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ELECTRIC COWBOY

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The Sentinel has received reports of underage drinkers being breathalyzed leaving the Kennesaw nightclub.

UNDERAGE DRINKERS ARRESTED leaving Kennesaw club

Mark Stanhope Staff Writer

The Kennesaw Police Department is accused of breathalyzing Electric Cowboy customers as they leave the club in an effort to catch underage drinkers, according to patrons.

In an anonymous tip sent to The Sentinel in early April, one informant said a "sting operation" occurred against minors at the Kennesaw club, in which the word of a bouncer at the club could have a patron sent outside, where officers were waiting to test the blood alcohol level of individuals suspected of underage drinking.

The tip also called for a boycott of Electric Cowboy because of what the author referred to as "Gestapo tactics," which could result in a permanent arrest record that could negatively impact students applying for jobs or transferring schools.

Attempts to contact the anonymous informant were unsuccessful, as the informant did not respond to The Sentinel's follow-up to the claim that 65 students were arrested in one night at Electric Cowboy.

Justin Gillis, the general manager of Electric Cowboy, said that while the club does use Kennesaw police to help with safety precautions, no such sting operations are occurring.

"The only point at which a Kennesaw police officer will [test the blood alcohol level of] an underage patron would be if they are suspected of underage consumption," Gillis said, "or if one of my staff has seen an underage person drinking."

Gillis denied that the club or the Kennesaw Police Department screened underage patrons as they were leaving the club.

According to Kennesaw State student Robbie Cox, this simply

isn't true.

Cox, a junior majoring in Business, said he was just one of the club's many guests asked to submit to a blood alcohol test one night in March.

Not denying that he blew over the legal limit, Cox said he believes the methods used by police to catch underage drinkers are unethical. He said he saw a number of minors being tested and arrested as they attempted to leave the club.

Suspects younger than 21 can be arrested if their blood alcohol content is .02 or higher.

After being tested and arrested, Cox was sent to jail where he was placed in a cell with other underage drinkers from the club.

"I was in a cell with 15 guys," he said, "and in the cell next to ours was about the same number of people from the club." That figure doesn't include

the number of women allegedly arrested at the club that night, which Cox said was around eight or nine.

Officer Scott Luther of the Kennesaw Police Department denied that such methods are used, saying that officers are not at the club simply to catch underage drinkers.

"The city ordinance states that a concert hall of that size has to hire two off-duty officers to help with security outside the business," Luther said. "If there is any suspicion of a minor drinking, part of this operation is that you check in with an officer."

Luther said that arresting underage drinkers isn't a nightly occurrence, but if there is suspicion that someone has been drinking, whether seen by an officer of the Kennesaw Police Department or one of the staff at Electric Cowboy, the patron's blood alcohol

level would be tested.

As to the the claims that most, if not all minors are tested when trying to leave the club, Luther said, "that's impossible."

"There's no way we could test 50 minors or every underage person within one night."

Officer Luther said the only time an investigation begins is when a club employee smells alcohol on a minor trying to pick up his/her I.D. from the front desk.

"As soon as an underage person comes out, they don't just stop them and start an investigation," Luther said. "There's a lot more to it than that. There's not enough minutes in the day to test every single underage person who comes in there."

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RIDE-ALONG WITH KSU POLICE

Haley Castillo Staff Writer

A normal Friday morning in March was transformed into one full of patrolling, scoping and ticketing during a ride-along with KSU Police officer Garry Dicks .

The KSU Department of Public Safety is composed of 34 sworn-in, certified police officers dedicated to enforcing state laws, federal laws and local ordinances as well as patrolling and providing security for the campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

According to the KSU Police mission statement, "The Department of Public Safety exists to ensure that Kennesaw State University remains a safe and secure community,

conducive to the free exchange of ideas within an active setting."

After signing a waiver relieving KSU Police of any liability from injuries that may occur during a ride-along, any individual involved within the KSU community is free to climb into the passenger seat of a patrol car to spend two hours living the life of an on-duty KSU campus police officer.

In the early morning of March 8, Officer Garry Dicks prepares himself for a regular day of patrolling-- except this time he will be accompanied by a ride-along passenger in his squad car.

At 9:30 a.m., Dicks begins

his day patrolling areas such as Chastain Road, Frey Road, Busbee Drive and George Busbee Parkway.

"We cover a lot of ground," Dicks said. "Technically our jurisdiction runs 500 yards off of any state property. Then if you wanted to get more technical, being that we're state employees, technically we're state police officers, so our jurisdiction is statewide."

The official jurisdiction for all KSU police officers includes any property owned, rented, leased, controlled or occupied by the Board of Regents and spans another 500 yards in all directions

from these properties.

Excitement sets in at 10:17 a.m. as Dicks turns on his flashing lights to flag down and pull over a Toyota Solara for having an expired tag. After speaking to the driver and looking closer at the tag, Dicks realizes that he's made a mistake and the driver's tag is actually accurate.

"Her decal was valid," Dicks said. "So I smiled, I apologized and I told her the tags are busy and it was hard to tell whether [hers] was valid or not. She said she completely understood."

At 10:45 a.m. Dicks pulls over a Nissan Xterra for making an illegal U-turn at a red light. This time Dicks ticketed the driver

for a traffic violation.

Dicks is allowed to ticket drivers both on and off campus because all KSU police officers are authorized by Cobb County to enforce all county codes related to traffic enforcement.

According to Public Safety Director Ted Cochran, however, when a KSU police officer makes an arrest, the suspect must be transferred to Cobb County's detention facility.

"We do not have holding facilities," Cochran said in an email. "When an arrest is made, the subject is transported to the Cobb County Adult Detention Center."

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Wednesday

- Last day of classes
- School of Music Student Recitals
Bailey Performance Center
Morgan Concert Hall
2:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- KSU Owls vs Western Carolina Baseball Game
Stillwell Baseball Stadium
5:00 p.m.

2

Thursday

- First Day of Final Exams
- Student Government Association General Meeting
Student Center University Rooms
3:30-4:45 p.m.

3

Friday

- Student Recital : Zac Evans, Saxophone
Bailey Performance Center
Morgan Concert Hall
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

4

Saturday

- KSU Community and Alumni Choir Performance
Bailey Performance Center
Morgan Concert Hall
8:00-10:00 p.m.

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

METH FOUND IN WOMAN'S VAGINA

Officer Nelson was called for back up on 1270 Shiloh Rd. on the evening of April 10. Upon arrival, Officer Henderson informed his backup that he needed assistance searching a female suspect. The handcuffed woman allegedly told Henderson she had methamphetamine located in her vagina. The officers released one handcuff from the suspect and escorted her

to a private area next to a nearby building. According to the report, two plastic bags containing the drugs were partially inside the woman's genitals. Officer Nelson wrote in her report that she removed the two bags without penetrating the woman. The drugs and the woman were then turned over to Henderson.

STATE TROOPER NEARLY STRUCK BY SPEEDING BMW

Georgia State Patrol Trooper J. Puckett was directing traffic on Big Shanty Road around midnight April 20 and noticed a black BMW driving at an extremely high speed. The vehicle almost hit other cars that were parked in the vicinity. Puckett detained the driver and contacted

Officer Altman. Puckett told the officer that he feared the speeding vehicle was going to strike him. Officer Altman arrested the driver for reckless driving and transported him to the Cobb County Adult Detention Center.

SURPRISED STUDENT ARRESTED FOR UNPAID TICKET

A male student entered the lobby of the KSU Police Department on the evening of April 17 to inquire about a bicycle in the KSU bike storage area. Upon performing a background check on the student's driver's license, Officer Haynes discovered that the student had an outstanding warrant for his

arrest by the Kennesaw Police Department. The student stated that he received a ticket from Kennesaw Police but could not figure out how to pay it online. He also said he was unaware that he could be arrested for not paying a ticket. The student was apprehended and transported to the Kennesaw Police Department.

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KSU HOSTS INAUGURAL PRESIDENTIAL DIVERSITY AWARDS

Shaddi Abusaid News Editor

Several members of the KSU community were honored at the inaugural Presidential Diversity Awards for their involvement with the university and recognized for their commitment to making KSU a more diverse, equitable and inclusive institution.

KSU President Daniel Papp was in attendance along with nearly 100 others for the first-ever Presidential Diversity Award Ceremony held Monday, April 22 at 1 p.m. in the Prillaman Hall auditorium. The purpose of the event was to recognize outstanding members of the community and award them for their various achievements and efforts to make Kennesaw State a unique institution of higher learning.

KSU's Chief Diversity Officer Erik Malewski welcomed the audience members before speaking about the importance of recognizing individuals who promote diversity

across campus.

"As many of you know, diversity work can easily go unrecognized," Malewski said. "For this reason, diversity and equity work often comes from a different place within us."

Malewski said the hard work of individuals within their communities, although important, often goes unrecognized and unrewarded. He said the award ceremony is important because it honors the "trail-blazers" of the institution, the individuals who compel others to become better people and challenge their assumptions.

"The work they do is a result of a calling, a sense of being called to do work for the collective good of different communities-- to making things better-- to righting wrongs so that humanity as a whole might be better."

President Papp delivered the ceremony's opening remarks.

He said the awards "epitomize our continued pursuit of inclusive excellence."

"These awards speak to our past and offer a glimpse of what our future can be," he continued.

Following Papp's speech, Kennesaw State's Presidential Commission Chairs were introduced. These faculty members gave brief speeches before recognizing the Diversity Award winners and presenting them with plaques for their various accomplishments.

Disability Strategies and Resources Chair Elizabeth Tindel awarded Jill Sloan the Carol J. Pope Award for Distinction for her role as assistant executive director and program coordinator for the Academy for Inclusive Learning and Social Growth. Sloan works to improve opportunities for KSU students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Gender and Work Life Issues Chair Robert Wise honored KSU

student Flora Lowe-Rockett for her efforts to develop a childcare facility on campus for non-traditional students with children.

Ana Baida, the associate director of Career Services and chair of Kennesaw State's GLBTIQ Initiatives, presented Kennesaw State's Associate Provost Teresa Joyce with the Gender and Work Life Issues Outstanding Contribution Award. Joyce was recognized for working to improve the college experience of KSU's LGBT community.

Sociology Professor Jesse Benjamin was awarded the R.O.H. Social Justice Award for Racial and Ethnic dialogue for his role as faculty adviser for KSU's African and African Diaspora Studies and well as his work with the school's NAACP chapter.

Benjamin has been teaching for 16 years, seven of which have been at KSU. Benjamin, a

self-proclaimed "Pro-Palestinian Israeli," said he "stands for all forms of social justice" and identifies with oppressed groups around the world.

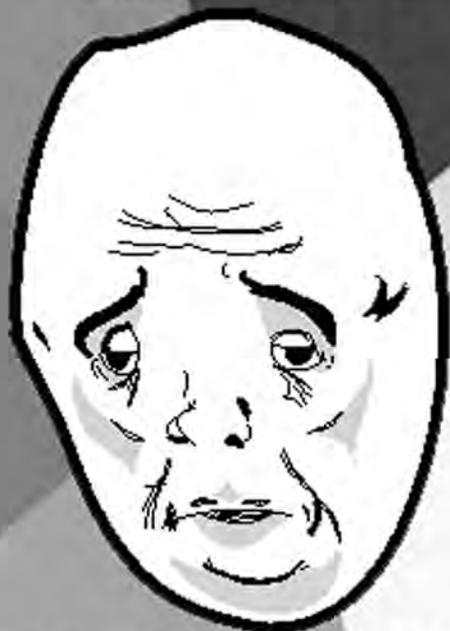
Kennesaw State Biology Professor and Director of Sustainability, R.C. Paul, was presented the Sustainability Award for Distinction for his help in creating KSU's Climate Commitment Council.

Lastly, KSU Student and Iraq War veteran Derek Ridings was given the Excellence in Service and Leadership Award for his work with fellow KSU veterans.

Ridings, who works at the Veterans Resource Center on campus, served in the Army and spent three tours of duty in Iraq over the course of five and a half years.

"It was nice to be recognized for my work," Ridings said. "It was a neat experience and I was honored to receive it."

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SIGN LANGUAGE ENTHUSIASTS PETITION to have ASL classes taught at KSU



Students at the College of St. Catherine's in St. Paul, Minnesota, practice American Sign Language in an interpreting class. Some students at Kennesaw State hope to add ASL to the list of foreign language classes offered on campus.

Photo courtesy of MCT Campus

Kacie S. Whaley Staff Writer

Kelly Hyder-Stockdale, president of the OWLS American Sign Language Club, is determined to add ASL to the list of foreign language courses offered at KSU.

The ASL pamphlet states that while The University System of Georgia recognizes ASL as a foreign language, KSU "currently does not offer American Sign Language as a foreign language credit."

Hyder-Stockdale, a Psychology major, said that offering ASL as an accredited class will help bridge the communication gap between hearing and non-hearing students.

"The communication gap affects deaf education," Hyder-Stockdale said.

She said the average deaf high school student will graduate with a third-grade reading level due largely to the fact that "only 38 percent of teachers of deaf students know ASL," which makes it difficult for students and their teachers to communicate.

Unfamiliarity with ASL leads many of those outside of the deaf community to have misconceptions about the language.

"The biggest misconception is that people think it's English on the hand," Hyder-Stockdale said.

She said that in actuality, ASL is closer to the Japanese and Navajo languages than any other language in terms of structure and syntax.

The miscommunication between the deaf and hearing also causes other issues for deaf children.

According to Vengeful Stapler, a website that provides information about ASL, "90 percent [of deaf children] are born to hearing parents."

Hyder-Stockdale said 88 percent of those parents do not know ASL. She also said these statistics may be connected to the fact that "50 percent of deaf girls and 67 percent of deaf boys 12 years old and younger are sexually abused."

Hyder-Stockdale said this abuse could be prevented if deaf children knew more

people who were educated in sign language and that ASL education could begin at universities like KSU.

While Hyder-Stockdale said she is certain that ASL would benefit KSU students, several members of the Foreign Language Department and not convinced.

Thierry Léger, an associate dean and professor of French, consulted with fellow French Professor and chair of the Department of Languages, William Griffin, about the possibility of creating an American Sign Language course.

Both faculty members came to the conclusion that "while ASL is a language, it is very different than the other languages taught in the Department of Foreign Languages [in that] it is not the equivalent of exposing students to a foreign language and culture."

The professors argue that other foreign language classes teach "language skills and culture," while teaching ASL

would only focus on "learning and producing signs to communicate."

Some members of the deaf community disagree with this viewpoint. Vengeful Stapler suggests that the deaf community is comprised of its own "set of values, rules and traditions different from typical American values."

Vengeful Stapler provides examples of deaf literature, history and customs that are foreign to many Americans. Many deaf children, for example, view their family members as not only relatives, but also as teachers and classmates.

Hyder-Stockdale's statement about ASL being more complicated than just a hand-translation of English contrasts with the professors' notions that the language is as simple as "learning signs."

While some may disagree about the need for an ASL course, many in the deaf community remain hopeful.

Jessie Robbins, a Biology

major who is also deaf, said she believes that ASL classes would be beneficial.

"If other deaf students were looking at KSU for attendance and they discover that there may be other students on campus taking ASL and learning about the deaf culture, that would be a positive thing and help [with] their decision to make KSU their school," Robbins said.

Hyder-Stockdale said that although she would like to see a sign language class offered as soon as next year, she is still in the process of getting a petition and proposal together before presenting the idea to President Papp.

Hyder-Stockdale said students interested in learning ASL would be able to utilize sign language regardless of which field they're in.

She has created a petition to create an ASL class, which is available online at www.ipetitions.com/petition/asl-at-ksu/.

WHAT DO YOU SAY TO TAKING CHANCES?

Megan Emory Editor-in-Chief



Oh my heavens, this is it. I've been thinking that same phrase for the past week and it's hard to write about the end of my term as The Sentinel Newspaper's editor-in-chief.

So much of my college experience has revolved around being a part of this team. While my entire staff expects immense amounts of tears, and they aren't far off, I'm going to use this space to explain how much writing for a college newspaper has changed my life and mentioning those that helped me along the way.

To start, let me take you back to spring 2012 when I walked into a room full of strangers and came out the editor of The Sentinel. I went in with a packet, a prayer and a good luck text from my mom ready to prove to the student media board that I wasn't crazy for wanting to take this position. I told them I was going to do a redesign, create a styleguide and further the work of the editors before me. Thanks to a stroke of what I think is pure luck, I got the position.

I was ecstatic and it took me all of two minutes to start planning what I wanted to do with the newspaper. My next decision was my best to date as editor. I hired the best production manager I could have ever asked for, Andrea Dowis. From that point on, the two of us became an unstoppable duo and I owe all of The Sentinel's success this year to her help. I will never be able to thank her for being my rock, my friend and my number 2.

The middle of my term involves happy tears, sad tears and exhausted tears. I owe my strength to the student media advisor, Ed Bonza. There aren't many people that can put up with my kind of crazy, but Bonza never cared that I was overdramatic, intense and determined. He put so much time and faith into my term and I will be forever grateful for his help and believing in me.

My family is a major part of me making it through the middle. As the youngest twin, I tend to hate the spotlight and count on others to make major decisions. Lucky for me, my twin sister Katie has always pushed me in the right direction and even convinced me to put in my application to become a writer years ago. If she didn't make things better, my boyfriend Josh would. Without the two of them, I would have been lost without someone to talk me through all my biggest decisions.

As a daddy's girl, I always go to Randy to share good news and to get advice on how to handle a staff. As my mother's daughter, I'm thankful to say that I get my work ethic, attention to detail and ability to cry from Karen. As a granddaughter who can't go a week without talking to her grandparents, I'm lucky to have a Nanny and Pop who listen to all the insane stories I have and to be my biggest fans. It was a big decision to take this job and if it wasn't for my family agreeing to help me when I needed it, I never could have made it this far.

By the end of my term, I can honestly say that it takes a village to make a paper. Without the help of Amie, Alek and the rest of the student media staff, I would have lost my mind. I'm grateful for all the good times and being surrounded by people who truly reflect the messages that I write about them on their

inspirational sticky notes.

I'm a mother hen type so here is the part where I thank every section editor, designer, writer, photographer or staff member that has been a part of The Sentinel. You make a lot of friends being a part of a group, but it's nice to choose a group that becomes a family. You all are the reason the paper goes out each week and I can never thank you enough for your dedication.

Okay, I'm done being sappy. Regardless of all the complaints and constant questioning, I will be forever changed by my decision to join my college newspaper. Thank you all for reading The Sentinel each week and I hope that you continue to find something to enjoy and consider becoming a part of the family that I've been happy to be a member of for the past 3 years. It's all yours Eric.

Megan is a senior and a Communication major.

Megan Emory

"I'm blessed with three boys (my wife says she has four, but I don't know what she's talking about), but if I had a daughter, I would like her to be just like Megan. A truly good person with a huge heart. I'm going to have her cloned."

- Ed Bonza

A SWEET FAREWELL

Andrea Dowis Production Manager



My love for The Sentinel is like my love for frozen yogurt. Sweet,

a treat to look forward to and a little messy—no, but really every time I've gone in the office, I know we'll be mixing up something special—with lots of different ingredients. It won't be perfect every time, but it'll be an adventure in the making.

I'll be the first to admit that this hasn't been the easiest job in the world, but it has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my college career—and one I'll never forget. I started my stint with The Sentinel as a production assistant in 2012 and fell in love with the atmosphere and the people I was working with to produce a paper. I always tell people that I wish I had found The Sentinel semesters earlier than I did. I was then hired on as Production Manager by Editor in Chief, Megan Emory—and together we've been a tenacious force.

To Megan, my EIC and true partner in crime. We're leaving the paper in good hands. I'm going to miss you and the work we've done together—so incredibly much. Through the redesign that we forged ahead with and your dedication to going above and beyond to maintain a level of consistent quality; your unfaltering spirit is truly an inspiration and I am so happy to have joined you on this journey. Through it all you've truly been the yin to my yang and I am honored to call you friend.

We've accomplished a lot and I am so proud to have been a part of this team. We are a dysfunctional, hilarious

and hardworking family, each person adding his or her own special flavor to the mix that has made each Monday one of the best days of the week. I'm going to miss you all. Saying goodbye is never an easy thing to do—and next Monday will come and I'll feel a twinge of sadness, but pride that there are good people working to keep the legacy going.

To Eric, congratulations to the new EIC! You've been a rising star this semester. You've been consistent in your work ethic and that's going to take you far. Be encouraging, fair and persistent—you can do it!

To Laura, the up and coming Production Manager, you're a talented designer and I know you're going to do wonderful things for The Sentinel. Trust your instincts and you'll nail it every time.

To all of the section editors, writers, photographer and designers—I can't tell you how much I appreciate every single one of you. Each week you come to the plate and deliver. Literally, there would not be a paper without the effort that you put in and I am forever grateful to your dedication.

To our advertising team and our advisor Ed Bonza—where would we be without you? I have been extremely grateful to the synergy that we've worked toward over the past year. Your support and understanding helped fuel us and together we have created a strong team.

Words of advice: talk openly with each other, always seek truth, get the work done, but most of all have fun! Relax enjoy each other's company and remember that you are doing a noble service for Kennesaw State University—don't forget that and be proud of yourself...I certainly am.

Andrea is a graduate student and an Art Education major.

Andrea Dowis

TELL THE PRESS TO SHAPE-UP OR SHUT-UP

Carl DeBeer Opinion Editor



As I sit here putting off papers and watching *The West Wing* and *Newsroom*, I realize that Aaron Sorkin is right. Our country is not the best country in the world. We spend more money on military than anyone else combined and we constantly bicker and squabble over petty differences when we should be striving to make our country ever better and greater. We no longer can claim that we are the shining example for the rest of the world and the fault lies in everyone. America no longer questions itself because it is no longer informed. In a way right out of

Aldous Huxley's "A Brave New World," our country is so diluted with information that we no longer know what is important. We have an institution in this country that is tasked to bring us the most important information so we may ingest it and make informed decisions so as to properly maintain our democratic process. That institution is the press and they have failed our country.

The rise of the 24-hour news cycle has led to a dilution of our news. Now that every single bit of information can be spread across the world in rates that would make the common cold jealous, we no longer have to worry about column inches or running into commercial breaks. Now we just through in a line that says to check our website or follow us on Twitter. With the constant ratings battles of televised news and the dying media of print journalism, whatever sells the most or brings in the most ratings wins the battle of importance. That's why our country was obsessed

with Casey Anthony and not with midterm elections, rising debt or the still ongoing wars. Please tell me how the trial of an alleged child murderer is more important than anything else that was going on? It wasn't, but because we are obsessed with gossip and water-cooler chat, we had weeks of "specialists" and "insiders" telling us the real story. I am ashamed of the journalists who betrayed their obligation to our country so they could get a quarter-point bump in the 18-25 demographic.

If we want America to be grand and beautiful again, we need men and women who will inform us! We need the men who will call out a president for his crimes or sniff out the cronyism and corruption in our system. We need men who will report on wars, not from some predetermined press-relations center, but from the front lines! Show us what are senators have voted for. Let us decide if we have the moral obligation to invade a country. Let us know

when our leaders lied about weapons of mass destruction in the hands of would-be terrorists. Help us elect the men who will do great things again.

I know I am rambling on after watching two shows based off of the ideal situation. Journalists have already attacked *Newsroom* for showing 20/20 hindsight and perfect situations, but so what. Our ideals are supposed to be grand. No one told us that the moon was too far or communism was too entrenched. No, we set our goals and we hit them. Our fathers will always remember sitting in their pajamas watching man walk on the moon and dreaming of being astronauts. We owe it to our future children to continue reaching those outlandish ideals so they can dream to be better than us. With real men and women showing us the way, we can do it again.

So here is your task. Stop watching the 24-hour news channels. Stop picking up trashy gossip rags. Stop letting the

media betray you. When you hear about an issue, check every news site you can. Read the oppositions stuff. Read another country's stuff. Watch the other guy's channel. Maybe then you can get a real opinion. And when you are watching and reading this stuff, write a letter to an editor or call in to that talk show and let them know you want real journalism. You don't want their opinion. You don't want their spin. You want the facts laid out in an honest and unbiased way so you, the public, can make informed decisions. Oh and the next time you go and vote, make sure you don't get your research from a campaign commercial.

And just as Will McAvoy in *Newsroom* says, we aren't the greatest country anymore, but we can be.

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Disc Golf—10th Place—National Collegiate Disc Golf Championship (North Augusta, SC)

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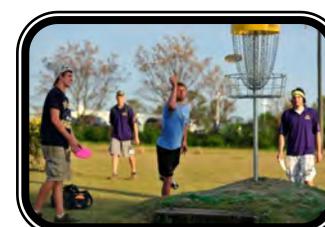
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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: PAULA BECHTLER

Amy Freeman Staff Writer

According to the KSU mission statement, the university strives to create “a supportive campus climate, necessary services and leadership development opportunities, all to educate the whole person and meet the needs of students, faculty and staff.” One of the ways the university accomplishes these goals is through recognizing individual examples of excellence.

Students, faculty and staff have the ability to nominate and recognize KSU staff members who have gone out of their way to help others. Once a month, the Staff Awards and Recognition Committee, comprised of Staff Senate members, evaluate the nominations for Staff Employee of the Month and choose the award recipient.

This award recognizes individuals who consistently demonstrate a high degree of excellence, professionalism and integrity, and who also go above and beyond their job description to help others in the KSU community. The person nominated must be a full-time KSU staff employee who has worked for the university for at least one year.

Paula Bechtler, administrative associate II of Academic Affairs at the Paulding KSU campus, was nominated and awarded March Staff Employee of the Month. As part of the award, Bechtler received a bonus in her paycheck – awarded by the KSU Foundation, a gift card from the KSU Bookstore, a voucher for a free meal at the Commons, a certificate signed by President Papp, a poster, a parking spot of her choice for one month and automatic nomination for Staff Employee of the Year.

“It is truly an honor to be named the KSU Staff Employee of the Month,” said Bechtler. “I’m grateful to my supervisor, Dr. Anita VanBrackle, for nominating me and to the Staff Senate for selecting me.”

Bechtler was born and raised in Chantilly, Va., a suburb of Washington, D.C. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with an emphasis on Journalism from Carson Newman University in Tennessee.

KSU hired Bechtler for the position of administrative associate in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and University Ombuds in May 2009, and she was promoted to her current position in October 2011. One aspect of Bechtler’s job is to coordinate the marketing efforts for the Paulding site through the avenues of social media and community engagement activities.

“In the past 13 months, our office has conducted 29 community engagement activities through the Paulding County Schools,” Bechtler said. “I particularly enjoy this aspect of my job, as it allows me to serve as a KSU ambassador to the community.”

Some of the qualifications for the Staff Employee of the Month nomination are demonstrating outstanding dedication; establishing the spirit of KSU in overall attitude and interaction with co-workers, faculty, students and visitors; excelling in the performance of their duties; and making a major impact on the university through their work.

“[Bechtler] hit the ground running and quickly organized our office while deftly handling any and every request that we threw at her,” said Dr. Anita VanBrackle, Paulding site director, faculty in residence and professor of Elementary and Special Education. “She answers every request in a positive manner and is always accessible to students, faculty and the rest of our staff. She never complains about the difficult challenges that we lay before her, and she is always excited to learn new skills.”

Course evaluations only go so far, the Staff Senate has worked to reward an outstanding KSU staff member every month to show recognition for his/her hard work. Students, faculty and staff can all nominate a deserving staff member. Below are some highlights of Staff Senate:

1. Staff Senate meetings are open to everyone; they are held the third Tuesday of each month.
2. To submit ideas and emails please email: Staff_Senate@kennesaw.edu
3. Interested KSU affiliates do not have to be an elected Senator to serve.
4. To see the full roster of the Staff Senate visit the website: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/staff>
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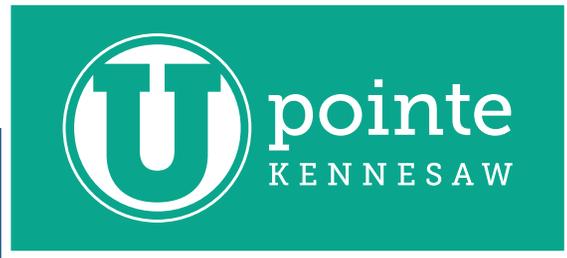
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BULLOCK & MCCARTHY TURN UP "THE HEAT"

Michael Strong Contributor

Coming hot on the heels of 2011's Oscar-nominated "Bridesmaids" is director Paul Feig's next film, "The Heat."

Alongside leading actresses Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy, the crime comedy features the improv duo of Jessica Chaffin and Jamie Denbo. The two play family members of Melissa McCarthy's character, Detective Shannon Mullins. Their characters, Gina and Beth Mullins, are loudmouthed jerks from Boston that do not get along well with the leading ladies of the film.

Jessica and Jamie recently paid visit to Atlanta as Gina and Beth to discuss what it was like being in the film. They were quick to point out that Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy got the opportunity to be in a film with Gina and Beth; not the other way around.

"I was excited for them because they don't get to meet awesome people like us," Gina said. "We're regular people, except better looking, more famous and less important."

Gina and Beth developed a strong relationship with Bullock and McCarthy while filming, and they will surely be working together in the future. Beth said she would be surprised if they go anywhere without them.

"They do these joke restraining orders against us. Like: 'we worked with those girls, but we don't want to see them anymore.' We're such friends now," Beth said.

The ladies were a perfect fit for a film with such heavy profanity. When asked if it was challenging working with McCarthy's foul-mouthed character, Gina pointed out that it was the exact opposite of a challenge.

"My first baby word was the F-word and the same for all my kids. Now, if everyone on the film had been speaking Puerto Rican, I would have been like: 'I don't understand,'" Gina said.

"The Heat" is the first film Gina and Beth have done, so seeing themselves on the silver screen was a surreal experience for the two.

"I was just waiting for me and Beth to come on, and when we did, I was living in the reflective glow that we were even in the movie," Gina said.

Gina and Beth were brought on to the project because of all the excellent work they have done playing "themselves" in the past. From "The Real Housewives of South Boston" to Funny or Die's "MA Men," Gina and Beth are no strangers to playing obnoxious

Bostonian women.

Director Paul Feig found these two to be the perfect fit for the role.

"He wanted people from Boston and had seen our videos. He was like: 'Those idiots can do it,' and we were like: 'We are those idiots,'" Beth said.

"The Heat" will be an excellent and unique addition to the buddy cop comedy genre. Gina and Beth's snarky attitudes play well off of Bullock and McCarthy's characters throughout.

"I don't really know too much about the story or what happens, but I'm pretty sure that it was an awesome film," Gina said.

Look for "The Heat" in theaters June 28.



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When an uptight FBI agent, Sandra Bullock, and an inner city Boston cop, Melissa McCarthy, have to work together for a common purpose, they "bring the heat."



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INTERNET ACTIVISM SPARKS THE END IT MOVEMENT @ KSU

Julie Roser Contributor



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The End It Movement has taken college campuses by storm over the last two years, working towards shining a light on modern day slavery.

Many students have probably seen the markings of the red X around campus, the community and online. These red X's symbolize the End It Movement campaign. Many events have been held on KSU campus to promote this movement and inform students of the 27 million enslaved people worldwide.

The Passion City Church in Atlanta created this movement not only to bring awareness to worldwide slavery, but to also shine a light on slavery

happening close to home. Atlanta is the American hub for juvenile commercial sexual exploitation. According to the End It Movement, in the United States there is an estimated 100,000-300,000 children involved in prostitution. The average child is first sold into slavery between the age of 11 and 14 years old.

The End It Movement road team visited KSU on March 11, 2013 to inform students of this growing movement and the need for financial support to help fight slavery out of the shadows. Also hosted on the Campus Green, students raised awareness by camping out for 27 hours to represent the 27 million people in slavery.

Sophomore and Marketing major Jacob Riescher attended the event and commented on the passion his fellow students had.

"It was amazing to see college students coming together to support a great cause. My favorite part was when Andrew Hogan [KSU student] lead fellow students in playing music and singing song, it was very moving," Riescher said.

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is a local contributor who is helping raise funds and awareness for the cause with the Daily Grind original coffee, Whit's Victory Coffee. This was created to generate funds for the movement, with \$1 of every purchased bag going toward the cause.

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SUMMER LOVIN' HAD ME A BLAST

Roderic Graham Staff Writer

For the past five months, KSU students have worked hard writing papers, studying for tests, working on projects and completing miscellaneous assignments.

Summer is almost here and many KSU students are deciding how to spend their summer.

"I am spending the majority of my summer working and probably taking a few summer classes to stay ahead of my academics," freshman and English major Rachel Fletcher said.

Flyers can be found around campus with various summer job opportunities for those students who make finding a job a top priority for

the summer.

"I am really trying to save money this summer, so when the fall comes I can focus solely on my academics and have little financial worry," Fletcher said.

Another option that many KSU students are considering is summer school. Summer school provides an opportunity for students to stay ahead as they strive toward graduation day.

"I definitely don't want to fall behind this summer and will be taking summer classes," sophomore and Computer Science major Jarod Dickerson said. "Between summer classes I will probably work or take a little vacation, it just depends on how everything is going."

Some students decided to take the summer semester off and go on vacation. School can be overwhelming at times, so many students take breaks just to relax and clear their minds.

"Besides working, taking a few vacations is the only thing on my mind," senior and Sports Management major Jamal Parker said. "School was a little stressful this semester with my class load, so I am more than ready to get away from Kennesaw until August."

Internships are very important for all college students, as they help students gain experience for the career they want to pursue. KSU has sent out dozens of emails,

had seminars and career fairs to expose students to internship opportunities.

"This summer I will be doing my first internship," junior and Finance major Marcus O'Rear said. "I am trying to gain as much experience as I can before I enter my career field, so I had to put working and other things in my life on hold so I can take full advantage of this opportunity."

A few lucky students are choosing to take their studies and internships abroad.

"I am interning in London this summer for a month," junior and Exercise Health Science major Ervings Germaine said. "I believe it is very important for

me to experience life in another country and this internship will look very impressive on my resume. This will be the ultimate networking opportunity."

There is still time for students to figure out what they want to do for the summer. There are still a few internship opportunities left and plenty of opportunities for summer employment.

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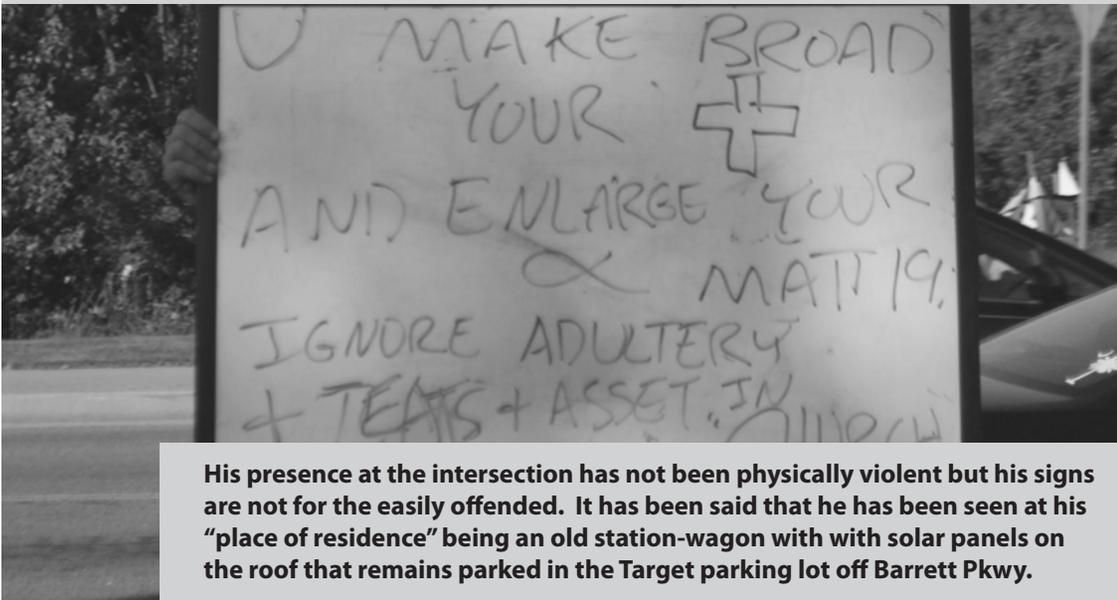
KSU students, staff and faculty all know the "crazy sign guy" that stands on the corner of Chastain and Frey. Despite his misspelled words, his signs stand for hatred against all women and adultery.

Samantha Machado Arts & Living Editor



Preaching that "women are whores" is just one of the vulgar comments he makes regarding women. While he was married, his wife cheated on him with his pastor and has taken extreme measures to make everyone aware of this fact.

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Jonathan Klotz shot a team leading 2-over par 74 in the third and final round.

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OWLS PLACE THIRD AT A-SUN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Jimmy Beck Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the KSU men's golf team started the final round of the 2013 Atlantic Sun Conference Championships just one shot off the lead. The Owls played well early on and were in the thick of it through the first nine holes. However, the team had their share of struggles on the backside of The Legends at Chateau Elan course.

"I told the guys to just go out and play with confidence and that they're good enough to play well out here and that's what I think we saw on the back nine," said KSU head coach Jay Moseley. "The guys just played

fearless golf and played the way I know they're capable of and they believe in themselves."

The team's struggles knocked them out of claiming their second A-Sun conference tournament title. KSU shot a finishing round of 18 over par 306 to close out 54 hole championship contest with a 33 over par 897 and a third place finish overall.

The seventeenth ranked North Florida team captured their second straight conference championship, finishing the tournament with a 17 over par total of 881 and 14 shots better than East Tennessee State

(881). M.J. Maguire turned in a 4-under par performance for the Ospreys which was the low round of the day. As a team they were 3-over par 291, which distanced them from the rest of the teams in the tournament.

M.J. Maguire's third round showing allowed him to be an individual medalist with a 1-under total of 215. Maguire shot two shots better than ETSU's Rhys Pugh who finished the tournament at 1-over 217.

KSU sophomore Austin Vick was the tournament leader after the first two days and nine holes on Tuesday, ultimately finishing eighth with an 8-over par 224

total. He began the backside of the course with a nine on the par 5 10th hole and shot a 9-over par 45 in his final nine holes to record an 81.

KSU sophomore Jonathan Klotz shot a third round 2-over par 74 to lead the Owls. Klotz finished tied for 25th with a 17-over total for a score of 223. Both Jimmy Beck and Peter Lunde Hermansson shot 5-over par 77s to tie for 13th with 12-over par totals of 228. KSU senior Ben Greene tied for 16th in the tournament with a 13-over par 229.

The Owls will now wait for the NCAA Championship field

to be announced on May 6 at 9 p.m. The tournament begins with six regionals scheduled for May 16-18, with selected sites located in Baton Rouge, La. (LSU), Tallahassee, Fla. (Florida State), Columbus, Ohio (Ohio State), Fayetteville, Ark. (Arkansas), Pullman, Wash. (Washington State) and Tempe, Ariz. (Arizona State). The NCAA Championships are set for May 28 – June 2 at the Capital City Club Crabapple Course in Atlanta, with Georgia Tech serving as the host school.

SPORTS

FOR ONE DISC GOLFER, A DIFFERENT STYLE PROVED TO BE THE DIFFERENCE

Eric Fuller Sports Editor

Going into the final hole of the National Collegiate Disc Golf tournament, Brett Wishon didn't know how close to victory he was. All he knew was that his opponent had just bogeyed the 18th hole, and a conservative approach would help him shoot one better.

The KSU disc golfer defeated Mike Sale of the University of California, Santa Barbara by one stroke and won the Individual National Collegiate Disc Golf Championship on April 7 at North Augusta, S.C. Behind the kind of conservative play that defined his tournament, Wishon shot a 38 in the final round of play, finishing with a score of 150.

"I think I tied for the best score on the final round. I felt like I played good, but I didn't feel like I played the best," Wishon said. "I was happy I won though. It felt awesome."

A pole stood in the middle of the fairway on the final hole that required the disc golfers to throw to the right side of



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Brett Wishon is presented with the championship trophy at the National Collegiate Disc Golf Championship in North Augusta, S.C.

it. Wishon watched as Sale failed to drive his disc to the mandatory side, forcing it left and eventually causing him to bogey the hole.

"He had to re-tee, and ended up getting a four on the hole," Wishon said. "I just made sure I threw it inbounds."

Wishon was able to shoot a three on the 18th, carefully coordinating his drive as to not miss the mandatory side of

the fairway. The chain basket he was aiming for sat directly in front of a small pond. He made sure not to overthrow his second shot, and laid his disc up near the basket, allowing for an easy putt for par.

Wishon is not known for this conservative style of play, but it was that exact style that allowed him to outduel Sale on the final hole and stay in the hunt for first throughout the

tournament.

"I normally don't play as conservative as I did. This course is a lot tougher than most courses I'm used to," Wishon said. "The baskets are elevated, so if you go for a putt you could end up throwing your disc 15 to 20 feet past the hole."

Wishon had the opportunity to play the course earlier in the week during team play. Distance and terrain made for

a challenging course. Wishon had to rely on his long drives, combined with precision throws to best the heavily wooded course.

"Most of the courses around here [Kennesaw] aren't as wooded as the course we played," Wishon said. "All the baskets were elevated so it made it hard to putt. If you miss-putt you go way past it."

Wishon finished the first round of play tied for 4th with a score of 56, just 3 shots behind the leaders. Sale shot an excellent first round, finishing tied for 2nd with a score of 54. Wishon hung around in the second round, and then came alive in the third, besting Sale's final round by 3 shots.

Wishon's stellar play in the final round had him tied with Sale. As the two approached the 18th hole, one throw would prove to be the difference.

"We were tied up until that last hole. He bogeyed and I got a par. I ended up winning because of that," Wishon said.



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KSU PAINTBALL OVERCOMES HUMBLE BEGINNINGS, CLAIMS FOURTH AT NATIONALS

Chase Brown Staff Writer

When you start with nothing, check into a dirty hotel and still place fourth in a national tournament, you are part of the KSU paintball team.

On April 19-21, the KSU paintball team competed in nationals at the University of Central Florida. For the past four years the team has encountered trials building the club team, but this year they placed fourth in nationals and first place in the conference.

In 2009, Spencer Lloyd started the team, and they have faced drastic changes over the years. Lloyd has been competing in tournaments across the country since 2005. Without a full roster, the team began competing at the highest collegiate club level.

A Motel 8 was awaiting the team's arrival on one of their first tournaments, as they pulled into the parking lot and approached the dark and dirty

run down hotel.

"There was a stray dog outside the room that barked nonstop and in the middle of the night someone banged on the door and yelled "cops open up", but eventually they left," Lloyd said.

The people in the town were also not accommodating. The team went to the local Walmart for help and the employees assumed they were in town for a "Harry Potter Convention".

This was four years ago and the team has come a long way since this incident.

At the beginning of this season the team was predicted to be the worst team in the league, but they quickly disproved all assumptions.

"Essentially we went from worst to top four in the nation. We took a lot of people by surprise because we ended up flying under the radar," Lloyd said.

The KSU team has been so successful this year because they have a fast paced offense with immense depth.

"Depth helps us overcome fatigue, when you don't have that depth that's when teams drop the ball and get gassed," Lloyd said.

The team clinched a first round bye at Nationals and advanced to the quarterfinals,

where they upset Florida Atlantic University.

The team plans to improve and have a larger recruiting class next year despite some setbacks, as Lloyd and some other seniors are leaving the team. Some of the younger players are going to have to step up and fill his shoes.

"Definitely it is a turning point; I started the club in

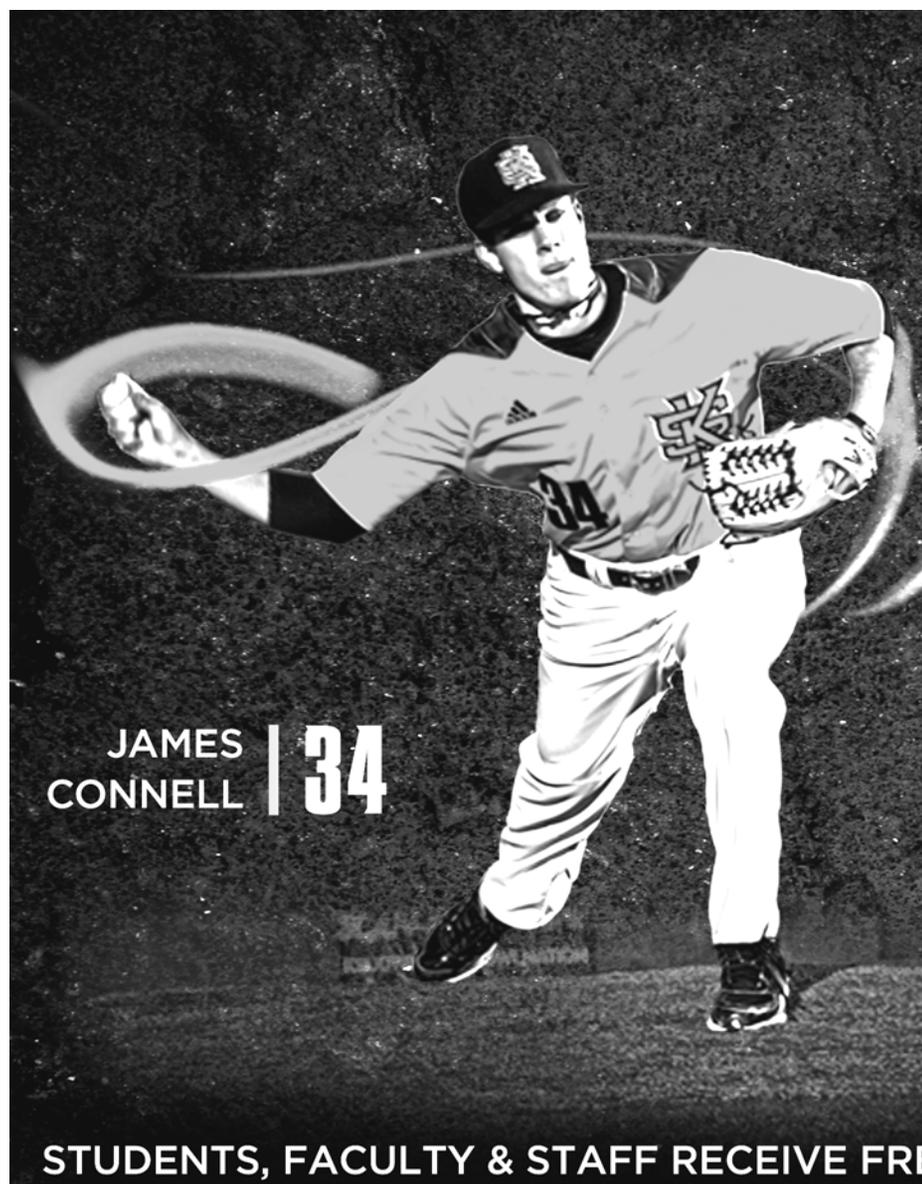
09 and have been running it by myself. Guys have kind of learned that if we are going to keep going they are going to have to step up," Lloyd said.

Lloyd will be studying abroad in China this summer but plans to stay involved in the team as much as possible. The team only has high expectations for next year with the plans of winning the National Championship.



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The KSU paintball team flew under the radar this season, grabbing first place in the conference.



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The KSU club tennis team made their first ever appearance at the National Championship tournament in Surprise, Arizona.

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KSU CLUB TENNIS FINISHES SEASON STRONG IN NATIONALS APPEARANCE

Sarah Woodall Staff Writer

The KSU club tennis team accomplished a big feat to conclude its season, placing 49th in the nation at the w. on April 13.

In its first ever appearance, KSU was one of 62 teams from around the country competing for the National Championship crown at the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex. KSU club tennis participated in

the copper bracket, one of four brackets, and eventually finished second. Using the World Team Tennis format, KSU defeated Western Washington in the first round 29-19, cruised past Villanova 30-12 in the second round, snuck by DePaul 27-22 in the third round and then fell short to Boston College 19-25 in the final.

"The competition was

exceptional and every team there was really good," Senior Club Tennis President Josh Bramblett said. "It was just a lot of fun going out there and having a chance to compete with that high talent level of players."

On the final day of play, KSU was able to witness the University of Georgia defeat the University of Florida in the

gold bracket final to win the National Championship. For Bramblett, witnessing UGA's club team win the title felt like an accomplishment for his team as well, because KSU faced UGA numerous times in tournaments throughout the season, coming close to defeating UGA once.

"It was just an awesome feeling to know that you hung in there with the team that took the national title home with them, and that you played with the national champs all year long, so it's a pretty good feeling," Bramblett said.

Despite not coming home with a trophy, club tennis saw the experience as the real victory. At the beginning of the season, KSU set a few goals. One was to continue to build on its reputation as a major competitor, but the number one priority was to qualify for Nationals. According to Bramblett, the journey was tough due to KSU being in such a strong region of competitors, which includes Georgia Tech, Georgia State and UGA.

Leading up to Nationals, Both the A and B teams for KSU were able to make deep runs in their brackets at the Tennis on Campus Southern Championship at Auburn University on Feb. 23-24. KSU went up against powerhouse schools from all over the region, defeating LSU, Clemson and Auburn in the process. On the final day of play, KSU lost to a familiar foe UGA, and their seventh place finish out of 52 teams was enough to earn a bid for Nationals.

"I'm very, very satisfied," Bramblett said. "I am very proud

of what we accomplished this year, and I had so much fun doing it too. Making it to Nationals was our goal, and we didn't come in last at Nationals either, so 49th in the nation is actually pretty good."

Club tennis has come a long way since beginning their program two years ago. Bramblett mentioned the team has really grown in numbers, but more importantly, he feels the enthusiasm each player brings to the club has created more of a team environment.

To junior Kimberly Williams the easy-going attitudes of her teammates made her first season more enjoyable.

"I felt like our team got really close, so we had a lot of fun," Williams said. "I like that it was really relaxed and it took a lot of pressure off."

"I think having more of a centralized goal led us all to bond in that way and to really succeed at something as a team," sophomore teammate Alex O'Neill said. "I think it was a great year compared to our first and second year."

Now that club tennis can say it has competed for the National Championship, it looks like the next step for this team would be to keep moving forward and continue to raise the bar. O'Neill, who will be returning next season, can speak for Williams, Bramblett and her remaining teammates, as she expects them to achieve the same objective for the next year, and for more years to come.

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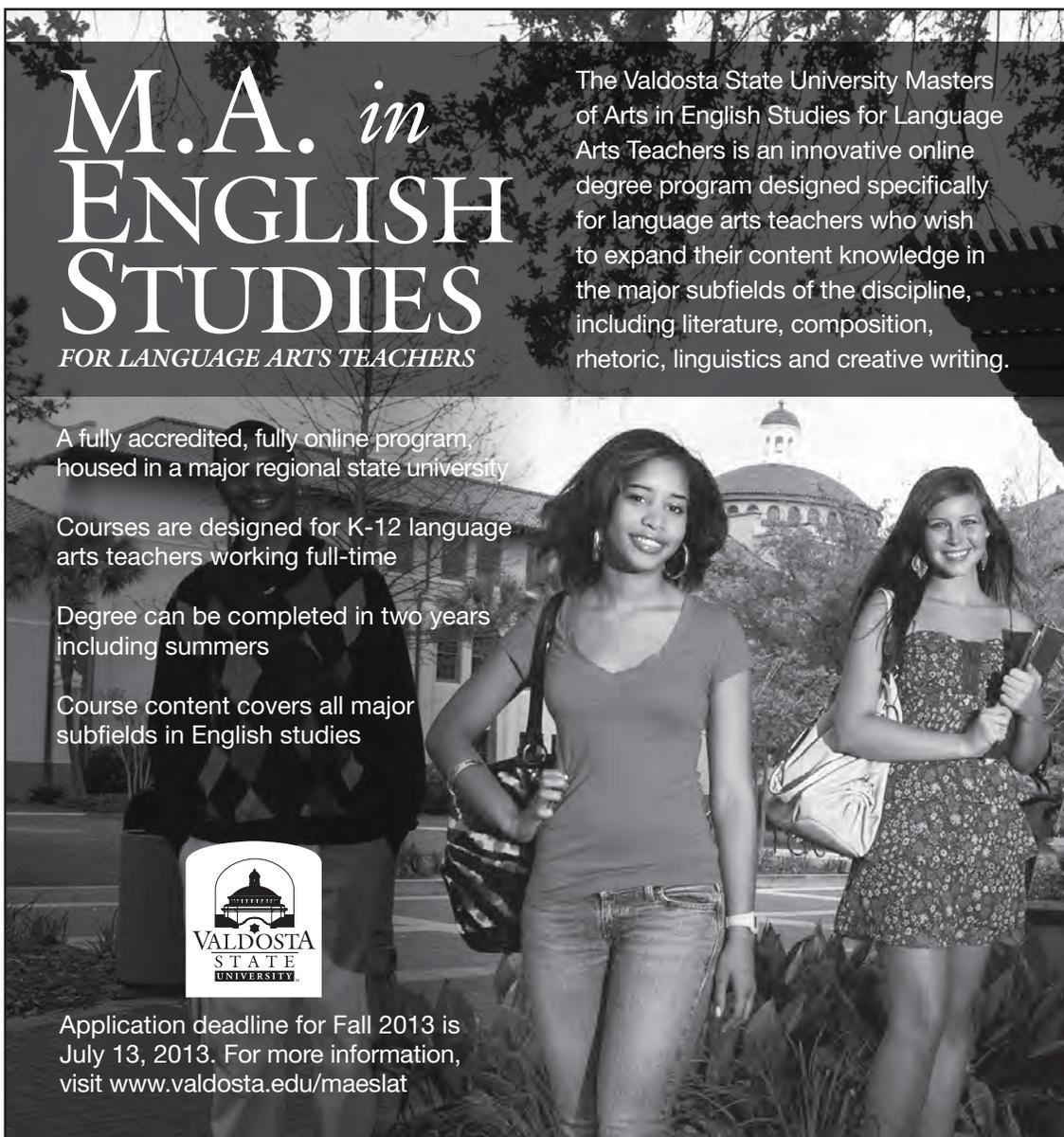
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CHARACTER AND IMPROVEMENT PROVIDES FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE OF KSU HANDBALL

Chase Brown Staff Writer

The KSU handball team has learned through competition that handball is not all about winning, but instead about improving. The team finished eighth at nationals recently, only winning two games this season due to a slow start.

Martin Branick and Trevor Sands started the club and began teaching recruits the basics of the game. They are powerful starters, hoping to turn the tables around for the handball team in the future.

"The first two or three months was difficult and challenging because we had to teach people basics like how to pass. Later as people became more experienced we were able to run plays," Branick said.

The team improved offensively as well as defensively throughout the season, which will help the team drastically next year.

"Offensively one of the things that changed was we started

running plays. We didn't have any plays when we started. We were able to communicate with the team and that's when we were able to put up point after point. Defensively we were able to get more physical in the game. Once everyone built confidence, our defense improved and was much better over the past month," Sands said.

The team may not have done well in the season, but they developed character. Sands and Branick said that going to tournaments was where the team developed relationships and became a family.

"The best thing about this team is we are more of a family than a team. The entire sport of Handball is like a big family. We hang out with other teams despite the game on the court. When you walk off the court you are friends," Sands said.

The team is currently recruiting players for next year

from many different sports, including a six-foot player that previously played basketball.

The handball team plans on becoming more competitive, adding depth and carrying over their improvement to next season despite a minor setback.

"We are losing our best player. He is Danish as well. We lose him and a couple of our starting wing players, but I think the rest of the team is going to improve. We are working on more depth. So I feel like we are going to be a stronger team and it will be a better year," Branick said.

The team has met their goal this year of improving. Two people started with the team and it has grown into a team of 11. The team has not only seen growth within themselves, they have also grown throughout the handball community, developing relationships that they will have for the rest of their lives.



The KSU handball team finished eighth at Nationals to conclude their inaugural season.



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