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THE BURDEN OF STUDENT DEBT

Shaddi Abusaid News Editor

It's no secret that higher education costs money—lots and lots of money.

The pursuit of knowledge may cultivate minds and build character. It may provide students with valuable experience and the marketable skills necessary to become gainfully employed.

It may lead to a number of wonderful career opportunities that perhaps would not have been available without a degree. But it can also leave students struggling financially for decades after graduation.

According to Kennesaw State's Office of Student Financial Aid, 80 percent of all KSU students receive some form of aid to help cover the cost of college and the average KSU student graduates owing more

than \$18,000 in student loans.

In the 2012-2013 school year, 15,686 KSU students took out federal loans. Seventy-nine percent of those loans were subsidized, meaning the interest is deferred until six months after graduation. For the 21 percent of students who took out unsubsidized loans, however, that interest begins accruing immediately—and can add up quickly.

In an interview with USA Today earlier this month, Richard Cordray, the director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said student loans have become the second largest source of consumer debt in the United States, surpassing credit card and auto loan debt.

Cordray said Americans owe more than \$1 trillion in

outstanding student loans.

KSU's Dean of Student Success Michael Sanseviro is no stranger to student loan debt. Having spent the majority of his adult life pursuing higher education, Sanseviro attended a number of universities, including Emory, Florida State and Georgia State.

"In total, between undergrad and various graduate degrees, between borrowing and refinancing, I ended up paying back about \$60,000," Sanseviro said. "What I did was every time I went back to school I would defer the debt."

Sanseviro, originally from New York, moved to Atlanta in the mid '80s to attend Emory University.

"In my first year it was actually cheaper for me to go to Emory

than it would have been to go to a state school in New York," he said. "My first year was actually pretty affordable."

Sanseviro said after his freshman year, Emory's tuition increased at least \$1,000 a year.

"Often the prestige of a private school is linked to comparative costs of other schools," he said. "Emory would always try to compete with Duke so if Duke increased their tuition, Emory had to raise theirs. Every year I was there it went up."

Sanseviro said he had to pay \$12,000 in his final year at Emory in order to remain enrolled in his classes.

Keelee Peterson, a KSU alumna who graduated in May

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with a degree in world history, said she owes approximately \$15,000 in student loans.

The 35-year-old mother of two, who works in commercial real estate, was a non-traditional student who went back to school after taking time off to work and raise her children. She said she has not started paying back her student loans yet because she is still in her six-month deferment period.

"I'm probably going to make one or two lump-sum payments and just pay it right off," she said.

She said she doesn't really worry about the money she owes because she and her husband are financially stable enough to pay it off.

"If they came to my house tomorrow and said, 'You need to give us the money today,' we could give them the money," Peterson said.

Peterson said she understands that not all college graduates are in her position and feels very fortunate.

"I have a lot of friends and a lot of family who are bogged down by the debt, but I think that's partly why we did things the way that we did," she continued. "There's a reason I was 32 years old when I went back to college."

Peterson said she could see how students can become overwhelmed by loan debt because it is so freely available.

"I think we have a problem in our society where we push kids to go to college right out of high school and I think it contributes a lot to where our student loan situation is right now," she said. "They make it so easy to get those loans [and] these kids think it's easy because they're not having to pay them while they're in school."

Sanseviro finished paying off the last of his student debt last December.

"Student loans are kind of like a mortgage," he said. "When you're paying the mortgage on a house, you might pay about \$500 that month, but of that \$500, maybe \$25 of it actually goes to the principal and the

rest of it goes to the interest."

Sanseviro said what was stressful about paying back his debt was that the interest was accruing.

"I'd be writing these big checks and I'd be looking every month but it seemed like my balance hardly ever went down," he continued. "That's what was stressful to me.

"With student loans you actually end up paying about three times more than what you borrowed because of how the interest accrues," said Sanseviro.

Donald Sabbarese, an economics professor at KSU who also serves as the director of the Econometric Center, said it took him five years to pay off the \$10,000 he owed after graduation.

"Students must consider the cost of their education and resulting debt versus

the potential income and job opportunities they anticipate upon graduation," he said.

Sabbarese said that in the current market, many graduates would have to spend more time searching for jobs that provide them with enough income to pay back their student debt.

"The cost of post-secondary education has surpassed the average inflation rate, putting pressure on students to borrow more," he continued. "The onus is on the student to do a better job to determine how much to borrow versus what they think they will be willing and able to pay back.

"Student loan debt today tops \$1 trillion and the level of delinquency continues to rise. The growth rate of student loan delinquency poses the greatest credit concern in the U.S.," Sabbarese said.



Eileen Taylor with daughter, Jordan.



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Contributor

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Campus Roads Cobb Avenue
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Bike Day Fiesta
Campus Green
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Exhibition
Reception/"Trajectory"/
Zuckerman Museum of Art
Trajectory Opening
Fine Arts Gallery: Wilson
Building
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Thursday

- Team Spirit Luncheon
KSU Center Combo
Classroom 213 & 217
7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Hillel Lunch n' Learn
Student Center
RSO Boardroom
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.
- Owl Radio Recruiting
Outside the Commons
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Friday

- ABLE-FloatABLE
Student Center Leadership
Room
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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Sunday

- Campus Outreach Service
Legacy Gazebo
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NEWS

POLICE BEAT

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

Stuart Morrison Contributor and Shaddi Abusaid News Editor

DRUG ARREST

On the afternoon of Aug. 2, Officer Fry noticed a black Toyota driving on North Service Street. The officer noted that a silver border obstructed part of the vehicle's license plate and the driver had failed to maintain lane. Officer Fry initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the driver and passenger, neither of whom were students. Upon contact, the driver became aggressive and Fry requested backup. Officer Putnam

arrived and after speaking with the occupants, noticed the scent of marijuana. The occupants were told to exit the vehicle so the officers could conduct a search. Upon searching the vehicle, the officers discovered 31 grams of marijuana and a white powdery substance that turned out to be a mixture of methamphetamine and crack cocaine. Both occupants were arrested and taken to Cobb ADC and the vehicle was impounded.

BAD ROOMMATE

A man flagged down Officer Jackson in the University Place parking lot on the morning of Aug. 6. He had returned to his apartment earlier and was confronted by his roommate who was wearing underwear and sweating. The man told the officer that when he got home, his roommate yelled, "You're done" and charged at him. After looking around

the apartment, the man noticed the sofa had been flipped over and a number of his personal items had been destroyed. According to the report, the man said that his roommate had taken LSD and "was acting very weird." The man said that he did not fear for his safety, but did not want his personal items destroyed. No arrests were made.

DRIVING WITH HEROIN

On the evening of Aug. 5, Officer Watson observed a gold Lexus driving without headlights after dark and initiated a traffic stop. The driver did not initially pull over so the officer activated the siren. Watson made contact with the driver, who said he did not have his license with him. The officer indicated the reason for the stop and, according to the report, smelled the faint odor of burnt marijuana and

observed that the driver's eyes were bloodshot. Upon searching the vehicle, Watson located a brown and white, solid substance he believed to be a illegal drugs. The driver indicated to the officer that the substance was heroin and was arrested. The driver was taken to Cobb ADC and the two passengers were escorted off campus. No marijuana was found inside the vehicle.

K-9 DEPLOYED

On Aug. 8, just after 2 p.m. Officer Jackson was called to the scene of a traffic stop on Busbee Parkway with his trained narcotics dog, Jerry Lee. The driver of a 2001 Nissan Xterra was instructed to exit his vehicle while the dog walked around the SUV smelling for illegal drugs. The driver told the officer to go ahead and said he had

nothing illegal in his vehicle. According to the report, Jerry Lee walked around the vehicle in a counter-clockwise motion and then went back around in a clockwise motion. Officer Jackson advised that Jerry Lee "did not show any interest in the vehicle" and no further action was taken.

FIFTH THIRD BANK blitzes KSU campus

Jessica Garcia Contributor

Fifth Third Bank and KSU entered into a \$5 million, 10-year agreement in February, making it the largest sponsorship in the university's history.

Fifth Third's financial contribution is set to go toward projects in the athletic department and improvements around campus as well as the startup of KSU's football program.

As part of the agreement, Fifth Third Bank has been given naming rights to KSU's stadium and various advertising and recognition privileges throughout the university.

Fifth Third Bank's logo, facilities and ATMs can be found around campus. According to Alvin Barba, the director of

Athletics Communications, "Part of the sponsorship agreement [with the bank] included signage, ATMs throughout the campus and the naming rights to the stadium."

The school's partnership with the bank has also prompted new KSU IDs for all students, faculty and staff. The new IDs, which double as Fifth Third bank cards, have two stripes on the back, one for campus-related transactions and the other for banking transactions.

The growing number of Fifth Third Bank equipment around campus has not gone unnoticed by students.

Sophomore Biology major Kelsey Line said the change may be good.

"It will be really convenient

for students who use the bank," Line said, noting how the number of Fifth Third Bank ATMs has grown since she started at KSU last year.

"Maybe more students will transfer to Fifth Third Bank now that it will be so convenient around campus," said Angela Demarco, a sophomore studying Biology.

Other students are not such fans of the partnership.

Junior Carl Duperval said he does not know much about Fifth Third Bank, but finds the sudden influx of the bank's equipment to be "overwhelming and feels like [KSU] may be pushing the bank on [the students]."

Jordan Williams, a sophomore studying Communication, said

he thinks the deal is "awesome and convenient."

The partnership has been called beneficial for both the bank and the university. Fifth Third is relatively new to Georgia, having entered the state market in 2008. The partnership with KSU should prove helpful in the bank's expansion.

"Our expanded relationship with Kennesaw State University reflects our plans to continue growing in Cobb County, the broader Atlanta metro area and throughout the state while supporting our communities and building our brand," Jennifer Castanet, marketing director for Fifth Third Bank in Georgia said in a February news release announcing the

university's partnership with the bank.

Although Fifth Third Bank is the official bank of KSU Athletics and the largest executive agreement the department has had to date, Barba said the Department of Athletics "hopes to finalize other major sponsorships in the near future."

Details about the other sizable sponsorships have not been released, but the arrangement between KSU and Fifth Third Bank has given the football program its start, which is expected to transform the culture of the university.

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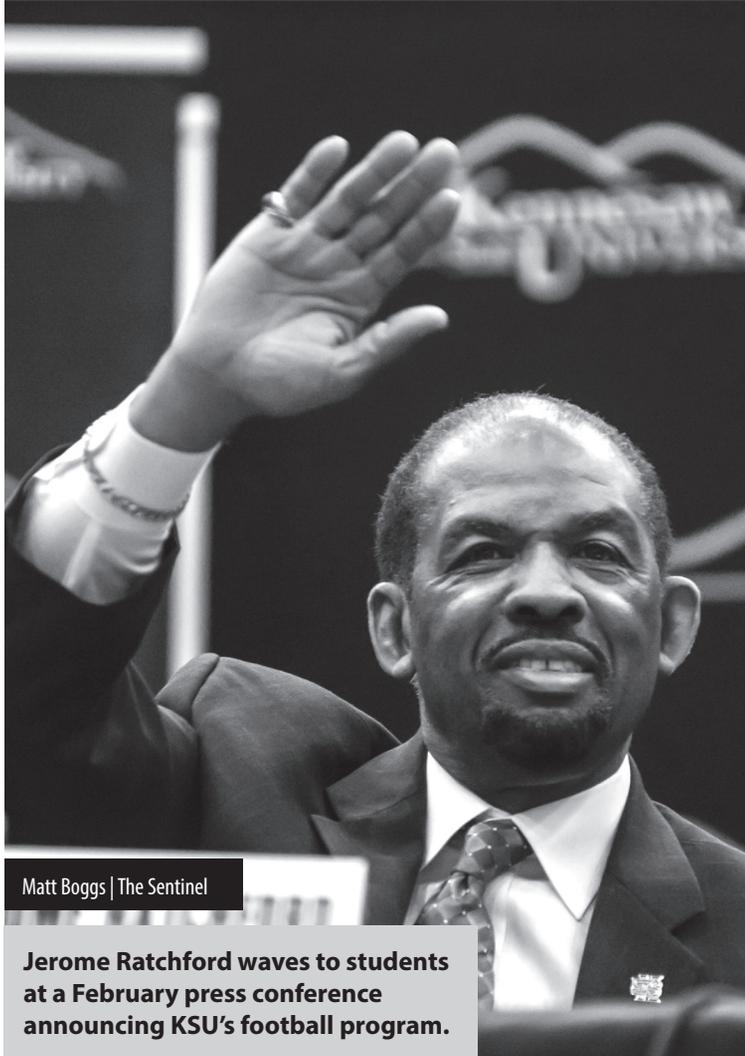
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QUAD LIFE

VP FOR STUDENT SUCCESS announces retirement

Shaddi Abusaid News Editor



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Jerome Ratchford waves to students at a February press conference announcing KSU's football program.

KSU's Vice President for Student Success Jerome Ratchford announced last week that he will retire in the summer of 2014 after 26 years with the university.

Ratchford started at KSU in 1988 when he was hired as the school's coordinator of Minority and International Student Retention Services. He spent about a year in that position before being promoted to director of the Department of Student Development.

Ratchford directed the Department of Student Development for about 15 years before becoming the dean of students and subsequently the vice president for Student Success. This will be his sixth year in that position.

He said he looks forward to his retirement, which will most likely occur sometime in late July.

"I'm looking to spend more time vacationing and becoming involved with some civic matters in my community as well as with my church," Ratchford said. "It [also] affords me the opportunity to spend more time with my wife."

He and his wife Cynthia have been married "36 lovely years."

As vice president for Student Success, Ratchford oversees

what he said is KSU's third largest division and serves as a member of President Papp's cabinet.

"I have a love affair with Kennesaw," he said. "That's why I've stayed for 25 years."

Ratchford lives in the Cascade area of Atlanta and has commuted 40 miles to and from work since he began working at KSU in the late '80s.

"I love working here and I love where I stay, and I didn't want to change either one of those venues," he said.

Ratchford said the university has changed drastically since he first arrived.

"When I came here, the numbers were small—the visibility of students of color was very, very small," he said.

"One of the things I've seen and have been instrumentally involved in is the growth of inclusion and multiculturalism on the campus.

"The Department of Student Development was a strong catalyst for change because the department [advocated] for international students, minority students, adult learners and disabled learners," Ratchford continued. "We did such a great job in that department that it revolutionized the campus in terms of inclusion."

He said that in each role he's had at KSU, he's been given the "opportunity to work with students and understand and identify with their experiences" and he "did whatever [he] could to make those experiences very positive."

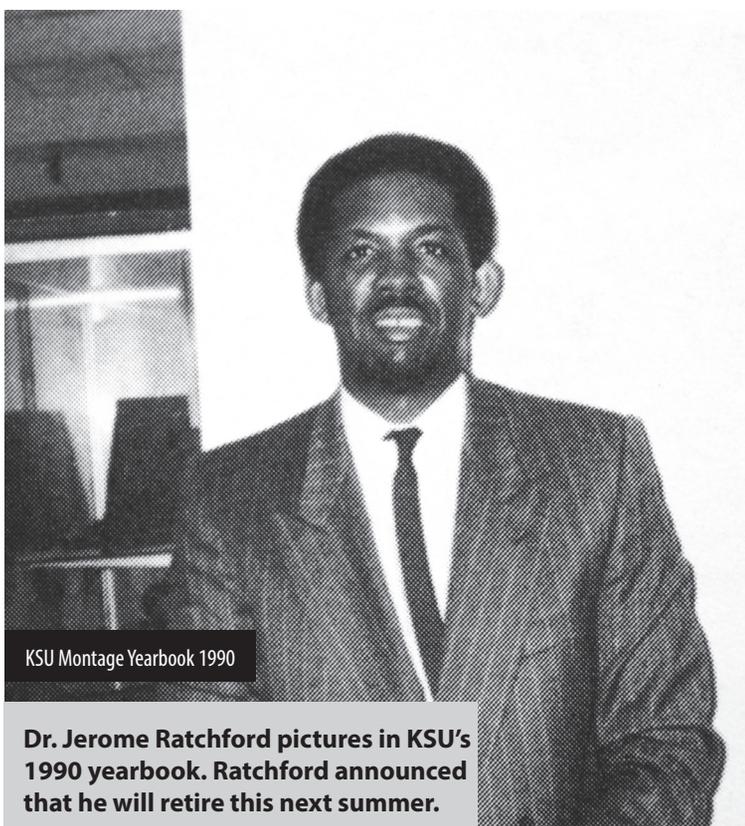
Ratchford said he was also instrumental in diversifying the Student Activities and Budget Advisory Committee, the group that allocates funding for KSU's registered student organizations.

He said that now there are as many as 250 to 300 RSOs at a time.

Director of Student Life Kathy Alday, who has worked with Ratchford 24 years, said she is going to miss him very much when he leaves.

"The thing I value most about Dr. Ratchford is that he's very thorough and he takes the time to think about things," Alday said. "He's just phenomenal."

"I will miss going to student activities as a student sponsor and vicariously experiencing what they experience," Ratchford said. "I will miss that tremendously and I will particularly miss the camaraderie and relationships with my colleagues in Student Success."



KSU Montage Yearbook 1990

Dr. Jerome Ratchford pictures in KSU's 1990 yearbook. Ratchford announced that he will retire this next summer.

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OPINION

CITIZEN MEDIA: Helpful or Invasive?



Mark Leszczynski Contributor

According to EDUCAUSE, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the proliferation of information technology, citizen media (or citizen journalism) is defined as the “wide range of activities in which everyday people contribute information or commentary about news events.”

Because citizen media is comprised of commentary from average people, many argue that this form of guerilla journalism is biased, inaccurate and often a gateway to slander both people and events. Others, such as myself, believe that this form of broadcasting drives the success behind social networking by utilizing the freedom of speech.

Social networking falls under the umbrella of citizen media, and social networking is absolutely helpful. Mark Zuckerberg, CEO and founder of Facebook, has said that social networking allows “the world to be more open and connected . . . by giving people the power to share whatever they want and be connected to whoever they want, no matter where they are.” People can share ideas, information and gossip in a matter of seconds with today’s high-speed internet and portable devices. When you tweet your friend about whom you just saw waiting in line at

Starbucks, or when you post a blurb on your Facebook page about the spectacular night you can’t remember you had last night, you are not only social networking, but, like it or not, you are performing an act of citizen journalism. Though the information you have posted may not be profound enough to end up on the front page of The New York Times, you are putting your thoughts and opinions of a first-hand experience out there for any of your friends and followers to access at any moment of the day. You are staying connected and keeping your friends informed with “news” that pertains to your life. If it pertains to their lives as well, they will keep tuning in.

A blog, tweet or post from a guerilla journalist are exactly the same thing: an opinion or series of thoughts recounting first-hand experiences. The journalist keeps followers and subscribers informed of his or her opinions regarding specific events. Just because the journalist’s commentary is on a subject that may affect more people than would your tweet about the vending machine being out of Reese’s Pieces, he or she still has the right, at least in this country, to publicly communicate his or her interpretation of an event, even if it does contain some distasteful rhetoric, which

citizen journalism is often blamed for possessing.

Without our ability to speak our minds freely, we would be in no better situation in regards to media censorship than countries like China or Syria that banned social networking sites. Guerilla journalists are exercising their

“EVERY DAY, GUERRILLA JOURNALISTS WHO ARE CRITICAL OF EVENTS CAPTURE AND CONTRIBUTE SOME OF THE MOST PROFOUND NEWS.”

rights to free speech by utilizing digital platforms in order to keep us connected on both a local and global scale with their interpretations of events. Corinne Barnes of the Caribbean

Quarterly argues: “Untrained writers may not understand concepts such as off-the-record material, attribution, balance, fairness and objectivity. They write from their own experiences, their own lives, rather than seeing themselves as conduits of information in the public interest.” Though this may be true at times, it is up to us as potential consumers of their products to decide whether or not their material has value to us individually. I would argue that citizen media is proliferating as a result of the demand from consumers for more varied content and that they are obviously finding it useful or else it would not be so widely and frequently viewed.

Furthermore, if citizen journalism were invasive and not helpful, then why are mainstream media networks such as CNN, NBC and ABC not only reaching out to average citizens for media contributions but creating community-based platforms on their websites to headline citizen journalism? CNN has created iReport, ABC has created i-Caught and NBC, just last week, has “[aimed] to take a lead role in the realm of user-generated content, and therefore in modern newsgathering” by acquisitioning the recent tech startup Stringwire, a purely citizen-based platform.

Mainstream media has finally realized that it no longer needs to spend money to send news anchors to the trenches in Syria or to the streets of Cairo to get the best shots. The citizens of the world happily do it for free.

Think of some of the recent events that have shocked and changed the world in the past few years: the hanging of Saddam Hussein, Mitt Romney’s 40 percent remark, the recent San Francisco plane crash and the meteorite that exploded over Urals in Russia. All were documented by citizen journalists, and that’s only naming a few. Every day, guerilla journalists who are critical of events capture and contribute some of the most profound news. Without the social networking platforms to share their journalism, or without the freedom to do so, these events would never be submitted, and they would never be seen by anyone who did not witness them first-hand. So next time you are watching the news on TV and see a video captured by a citizen, ask yourself, “Is this helpful or invasive?”

*Mark Leszczynski,
Senior English Major.*

Adapting Apps

with

Toni-Ann Hall Contributor



Even in the constantly evolving world we live in, there are still people who believe that the usage of phone and computer applications are simply a waste of time.

America was ranked one of the five most innovative countries, which speaks volumes for itself. Yes, there are games and obscene materials that get reproduced and passed on to inappropriately aged audience; but there are also study apps, dictionary apps, organization apps and music apps.

What needs to be recognized is an ongoing demand for new products and ideas, so for apps to be deemed a waste of time is an underestimation of the impact that it has. Megan Slack stated in an article published for the White House Blog, "Digital textbooks... help students visualize and interact with complex concepts ...

apps and platforms... adapt to the level of individual student knowledge and help teachers know precisely which lessons or activities are working. This technology is real, it is available, and its capacity to improve education is profound."

Many of the schools that I have attended in the past years discouraged the use of electronics during learning hours but gave teachers leeway to use discretion when allowing it for educational purposes. At times, there would be "cell

phone periods" where the students could consult the resources available on demand whether it was downloaded or built into their devices. Those apps aided in the learning process and because of its familiarity, it also facilitated it.

The Internet is a significant element of the creation of applications as many of them require connection to function to its full capacity. According to Daniel Boffey's article in The Observer, there is evidence through research that of the 1.2 million teenagers that log on to pages, the ones that use online resources are, on average, more likely to have higher test grades.

Studious attitudes and ambition toward superior academics marks are things that should be sought by students, but all work and no play is a nonsensical idea and it is understandable. Everyone

should spend time investing in their educational well-beings, their social well-beings and what they feel to be their moral obligations. Some people need music to relax, and guess what? There are many apps to feed that addiction. Some people play games to unwind, and there are many fanatics that keep up-to-date mobile games and computer games accessible to the public. There is even an app that provides valuable information to wounded warriors. According to the Official Homepage of the U.S. Army, this app "gives wounded and ill service members and their families access to vital information on the go." In this app, that is directed to help heroes in difficult times, declaring such a broad range of things "a waste of time" is a far stretch that blows things out of proportion.

Whatever interest that one may have can probably be found in an app; if there is not one, it can be created. There has been great success through the creation of websites that allow users to download applications as well as mobile devices that provide access to these services. It is neither an unconventional or luxurious means to getting things done, but simply, a current one. Once time is being invested in something that can positively affect the user, there is no reason to bash. Its potential and history of negativity does not put to a halt the wealth of greatness that applications has accomplished through its existence. It all lies in the hands of the beholder, so we, as consumers, should put it to good use

Toni-Ann Hall, Freshman Communication Major.

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The time has come: Kennesaw classes are back in session and, unfortunately, this is not high school anymore. Textbooks are not supplied to university students straight up. Therefore, students need to figure out how to obtain these learning materials on their own.

The obvious first option is the on-campus bookstore. Located in the southern end of the Student Center, the on-campus bookstore is the most convenient option for most students. Easy to navigate, you can rest assured that the books you need can be found here. Most of the books are available for semester-long rental, which is cheaper than buying. Remember, when you buy your books here, your money stays on campus.

Another popular option is the off-campus store, The

General Bookstore. The General Bookstore is located across the street from KSU next to Mellow Mushroom and Jimmy John's. A local business, The General Bookstore promotes itself as "the cheaper alternative" but do not expect to get 95 percent off. While they can be cheaper, the prices are often comparable to the on-campus option. Just like KSU's bookstore, The General Bookstore has the ability to rent out textbooks.

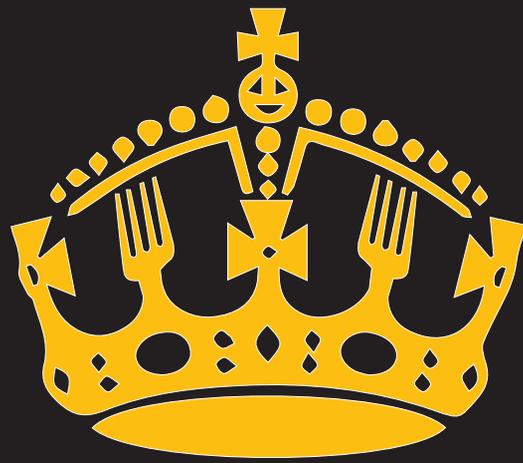
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After that time frame, you have the option to pay only \$30, which is half off the usual subscription price for Prime.

There are several other online options for students looking for alternatives. A relatively unknown site, bigwords.com is an aggregated website that searches for the best deals for what you are searching for. Apple has an app called iBooks, in which you can download e-books for your iPad. And, of course, as the pioneer of e-books, the Kindle is always an option.

Now that you have the information, you only have to decide which outlet to use. Figure out the best option for you and pursue that, but whatever you do make sure that you get textbooks. College is hard enough to get by with the reading material.

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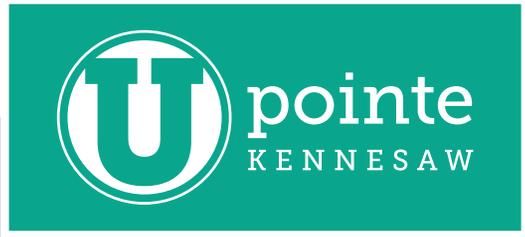
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BEGINNING THE END of “Breaking Bad”

Brandon Comer Staff Writer

When asked what the “perfect show” must have in order to captivate an audience, what would you have in your list? Most lists would more than likely have something like romance, violent car chases, huge explosions, riveting twists and a zombie or two. Chances are if you live in America, you have heard somebody ranting and raving about “Breaking Bad.” I would not blame them; I have been hooked since day one. But this does not have your every-day, run-of-the-mill plot that we all look for in

our favorite dramas.

This show seems to be the antithesis of our normal idea of a television drama. First off, instead of being set in some widely known and beautiful city like New York, Miami or Atlanta, it takes place in a tiny suburb in Albuquerque, N.M.. Most know the general story: Walter White is a struggling chemistry teacher who discovers he has cancer. He then teams up with a former student of his named Jesse Pinkman to cook top-of-the-line meth. He then goes on to become “Heisenberg,” the most prosperous meth cook

around. Everything basically blows up in his face, and he gets caught in a web of lies trying not to get caught by the DEA (namely his brother-in-law, Hank) before his lung cancer takes him away.

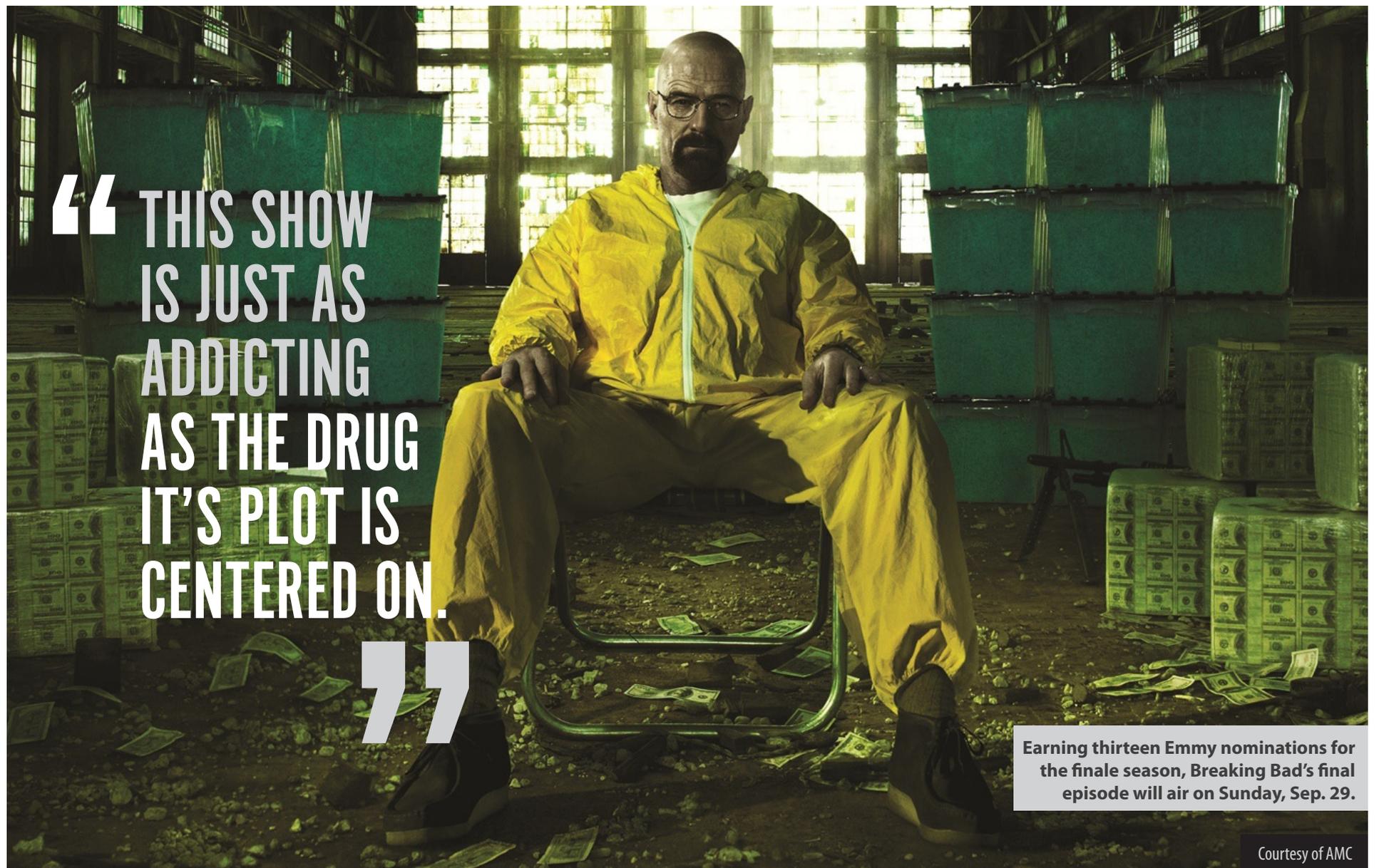
Generally, the protagonist of any story is a hero of some sort or one who we can relate to and, in turn, want to see succeed in the end. I do not know about you, but I have not made meth in an RV in the middle of the desert wearing nothing but underwear. However, something inside me still wants Walt to finish the

race. This man is certainly no hero. He resolves his differences without using sheer force and guns; he uses science to conceive ways to take out men who are in his way, which is impressive, but not in a Jason Statham type of way by any means.

The author, Vince Gilligan, seemed to have all of this in mind when creating this character. He did not want a “good guy” everybody loves and cheers for every Sunday evening. He wanted to steer away from the norm and create a character whose actions

people despise but cannot stop wanting more of. He did just that with “Breaking Bad.”

If you are watching the last season, you have many questions. What will become of Jesse and Walt? Will Hank put an end to Heisenberg as we know it? Will Walter treat his brother-in-law like any other man who comes in his way? Walt still has not used the ricin Saul had returned to him in Season Five; will anything become of that? So many Questions! This show is just as addicting as the drug its plot is centered on.



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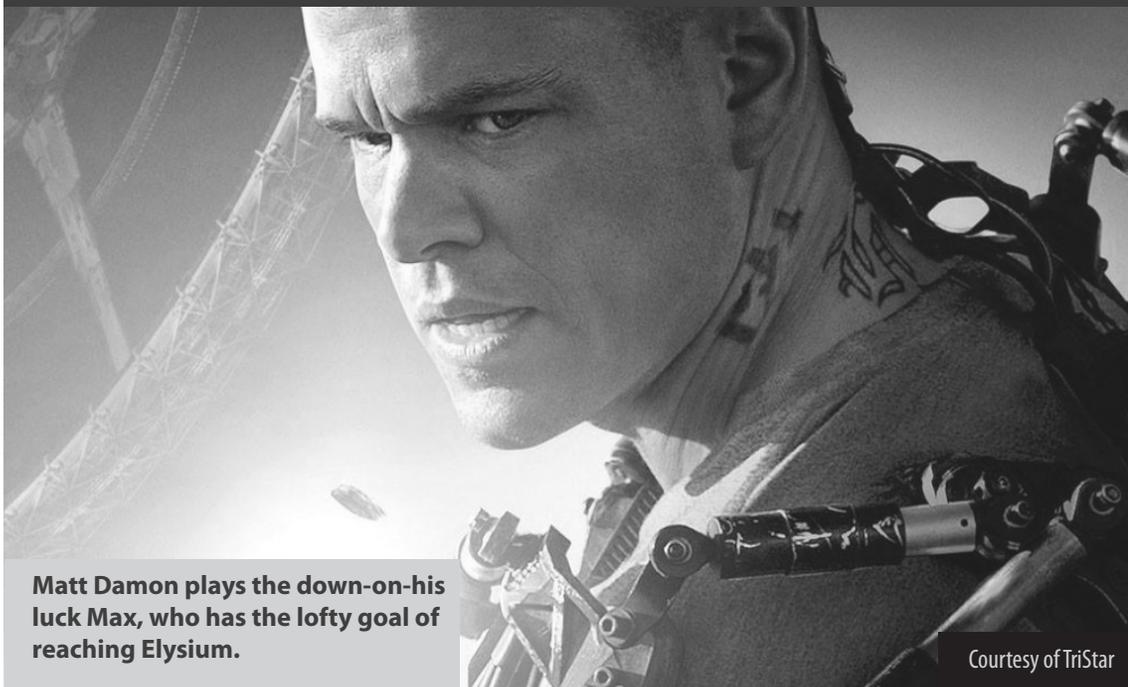
Earning thirteen Emmy nominations for the finale season, Breaking Bad’s final episode will air on Sunday, Sep. 29.

Courtesy of AMC

“ELYSIUM”

Under the ‘Scope’

Kevin Enners Contributor



Matt Damon plays the down-on-his luck Max, who has the lofty goal of reaching Elysium.

Courtesy of TriStar

Elysium, a celestial sanctuary only for the chosen few, orbits the futuristic ruins of Earth as a beacon of hope for the human race. This man-made nirvana is the ultimate destination for men and women from all walks of life. Yet, the expensive wages that come with boarding shuttles bound for this planetary Eden prove more suitable for the wealthy while abandoning hope for minimum-wage recipients like 36-year-old Max, a worker on an Armadyne assembly line. Ever since his childhood, Max, played by Matt Damon, has dreamed of escaping the ever-disintegrating Earth that is manifested in chaos and destitution and living among the wealthy that thrive in Elysium's paradise.

Brought to life by Damon's magnificent performance, this tale of enthralling science fiction unfolds in rapid fire. After a life threatening encounter, Max vacates his past life of hard-knocks in the barren dust bowl that was once Los Angeles. His one hope for survival resides on Elysium. While wading in the

crippling valley of his death, Max crawls to the doorstep of Spider, a self-appointed leader of an underground network bent on redirecting power to the downtrodden Earth residents. Max bargains with his rebel pal for passage to Elysium in exchange for Max's help in acquiring vital programming information. Upon Max's consent, surgery is performed to implant a data port in his skull along with a gangling exoskeleton that is attached by drilling directly into his spine and upper body. This vivid scene does well in engaging all five senses.

Elysium is not just a fantastic ball of yarn spinning for people's unbridled imaginations. The picture reveals a complicated storyline, riddled with underlying messages that resemble social issues in today's society. In an allusion to real world healthcare and living standards, "Elysium" highlights current concerns about the disparity of today's socioeconomic issues. Medipods, MRI-type diagnostics and miracle-curing devices

available only on Elysium metaphorically emphasize the gap in modern-day healthcare. In another scene, Jodi Foster's high-brow character, Delacourt, is aboard an elaborate spacecraft and dismissively orders the annihilation of three incoming derelict shuttles filled with illegal Earth residents. Foster's sublime acting as a posh, power-hungry politician with an overzealous trigger finger in defending her homeland should make people re-evaluate their definitions of patriotism.

This multi-layered, sci-fi thriller is food for creative, forward-thinking movie enthusiasts. There will be some who fail to appreciate the film's subliminal messages; however, they will certainly be in awe of the futuristic realism made possible through its computer graphics. Even though the plot of the film does not move the film industry forward creatively, Elysium should not be missed by anyone looking for a great, high-octane action flick.

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DIVING INTO SHARK INFESTED SCREENS

Roderic Graham Staff Writer



Most sharks prefer deep water with no humans in sight.

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“PIGS KILL MORE PEOPLE A YEAR THAN SHARKS DO.”

When Steven Spielberg's 1975 thriller "Jaws" hit the big screen, he changed the views on sharks as we know it. The movie warped the minds of many people and created a dangerous reputation for sharks. Nearly 40 years later, the fascination for sharks has steadily increased.

Although sharks have a deadly reputation, there are still people fighting to protect the beloved creatures. Several other documentaries, movies and television shows were created to educate others on sharks and quell public fear of sharks.

Discovery Channel's Shark Week, created in 1987, helps raise awareness about sharks. Shark Week is a week-long series that includes several documentaries, movies and television series about sharks. Shark Week is partly responsible for adding truth to the millions of shark myths.

Syfy has even jumped on the shark bandwagon with its made-for-TV movie "Sharknado." "Sharknado" is a thriller about a hurricane that floods the city of Los Angeles with shark-infested water. It is highly unlikely that a hurricane would flood Los Angeles with man-eating

sharks, so it is a little less fearful than Jaws. With the massive success that "Sharknado" garnered, "Sharknado 2" is scheduled to begin shooting next year.

Megalodon is another shark that emerged from the increasing fascination with sharks. Megalodon, meaning "big tooth" in Greek, is a pre-historic shark dating back to 28 to 1.5 million years ago. The shark is rumored to have reached between 46 and 59 feet long and a weight between 53 and 114 tons. Due to lack of complete fossils, it is difficult to determine an actual true size of the Megalodon shark.

Megalodon has made a great villain for many films. "Shark Attack 3" and "Megalodon" are the two most popular films featuring the pre-historic shark. "MegaShark vs. Giant Octopus" is another film featuring the Megalodon battling another pre-historic being.

Although it is easy to portray the shark as a monstrous killing machine, its roles in movies aided in the decrease in the lives of many sharks, especially the Great White. Sharks are hunted, killed and sold by many fishermen across the world. In China and other countries,

a shark's fin is considered a delicacy and served in many restaurants.

In the U.S., shark finning has been made illegal under the Shark Finning Prohibition Act. However, people still continue to trade shark fins across international waters. In 2011, President Obama signed the Shark Conservation Act to disband any form of shark finning and trading.

In case you suffer from an extreme case of selchophobia (fear of sharks), here are a few fun facts to help ease your mind.

Sharks hate the taste of human meat. Sharks will often times sample their prey before they actually begin feeding. Shark attacks normally occur in shallow, calm waters. Pigs kill more people a year than sharks do. Bull sharks are considered to be the most threatening to humans because they prefer to live in shallow areas of the water. However, if you are not traveling to a tropical region, the bull shark is the least of your worries. So in the end, fear should not drive this fascination with sharks. They have their place in this world, only recently that place seems to be on our televisions.



Shark week gives an extensive, up-close look at the creatures.

Courtesy of Discovery Channel

THE BENEFITS OF ON-CAMPUS JOBS

Phil Wirsig Contributor

Having an on-campus job is extremely convenient. As a student assistant for Audio Video Technology Services, I am able to create my own schedule and walk to my office in the Library. Being a student assistant comes with many perks, such as early registration and networking opportunities. At web.kennesaw.edu/campusjobs, there is a wide range of student assistant opportunities. Job openings include Department of Student Life lab assistants, VKSU (Volunteer KSU) program assistants and Intramural Sports Officials. Working in these departments is a great way

to network and meet people who can help you achieve future goals. Also, chances are that other students will be working alongside you in a student assistant position. My experience has been extremely rewarding due to the fact that I see the other students assistants in my department as friends and not as co-workers. This makes going to work something I look forward to every day.

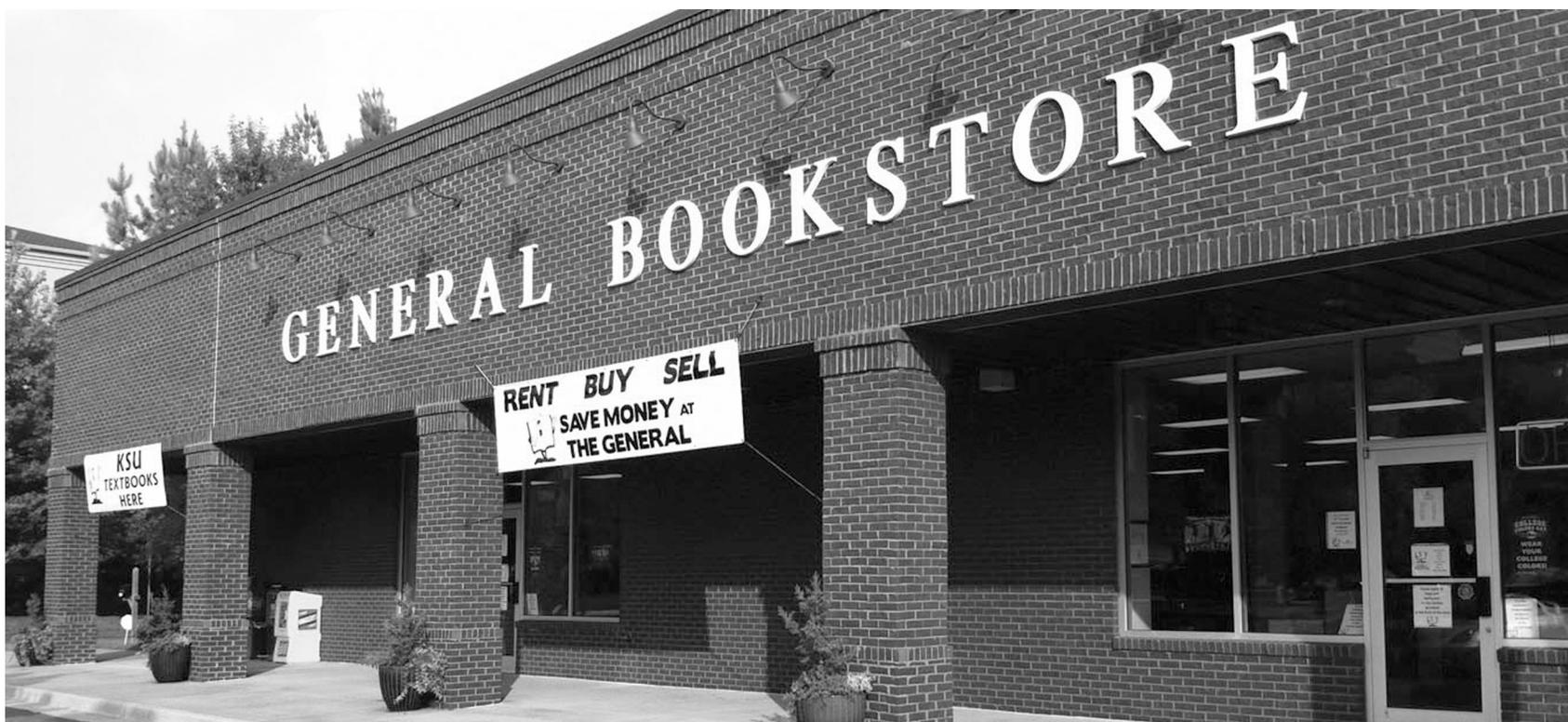
If you are unable to get a student assistant position, internships are another excellent path to take. To get started, visit careerctr.kennesaw.edu/students/internships-

co-op. Internships offer the chance to work in and around your desired field. They also require a resume, which helps build resume-writing skills that can be applied to future job applications. Getting prepared for your future career through resume assistance and interview practice is extremely beneficial and can help set you apart from others in your field. Internships often lead to job opportunities, which in turn often lead to the start of a career. This makes the transition from college to the real world much smoother.

No matter which path you take, on-campus jobs, internships and co-ops are all

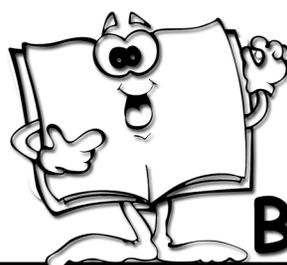
rewarding in their own way. Jobs in food service or retail can help pay the bills and build up work experience, but they will not pay off in the long run the way an on-campus job will. I am starting my third year as a student assistant and looking back at some of the things I have done, I realize how lucky I am to be involved in my department. On-campus jobs are an incredible resource, and the best part is how easily accessible they are. By simply going to either of the websites mentioned above, you will realize that there are numerous opportunities waiting to be taken. However, thinking that

those opportunities will come and find you is a mistake. Putting in the time and effort to find an on-campus job pays off in a big way and shows that you are a dedicated worker. Simply hoping that a job offer will pop up in your inbox is a waste of time that could be better spent getting the most out of your college experience. Start writing a resume, practice interview questions in front of a mirror and try to decide what you want to do after college. Figuring all of that out now and acting upon it will make your future feel much more secure, and you will thank yourself 20 years from now.



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OWLS BUILD MOMENTUM

with win in final exhibition

Andrew Howard Contributor



Matt Boggs | The Sentinel

Shannon Driscoll pushes the ball against Clayton State on Saturday Night.

KSU's soccer team wrapped up its preseason schedule Friday night on a positive note with a 3-0 exhibition victory against Clayton State at Fifth Third Bank Stadium.

Head coach Rob King's squad was looking to rebound from the shutout loss at home to Wofford in the first exhibition game. They did so in style, beating an outmatched Lakers team for the third consecutive year.

First half goals from Katrina Frost and Suzanne Arafa gave the Owls a lead at the break—one they would not surrender. Arafa completed her brace in the 88th minute to finish off the scoring.

Early on, the game was contested almost entirely in midfield, with both teams struggling to piece together complete attacks. Even though the Owls spent most of the first 20 minutes with the ball, they could not parlay that into any goals until making a substitution.

Preseason All-Atlantic Sun forward Frost began the game on the bench, but she entered after 21 minutes, coming in for freshman Shannon Driscoll. The veteran forward immediately changed the game with her hold-up play and

intelligent runs.

Frost beat the Lakers' keeper, Charlotte McCormack, to a Maggie Gaughan pass in the 30th minute and finished from a tight angle. Frost only made a quick cameo but showed the instincts that allowed her to lead the team in scoring in 2012.

"I think [Clayton State] were just getting a little tired in there," said King about Frost's goal. "We had them running a lot."

14 minutes after the opener, the Owls would double their lead when a skillful dummy from Iyani Hughes on the right wing freed up the junior forward to send in a cross, a pass that Arafa would not waste. The goals scored by the freshman midfielder earned her high praise from King after the game.

"Suzanne, she's a top-quality player," said King. "She's very creative, very composed on the ball and very confident."

Defensively, the Owls only conceded six total shots in a solid effort. Goalkeeper Olivia Sturdivant returned to the net for the Owls, but had just a single save in a relatively calm night, in which she was barely tested.

The Owls were not quite as

sharp in the second half, which King called "a little ragged at times." Just five of KSU's 16 total shots came after halftime. The comfortable lead did, however, allow the coaching staff to play every player that they felt was healthy, providing a good chance at gaining experience.

Transition is a common theme in most preseasons, regardless of team or sport, and the Owls are no exception. Adding nine new players to a team is never an easy task, yet King's team seems to have handled it well. All three goals were either assisted or scored by a freshman, an obvious indicator that the newcomers are immersing themselves.

"We're very athletic, and we knew that coming in," said King. "The thing was, how long was it going to take before they got the cognitive side of what we were doing? It seems like they're picking that up quite quickly."

A Knoxville trip is next up for the Owls, as they open up the regular season at 5 p.m. Friday against Tennessee Tech, as part of the University of Tennessee's First Friday series. Also in Knoxville, KSU will face off with Big 12 opponent Oklahoma on Sunday at noon.



Jacob Singer Contributor

YES, ATLANTA IS A WOEFUL sports town

As someone who was Georgia born and Georgia bred, when I think Atlanta sports, I think the Braves—the glory days of the 90's, 14 straight division titles, David Justice's game six homerun, and arguably the best pitching staff ever assembled. I think of the Falcons' incredible run to the Superbowl in '98, the Dirty Bird, and Nique soaring to the basket for monster jams. The unfortunate part is with all the history, it's hard to deny Atlanta is one of the worst sports towns in America. Look no further than the bad track record of the Hawks, the loss of now two NHL teams, and the poor attendance of the favorite baseball team of the southeast: The Braves.

To say that the teams in Atlanta are championship caliber would be a slap in the face of organizations such as the New York Yankees, or the Los Angeles Lakers--Teams who may have off years, but never consecutively. Those are teams that reload, not rebuild. Those teams always bring in fans, are the league leaders in shared revenue, and the main reason that their respective leagues continue to tweak the salary cap and luxury taxes. Centered in a city that some would call the Mecca of the southeast, it baffles out-of-towners why Atlanta has such a poor history of sports teams.

There are several factors at play when it comes down to the lack of support for Atlanta teams. The first thing that comes to mind is Atlanta is similar to a melting pot. Atlanta ranks well in the top half of U.S. metro areas when it comes to foreign born population. Why are the Yankees such a staple in New York? Because people born in New York tend

to stay near New York, grow up in New York, and feel that continual tie to their city and their team. The bond is one in the same. Look no further than when big market teams such as the Philadelphia Phillies, New York Mets, and San Francisco Giants come to town. Turner Field gets packed out. During the 2010 and 2011 seasons the attendance ratings for our sports teams were; Hawks 19th/30, 22nd/30, Falcons 15th/32 twice, and the Braves 13th/30, 15th/30.

I've always looked at Atlanta as a place I go to be entertained, but not a place to live. With the cost of living considerably less only 10-15 miles outside of Atlanta, it makes sense to live outside the close proximity of stadiums. Add in the fact that Atlanta has some of the worst traffic in the United States and that adds to lack of butts in seats. The stadiums were designed to bring in extra revenue to areas of Atlanta and encourage growth in the surrounding areas. However, if look around Turner Field, there is nothing to do around that stadium. Not to mention if you live north of Atlanta, how much of a nightmare it is to get to and from the stadium?

Furthermore, looking at the sub-par management of Atlanta's teams I feel is really the most important factor in getting people on the bandwagon in the first place. Ted Turner is the sole reason for any Atlanta sports success. In the early 80s through the 90s he made the Hawks relevant, as they were the only NBA team in the southeast. He made the Braves title contenders and reached well into his pockets to maintain it. The strange thing is the Hawks could have been contenders if it weren't for

terrible trades and even worse drafts. Look no further than Hawks former general manager Billy Knight, who I would go on to say set the Hawks back a decade during his five year tenure. Anyone remember when the Hawks passed on Chris Paul? What about when they traded the rights to Pau Gasol for Shareef Abdur-Rahim, or Rasheed Wallace's one game Atlanta stint? Long gone are the days of Ted Turner owning the Braves. As every Braves fan knows, up until this year when the Braves acquired the Upton

brothers, it was starting the feel that Time Warner and now the Liberty Media corporation looked at the Braves solely as a tax write-off, just an asset, not the heart of Atlanta, or the MLB's longest continuing franchise.

However in the past few seasons the Braves, Falcons, and Hawks have all seemed to emerge back into the spotlight. The Hawks bringing in Danny Ferry has been their best acquisition possibly ever. He even convinced a Russian billionaire in Brooklyn that

Joe Johnson was worth the astronomical contract he signed with Billy Knight (he's not). Lately Thomas Dimitroff, with the blessing of owner Arthur Blank, has led the Falcons to title contenders this upcoming season.

So the question now arises, with success will Atlanta become a proud sports town? Or will the taste of success only steer the Atlanta semi-faithful away at the first sign of distress? I believe that the faithful like me are on the rise, and as our teams catch up, so will the love affair.



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SPORTS

OWLS' NEW LID UP TO VOTERS



Owls fans can vote on the helmet color, logo and detailing of the first football helmet.

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Mike Foster Sports Editor

KSU students, faculty, staff and fans will have a say in what the Owls football team will look like when it takes the field in 2015.

The Department of Athletics has left it up to voting eyes to decide on the shell color,

facemask color, logo and helmet stripe of the first official helmet in school history.

The fan survey, which opened Monday, will run through Aug. 30, which is College Colors Day.

Voters can go to ksuowls.com/FBhelmet and fill out the form. Voting options include a

black or gold shell, gold or black facemask, the 'KS' monogram for the primary logo, as well as a traditional stripe and a stylized stripe.

The winning design will be unveiled at the women's soccer game at Fifth Third Bank Stadium on Sept. 13.

KSU announced the approval of its football plans by the Board of Regents on Feb. 13. and hired its head coach, former Georgia Tech assistant Brian Bohannon, on March 24.

KSU's varsity team has already received commitments and plans on beginning practice

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Keyaira Stevenson had a coming out season last fall with 317 kills.

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VOLLEYBALL TEAM

to get national exposure in 2013

Mike Foster Sports Editor

The Owls volleyball squad will join the list of KSU athletics teams to appear on ESPN when it hosts the Jacksonville Dolphins on Oct. 4.

In a partnership between the Atlantic Sun Conference and ESPN, 16 A-Sun women's volleyball matches will air on ESPN3, the network's digital

channel, during the 2013 season.

Of the matches, four of them will feature KSU, three of which will be played in the Convocation Center. Along with the contest against the Dolphins, ESPN3 will also be on KSU campus for the Oct. 25 match against Stetson and the Nov. 1 match against Lipscomb.

KSU will also appear on the network when it visits USC Upstate on Oct. 22.

"The strong and growing relationship between ESPN and the A-Sun lets us be a leader in direct delivery of campus produced digital content," said A-Sun commissioner Ted Gumbart. "Last season we had a record number of ESPN live broadcasts including growing exposure in volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball."

For KSU, which has only been a Division I school for four years, the increased exposure means a continued elevation in the brand.

"We are very proud to provide the well-deserved exposure for our talented student-athletes, their teams and the A-Sun institutions. We appreciate ESPN's commitment to our conference-wide campus production initiative, and we

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look forward to launching live broadcasts this year from Kennesaw State," KSU Director of Athletics Vaughn Williams said.

Aside from landing on ESPN3, KSU has been in the broadcasted spotlight much

more often in the past few years. In 2011, KSU Soccer Stadium, now named Fifth Third Bank Stadium, hosted the Division I Women's College Cup, which was the national final four for women's soccer. The tournament broadcast live on ESPN2.

As well, the men's basketball team has made brief appearances on regionally broadcast television in non-conference matchups against larger schools, including a home upset against Georgia Tech in 2010.

KSU's volleyball team will be competing in its first season under newly acquired head coach Keith Schunzel. Schunzel was hired on Jan. 28 to replace Karen Weatherington, who went 16-17 and 5-13 in the conference with the Owls in her final season.

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