

KSU CONSIDERS BANNING SMOKING ON CAMPUS

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KSU students smoke in the designated area outside of the Social Science building between classes.

The A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service and Research sent out voluntary email surveys to Kennesaw State students, faculty and staff to determine whether the KSU community supports a campus-wide ban on smoking.

KSU's current restricted smoking policy permits members of the community to smoke only in designated areas around campus.

The first page of the survey states "the intent of this research is to gather opinions regarding the possibility of making KSU a smoke-free campus." The survey asks participants if they encounter second-hand smoke on campus and whether they support the idea of a campus-wide ban.

"We currently have 336 completed surveys from faculty members, 691 completed surveys from staff members, and 3536 completed surveys from students," said Paul Vaughn, Assistant director for Survey Technologies at the Burruss Institute.

According to Vaughn, the Burruss Institute is a research institute within KSU that conducts telephone, email and Internet surveys on behalf of the university and other non-profit entities throughout the state.

Essentially, organizations come to the institute seeking to acquire data. The Burruss Institute then compiles and

conducts surveys before analyzing the results.

The principal investigator of the "KSU Smoke-Free Campus Survey" is KSU's vice president for operations, Dr. Randy Hinds.

His office contacted the Burruss Institute and asked if the institute would be interested in conducting the survey.

"The idea of conducting a survey was the outcome of a meeting between KSU Student Government Association President Rosalyn Hedgepeth and myself," Hinds said in an email. "The survey will close on April 26 and then an analysis of the data will be conducted."

He said the university's smoking policy has been a "perennial topic" for years.

"A substantial effort was made to accommodate both smokers and non-smokers with the construction of designated smoking areas around campus," he said. "What unfortunately continues to happen, and the number one complaint expressed by students, faculty and staff is that some smokers congregate outside the access doors to the various buildings, creating a gauntlet of smoke to be maneuvered."

Hinds said that several confrontations have occurred between these smokers and KSU faculty members.

"Any changes to the campus smoking policy will depend on the results of the survey, discussions with the SGA

and briefings to the faculty, administrators and staff senates," Hinds said. "A logical outcome of this process could be redesigning the campus as a smoke-free environment."

Kenneth White, professor of Political science and Criminal Justice and president-elect of the Faculty Senate thinks the proposed smoking ban is a bad idea.

"As a general rule, prohibition is a bad idea for nearly everything except nuclear bombs," White said. "If people are currently not smoking in designated zones on campus, then step up enforcement of

the current policy. When people break a parking rule, we don't ban parking."

Political Science major and non-smoker Lyndsey Perez said the smoke outside the Social Sciences Building sometimes bothers her.

Guillermo Dominguez, a smoker studying International Affairs, said he empathizes with the non-smokers.

"I could see how it would be beneficial to ban it, but at the same time I could see students having a fuss about it," Dominguez said.

Derek Kleiber, a junior studying Psychology, said he took the smoking survey.

"I think it's important to have these [smoking] areas," Kleiber said. "I used to go to Georgia Highlands and they don't. You're supposed to smoke in your car. Several times I'd see people sneaking around the building or sneaking onto the roof and it's much easier with the smoking circles."

Kleiber said that if KSU implemented a smoking ban, students would probably do it anyway.

The Sentinel will continue to follow the story and report on the results of the campus smoke-free survey after the survey closes and the data has been analyzed.



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NEWS

FIVE SUSPECTS ARRESTED, ONE STILL MISSING IN FRAUD INVESTIGATION

Mark Stanhope Staff Writer

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation and KSU Police Department are still investigating a fraud case that lost KSU nearly \$1 million.

The most recent arrest happened Tuesday after Julius Ogunshola, a Union City man charged with stealing more than \$67,000, turned himself in.

One suspect is still missing. Joseph Eto of Stone Mountain, allegedly accepted more than \$200,000—an amount slightly less than the kickback of \$221,050 allegedly accepted by Ramon Langford Morgan, who surrendered to authorities on April 2.

All six of the accused have

been charged with “conspiracy to defraud the state” by accepting money from KSU for overpriced work that was never conducted.

Warrants issued for the suspects on March 28 indicate bail for the accused ranges anywhere from \$10,000 to \$750,000, the most expensive being assigned to Gerald Donaldson, the former executive director of Environmental Health and Safety at KSU.

Four of the men have been released on bail.

Donaldson, who is still in custody, and the other former EHS employees are believed to have created a number of “shell

companies” where funds for incomplete work and fraudulent contracts were directed.

An EHS employee since 2001, Donaldson was fired on Oct. 5, 2012 along with the other suspects following a KSU investigation of fraud believed to have started in the summer of 2002.

The investigation followed reports made by KSU staff about unusual payment invoices.

According to a statement released by KSU on March 28, “[the fraud] extended well beyond KSU, to include private organizations and additional individuals outside of the University System.”

The statement also mentions

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Tuesday

- Friends of the Library: Used Book Sale
Horace W. Sturgis Library
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- KSU Wind Ensemble Performance
Bailey Performance Center
8:00-10:00 p.m.

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Wednesday

- Student Nurses Association
Bone Marrow Drive
Student Center
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Farmer's Market
Campus Green
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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Thursday

- KSU Philharmonic & Concert Band Performance
Morgan Concert Hall
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

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Friday

- CPR/First Aid Training Course
Student Rec & Wellness Center
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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Monday

- Presidential Diversity Awards
Prillaman Hall 1000
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- KSU Orchestra Performance
Bailey Performance Center
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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that the men allegedly conducted false vendor profiles that resulted in fraudulent payments.

"Malfeasance and fraudulent behavior absolutely are not tolerated, and we will prosecute any and all employees who abuse their roles to steal from this institution," Randy Hinds, vice president for operations said in the news release. "We will exercise the full extent of the law to prosecute such criminal activity."

KSU began the investigation and the case was eventually referred to the Georgia Attorney General's Office. Since then,

the school has made several changes to prevent fraud from going undetected in the future.

These changes include the hiring of a new high-level administrator and "rigorous" reviews of all contracts exceeding \$5,000 in the past two years, including 70 contracts exceeding \$1 million.

The university plans to implement the use of new fraud-prevention software.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation and KSU are unable to comment on the arrests since the case is still under investigation.

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

POLICE BREAK UP NOISY GATHERING

Around midnight on March 28, Officer Culberson and Officer Watson were called to a KSU apartment in reference to an unknown person screaming. When the officers arrived, residents told them that a woman's scream was heard in the hallway followed by what sounded like someone being slammed against the wall. The officers smelled burning marijuana in the hallway. Residents directed the officers to an apartment occupied by three students and two non-

students. When the students' rooms were searched, officers found a round, silver box containing half a gram of marijuana and numerous bottles of alcohol. The items were found in an 18-year-old female student's room. She was handcuffed on the scene and arrested for underage possession of alcohol and misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The non-students were issued criminal trespass warnings and escorted off campus.

STOP OR BE STOPPED

Officer Forman stopped a gray 2003 Honda Accord after the vehicle failed to stop at a stop sign on Owl Drive around 2 p.m. April 1. After Forman activated his police lights, the vehicle slowed and parked at the entrance of Lot D. When asked to provide his license and proof of insurance, the driver handed Forman an insurance card and a DUI permit that

had expired March 26, 2013. Forman completed a dispatch check and learned that the driver was issued a warning for criminal trespassing two years earlier. The driver was then arrested for disregarding a stop sign and driving on a suspended license. His criminal trespass warning was reissued and the Honda Accord was impounded to Kennesaw Wrecker.

DR. BARBARA GAINNEY named Communication Department interim chair

Hayley Castillo Staff Writer

Associate professor of Communication and Public Relations, Dr. Barbara Gainney, has been named the new interim chair of the KSU Communication Department.

"The interim chair has all the duties, responsibilities and accountability for effectively leading the department," said Robin Dorff, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. "The 'interim' refers to the fact that it is a stand-in appointment made without a search process and is in effect until a permanent chair is selected through a formal search process."

The Communication Department's faculty members nominated Gainney for the position, and the dean, in consultation with the faculty, appointed her as interim chair.

Gainney is currently the director of the Communication Department's Public Relations program with research interests that include crisis communication, crisis management, leadership and public engagement through new media.

Former chair Birgit Wassmuth announced she would be leaving after accepting a position as director at Kansas State University's A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Gainney has gained more than 20 years of experience within the professional communication field and was awarded the George Beggs Advisor of The Year Award for advising the KSU Public Relations Student Society of America chapter in 2007.

One of Gainney's main concerns as chair is keeping



communication flowing within the department as it continues to grow and implement new programs.

"The challenge is, as the department gets larger, staying in touch and keeping the communication channels open and trying to meet the needs of faculty and students," Gainney said. "I think we'll all be very engaged together in moving the department forward."

The department is currently implementing new minors in public relations, crisis preparedness and a new certificate in multiplatform news reporting. Each of these minors will be effective Fall Semester 2013.

Gainney said she is glad to help facilitate the growth of the Communication Department and is excited to be taking on a role that she hasn't performed.

"I'm enthusiastic," Gainney said. "It's a new challenge. It's a role I haven't done in academia before. I've managed programs outside of academia, but this is a new role for me. We're going to work together closely in the department, and I think it's going to go fine."

NEWS

SGA BEAT: New Overpass and Campus Construction

Kacie S. Whaley Staff Writer

At this week's SGA meeting, President Daniel Papp paid the council a visit.

He thanked the student government for its contributions to the new football department developments before informing those in attendance that he is working on improving the heavy traffic that accumulates around KSU by having an overpass built that would reach Interstate 75 by the East Parking Deck.

"Two years from now, traffic jams [surrounding KSU] ought to be gone for good," Papp assured the audience.

Papp then provided updates about when students should expect the construction projects to be completed.

"The Zuckerman Art Museum will be open in October," Papp said.

As for the new addition to the Bagwell College of Education, which is being built near Kennesaw Hall, Papp said that it will "hopefully be done in Fall 2014."

Randy Shelton, executive director of Auxiliary Services and Programs, added to Papp's news of construction projects by revealing plans to upgrade the Student Center.

Shelton, who called the older portion of the Student Center "outdated and insufficient," said the building's east, entrance which faces The Green, as well as its west entrance will be remodeled.

He said that an outdoor grill will be constructed in addition to two large multi-purpose rooms and a sushi café where the CyberNest used to be.

With the increase in KSU enrollment, Shelton insisted "we've got to have a much larger bookstore."

Shelton then announced plans to open a bookstore at Town Center Mall.

Shelton said the bookstore would provide general books, KSU apparel, electronics and textbooks. Students will also be able to receive the same assistance that the Card Services department on

campus provides.

The bookstore on campus will remain, but it will be mostly geared toward academics.

Shelton added that a one-card system will also take place in the near future.

"Students will only need to use one card for everything," Shelton said, "which includes (but is not limited to) culinary services, the bookstore, parking, and housing access."

A member of the student council questioned Shelton about whether funding for these projects would come from an increase in student tuition.

"All of this is coming from the existing fee structure that is in place," Shelton responded. "This project will take several phases."

Construction on the entrances, outdoor grill, and interior improvements are expected to begin between May and August of this year. The bookstore, multipurpose rooms and new staircases will be completed by Summer 2014.

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Papp: state of the university is 'excellent'

Shaddi Abusaid News Editor

Kennesaw State University President Daniel Papp delivered his annual State of the University Address Wednesday and Thursday morning in the auditorium of the Bobbie Bailey and Family Performing Arts Center.

Papp has been president of the university since July 2006 when he took over for Betty Siegel, who spent 25 years in charge. Over the course of his nearly seven-year tenure, Papp has seen the KSU community grow substantially in both student enrollment and national recognition.

Papp began his information-packed speech by welcoming the audience and thanking them for attending before diving into major issues concerning the university in its 50th year.

"KSU today is a major institution," Papp said, "a community of almost 30,000 students, faculty and staff.

"Our overall economic impact is almost \$900 million," he continued. "But it hasn't always been this way."

He reminded audience members that KSU began as Kennesaw Junior College in October 1963.

"KJC had zero students, zero faculty, zero staff and zero facilities," Papp said. "We've come a long way in 50 years."

Papp said accreditation expectations have heightened over recent years, effecting how the school handles internal processes and documentation. He congratulated several faculty members for their work

in compiling the university's Five-Year Interim Report, which was submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges last month.

Papp said he is highly confident that SACS will favorably view this report.

"I know it's been a burden, but in this era of increased accountability, we have no choice but to comply and comply well," Papp said.

Papp continued by congratulating the school on a long list of recent accomplishments before recognizing students who received recognition for their academic and extracurricular

accomplishments.

Kennesaw State was one of 21 colleges and universities in the nation to receive an "A" for its core curriculum requirements, according to the American Council of Trustees and Alumni.

Papp also announced several academic leadership changes, saying four of the university's nine colleges are, or soon will be headed by new deans.

He then discussed how Gov. Nathan Deal's "Complete College Georgia" program will effect the school.

Deal launched the program last year with the hope of increasing the number of Georgians with college degrees,

improving the quality of higher education in the state and tying college completion to economic development.

"We are moving in the right direction but we still have a ways to go," Papp said. "The reality is that four other University System of Georgia comprehensive universities, whose entering freshman class is similar to ours, graduate a higher percentage of students in six years than we do."

Papp said he wants to get the university to become more engaged and prominent in the local community, the state and in the nation.

"We must do a better job of packaging, promoting and marketing what KSU and its people do in external communities."

Papp said the school continues to make progress concerning the development of new facilities and infrastructure.

He announced the General Assembly's approval of \$4.4 million in bonds for renovating the Sturgis Library.

"In three years we will have devoted almost \$6 million to improving the library."

KSU has also opened begun construction on three new academic buildings, including the Science Laboratory Building, the Zuckerman Art Museum, and the \$20 million Bagwell of College Education Building expansion.

Papp announced that construction will begin on the \$39 million Dr. Betty Siegel Student Activity and Recreation Center, which will feature

indoor and outdoor pools, five basketball courts, a multi-activity court, eight tennis courts, a weight and fitness area, a rock-climbing wall, an indoor track, a wellness center, and volleyball and racquetball courts.

Finally, the president announced the construction of a \$20 million overpass, which will connect Frey Road to the west of I-75 with Busbee Parkway east of the interstate.

He said the construction will take about two years to complete.

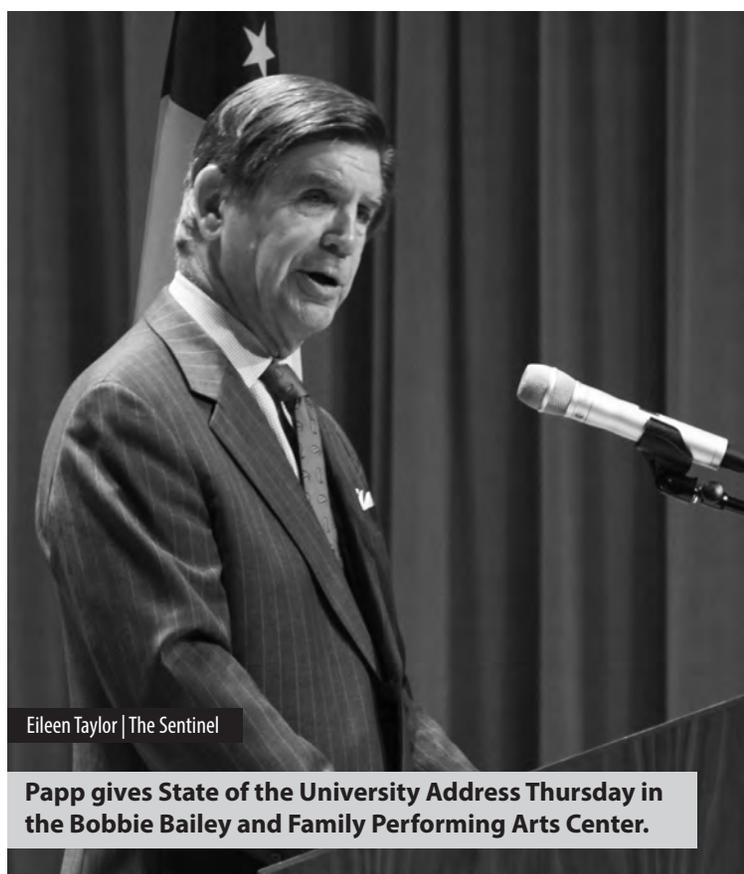
"Our budget remains tight as the state and country struggle to emerge from the recession," Papp said. "For five years, the state has provided no funds designated for salary increases."

After the speech, Papp said he isn't sure that there is a classroom shortage facing teachers and students in the fall, referring to it instead as a "distribution issue."

"We have put in place a new system where classrooms, instead of being owned by individual departments, are owned by the university," Papp said.

He said students and teachers in certain departments may have to utilize classroom space in different buildings next semester.

Dean of Student Success Michael Sanseviro said the annual address is "critically important because it lets everyone, both internally and externally, know where KSU [stands]."



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Papp gives State of the University Address Thursday in the Bobbie Bailey and Family Performing Arts Center.

ENVIRONMENT RIGHT FOR BOHANNON

Michael Foster Staff Writer



On March 28, KSU officially introduced Brian Bohannon as the school's first head football coach.

So, who's this Bohannon guy? If you have not heard the name much in the past, you're not to blame. Bohannon served the past five seasons as the quarterback coach at Georgia Tech. In fact, he's spent the past 17 years under the wing of triple-option connoisseur Paul Johnson.

There's no doubt Bohannon did a great job on the flats. He

helped guys like Josh Nesbitt, who was recruited to be a pocket passer for the Yellow Jackets under Chan Gailey, and Tevin Washington into fantastic executors of the complicated triple-option system.

Unfortunately, there's not much flash and dash that comes with a quarterback who runs that type of offensive system. While the triple-option offense is spectacular when ran correctly, Johnson's inability to woo local players became evident as Tech's talent dropped off in recent years.

This has led many to believe the triple-option is inherently horrible for recruiting. I adamantly defend my stance that Georgia Tech will be stuck under a low ceiling as long as Johnson is head coach. That system simply cannot leverage a brand against what other powerhouse teams have.

Running a triple-option for

a mid-major team in a non-football area and winning seven games a year means job security and a rather original brand. Running a triple-option in the heart of Atlanta basically means program suicide, at least for the Ramblin' Wreck.

So what is KSU's fate? Many believe hiring Bohannon is a terrible decision. But you have to remember that KSU will recruit and function out of a different environment than the one Georgia Tech is melting in.

Director of Athletics Vaughn Williams does not see KSU making a hardcore ascent into big-time football, which is what Georgia State will attempt to do this season when it plays FBS football in the Sun Belt.

Williams sees a more blue-collar market approach to building a football team at the FCS level. This means KSU will likely join a conference like the Southern Conference, Ohio

Valley or Big South and want to marinate at that level until winning is made a reality.

Division I college football exists in many tiers. Georgia Tech and Georgia State have found themselves in the wrong tiers in recent years.

KSU might be putting itself in pretty good shape. Georgia Southern is also slated to become a member of the Sun Belt in 2014, which means KSU will be the only FCS level program in Georgia aside from Mercer and Savannah State.

When you assess what KSU's immediate environment will be, the assumption that a non-conventional system will hinder the program doesn't seem quite as tangible.

Many high school teams continue to run the triple-option system with much success. The reason Johnson is struggling in Atlanta right now is because he's trying to field a

specialized system against juggernauts.

Georgia Southern has run the triple-option for years with success as a smaller school. While they are moving into a new environment in their own right, the stage is set for the Owls to find their place.

As long as you don't correlate Bohannon's name with the negativity that has bombarded his mentor, the prospect of seeing the most fundamentally complex offensive system in modern-day football surely comes across as something to be excited about.

Whether you like bashing Paul Johnson or not, it's time to get over the "oh crap" rhetoric and invite in KSU's first football coach.

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It seems that colleges, KSU in particular, are getting a little ban happy.

That itching trigger finger is now looking at killing smoking on campus. They think that if something is banned, it won't be around to cause harm. KSU has recently sent out a survey asking students about campus smoking.

The first problem in any discussion of banning something is that any ban infringes on the freedoms of an individual. Banning smoking is in clear language

an infringement on smoker's rights. You simply can't say it isn't. So from the start of the debate each side knows that our freedoms that define our country are under attack. That being said, society supports infringing on some freedoms for the greater good. So now the debate must decide if taking away a freedom from a group of individuals is worth the health benefits. It may be thought that if you ban smoking, people will smoke less. This isn't true according to economists at the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank. The researchers found that smoking bans don't have any significant effect on the number of smokers, according to David Nicklaus at St. Louis Today.

Secondhand smoke can cause harm. Georgians have gone to great strides limit the amount nonsmokers are forced to breathe, as we should. Smoking is no longer allowed

on airplanes, in schools, or in most establishments in Georgia. Smokers are now relegated to outside areas. I can completely support that, but now some KSU students and employees wish to ban smoking on campus completely. Many people feel that they are taking in too much smoke at KSU when they walk between classes. A study by Stanford University showed that being within 18 inches of someone who smokes two cigarettes over an hour is just as bad as being in a bar filled with smoke for an hour. How many people walk within 18 inches of the smoking sections accidentally? If you are walking that close to a smoker, you are voluntarily choosing to take in secondhand smoke.

KSU has a strict limited smoking campus with designated areas for smokers to use. These areas limit how much smoke the nonsmokers on

campus come into contact with. So are people upset that they must walk near these areas? Michael Seiger said in his New York Times article about New York City banning all smoking to restricted areas that these bans "may actually increase exposure by creating smoke-filled areas near park entrances that cannot be avoided." So by restricting

smoking to these special areas, we may be forcing nonsmokers into dangerous secondhand smoke areas. Wouldn't it make more sense to leave smoking unrestricted while outside so the density of smokers is lessened?

Why must we ban smoking completely? Are people upset about those students who do not obey the smoking restrictions? Are they mad at the amount of litter around the smoking sections? If that is the case, it would be better for students to seek out their SGA representative and tell them they want better enforcement of the existing campus rules, rather than KSU banning smoking completely. Banning campus smoking will be less effective than the restricted campus areas are.

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ARTS AND LIVING

KSU PULLS AN ALL NIGHTER: Relay for Life

Tori McCrite Staff Writer

Friday, April 12, KSU hosted its 2nd annual Relay for Life event on the campus green.

This 12-hour extravaganza, hosted by the American Cancer Society, was a night full of fun from the opening ceremony at 7 p.m. until the closing ceremony at 7 a.m.

Last year, Haley Carson and Laura Stewart co-chaired the first KSU Relay for Life, as Stewart was fighting cancer.

Stewart was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 15 and battled the disease for 5 years until October 2012 when she passed away. However, Carson believes that cancer did not win the fight.

Last year, Carson stated that she was involved with Relay because "both Laura and I's lives have been affected by cancer. With Relay [for Life], we wanted our dream of seeing the entire campus standing together and

fighting against cancer to come true."

This statement still holds true today. Though Stewart is no longer with us, her legacy will continue to be one of the driving forces behind KSU's fight against cancer.

"Though Laura can't be present with us physically, her spirit is here," Carson exclaimed during the Relay for Life's opening ceremony.

Throughout the night, Carson spoke passionately about Stewart's contagious joy and her life that still influences many today.

Many months prior to the event, participating teams began advocating for the all-nighter by raising money and preparing their booths for the event.

More than 30 organizations were involved in Relay for Life this year. Each team had their

own tent set up around the Campus Green where they offered various games to play and goods to buy in order to help continue fundraising during the night.

"My favorite part of the night was seeing all the different parts of the community come together for one cause," said Fred Castro, a senior communication major.

The Fighting Flowers Relay group, led by Erica Loughmiller, is associated with KSU House Church and was also in honor of Laura Stewart.

The Fighting Flowers booth sold chocolate-covered strawberries and hand-made bowties, hair bows, headbands, picture frame and also offered a fun photo booth.

"My favorite part of the Relay was probably dancing on the Green all night!" said Emily Gray, a sophomore and Human Services major.

The KSU Relay for Life Committee scheduled tons of entertainment that took place during the night. Some of the events included: a crazy hat walk, small-scale Olympic Games and a Miss Relay



Photos courtesy of Aaron Roberson

The first lap of KSU Relay for Life was the survivor lap honoring those who fought cancer in their life.

pageant where guys strutted in their best female attire.

Michael Baker, a senior and communication major, was one of the contestants.

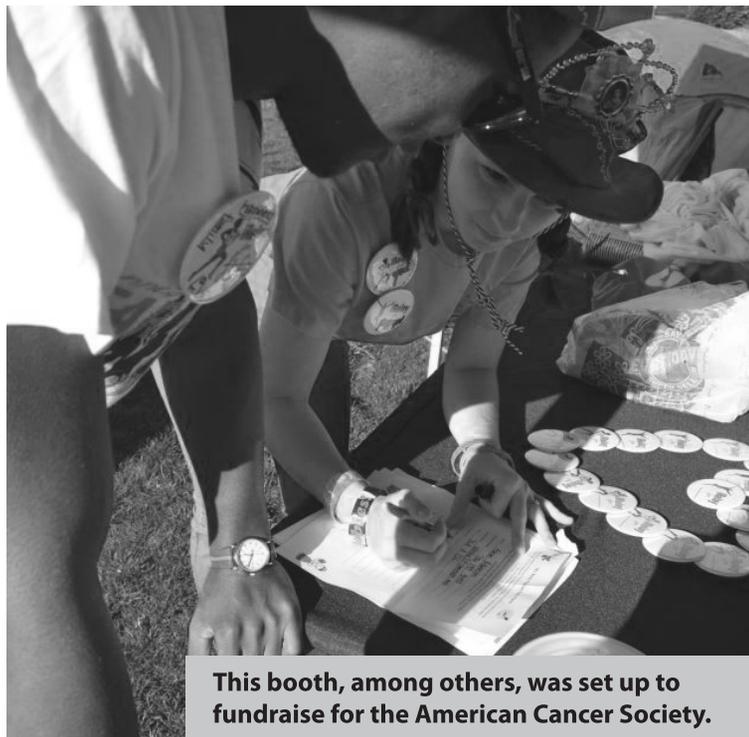
"It was quite a different experience to dress like a girl, but it was cool because everyone gave money to their favorite pageant contestant as a way to raise money," Baker said.

There was also a luminary service held to honor those who have survived cancer and those who have passed away. Luminaries purchased by

participants lit the path around the KSU Campus Green.

At 10 p.m., the luminaries were lit and each attendee was given a candle to light. Carson gave a moving speech, which was followed by a moment of silence as the crowd made a lap around the Campus Green.

The grand total of money raised for Relay for Life 2013 was more than \$50,000. The KSU Relay for Life Committee will continue taking donations and are already excited for the event that will take place next year.



This booth, among others, was set up to fundraise for the American Cancer Society.



KSU Relay for Life opens with commemorative yellow balloons in memory of Laura Stewart.

Dr. Judy Brown-Allen [right] is honored with the proclamation officiating Laura Stewart Day, April 12.

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CANCER SURVIVOR HONORS CANCER HERO

Amy Freeman Staff Writer

Dr. Judy Brown-Allen is not only a dedicated professor and senior lecturer of sociology at KSU, but she is also a three-time cancer survivor. Allen attributes her personal growth and transformation to her battle with stage four terminal breast cancer and Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Allen is the youngest of eight children and she grew up in the small country town of LaMarque, Texas. Raised in a two-parent household, Allen's parents were strict, yet loving

parents who placed a strong emphasis on education.

Although Allen has earned her Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice from Texas A&M at Prairie View, her Masters Degree in Clinical Sociology from Texas A&M and her Juris Doctor from Atlanta Law School, these are not the things that matter most in her life. Instead, Allen has learned through her battle with cancer that loving people, helping others and experiencing life to its fullest.

"Think about who I was – I was very aggressive, I wasn't a nice person. I wasn't a horrible person, but in order to practice law you have to become the sort of person where people don't matter," Allen said.

After her diagnosis, Allen's husband helped her prioritize what was truly important in life. "I needed to be sat down so that I could come to the realization that my life is not my life and I'm not in charge or in control. I planned my life to perfection. I didn't make any mistakes that other people made. So where's my reward?" Allen said.

Allen had just graduated from law school and was about to begin her career as a corporate lawyer when she began noticing that she was losing a lot of her hair and experiencing severe night sweats.

"Before I could even taste it – it was all snatched away overnight," said Allen.

When the doctor told Allen and her husband that she had stage four breast cancer and that it was terminal, Allen said, "I started laughing hysterically like a hyena. This is not real, this is not happening – I'm

dreaming." She relates her reaction to her diagnosis as self-preservation because it was the only way her body could process the traumatic news.

Allen has been cancer free for 10 years now and her story is miraculous.

"I get my reward everyday when out of 30 students that I teach, I have one come back and write me a letter," Allen said.

She is passionate about her work and her students at KSU.

Allen's office is decorated with the cards and letters that she has received from all her students, thanking her for taking time to listen to them. Allen has endowed and founded the N.A.A.C.P. scholarship and also founded and funded the Dr. Judy Brown-Allen free lap top scholarship fund in honor of deceased colleague Dr. Jonathan Freedman.

But that isn't the end of Allen's generosity or of her service to the community. April 12 will now be annually recognized as Laura Stewart Day in Kennesaw, GA.

Allen was participating in the Survivor's Walk for KSU's first Relay for Life, when she first met Laura Stewart, who helped bring Relay for Life to campus. Meeting Stewart was emotional for Allen because she was battling breast cancer as well.

"Laura didn't want anyone sad, so she ran up to me and just hooked her arm around my arm. She had the bluest eyes that I've ever seen on a human being and she had the brightest smile," she introduced herself to us and we had a 30-minute conversation. "It just turned from sadness to happiness," Allen said.





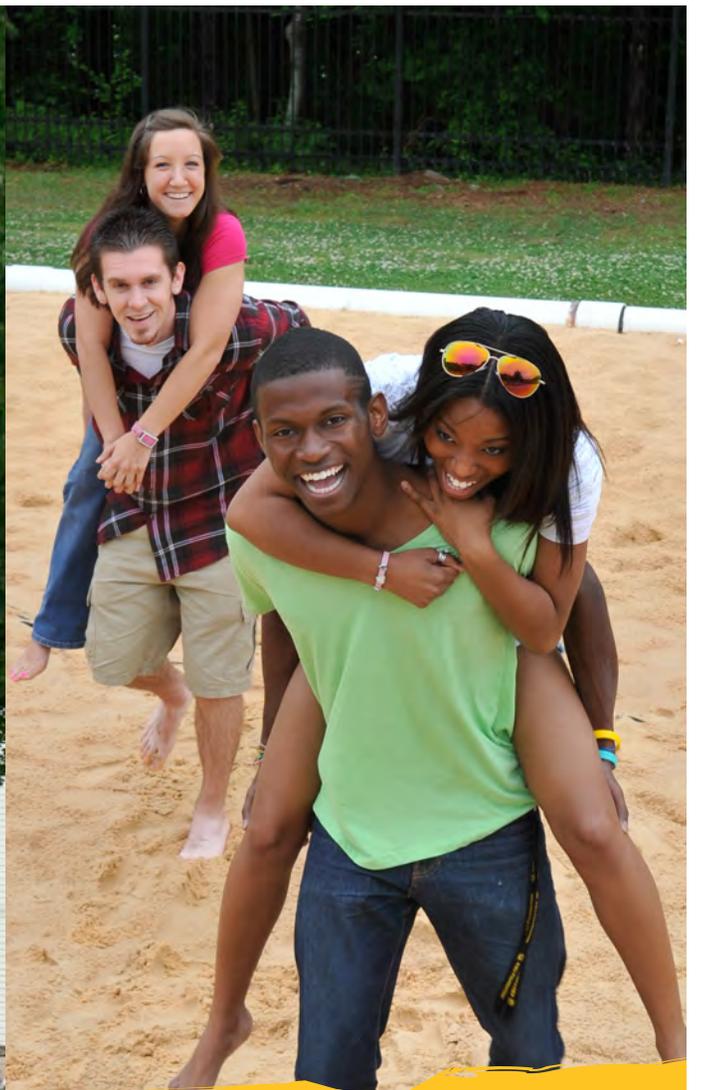
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Illustrates the battle against cancer

Roderic Graham Staff Writer

Since its inception in 2004, Beads of Courage has provided hope to children suffering from serious illnesses. Parents, family members and even hospital faculty use Beads of Courage to help the children cope with the fact that they have cancer or other serious illnesses.

Jean Baruch developed Beads of Courage because she realized how emotionally difficult it was for children to grasp the concept of having cancer.

After attending Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang

Camp for children and families coping with cancer, she noticed how infatuated the children were by the beads. She hoped the beads would have the same effect on the young cancer patients in the hospital where she worked.

All beads have their own meaning. White beads represent chemotherapy, yellow beads are for an overnight stay in the hospital and glow in the dark beads are for radiation.

Depending on the severity of their illness, some children can accumulate up to 35 feet

of beads.

Baruch hopes the children will use the beads as tools of encouragement to keep fighting through all of the treatments and surgeries and overcome their illnesses altogether. Beads represent strength and courage.

Over 60 hospitals in the United States, as well as a few in New Zealand and Japan, utilize the Beads of Courage program. Georgia has seven hospitals that utilize Beads of Courage. More than 10,000 children benefit from the Beads of Courage

program, which is constantly growing every day.

The Beads of Courage programs also offer other outlets of encouragement. The Creative Courage Journal is another activity that young cancer patients can use to take their minds off of cancer and focus on their accomplishments.

Courage in Motion is an upcoming event in Arizona that will serve as a fundraiser for Beads of Courage. This fundraiser is a 10 hour dance marathon. \$60 must be raised in order to participate in this

event, or an hourly fee of \$12 will be needed to enter alternatively.

Another unique fundraiser is Team Beads of Courage. Team Beads of Courage allows people to put together a team that will compete in walk/run marathons or any event that will allow you to represent Beads of Courage. It does not have to be a team effort; individuals can become a part of Team Beads of Courage. A few members of the U.S. Olympic Team were also part of Team Beads of Courage.

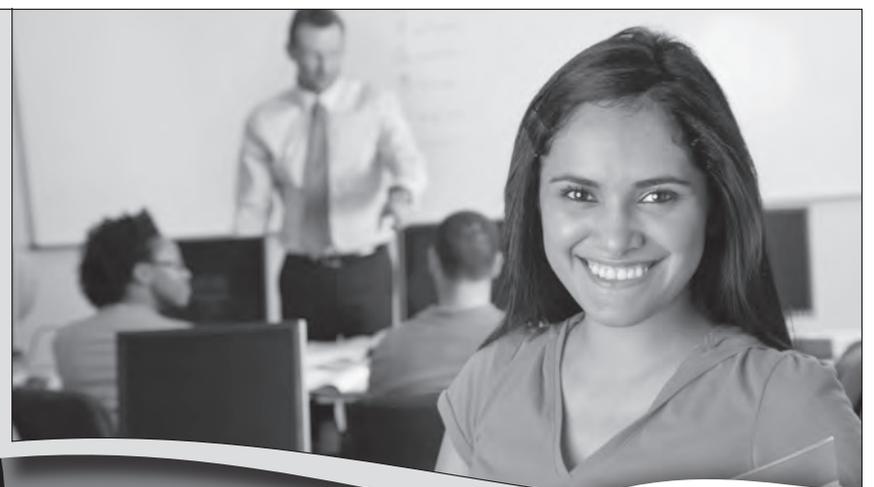
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PIXAR GOES TO COLLEGE: A Monsters University Preview

Michael Strong Staff Writer

Nearly 12 years ago, Pixar's *Monsters, Inc.* was released as a revolution in animation and storytelling. Many KSU students cherish this film as an animated masterpiece of their generation and will be thrilled to know that it is getting an appropriate prequel this summer.

Monsters University, which will hit theaters June 21, will be the perfect mix of nostalgia and relevance for those at the ripe college ages of 18-20.

Director Dan Scanlon and producer Kori Rae got together to provide all the juicy details on what went into crafting the prequel. Fans of the original film, as well as Scanlon and Rae, absolutely loved the relationship between the main characters, Mike Wazowski and Sulley.

Scanlon and Rae wanted to show how that relationship

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started and grew into what we saw and loved in *Monsters, Inc.* The college setting seemed like the best way to showcase their friendship.

“We knew that we wanted the characters to be somewhat familiar. If we went back to *Monsters Elementary*, we didn't feel like that would be the Mike and Sulley that we remember and love,” Scanlon said.

Scanlon also pointed out that he liked the university setting because it gave the opportunity to show the difficulty of transitioning into a completely different world with brand new people.

The film takes place 10 years prior to the events of *Monsters, Inc.*, so the art department at Pixar had the tricky job of making monsters appear younger. For the character of Mike Wazowski, who is simply a green sphere with one large eyeball, the art department had to study how to make an eyeball look younger.

For Sulley, the team decided to thin him up and lighten his fur. “We were all a little thinner in college, as you will find out once the harsh reality comes your way,” Scanlon said.

Original voice actors Billy Crystal and John Goodman return for the film, reprising their roles of Mike and Sulley respectively. So the job of restoring youth to their characters' voices fell on them.

“The guys had to find a new take on the characters that was still familiar but felt younger,” Scanlon said.

The characters will sound much more energetic, with more yelling than one would expect from the older versions of the characters. To create a realistic and familiar university setting, the creators had to visit college campuses for research.

They quickly realized that most of the team at Pixar had gone to art schools and had never really gotten to see what

campus life is like. In the film, Mike and Sulley meet through being in the same fraternity. So much of the research time was spent in fraternity houses where Rae said she got plenty of strange looks from students.

Scanlon said artists also came out to draw campus buildings so that they could create a campus that “although it is original to *Monsters University*, hopefully it feels familiar to everyone.”

Scanlon and Rae each deeply enjoyed their respective roles on the film. As director, Scanlon said he was fascinated to be able to see every aspect of what goes into making a Pixar film. As producer, Rae learned about how difficult the creative process really is.

“It made me more aware and surprised at how we ever pull this off,” Rae said.

The team will surely pull it off, as they do with every Pixar film. “We always want to touch something in people emotionally with our films,” Scanlon said. “This film is about how you let go of the thing that you think you absolutely have to be in order to be happy and how to find out who you truly are.”

Be sure to catch this humorous story of self-discovery when it hits theaters June 21 this year.

Monsters University will be in theatres, June 21.

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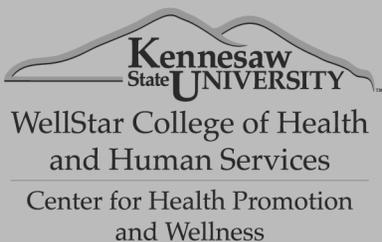


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A GREAT GOLFER is driven by a greater attitude

Chase Brown Staff Writer



Hardwork and dedication have helped Jimmy Beck see early success as a sophomore.

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Jimmy Beck was named Golfer of the Week Sunday after claiming individual medalist honors at the Irish Creek Intercollegiate in Kannapolis, N.C.

"It's a great honor. It was just a special week last week so I am thankful and humble to receive the honor," Beck said about his achievements.

The tournament kicked off neck and neck, despite clinging on to the win by a thread, Beck beat out Franco Castro by one stroke.

"I knew it was going to be a tough finish with the players that were there. So I knew I was gonna have to finish low so I was glad I did," said Beck.

Beck has improved his short game dramatically this season as a direct result of hard work and dedication in the offseason.

"Well since I kind of had a year of experience already I knew what to look forward to. I really focused in the off season on my short game. It is a skill that is really vital to have and it is what kept my game on the level that it needed to be this weekend," stated Beck.

Beck did not expect to have improved this much and be as skilled as he is currently as only a second year player.

"I never expected to get my second win this year. I had a

goal to at least win one, so winning a few is very surprising and I am pleased with it," said Beck.

Beck expects, with the experience of his team this year, they can win nationals. They have had problems in the past with shooting low consistently but they are improving with every tournament.

"I really expect our team to really finish out the season well. We haven't really come together as a team and played well together. I think it is about time we did it. I feel that our team is playing well right now, so in the post season we will really show what we are made of," stated Beck.

Last year the team fell short of winning the conference by only a few strokes but because of experience the team's luck is subject to change.

"Hopefully we all can come together and win the conference this year because last year we fell a few strokes short. Individually I hope to keep on winning tournaments and building on my resume," said Beck.

Beck strives to be like professional golfers that are successful and maintain positive attitudes on and off the course. He believes this is the key that is the building block to his future.



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The women's golf team will look to win back-to-back conference championships for the first time in the program's history.

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WOMEN'S GOLF HOPES FOR BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eric Fuller Sports Editor

The KSU women's golf team will look to claim their second consecutive Atlantic Sun Conference championship on Monday, April 15 at the Pine Lakes Course at Jekyll Island in Jekyll Island, Ga.

The Owls won the championship last season, marking the first conference title in the program's history. KSU will look to defend their title and grab their second conference title in back-to-back tries.

The 54-hole event will begin on Monday at 8 a.m. and will be played over three days. The Owls are seeded third, and are grouped with the overall seed, East Tennessee State and No. 2 Mercer.

"This is what we've been leading up to in the spring is this championship," head coach Rhyll Brinsmead said. "It's really our time to shine. We're excited to get away. The last couple of tournaments have been our best, so I'm excited the team is peaking at the right time."

The Owls enter the conference tournament playing some of their best golf. The team recently finished tied for eighth place at the Web.com Intercollegiate last week in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. The eighth place finish was the third straight top 10 finish for the team.

The veteran experience and leadership of Ket Preamchuen

led the team. The senior turned in her best finish of the season, grabbing a 10th-place finish with a 2-over par.

Preamchuen was named A-Sun Golfer of the Week back in September for her finish at the Dale McNamara Invitational. Preamchuen tied for second with a 2-over par 218.

Fellow teammate Kaew Preamchuen was part of a group of four players who tied for 27th with a score of 6-over par. Sophomore Ines Lescudier tied for 43rd with a 10-over par, while freshman Brittany Jarrett and senior Molly Winnett tied for 77th and 100th respectively.

Jarrett joined the roster in 2012-2013 after playing a solid junior and high school career. While competing for Tifton County High School, Jarrett led her team to the 2010 Georgia High School Association Region AAAAA state championship. She finished as the 2012 state runner up.

Lescudier has been a top player for the Owls all season. Her performance in the Challenge at Onion Creek earned her a second A-Sun Golfer of the Week award on April 3. She was previously named A-Sun Golfer of the Week on Feb. 13 after tying for 12th at the UCF Challenge.

The Owls will look to grab the conference victory coming off its most successful season as a program.

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PANTHER'S PROLIFIC OFFENSE TOPS OWLS

Eric Fuller Sports Editor

The KSU baseball team dropped a 12-5 contest on the road against cross-town rival, Georgia State, on Tuesday, April 9.

"It's exciting to play in-state teams," said GSU head coach Greg Frady prior to the game on Tuesday. "Kennesaw State has a really good program, and they have a reputation for having a really good pitching staff. Our reputation is a little more offensive, so when you look at the matchup, it should make for a very interesting game."

The Panthers strong offense would prove to be the difference in the ball game.

It looked like the Owls were going to run away with the game early on. KSU scored three runs right of the gate in the top of the first inning. Andy Almonte scored the first run, seizing the opportunity to streak home from third

base after a wild pitch from the Panthers. Jacob Bruce was driven in by Payton Hart's sacrifice bunt for the Owls second run of the inning before Max Pentecost came home to give KSU an early 3-0 lead.

While KSU took complete control in the top half of the first inning, the Panthers responded with strong hitting of their own in the bottom half. A pair of back-to-back doubles from Georgia State made it a one-run contest. After a scoreless second inning, the Panthers scored two more runs in the third to go grab a 4-3 lead.

KSU would regain the lead in the fifth. Almonte and Bruce were driven in after the Owls hit four straight singles to make it 5-3. In a back-and-forth game, the Panthers would grab the tying run in the same inning. After getting the go-ahead run in the sixth inning, the Panthers

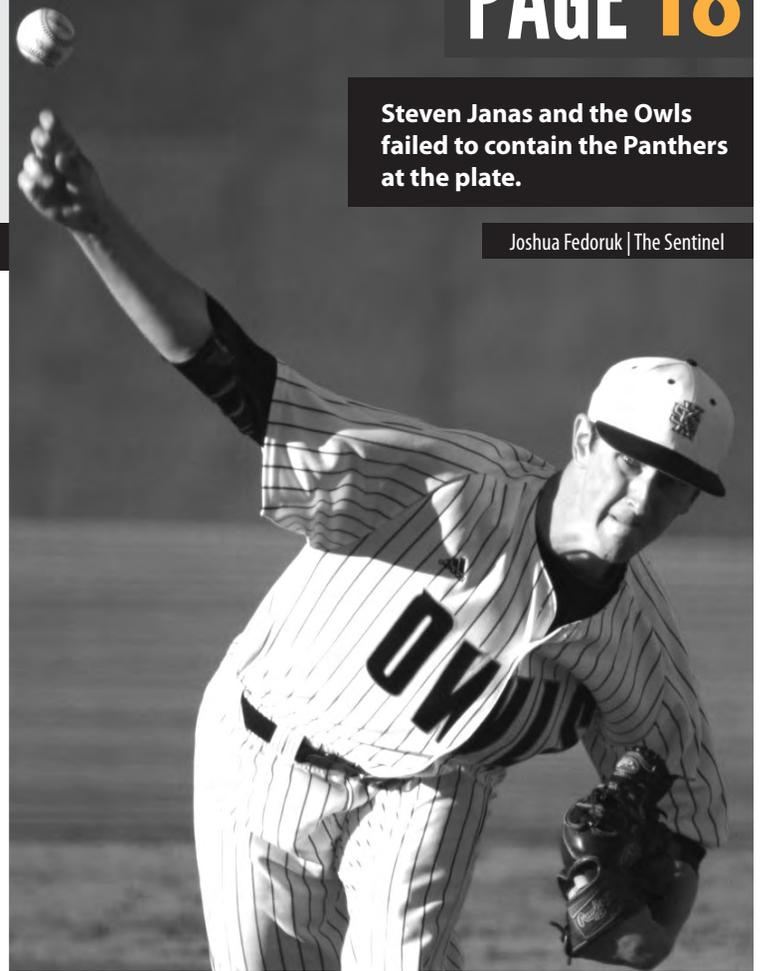
would take a 6-5 lead heading into the eighth.

In the top of the inning, and with their backs against the wall, the Panther's powerful offense came to life.

With two outs on the board, GSU would score six runs, three coming off a homerun to left field from Nic Wilson. The Panthers explosive inning was enough to bury KSU, and grab the win, 12-5.

Despite the lopsided score, the Owls were able to put up 10 hits through the contest. Pentecost and Ryan Raper had two hits a piece, with Pentacoast grabbing a double off one of his hits. Hart had a pair of RBI's while Bruce and Almonte scored twice for the Owls.

The Owls pitching was not enough to overcome the Panthers prolific offense. Starter Nathan Harsh gave up five runs



Steven Janas and the Owls failed to contain the Panthers at the plate.

Joshua Fedoruk | The Sentinel

on eight hits in five innings.

Jordan Hillyer gave up only two hits on two innings and struck out four, but suffered the loss to fall to 1-2 on the season.

The Owls will get a rematch against Georgia State at home on Tuesday, April 16 before heading off to Statesboro to face Georgia Southern.

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Michelle Quimby set a new record in the pole vault, jumping for a distance of 3.75m.

WOMEN

Senior Michelle Quimby was named the A-Sun Field Athlete of the Week. Michelle set a new record in the pole vault at the Florida Relays. Quimby set a mark of 3.75m, which also positioned her into the top spot in the A-Sun rankings.

Quimby fell just short of the qualifying mark for the NCAA Championships. However, with a handful of meets left in the season Quimby remains confident.

"Michelle has had quite the career," Eggerth said. "After tying her own school record multiple times last year, and this year, she has finally been able to break through."

"She's ready to go even higher," Eggerth added. "As she times things up a little better over the next few weeks, we are looking forward to her setting the record even higher and qualifying for the first round of the NCAA Championships."



Photos courtesy of Kennesaw Athletics

TRACK AND FIELD SEE SUCCESS AT FLORIDA RELAYS

Jimmy Beck Staff Writer

Freshman Bilal Abdullah has been named the Atlantic Sun Conference Field Athlete of the Week.

The Gwinnett County native etched his name in the KSU history book in two different categories. In the high jump, Abdullah jumped an A-Sun leading 2.16 m. This achievement also qualified the 14th ranked Abdullah for the NCAA Championships.

"He has had some struggles adapting to our training and

modification of his technique," KSU head coach Andy Eggerth said. "It is hard for freshman to stay focused and continue trusting the system when things are not clicking. I am glad that Bilal has been able to push through that phase, and now it is all coming together at the right time."

Abdullah and his teammates Dorian Powell-Harris, Josh Mulder and Andre Dorsey set a KSU record by running a 59.77 in the shuttle hurdle relay.

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