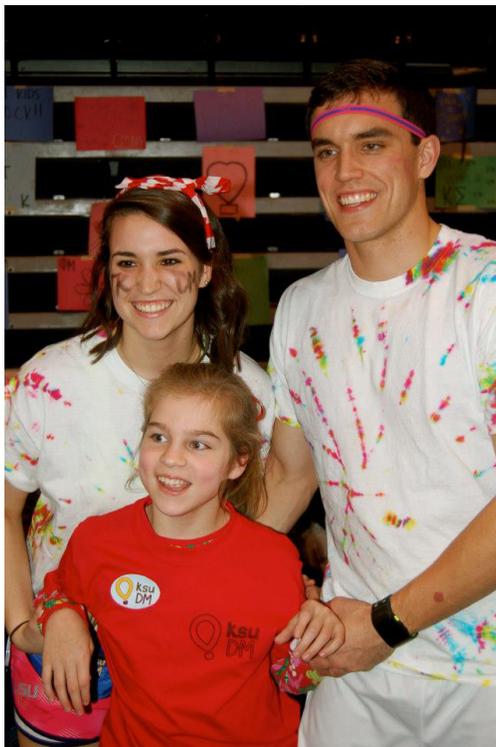
YOU CAN DANCE IF YOU WANT TO, and raise a lot of money

Samantha Machado Arts & Living Editor

Photos Courtesy of KSU Dance Marathon



The KSU Dance Marathon raised money for children of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA).



KSU Dance Marathon raised \$20,263.24.

Participants danced for 12 hours.



A WEEK OF SOUND: A FESTIVAL OF NEW MUSIC

Samantha Machado Arts & Living Editor

Tori McCrite Staff Writer

So Percussion uses multiple drumsticks to showcase their alternative style.



Courtesy of David Andrako, 2011

This past week at KSU, the College of the Arts hosted the 2013 Festival of New Music at the Bailey Performance Center. There were four nights of performances, each displaying the multitude of talents of KSU faculty and students.

The theme that fueled the originality of the various pieces was 12 months of collaboration of composers, the Atlanta community and national artists. All of this was made possible by Co-Artistic Directors David Daly and Laurence Sherr.

The World Premiere of "The Child Project" featuring gloATL and Sonic Generator marked opening night. The

performance, which included some of our very own KSU students, was a unique and memorable event for the Kennesaw community.

During the performance, many of the performers came into the audience, adding somewhat of a 3D effect. The composer, David Lang, stated that his purpose for this piece was to attempt to illustrate experiences from his own childhood.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, the Faculty Artist Showcase took the stage with an exciting setup of new and old faculty members displaying their passion for music.

Laurence Sherr said,

"Collectively, these collaborations plumb the deep pool of KSU faculty talent and display their dedication to the music of our time."

When asked about his favorite piece, Avery Sharpe, a third year theater major, said that David Lang's Little Eye stood out to him the most. This piece was inspired by the 'I spy with my little eye' game that kids play during long car rides.

"I really enjoyed this piece because, number one, I really enjoy games, and secondly, because the sounds produced were so raw and organic. It brought a new twist to what I usually am inclined to hearing," Sharpe said.

The Orchestra and Wind Ensemble brought a wide range of talent on Feb. 14. David Kehler, KSU's associate professor and Director of Bands, was honored to work with Michael Markowski in this exceptional collaboration.

This performance was made possible by eight college wind ensembles coming together to help fund Markowski's new work, "Remember the Molecules." One of the distinctive pieces that stood out in this performance was an upbeat opener called "Mothership."

"Mothership," directed by Mason Bates, portrayed the orchestra as a mothership that

is visited by multiple soloists. Each soloist performed brief yet intriguing works that included electro-acoustic orchestral figuration.

The night of Feb. 15, KSU's College of the Arts hosted So Percussion, a modern percussion ensemble with group members, Eric Beach, Josh Quillen, Adam Sliwinski and Jason Treuting. Through the use of wood planks, white noise and ceramics, this was the perfect ending night of the 2013's festival of music.

KSU's 2013 festival of music was a definite success. The hard work of collaborating with different talents was easily seen in each performance.



Courtesy of Janette Beckman, 2012

Members of So Percussion: Eric Beach, Josh Quillen, Adam Sliwinski, and Jason Treuting.

CLUB OF THE WEEK: AASA

Roderic Graham Staff Writer

The African American Student Alliance (AASA) is an organization that helps increase the retention and productivity of African-American students. AASA also creates community service and volunteer events available to students. Cultural awareness is important to all members of the AASA.

Dr. Jerome Ashford, former Assistant Director in the Student Life department, created AASA 25 years ago to assist minority students on campus. In the late 1980s, when AASA was created, there were few resources to aid minority students.

The AASA's theme this year for Black History Month is "Globalizing the Black Legacy." They have put together several events related to this year's theme. In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the AASA hosted a forum featuring legendary activist, Dr. Cornel West as the key speaker.

The AASA has organized KSU's Black History celebration for the past 20 years. The Black History Committee, which includes members of AASA, other KSU, coordinates activities throughout the year. They created the acronym C.O.L.O.R.S, which stands for Cultivating Our Legacy by Overcoming Rigorous Struggles.

Black History is not just a month of celebration with AASA; it is all year. This organization is dedicated to educating the student population through various cultural events.

"We created the acronym C.O.L.O.R.S at the beginning of the year to set the pace for what we wanted to accomplish for the year," said AASA Vice President Jeremy Tillman.

The Office of Multicultural Student Retention Services (OMSRS) is responsible for facilitating the success of minority students. The OMSRS provides several resources and organizations to maximize the retention of all minority

students. The OSMRS plays a key role in the increase of minority representation at KSU. "AASA helps connect the African-American student population by creating these events" said member Stephen Black, "AASA also helps create cultural awareness for the entire campus."

This semester, AASA is hosting a variety of educational forums and entertaining events. This organization is committed to ensure the success of African-American students. AASA also works directly with other minority organizations, including the OMSRS.

The AASA's executive board also includes members and leaders in other minority organizations. Together they work diligently to promote awareness throughout campus. The AASA's main purpose is to create a multicultural college environment from the African Diaspora perspective.

"We expect our members to receive growth, diversify themselves and seek more knowledge about culture," said Tillman.

The AASA has roughly 110 members. Meetings are held biweekly on Tuesdays each month. Currently, the AASA is working on a special community service project called "Fahrenheit 500."

"Fahrenheit 500 is a community service project where members of our organization are collectively trying to earn 500 community service hours," said Tillman, "this semester we have over 200 hours."

On Feb. 28, the AASA will host their own rendition of Soul Train, which will include dancing, interviews and live performances.

The AASA is not just for African-American students; it is open for anyone to join. Applications for membership can be found at www.aasa1213.wordpress.com.

Courtesy of AASA



Members of AASA use MLK weekend to give back to the community at Kennesaw Mountain.

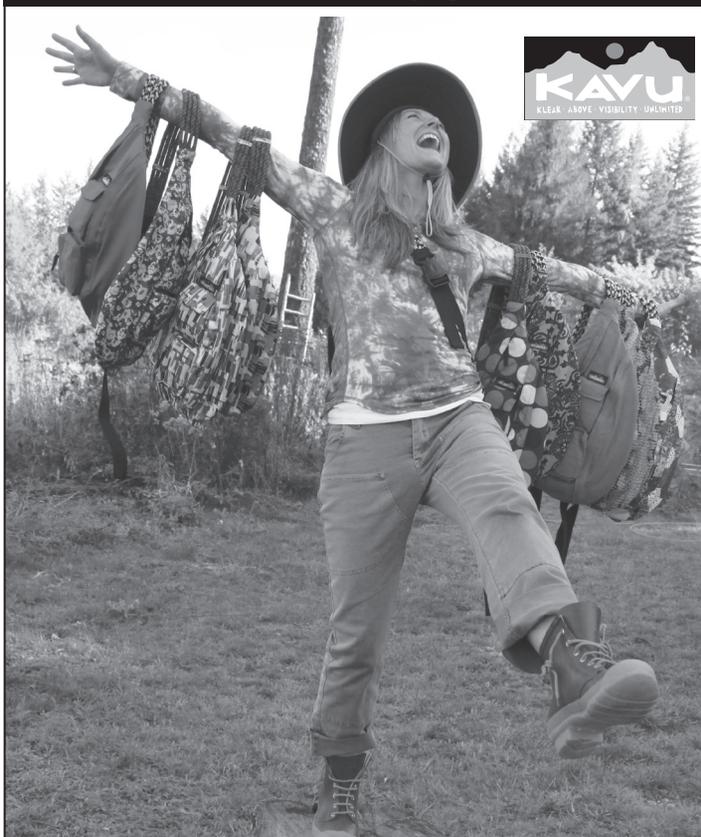
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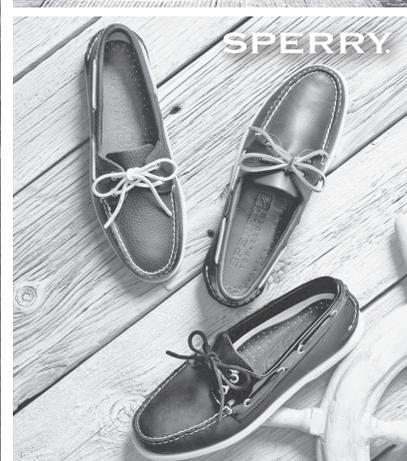
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KSU BASEBALL SWEEPS JACKSONVILLE

in season opening series

Chase Brown Staff Writer

Most people celebrate happy endings but the KSU baseball team is celebrating happy beginnings. The team hosted the Jacksonville State Gamecocks on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Stillwell Stadium. KSU defeated the Gamecocks by a score of 9-3, completing the series sweep.

The Owls started off on defense with Will Solomon, a left-handed pitcher, finding a new home on the mound. Despite being in his first year at KSU, the freshman entered his first game with a three up, three down inning. Center fielder Michael Bishop for Jacksonville State stepped up to the plate first. Bishop hit a fly ball into the outfield that was quickly caught, adding an out to the scoreboard. Next up to bat was Eddie Mora-Loera for Jacksonville. Solomon fought through the ice cold wind chill and sent three fast balls across the middle of the plate. Mora-Loera fouled two of the three balls but in the end could not handle Solomon's fast balls and was sent back to the dugout. Solomon kept his pace for the next Jacksonville hitter giving the Owls a chance on offense.

When asked how the team prepared defensively for the game, Solomon showed a wide grin, shrugged his shoulders and said, "We just did what we normally know how to do and that's just go out there, work ground balls and get ready for the game."

Jacob Bruce was first up to bat for the Owls. Bruce was walked to first after Kurt Lipscomb, starting pitcher for the Gamecocks, threw several pitches. Three quick outs followed Bruce's walk including

a strike out from 3rd baseman Peyton Hart. Going into the second inning the score was tied at zero.

The Gamecocks managed to scramble in two RBIs within the next two innings. But it did not stop the Owls from managing a comeback and lighting a fuse. At the bottom of the 3rd, Bruce hit a single into the outfield. Following Bruce's hit, Bo Way stepped up to the plate. Before Lipscomb could pitch the next ball, Bruce bolted to 2nd base. Bruce was claimed safe after leaving dirt and dust trailing behind him.

Bo Way hit a ground ball into the infield towards the shortstop. Jacksonville's starter Coty Blanchard tried to scoop up the ball but could not

manage to capture it. The score of the game increased to a tie game of 2-2.

Solomon pitched another three up, three down giving the Owls another chance to soar on the plate. Andy Alomonte was leading off for KSU during the bottom of the 4th inning. Alomonte had a phenomenal game and hit a double to the fence of Stillwell Stadium. The hit helped add momentum to the teams play. The Owls had two RBIs in their favor. By the top of the 5th, the score was 4-2 in favor of KSU.

At the top of the 6th inning, KSU head coach Mike Sansing switched pitchers. Starting for KSU was freshman Jordan Hillyer. Hillyer is another left handed pitcher that uses curve

balls as his primary weapon. This seemed to throw off the Gamecocks hitters leaving their offense frozen. Tuning out criticism from being a freshman, Hillyer was ice cold and pitched a three and out to start off the 6th inning.

"I was hoping to pitch as well as I did but the inner squad hadn't been that great control wise so I didn't know what to expect. I just tried to stay focused out there," Hillyer said.

The Owls kept their momentum on offense and increased their lead 5-2. Jacksonville State added one more run to their score before they ultimately fell.

Instead of coasting out with a win, KSU looked to make a statement. In the bottom

of the 8th inning, runners were on second and third base after Max Pentecost hit a double. Alomonte used a bunt in an effort to drive in an RBI. The bunt allowed the third baseman to score and Pentecost to move to third base. They scored four more runs and increased their lead on the Gamecocks 9-3.

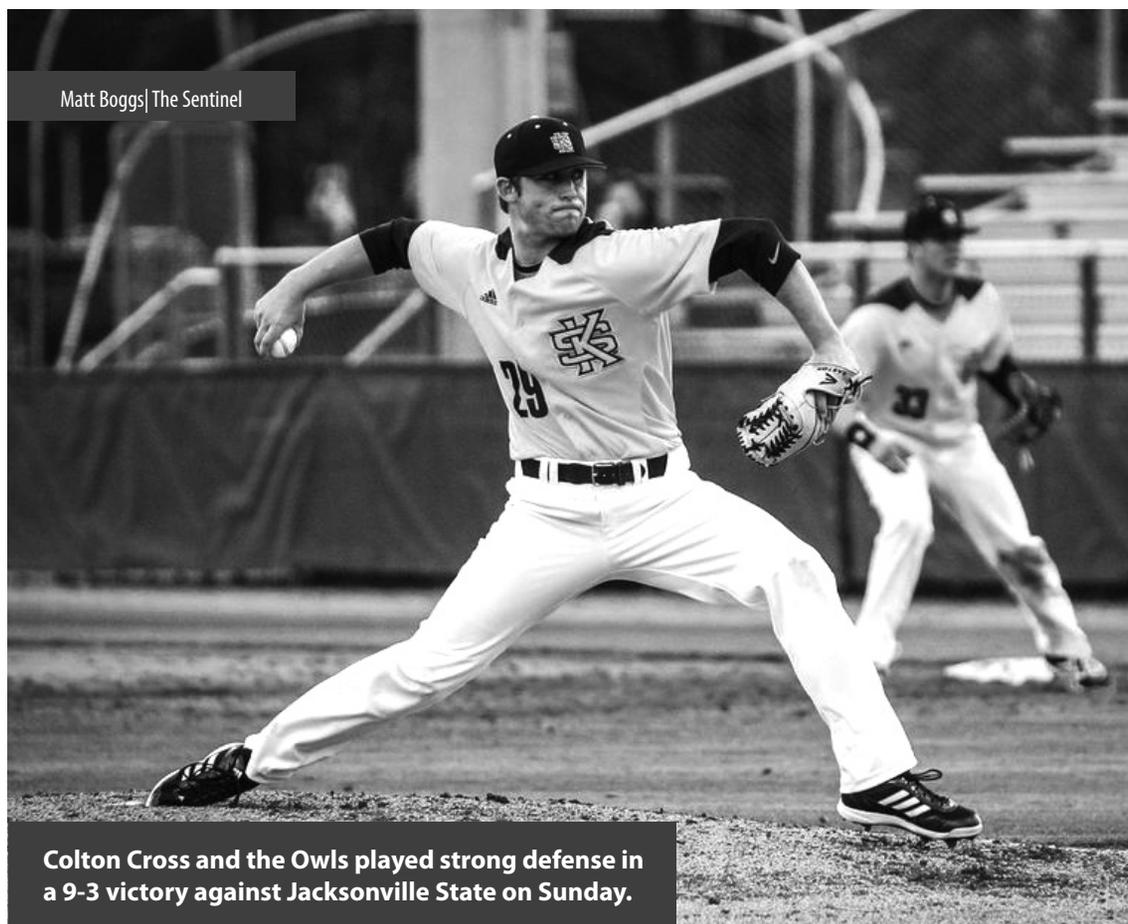
"I was trying to get the third baseman to come over so that Max could move to third so that we could get the job done," Alomonte said.

James Conell ended the game pitching for the Owls. The Gamecocks could not find a spark. KSU held up a force field on the diamond and drowned Jacksonville State's hopes of winning. Conell led another three up, three down inning giving the Owls the win for their season opener and a final score of 9-3 favoring the Owls.

The KSU baseball team plans on keeping the pace set by their season opener and surpassing last year's season with an Atlantic Sun Conference Championship.

"I wasn't here last year but I have heard a couple things, we have got a better staff this year and we are deeper on our pitching staff. I feel like we got it this year, winning the conference championship is a great goal for this year that's exactly what we want to do," Solomon said.

After the game, Alomonte commented on what people can expect to see from the team this year, he gave a small smile, shook his head to the side and said, "I don't even know, but it's going to be a good one, that's all I know."



Matt Boggs | The Sentinel

Colton Cross and the Owls played strong defense in a 9-3 victory against Jacksonville State on Sunday.

KSU TENNIS DOMINATES ALABAMA A&M and Alabama State

Eric Fuller Sports Editor

The KSU men's and women's tennis team had a strong week, crushing Alabama A&M and Alabama State by a combined record of 27-1.

The men's team grabbed their first two wins of the season by shutting out AAMU 7-0 then defeating ASU 6-1.

"We did an excellent job of handling very windy and cold conditions today," said KSU head coach T.J. Greggs. "This team is performing well despite missing some key players right now, and people are stepping up. We look forward to the challenge of competing against UAB tomorrow."

The Owls opened against Alabama A&M, securing the doubles points, the first of the season. Freshman Tobi Menhofer and Louis Theodor defeated their doubles opponents 8-4 to continue their strong play at the No. 1 doubles position. Sophomore Alexander Pena and senior Gokalp Ozdemir posted an 8-1 win over their opponents,

while senior Nathan She and sophomore Matthew Johnson won by default as AAMU only had two doubles teams playing in the match.

The Owls defeated all five of their AAMU in singles play, with She winning by default. The men's team carried their dominance over to ASU, winning all three doubles matches, and then claiming five of the six matches in singles play.

The women's team followed in the men's footsteps, adding to their three game win streak by claiming victories in every match against AAMU and ASU.

Sophomore Virginie Stein and junior Alex Apostu tallied two 8-1 wins at No. 1 doubles. Sophomores Jana Hueckinghaus and Tamara Plocher, and senior Therese Lagerkvist and freshman Isabela Castro won both of their double matches, sweeping all three for the Owls.

Stein, Hueckinghaus Plocher and Castro all registered a pair

of straight-set victories during single play, while Apostu earned a victory in three sets against AAMU. She did not compete against ASU, as Lagerkvist earned a come from behind victory against ASU to help the Owls win all six of their single matches.

The teams will split up, as the men's team continues its three-match road swing on Sunday, Feb. 17. They will travel to Birmingham, Ala. to take on the University of Alabama Birmingham, while the women will face off against Georgia State on Friday, March 1. in Atlanta.

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Louis Theodor and his partner, Tobi Menhofer, continue their strong doubles play against Alabama A&M.

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Gokalp Ozdemir grabs a come from behind victory against Alabama State, winning the final two sets in his singles matches.



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KSU TIES FOR 13 IN UCF CHALLENGE, Lescudier named A-Sun golfer of the week

Eric Fuller Sports Editor

The KSU women's golf team began their spring season at the UCF Challenge hosted by the University of Central Florida on Sunday, Feb. 10.

The tournament concluded on Tuesday, with KSU finishing tied for 13th.

Sophomore Ines Lescudier led KSU, finishing the tournament tied 12th with a two-over par total of 218. She was named the Atlantic Sun Conference Women's Golfer of the Week on Wednesday.

"I played really good golf during the three rounds. I worked a lot on my putting the last few weeks, and it went very well on the greens," Lescudier said. "Also, my long game was not the best I've ever played but

it was consistent and I didn't make a lot of mistakes. I am very happy with this result, it's one of the best since I've been in the United States, and I'm looking forward to this spring season".

Lescudier opened the tournament with an impressive showing. She finished first-round play on Sunday tied for fourth, shooting a three-under par 69. Through the first nine holes Lescudier was one-over par 37. Down the stretch, the sophomore recorded a four-under 32, shooting three birdies and an eagle.

"Ines's (first) round was very impressive," said KSU head coach Rhyll Brinsmead. "She putted very well and her ball

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Kaew Preamchuen finishes strong for the Owls, shooting two-under par 70 in the final round.

"I WANT TO THANK GREEK LIFE, ALL THE FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES THAT PARTICIPATED TONIGHT, THE ENERGY WAS PHENOMENAL."

- HEAD COACH, LEWIS PRESTON

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striking put her in position to make birdies. She holed out from 83 yards for an eagle really took advantage of that momentum.”

Lescudier and the Owls struggled during the second round, falling to 14th place after finishing Sunday in seventh place, eight shots off the lead. The Owls failed to execute and made poor decisions, posting a 26-over par 314, and head into the final round in 14th place with a 30-over par score of 606.

Lescudier carded a three-over par 75, struggling on the early holes. She recorded four bogeys on the front nine. Her second round performance dropped her from fourth to 12th. Teammates Ket and Kaew Preamchuen finished behind Lescudier tied for 45th and 48th respectively.

Kaew Preamchuen finished strong for the Owls, posting a two-under par 70, and KSU finished their final day of competition 14 strokes better than their second day performance. The Owls were able to move from 14th into

13th, holding that position until the finish of the final round in the 18-team field.

“We left too many shots out on the course. Again poor decision making and shot selection left us out of the top 10,” Brinsmead said. “Individually Ines and Kaew performed very well, and I’m proud of their tenacity on the course. Overall we have a lot of work to do prior to our next event and need to be more consistent one through 5.”

The Owls will have two weeks off to prepare for the JMU/Eagle Landing Invitational in Orange Park, Fla. on March 8.

“**I’M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SPRING SEASON.**”



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Ines Lescudier opens strong for the Owls, shooting three-under par 69 in the first round of the UCF Challenge.



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OWLS FALL TO USC UPSTATE in road rematch

Jimmy Beck Staff Writer

The Owls traveled this past Saturday to Spartanburg, South Carolina and fell on the road 79-67 to USC Upstate.

However, there were some bright spots in the contest Saturday. Senior forward Markeith Cummings totaled 28 points for the Owls, and recorded 2,000 points for his career. Cummings is the sixth player in Atlantic-Sun Conference history to reach this special milestone. He has played in 117 career games for the Owls. Cummings was 9 for 18 from the field and 8 for 9 from the foul line.

"He has played a lot of games in a Kennesaw State University uniform and I want him to finish out his career strong over the next few weeks," said KSU head coach Lewis Preston. "I am very happy for him. The accomplishment says a lot about him."

In addition to Cummings' stellar performance, the Owls had a 12 point lead at half time.

As the half progressed they were outscored 52-28 in the second half as the Spartans came out strong. The Spartans shot an impressive 72.7 percent from the field. USC Upstate also crashed the boards and held a 22-9 advantage over KSU throughout the final 20 minutes.

"They went inside on us and at a certain point in time you

have to not allow yourself to be scored on," Preston said.

The Spartans had a strong performance out of Torrey Craig, the A-Sun scoring leader. Craig recorded a double-double on 24 points and 12 rebounds. USC Upstate forward Ricardo Glenn also scored 21 points. Craig and Glenn went 15 for 21 from the field over the course of the game.

KSU had a strong offensive performance to begin the game as they shot 45.2 percent from the field. KSU gave up the lead with 12 minutes to play as Torrey Craig scored to put the Spartans in front by a score of 49-47. After USC Upstate claimed the lead, the Owls never were able to get it back. KSU freshman Nigel Pruitt scored 10 points, which was his third straight double-digit scoring game.

The Owls return to action Thursday, Feb. 21 as they host Northern Kentucky in the Convocation Center at 7 p.m. Coach Preston outlined a few keys to the Northern Kentucky game.

"We need to guard our guys we can't let them get in the paint and rebound the ball," Preston said. "The crowd support over the course of the year has been great."

“The ACCOMPLISHMENT Says A LOT About HIM.”



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Markeith Cummings became the sixth player in A-Sun history to eclipse 2,000 career points on Saturday.

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5 P.M.
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THURSDAY, 2/21
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