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Anne Marie Thomas, Walter Harris and Jerome Ratchford for SABAC look over funding requests during a board meeting

OVER \$90,000 SPENT SABAC allocates 70% of budget

Greg Bieger News Editor

According to the Student Activities and Budget Advisory Committee budget for Financial Year 2013 \$164,000 was allocated to Registered Student Organizations requesting extra funds.

In the first two SABAC meetings \$28,086 of the contingency fund was spent on different RSOs funding travel and lecture series.

"We have spent roughly \$30,000 so far," said Chairperson Flora Lowe-Rockett in the third meeting of FY2013. "We have a significant budget reduction for the year. The last thing we want to do is run out of money for the upcoming year.

The reduction Lowe-Rockett referred to was a loss of over \$140,000 from FY 2012 to FY 2013. The forecasted budget for the contingency fund from which SABAC funds student organizations was over \$300,000.

This loss is often due to shrinking funding from the University System of Georgia according to an interview with

the Vice President of Student Success Services Dr. Jerome Ratchford last fall.

"Some of that money is based off of projections of student enrollment," said Ratchford. This means that if enrollment increases so does funding to SABAC, and funding decreases if enrollment decreases.

Some RSO travel requests total almost \$1,800 even though SABAC usually only awards \$1200. There is no limit on events and some organizations have requested a total of \$14,565.

In these cases, SABAC has a track record of only partially funding these requests. However, some partial requests have still been in the thousands of dollars.

An average of eight RSOs appear in front of SABAC to make their case each meeting. SABAC typically gives partial awards to these student groups.

"You don't want a \$25 meatball," said Rosalyn Hedgepeth in an interview last fall. "Things look good sometimes, but then you have

to look into them more and be critical."

However, SABAC has awarded more than 60 percent of its total budget and has given out 72 percent of the financial funding requested.

The board asks that RSOs spend their seed money (\$400 given to each RSO at the start of the financial year) before approaching SABAC for additional funds. However, RSOs will often earmark this money for smaller events or expenditures.

If interested in SABAC, student fees and funding or the policies of SABAC, information about the group can be found online at kennesaw.edu/studentsuccess/sabac.shtml.

Public records of each board meeting are published at this site and a meeting schedule is available. SABAC meetings typically occur every other Wednesday during the semester from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. A follow-up on SABAC will be in the next issue.

EXPENDITURES

TRAVEL

EVENTS



AMOUNT OF REQUESTS



22

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REQUESTED



\$33,933

\$104,411



APPROVED



\$30,988

\$70,207

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NEWS

SGA BEAT:

Talks of New University Seal, House Bill 512 and the Masquerade Ball

Kacie S. Whaley Staff Writer

During the SGA meeting of March 14th, President Rosalyn Hedgepeth reminded attendees to stay tuned to new developments of the possibility of KSU creating a new seal. In the student-body meeting before spring break, Plamen Mavrov, a Political Science and International Affairs major, presented SGA with the idea of revising KSU's seal.

The current seal displays the University name, state, and founding year, along with columns draped in a ribbon that reads "wisdom, justice, moderation" over an arch that reads "constitution." When Mavrov saw the seal, he said he noticed that unlike other major

universities in Georgia, KSU's seal does not include a motto. Mavrov insisted that modifying the seal to contain a motto will "bolster school spirit, unity, and identity."

"Taking up this topic on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the institution's founding," Mavrov explained, "sends a... symbolic message concerning the mission, philosophy, and increasing sense of unity and identification that has led KSU to its current status in half a century and that will lead it into the next half century of its existence and beyond."

SGA council members appeared pleased with the idea of changing the University seal, and Mavrov said he is working

with both SGA and the KSU Administration to make the new seal a reality, although the Board of Regions holds the final say on whether the plan will be implemented. Mavrov hopes the new seal to debut in Fall 2013, the kick-off of KSU's 50th year.

President Hedgepeth addressed her concern and opposition of House Bill 512. HB 512, the Safe Carry Protection Act, would allow concealed handguns to be carried on Georgia Public School System campuses. President Hedgepeth, along with many other university presidents from schools such as Albany State University and Georgia Southern University, have

written and signed a document asking members of the Georgia State Senate to join them in opposing the bill. In the letter, the presidents collectively concluded that passing the bill will "lead to much greater harm than good." "I spoke on behalf of the majority of students on campus," said President Hedgepeth. While she believes most KSU students share her opinion on the allowance of deadly weapons on campus, she also empathizes with pro-gun students. "I understand both sides," she stated. "I believe in protecting myself, so I understand that [stance]." HB 512 has passed the Georgia House of Representatives and is now being considered by the

Senate.

The first annual Feed the Future Masquerade Ball is less than one month away, taking place on Saturday, April 6th in the University Rooms. Referred on its Facebook page as "a party with a cause," the ball's proceeds will be used to benefit "students in need." Entry is either three dollars or three Ramen or Hormel Complete Meals for KSU members (with an ID card), or five dollars or five Ramen or Hormel Complete Meals for non-KSU members. Tickets can be bought by going to the event's Facebook or KSU's homepage.

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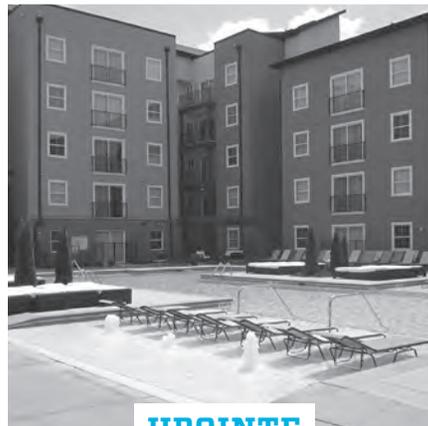
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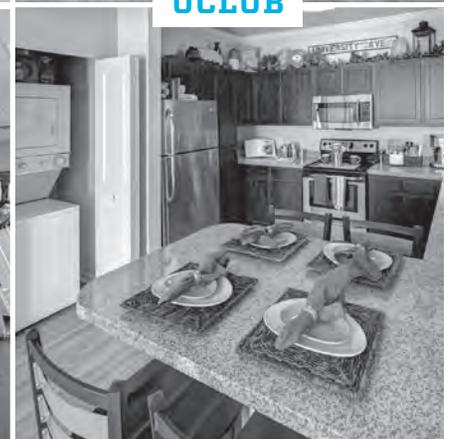
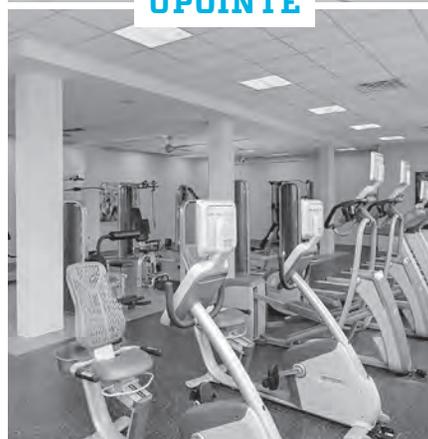
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Wednesday

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- KSU Conference on Literature for Children and Young Adults Secondary and Middle Grades Education Department 7 a.m.- 4 p.m. KSU Center

Thursday

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- Club Team Handball Sports and Recreation 12:30 p.m.- 2 p.m. Wellness Center
- SGA Open Meeting Student Government Association 3:30 p.m.- 4:45 p.m. University Rooms

Friday

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- Dance Till You Drop Dance Company, KSU 5 p.m.- 9 p.m. University Rooms

Saturday

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- Georgia USA Gymnastics State Championship Athletics Department 7 a.m.- 10 p.m. Convocation Center

Monday

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- Concerning Coal: The Solution Vegetarian Experience Guild 2:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. Leadership Room
- Swing Dancing Lessons Swing Dance Association 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. University Room B

Tuesday

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- Drug Awareness Event Kappa Alpha Psi 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. English Building Rm 274

POLICE BEAT

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

Kacie S. Whaley Staff Writer

ROBBING THE OWL'S NEST

A book-bag was reported stolen from a student's car on Friday morning, February 22nd. The student parked his car at the Owl's Nest on the evening of February 21st, leaving his black and grey book-bag full of valuables inside the vehicle. The student returned later that night to

find that his bag was missing. The book-bag contained over \$1,000 worth of items, including a black TI 84 calculator, a black Mac Book, and four textbooks valued at \$100 each. The student was advised to contact KSU Police if he recovers his items.

COMBAT BETWEEN COUPLE AT HOTEL

At around 9pm on Saturday, February 24th, Officer Watson was called to the Best Western Inn on Busbee Drive regarding a fight. Two of the hotel's employees said they witnessed a male and female arguing inside the Best Western check-in office. The employees observed the aggravated male push his female counterpart to the ground and climb onto her. When Officer Watson questioned the couple, the

male suspect smelled of alcohol and revealed a cut on his lip and finger. He stated that he grew angry after the female suspect, his girlfriend, confessed to cheating on him. He said he then kicked a garbage can, but did not touch his girlfriend. After a video of the incident was viewed, the male was arrested for simple battery, disorderly conduct, and public intoxication.

UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION LEADS TO HOSPITALIZATION

On the night of February 24th, a KSU officer found a 17-year old male student lying in the 4th floor hallway at The University Village. The student smelled heavily of alcohol and could not stand on his own. The officer asked the young student questions such as "where do you live" and "what is your name," but received nonsensical replies such as

"02" and "too much." The intoxicated student passed out for several minutes, then began to vomit. He later stated that he had too much to drink at a party and decided to drive home. The student was transported to Kennestone Hospital and issued a citation for Underage Possession of Alcohol by Consumption.

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President Barack Obama delivers remarks at the Organizing for Action dinner in Washington, D.C., on March 13, 2013.

OBAMA'S CRITICIZED budget sequestration amid deadlocked congress

Shaddi Abusaid Staff Writer

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Nearly two months into a second term marked by major federal spending cuts and Congress' continued inability to work together, public polls show that less than half of Americans approve of the job Barack Obama is doing as president.

A recent Reuters poll shows that Obama's approval rating has dropped to 43 percent.

Beginning March 1, after months of failed negotiations between Congressional leaders, the automatic \$85 billion spending cuts known as budget sequestration took effect, slashing federal defense spending and aid to some social programs.

The spending cuts were postponed on the first day of the New Year after last-minute legislation to "avoid" the fiscal cliff, or mandatory spending cuts aimed at reducing the national deficit. Since then, Congress has been unable to reach a compromise over whether to increase taxes or decrease federal spending.

Economics professor Luc Noiset said he approves of the job Obama is doing as president but thinks the president should do more to encourage negotiations between Democrats and Republicans on Capitol Hill.

"Congress' inability to work together is our main problem," Noiset said. "It's the president's job to bring the two sides together and get them to compromise."

Noiset said he thinks a

combination of spending cuts and tax increases is necessary to generate more revenue for the government.

"On the tax side, the government is getting less tax revenue as a share of GDP than it has historically," Noiset said. "The government needs more tax revenue and that has to come from somewhere."

Political science professor Andrew Pieper says taxes still need to go up.

"Some argue that the tax burden is hindering business," Pieper said. "But the 1990s were a pretty good decade for economic growth and we had higher taxes then."

Pieper said he supports a combination of spending cuts and tax increases but believes we should spend more on things like infrastructure, education, and social safety net spending.

"The most important thing is to note that Republicans don't really seem interested in negotiating," he said. "I think they need to put tax increases on the table and President Obama needs to be willing to cut some entitlement spending."

Pieper said that neither Democrats nor Republicans seem interested in cutting funding to Social Security and Medicare, which, aside from very low revenues, are the major long-term budget issues.

Economics professor Don Sabbarese says the fiscal deficit and federal debt levels are unsustainable and must be addressed.

"This can't be done without addressing the entitlement problems of Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid," Sabbarese said. "Increased revenue from higher taxes cannot correct these problems."

He said that instead of higher taxes, what we need is major tax reform.

"This includes overall lower tax rates and the removal of tax subsidies and other tax deductibles for consumers and businesses. This can be done on a revenue-neutral basis and in the long run, increase overall tax revenue through more economic growth and a broader tax base."

Sabbarese said the recent immigration compromise proposed by a group of Democratic and Republican senators offers some hope that legislators can work together.

"If the House and the Senate can follow a similar process for

other issues," he said, "they may be able to address some of the pressing problems facing our country."

Sabbarese said when it comes to macroeconomic policies there are many economic forces that ultimately determine growth, but in the end, "the government's best policy is to create the best environment that allows the private sector to grow."

Kenneth White, a professor of political science and criminal justice, says he thinks Obama is doing okay, but not as well as he could, as he "has not proven to be a savvy negotiator."

"I think Obama has come very late to the realization that the GOP does not want to work with him," White said. "Thus, he's moving more towards the use of executive orders. I think that is why you saw him issue executive orders on gun control, because he knows that

legislative action is unlikely."

Obama has been met with criticism from the media and certain members of Congress for his support of the military's use of drones, or unmanned aircrafts to eliminate "enemy combatants" overseas.

"Obama has, in my opinion, violated the Constitution with his use of drones to kill people without due process," White said. "Obama has been very disappointing when it comes to war powers and civil liberties. The basic principle of checks and balances means that the president cannot act without oversight. His drone program attempts to do just that."

The economy has shown signs of improvement in recent months and according to the U.S. Department of Labor, the unemployment rate has dropped to 7.7 percent, the lowest it has been since the recession began in late 2008.

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BOTH PARTIES GUILTY

of aimlessly toying with gun debate

Michael Foster Staff Writer



Following the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting on Dec. 14, President Obama's all-ear's reaction that sparked a gun debate did not sit well with conservatives. While freak outs about gun confiscation and the destruction of the Second Amendment have been unfound and comical at best, Obama still had to find a way to rub gun advocate's backs.

On Jan. 27, in an interview with The New Republic, Obama likened with recreational gun owners when asked about his history with handling guns. "Yes, in fact, up at Camp David we do skeet shooting all of the time," Obama said. "And, I have a profound respect for the traditions of hunting that trace back in this country for generations. And I think those who dismiss that out of hand make a big mistake."

Here we go. What we've seen so far from the new-age gun debate, which has focused almost entirely on the label AR-15, which is a semi-automatic and ergonomically convenient hunting rifle, is a discussion that has been completely out of focus considering nearly all firearm injuries in this country are with handguns.

The national tangent of dialogue on guns has, however, shed some light on a key issue with the perception of the Second Amendment. Obama's back-rub comments on his hunting past puts him under

this scope as well.

Hunting is an integral part of America's pastime and a tradition for many American families. However, hunting is not mentioned in the Second Amendment. While the national dialogue on the gun debate has not focused on hunting much, if at all, it has centered around a hunting rifle that is in high demand by prospective gun owners in the wake of discussion on renewing an assault rifle ban.

Conservatives are bashing the liberal media for misreporting what is and isn't an assault rifle, claiming they are simply hunting rifles. But, humor this: if you're trying to reinforce the foundations of the Second Amendment, citing sporting activities probably isn't advised.

The U.S. Constitution states the right to bear arms within these terms: "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

You have a right to a gun within the implications that it empowers you, as a citizen, against trespassers and tyranny within your own state of federal government. The Bill of Rights states, to the governing body, what powers the citizen has the right to wield. There's a reason arms (in 1787 we'd be talking muskets) are written in with such implied power; They come with great responsibility.

One of the more dumbfounding pieces of gun-advocating rhetoric is when gun confiscation threats (even though, as stated, isn't a reality) are followed with the formulaic response, 'Well, why not take away our cars? Our baseball bats? Our hands? What's next?'

Here's where that reaction

is completely off-base.

Cars are manufactured for transportation. Baseball bats are manufactured for sport. Hands. Well, I don't really need to elaborate more there, do I?

The point is, guns are manufactured to kill. We have the right to own a killing machine under the confines of the Second Amendment. And, aside from hunting, there's really no scenario where using a killing machine should be seen as something enjoyed--a novelty, if you will.

That is, unless you hunt. Anti-hunting conversation is usually retorted by the justification that controlling deer population reduces car-collisions. But, let's be honest, how many are going out to hunt every day saying, 'Honey, catch you later. We've got to go meet our deer quota for the betterment of society.'

In essence, hunting is a sport. AR-15s are, within our culture, a sport rifle. Even conservatives are trying to expose misreporting by saying so. Not to mention the fact that

the conservative alternative to increased gun control is increased monitoring of who's insane and who isn't, based on medical records.

So, we're going to take the rights away from people medics can deem mentally ill, but we're not going to question the people who enjoy instigating the slow, painful death of a non-pasteurized animal? Sure, that last sentence might be a stretch, but the point is the entire gun debate has been comically misguided and off-track.

Neither side is providing a considerably decent argument, mainly because the argument went through the wrong door to begin with. The whole 'what type of gun should I have' debate turned brown and hit a new fan on Jan. 21 when Vice Pres. Joe Biden claimed a shotgun was a better alternative than an AR-15 for a woman trying to defend her home.

Under the parameters of the Second Amendment—specifically, self defense—

an AR-15 is actually far more preferable to an otherwise vulnerable woman than a shotgun. In fact, feel free to watch YouTube videos of females shooting both and decide for yourself.

Our problem with guns in this country is real, but it has a lot less to do with the proper jargon and practicality of guns and a lot more to do with handguns, the lower-class, and a major lack of respect and civility between citizens.

In the past few months both the President and Vice President have offered shallow political rhetoric on the matter, and not much more.

Until both conservatives and liberals stop turning over the wrong rocks, not much in the gun debate is worth listening to.

That is, unless, you like contradictions, falsities, and irony.

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HORSEMEAT BURGERS — coming to a drive-thru near you?

MCT Wireservice

Have you been watching the European horsemeat scandal unfold with bemused detachment, content in the knowledge that there are no Black Beauty bits in your beef burrito? “We don’t slaughter horses here,” you might be reassuring yourself. “We read _ not feed _ our children ‘Misty of Chincoteague.’”

Well, thanks to the efforts of greedy opportunists who view horses as “livestock” _ instead of living beings _ horses are just a heartbeat away from being slaughtered once again on American soil. Although no horse slaughterhouses are currently operating in the United States, it is technically legal to slaughter horses here, after the reinstatement in late 2011 of funding for horse-slaughter inspections. A company in New Mexico claims that it is weeks away from opening a horse slaughterhouse near Roswell, and a bill that is

making its way through the Oklahoma legislature would repeal a decades-old law banning horse slaughter in that state.

In the meantime, American horses are being slaughtered _ just not in the United States. Every year, more than 100,000 horses are trucked hundreds of miles to slaughter in Canada and Mexico. Last year, PETA investigators documented the transport of nearly three dozen horses from a “meat buyer” in Iowa to the Les Viandes de la Petite-Nation Inc. slaughterhouse in Quebec, a grueling 1,100-mile, 36-hour journey in subfreezing conditions. The horses were never given any food or water or off-loaded even once for a rest.

Video footage taken by a Canadian horse-protection group inside the same slaughterhouse revealed that at least 40 percent of the

horses were still conscious after supposedly being “stunned” by a captive-bolt shot to the head. One horse was shot 11 times before finally collapsing. After the footage was released, Canadian authorities temporarily closed the slaughterhouse, but the plant resumed operations just days later.

Even if you’re not ethically opposed to encouraging people to make one last buck off the backs of abused, neglected and abandoned horses, you might share the concerns expressed by the Los Angeles Times about dangerous drugs that are often administered to horses and can cause serious health problems in humans who consume drug-tainted meat.

“(H)orses that are bought here to be sold to processing plants in Mexico and Canada are acquired from random sources. ... They have not been tracked from birth, as cattle and

pigs are,” wrote the Times in a recent editorial. “In addition, the horses have usually been treated over their lifetimes with a vast array of drugs, the most common of which is the pain reliever phenylbutazone, a substance the U.S. Food and Drug Administration stipulates can never be administered to animals processed for food.”

There is hope on the horizon, however. A bill _ the Safeguard American Food Exports Act _ recently introduced in both chambers of Congress would outlaw horse slaughter in the U.S. as well as the transport of horses to slaughter in Canada and Mexico. Since 80 percent of Americans are in favor of protecting horses from slaughter, you would think that this bill would be a shoo-in, but it faces stiff opposition from powerful lobbyists, so people who support the bill should contact their senators and congressional representatives

immediately and urge them to vote in favor of it. Meanwhile, thousands of horses including “retired” racehorses, battered rodeo broncos, broken-down carriage horses, rounded-up wild mustangs and children’s discarded pets continue to be funneled into the slaughter pipeline.

The flesh of most horses slaughtered in Canada and Mexico is shipped overseas to Europe and Japan, although some French Canadians do eat horsemeat, and a handful of restaurants in the U.S. serve it as a novelty. So is it all that far-fetched that last year’s Kentucky Derby champ, I’ll Have Another, could someday wind up in your Whopper? If you want to play it safe, you’ll have another veggie burger.

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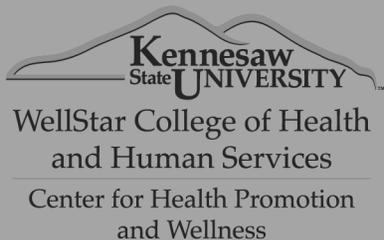
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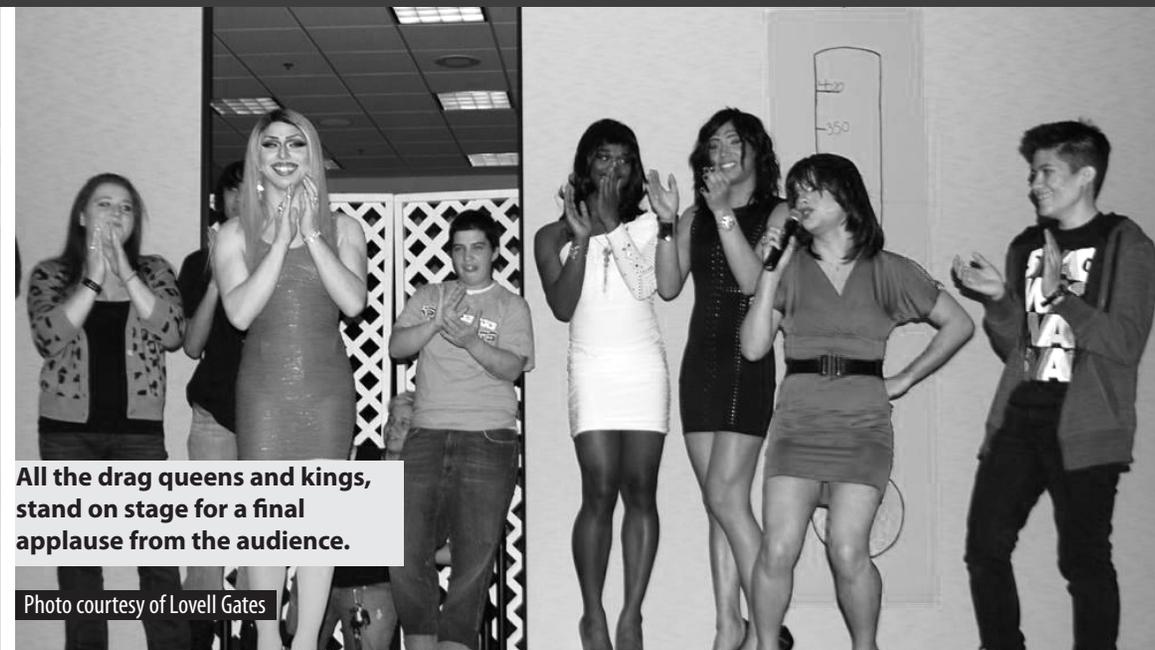


ARTS AND LIVING



Miss Aurora Savage dances along to Lady Gaga at the KPA Drag Show.

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All the drag queens and kings, stand on stage for a final applause from the audience.

Photo courtesy of Lovell Gates

PRIDE ALLIANCE DRESSES FOR EQUALITY

Robert Pless Contributor

“What is love? Baby don’t hurt me!” blared over the speakers, hyping the packed house in the University Room, accessorized with glow sticks and candy for the evening ahead. No, it wasn’t a Night at the Roxbury; it was the Kennesaw Pride Alliance’s Charity Drag Show.

Held once a semester, KPA, officers and members dress in drag, the art of gender illusion, for a night of performance to the delight of the shrieking crowd.

KPA holds the show as a charity fundraising event. Normally, the go-to charity of choice is PALS Atlanta, an animal shelter known for their longtime connection with the local lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, questioning, intersex, and a-sexual community. However, this year KPA decided to raise money for CHRISKids, a non-profit that houses LGBTQIA youth who have been displaced from their homes for varying reasons.

Emceeding the night’s events was sophomore graphic design major and KPA member Terry Finson, as his alter ego Anita Bath. After opening the show

with a rendition of Divinyls’ “I Touch Myself,” Finson was joined on stage by CHRISKids Volunteer Manager Robert Lewis, who praised the effort made by the KPA to raise money for his organization.

“To have college students come out on a Friday night to raise money is awesome,” he said.

From Rihanna to Beyonce, and Justin Bieber to Eminem, accompanied with glitter, bright wigs and cartwheels, six drag queens and kings raised \$375 through audience tips for the CHRISKids foundation; falling short of their goal of \$500 for the night.

Raffles were also held, where prizes and gift cards from Mellow Mushroom, California Dreamin’ and Regal Cinemas were given to lucky ticketholders.

On performing as Anita Bath, Finson said “I had a blast. I did theater throughout high school, but it had been a long time since I was actually on stage.”

Many of the other performers shared the same level of excitement, including Lady Gaga lookalike Aurora Savage. “It was so much fun. I love

performing,” Savage said.

Feel like you missed out on a great time? Fret not, as with every show on-campus; there is a show off-campus, in which proceeds from that will also go to CHRISKids. That show will be held on April 5 at LeBuzz Showbar in Marietta at 9 p.m.. More information can be found on the KPA Twitter @ KennesawPrideAlliance.

“WHAT IS LOVE? BABY DON’T HURT ME”



The Dixie Chicks dance to the song Mashed Potatoes.

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CLUB OF THE WEEK: SOWERS OF KNOWLEDGE

Nadia Abdulahi Contributor

Photo courtesy of SOK



From left to right: Monazza Azam (Vice President), Carine Goffin (Public Relations), Marie-Dominique Ahebee (President), Patricia Gilbert (Volunteer), Mia Schwob (Volunteer and Ex-President), and Dr. Viakinnou-Brinson (Club Adviser and founder of the NGO Seeds of Knowledge).

In 2010, KSU student Mia Schwob established Sowers of Knowledge at KSU. SOK aims to help non-profit organization Seeds of Knowledge whose mission is to promote children's literacy in West Africa. SOK makes handmade picture books that will be delivered to rural area schools in Benin and Ivory Coast.

The club adviser for SOK is Dr. Lucie Viakinnou-Brinson.

"As the club adviser, I am proud of the work accomplished by all its officers and volunteers," Viakinnou-Brinson said. "I am encouraged that so many students at KSU have embraced the club and are willing to give

their time and talent to support literacy in Africa."

SOK President Marie Ahebee, a sophomore International Affairs major, said that when Dr. Viakinnou-Brinson presented her with the opportunity to become the new president Ahebee immediately said yes.

"I was really excited about SOK because I think it's such a noble cause," Ahebee said. "I love working with children, and helping African children is really important for me since I'm from Africa myself and, therefore, I know how much we need education to develop our continent."

Ahebee's favorite experience with SOK was going to the

village of N'Gattadolikro in the Ivory Coast to deliver to children books that were made at KSU this past winter break.

"It made me realize how much people appreciate what we do for them," Ahebee said. "The children were so happy; they all wanted to touch a book and could not wait to see what was inside."

Last year was SOK's first bookmaking event in which 29 picture books were created. This semester alone, SOK has made 42 picture books and plans to make more on March 18 during the joint effort event with The Journey.

To learn more about SOK visit their Facebook fan page.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Monday, March 18: SOK is joining forces to make more books with The Journey at 8 p.m. at the First United Lutheran Church, 3481 Campus Loop Rd, Kennesaw, GA 30144

- Tuesday, March 19: ISA International Bazaar-University Rooms from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

- Wednesday, April 10: SOK Fundraising Day-come check out African post cards, African bracelets and pastries. Students can also write friendly notes to be placed inside the books to send to the children. STA 145F Student Center Terrace Upper Level from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

CLUB NAME: Sowers of Knowledge (SOK)

When & Where SOK meets: SOK meets the first Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in Pilcher Building Room 202

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SES GETS A GREEN THUMB

Amy Freeman Staff Writer

Students for Environmental Sustainability has formed a partnership with Culinary Services to continue KSU's mission to reduce its carbon footprint on the world. SES is dedicated to promoting environmental, social and economic sustainability within the community.

UrbanHarvest.com defines permaculture as an "ecological, holistic and sustainable design system and philosophy

for human living spaces." Permaculture began in the 1970s as a collaborative project between Bill Mollison and David Holmgren at the University of Tasmania.

According to SES, the group is an "Enactus Project at KSU." Enactus.org states that it is an organization that seeks "to enable progress through entrepreneurial action." The word broken down is: en-act-us, which is entrepreneurial,

action and us.

SES wants to bring awareness to KSU students, faculty and staff about sustainable living and the benefits of buying and eating locally grown organic food. In fact, SES has created a campus permaculture garden that is located between Lot A and the new lab building. The group wants to use the garden to "set the precedent for the food and nutritional education" for the campus.

SES member moves mulch to help conserve plants.

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The permaculture project is a hands-on-project that students can become involved with as it continues to grow. Students will be able to attend workshops where they can learn the permaculture principles.

“Well, it is all in work in progress,” co-project manager Brandon Butler said,

Butler and his friend James Bale, the other co-project manager, put together the

ENACTUS PROJECT AT KSU

design committee and are currently meeting twice a week to try to finalize the dates for the workshops.

Butler explained that the sowing season is quickly approaching and that the committee is currently working to develop a list of plants. Therefore, he believes that the next workshop will be on planting. The committee just needs to finalize the details like dates, materials and cost with Culinary Services to continue to move forward with the project.

SES not only planned and executed the permaculture project, but is also developing its own curriculum regarding permaculture and its sustainability principles. SES strongly believes that these principles are critical for the re-education of the next generation and therefore the group will present its project as a demonstration to K-12 schools and other universities.



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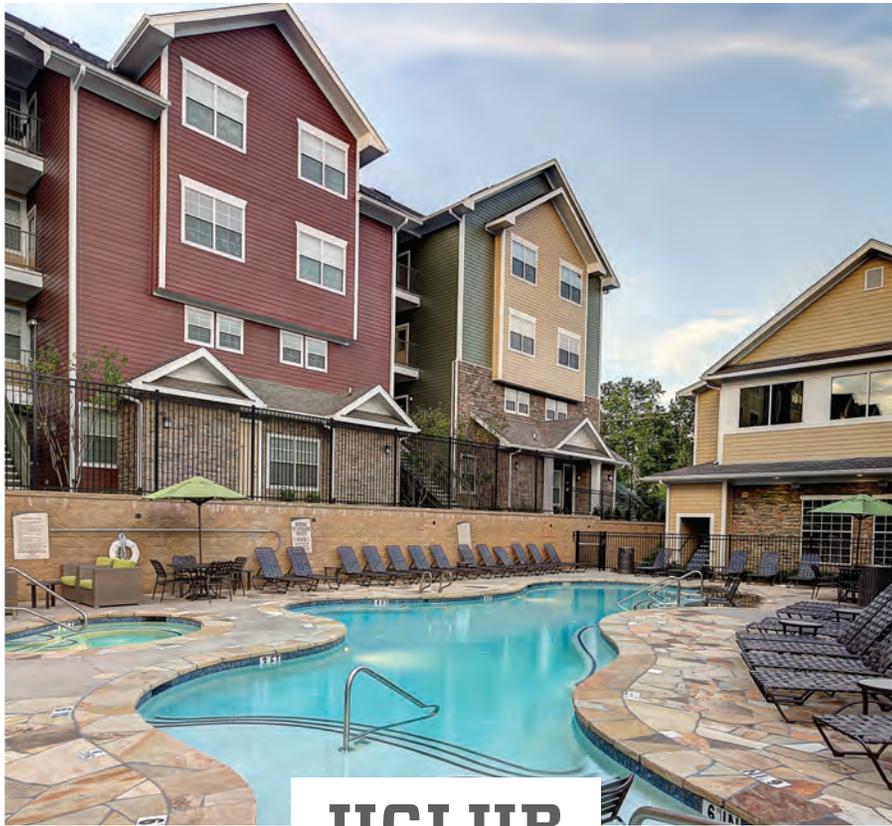
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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Sabine Smith

Kim Renner Contributor



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academics and in the general environment. The importance of cultural abundance in the classroom grows as our country becomes more culturally diverse.

Dr. Susanne Kelley, fellow KSU German professor, described Dr. Smith's work and what makes her stand out beyond the norm.

"Dr. Smith's work benefits not only KSU and its students, but ensures that our university is engaged with other academic and non-academic communities in Georgia," Kelley said.

Smith's interests go beyond just providing connections for students. Her goals reflect the idea that global awareness promotes a deeper education and understanding of life. Dr. Smith's teaching style highlights

her uniqueness and her desire to engage her students.

"She collaborates with colleagues and students in and outside of our department, crossing boundaries between disciplines and even between higher education, K-12, and the community, all of which creates unique opportunities for our students," Kelley said.

Dr. Smith herself emphasizes why she loves teaching, and what it is about teaching that fulfills her in life.

"I have always loved being a student - and in this profession, I am still and continually learning. In particular, I have loved combining learning foreign languages and travel - ever since I was a teenager," Smith said.

Dr. Smith explains her goals for her students and how she works to achieve these ambitions.

"My hope is that they will have developed a love for learning about foreign languages and cultures and that they will choose to travel and see the world as often as they can," Smith said. "I'd like for them to see themselves as citizens of the world rather than citizens of a nation in hopes that it fosters in them a sense of global responsibility, empathy, and ethical leadership."

Smith exemplifies what professors that become leaders and positive influences act like, and she has already helped to expand the horizons of many students and colleagues at KSU.

Dr. Sabine Smith, German professor in KSU's foreign language department has been selected for the faculty spotlight. She exceeds the expectations in order to provide learning and growing opportunities for students—much more than the minimum responsibilities asked of her as a college professor.

She goes beyond simply teaching the students, connecting KSU with communities that celebrate the German influence on Georgia history. In doing so, she allows students the ability to participate in these connections.

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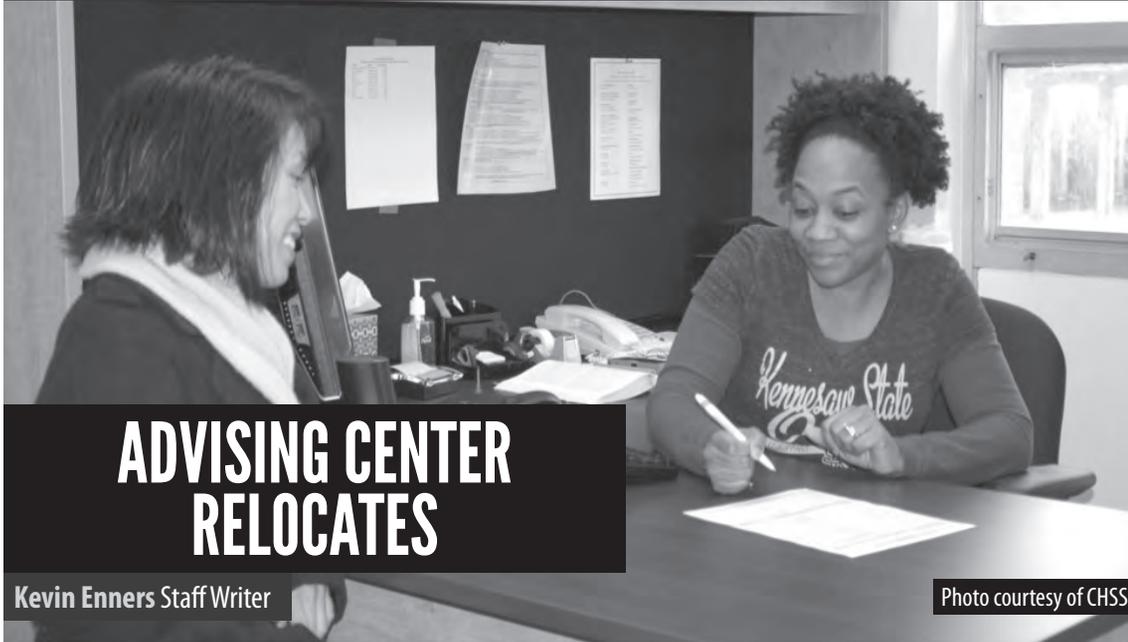
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ADVISING CENTER RELOCATES

Kevin Enners Staff Writer

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The College of Humanities and Social Sciences' Undergraduate Advising Center has a new location in Willingham Hall. Located in room 223, the Undergraduate Advising Center is a hub for peer advisors helping freshman and sophomores maneuver through the maze of KSU general education courses.

Buoyed along by KSU's goal toward increased retention and graduation rates, peer advisors help students develop an educational plan by explaining degree program, minor and certificate requirements. They also offer guidance on academic policies, procedures and rules within CHSS.

Peer advisors also connect students with available campus resources including financial aid, counseling, career services and tutoring. Their new offices, housed in the same building as the CHSS Director's office, the Veterans Resource Center and the Honors Program, are welcoming, efficient and easily accessible.

Since its opening a year ago, CHSS peer advisors see approximately 1,200 students per semester. Peer advisors, representative of most majors in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, add unequivocal value by allowing faculty advisers and department heads to focus their efforts on making sure upper division major requirements are met by juniors and seniors.

"I believe what we are doing here is important" said Matthew Waller, Lecturer and Academic Advisor.

In the past, Waller says, colleges and universities were focused on enrollment numbers but now it is more about graduation numbers. Data suggests that if students receive beneficial advisement and feel connected, they are more likely to stay in college.

In an open letter to college and university leaders, a national higher-education commission said that improving college "completion rates is an economic and moral

imperative."

The University System of Georgia concurs. In its Executive Summary of Complete College Georgia, the university system states:

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KSU has committed to positively impacting Georgia's future and is making every effort in achieving high retention and graduation rates. If you would like to play a role, CHSS Undergraduate Advising Center is looking for peer advisors.

Contact CHSS at (770) 794-7728 for more information.



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THAI GINGER VS. ISLAND SPOON

Nadia Abdulahi Contributor



The Sentinel

Within a few minutes' drive of KSU lies a hidden gem of a restaurant: Thai Ginger. The atmosphere is one of an upscale Thai restaurant.

"If customers really want authentic Thai food, then come to Thai Ginger and we can help with that," restaurant owner Juntana Jitsomboon said. "We have delicious food and ingredients, friendly service and affordable prices. Our food is fresh to order, which means that everything is made from scratch."

Jitsomboon said Pad Thai and Curry are among customers' favorite dishes.

"I had the shrimp with mango, and my husband tried duck tamarind," junior Criminal Justice major Sirlene Felkins said. "The restaurant is cozy and very clean."

Overall, the theme, from the crown-folded napkins to the décor in the restaurant, truly makes customers feel like they are dining royalty. If you are looking for wonderful Thai food, then venture to Thai Ginger. You will not be disappointed.

Next, we head to Island Spoon, a local Caribbean restaurant that serves authentic Jamaican dishes. The restaurant's atmosphere is laid

back and carefree.

Island Spoon's lunch special is \$5.99 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The average dinner price starts at \$8.

"Some of my customers' favorite dishes are jerk chicken and ox tail," owner Kemoy Josephs said. "All of our meals are served with rice, peas, cabbage and fried sweet plantains."

I tried the ox tail, jerk chicken and rice combos. I loved the ox tail, but the jerk chicken was a bit too spicy for me.

"I like the curry chicken and the beef patty (spicy

because they are both really tasty," said sophomore Internal Affairs major Marie Ahebee. "I enjoy spicy food and I love the coconut juice because it reminds me of being back home in the Ivory Coast."

According to Josephs, coconut juice is sold for \$2 per customer request.

Try Thai food at Thai Ginger or Jamaican cuisine at Island Spoon. Both restaurants are conveniently located a few minutes from campus and offer a 10 percent discount to KSU students with a student ID.

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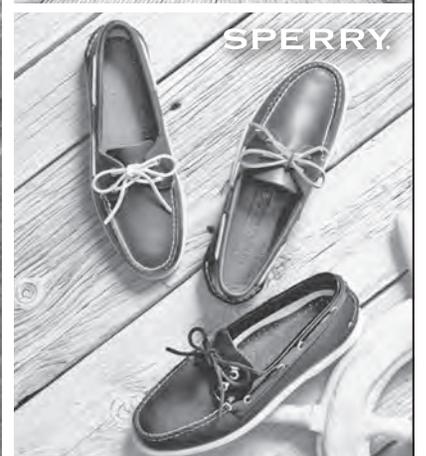
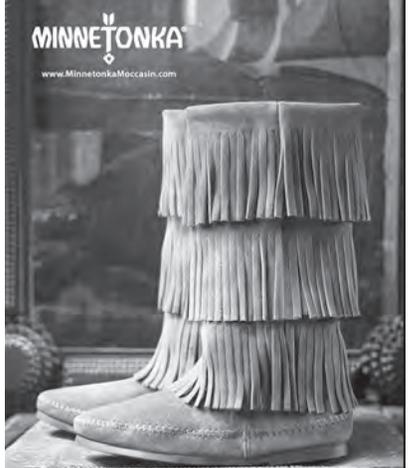
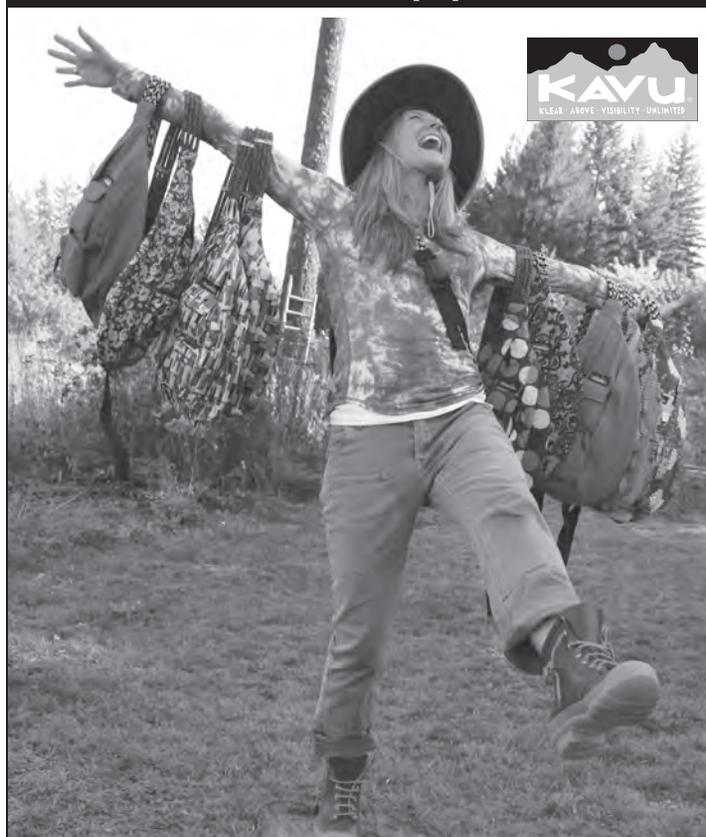
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FATIGUE PLAGUES OWLS in season ending loss

Chase Brown Staff Writer

The KSU ice hockey team played the Davenport University Panthers in the quarterfinals of the Division 3 National Ice Hockey Tournament Thursday.

Winner of the game clinched Pool C and advanced to the semifinals of the tournament.

The Owls swiftly skated across the ice calm and collected in the first and second period of the game. From the third period and forward they became physically drained.

The Panthers were out to a solid 2-0 lead in the first period of the game. As the second period began KSU found a spark and would not let off of the gas pedal.

With lightning quick agility, the Owls' shooters shot the puck across the rink. The Owls scored four goals in four minutes. Shortly following, KSU added to their comeback with another goal on the scoreboard.

The score was 5-3 with 10:07 in the third period, but the Panthers were not ready to throw in the towel. Davenport freshman Brandon Burton scored on two assists from teammates Jake Otto and Donald Sund. With right under five minutes remaining, Davenport senior Jordan Stegar shot a goal that slid into KSU's net evening the score 5-5.

Despite the opportunity for a berth in the semifinals, the Owls fell victim of fatigue due to the lack of depth on their bench.

Kennesaw State University's Ice Hockey Head Coach Barry Dreger commented on KSU's curse.

"It wasn't a question of breaking down it was just we ran out of gas literally," Dreger said.

After a back and forth three periods, the teams entered overtime.

Advancing to the semi finals only required a tie, but KSU still could not manage. Already

having an incredible game, Panther freshman Donald Sund found a hole in KSU's defense and ended the game with a shot into the net.

Davenport clinched Pool C and moved on to the semifinals. KSU left the tournament dumbfounded, ending an incredible season.

"To take away from the game my biggest thing is I am really proud of the growth and development of our team at the division 3 level. We improved over the weekend tremendously. The team had tremendous buy into our system which is exciting for next year," Dreger said.

The team will lose a couple key players next season, but still expects to see improvement and success in the future.

"We are going to lose one or two key people, but we are going to maintain a large nucleus from this program. We are looking forward to next year being an even better season for us," Dreger said.

It is still unknown what new additions will be made for the team next year, but it is expected to have teams from the United States and overseas.

"It is too early to tell what our talent will be next year. We are going to have of shooters from Canada because of a program that has reached out to us. It is an encouraging sign for our program," Dreger said.

The Owls do not enter the off season questioning the quarterfinals. They enter the offseason open minded and anxious for next year's season.

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LAUNCHING OF NEW WEBSITE

marks another step for upcoming football program

Eric Fuller Sports Editor

More news regarding the KSU football program has surfaced. KSU Athletics announced the launch of KennesawStateFootball.com on March 3. The website will be the primary source of detailed information regarding the recently introduced football program.

"We are extremely excited to launch the KennesawStateFootball.com micro-site," Padraic McMeel, associate athletics director for external operations, said. "This site is intended to provide fans and members of the Kennesaw State University community with in-depth news and information regarding football,

the Priority Points System and Priority Seating program, the process for purchasing tickets, and a calendar of events pertaining to football."

The site introduces a number of new systems regarding the culmination of football tickets. The seating plan's primary focus is making sure that there is an equal distribution of seating in Fifth Third Bank Stadium, where the inaugural season will be held in the fall of 2015. KSU has instituted a new Priority Points System and Priority Seating program that was developed by The Owls Fund.

The idea behind the policy is to award frequent and devoted supporters of KSU Athletics

while allowing room for new supporters. The system allows for the opportunity to acquire appropriate seating in regards to how much they contribute to The Owl Fund. While the process of acquiring tickets may seem daunting, the development of the site will allow for fans to easily purchase tickets through a simple 6-step process that has been outlined on the site.

The first step requires the desired ticket holder to complete a Letter of Intent ticket request form. You can also get involved to build priority points, which the site describes the number of ways in which one might go about

building points. You can track your seats and even build on them by earning more priority points. You then confirm the tickets you have requested and make an Owls Fund donation. An appointment will be made after you have mailed your seat selection. The seats will be selected in early 2015.

Besides detailed ticket information, the site will also contain history, updates and news regarding everything KSU football. The site also provides a list of other events that occur at Fifth Third Bank Stadium, in hopes of uniting KSU Athletics and gaining more support.

The site will also be a starting point for fans to access KSU

football merchandise. This will allow for fans to show their team spirit and develop a sense of pride and unity that the students of the school have been searching for.

The hiring of a head coach became an immediate priority after the announcement that the school would be developing a football program. The site will provide information regarding the highly anticipated decision as to who the first head coach will be. The website will keep fans up to date, as well as provide them with the opportunity to support the team they have been dreaming of for over a decade.

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Kaylee Williams and the Owls combined for 14 hits and five RBI's in both wins versus Mercer.

KSU SOFTBALL SWEEPS MERCER in doubleheader to open A-Sun play

Eric Fuller Sports Editor

The KSU softball team opened their 2012-2013 Atlantic Sun Conference play in spectacular fashion, defeating the Mercer Bears twice in a doubleheader on Wednesday, March 13 at Bailey Park.

"You are never going to be dissatisfied with two conference wins," said KSU head coach Scott Whitlock. "I thought we pitched very well today, we played solid defense and we got timely hits. Swanson had some big knocks and that last inning Bianca came up there and really set the table for us."

Despite leading at the top of the third inning in the second game, Mercer could not hold onto their 1-run lead, as Sharon Swansons stepped up the plate in the fourth inning, smacking her second home run of the day and sixth of the season. Heading into the seventh inning, the Owls were able to load the bases on a pair of hits and a walk. Sara Sikes delivered a walk-off single to center field, driving in Bianca Durant from third.

KSU senior Abbey Mixon added to her stellar record, pitching her fifth complete

game and moving to a 7-2 mark on the year. She had five strikeouts and only allowed four hits and one earned run.

The second game was a much closer contest as the Owls came out swinging in the first game of the doubleheader. After Missy Perkowski found her way onto first base with a solid single, Swanson hit a two-run homer to put the Owls up 2-0 in the fourth inning. In the fifth inning, the Owls sealed the deal, as Sikes drove in pinch-runner Kara Chambers with a single up the middle.

Amanda Henderson commanded the mound in game one, throwing her eighth complete game and fourth shutout of the season. Her incredible record of 10-0 was improved upon, as she allowed only three hits, and recorded eight strikeouts.

With the pair of wins, the Owls moved to 18-3 on the season and 2-0 in conference play, while Mercer falls to 14-14 and 3-2 in league play. The Owls will look to build on their first conference series and look for a road victory against fellow A-Sun rival Lipscomb.



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Travis Dean threw eight strikeouts in six innings against Mercer on March 16.

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STELLAR PITCHING FALLS SHORT for Owls against Mercer

Eric Fuller Sports Editor

Travis Dean put on a show at the mound for the Owls, but the effort was not enough as KSU fell to Mercer 5-1 on Saturday.

The starting pitcher kept the Bears off the board early, allowing the Owls to take the lead on their lone run of the ballgame in the bottom of the first. Bo Way fired a single to left field, and was then driven in by Chris McGowan after stealing second. Way's hit extended his 14-game hitting streak.

The early 1-0 lead carried KSU in the fifth inning, where Mercer's Logan Gaines drove home the tying run with a RBI single. The tie rejuvenated Mercer, who cashed in twice in the sixth inning and added a pair in the eight to cap the 5-1 win.

"Offensively we just weren't able to put a threat together," said KSU head coach Mike Sansing "That's been our story most of the season and it showed up again today."

The Owls struggled offensively as they failed to find the same success they had at the plate on Friday night's contest where they collected 12 hits. Against the Bears on Saturday, the Owls were only able to register five hits, all singles.

Dean was spectacular for the Owls despite giving up two earned runs and five hits. The loss dropped his record to 2-3. However, the starter recorded eight strikeouts.

"He had some cut on his fastball that was working for him," added Sansing of his starting pitcher. "We felt like they were swinging and missing a good bit on the fastball. He did well; we just weren't able to give him run support."

With the loss, the Owls fall to 9-10 overall. KSU will have to come out strong against their remaining Atlantic Sun opponents, as the Owls now are 0-2 in conference play.

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