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U.N. INVESTIGATING ALLEGED CHEMICAL ATTACKS IN SYRIA

If confirmed, nation could be met with force

Shaddi Abusaid News Editor

Last week, Syria's opposition forces accused President Bashar al-Assad's government of using chemical weapons to kill hundreds of Syrian civilians during a nighttime raid in the early hours of Aug. 21 near the capital city of Damascus.

The Syrian government strongly denies involvement in the attack, but much of the international community, including the United Nations, remains skeptical. France's Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told French news network BFM-TV that his country could react with force if it is proven that chemical weapons were used.

The Syrian government granted permission for a group of U.N. inspectors to investigate the area where the chemical attacks allegedly occurred but not until five days after the attacks generated international attention.

On Monday, Aug. 26, the group of U.N. weapons inspectors reported that snipers shot at their convoy while they were en route to investigate the suburbs where the attacks were said to have occurred. The BBC reports that one vehicle was shot at multiple times and the convoy was forced to turn back.

The inspectors have been in

Syria since Aug. 18 when they arrived to investigate chemical attacks that allegedly occurred earlier this year.

The U.N. estimates that more than 100,000 people have been killed in the Syrian civil war since the conflict began more than two years ago.

President Obama said last year that the U.S. could intervene militarily if chemical weapons were used in Syria.

"We have been very clear to the Assad regime, but also to other players on the ground, that a red line for us is we start seeing a whole bunch of chemical weapons moving

around or being utilized," Obama said in a White House briefing last August.

Maia Hallward, an associate professor of Middle Eastern studies at KSU, said what's been happening in Syria is horrible, but she doesn't think U.S. military involvement would solve the problems.

"I think U.S. military involvement has the potential to make things a lot worse," Hallward said. "But of course, there's a range of military involvement."

"There's military involvement in terms of establishing a no-fly zone, which is a very different

type of military involvement than establishing a ground invasion," she continued. "I don't think a ground invasion is a good use of U.S. troops."

She said Syria has had "years of really rampant civil war and high civilian casualties."

Hallward said that if the U.S. goes in alone, it could be viewed by many in the region as an "Israeli proxy, which could further destabilize the region and undermine any U.S. goals."

"If the U.S. goes in," she said, "it should be part of a broader regional strategy."

NEW ACCUSATIONS

Anti-government activists accuse the Syrian regime of firing rockets with poisonous gas heads in the Aug. 21 attack. Other alleged attacks:

MARCH

March 19: Both sides claim rockets carrying chlorine are used by the other side in the village of Khan al-Assal

March 24: Syrian opposition fighters claim Syrian forces fire chemical weapons from rocket launchers in the town of Adra

March 26: U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appoints Swedish professor Ake Sellstrom to investigate Syria's reported use of chemical weapons

APRIL

April 25: A rocket allegedly spews poison gas on Daraya, a Damascus suburb

April 26: U.S. President Barack Obama tells reporters that Syrian use of chemical weapons "crosses a line that will change my calculus and how the United States approaches these issues"

April 29: A Syrian government helicopter reportedly drops munitions carrying sarin at Saraqeb

JUNE

June 13: The White House releases a statement saying that following an investigation, "Our intelligence community assesses that the Assad regime has used chemical weapons, including the nerve agent sarin, on a small scale against the opposition multiple times in the last year"

AUGUST

August 18: A U.N. team of experts arrives in Syria to launch an investigation
August 21: Syria's opposition accuses government forces of gassing hundreds of people near Damascus

NEWS

SGA BEAT

Caitlin Monday Contributor

KSU's Student Government Association is taking steps to unite the student body, faculty and community through a number of events.

Leading this goal of collaboration among student organizations is SGA President Katherine Street. Street is seizing opportunities such as KSU's 50th anniversary and the start of the school's football program to provide a "sense of community."

The organization held its first meeting of the semester last Thursday.

"Growing tradition, growing pride and passion at Kennesaw State University is something that we've needed for a while," Street said. "This is the perfect year for it all to come together."

To kick off the year, SGA organized the Welcome to the Block Party where "over 30 student organizations were out on the green, interacting with each other and raising awareness of each student organization," said Street.

Upcoming SGA events include "Meet the Presidents," which will provide students a

chance to interact one-on-one with the administration and ask questions. An exact date has not been set.

SGA is also working with other organizations such as the International Student Association and Greek Life in an effort to increase student turnout at events and boost school pride.

"SGA would love to find out what events student groups are having and send volunteers or generally increase awareness about events on campus," Street said.

She said SGA is not only focused on student involvement, but community involvement as well. The organization is trying to join with the city of Kennesaw in supporting the school's new football program. Ideas include having local businesses come out to provide family-friendly entertainment at the games.

Street said SGA wants to provide students with an administration that is open-minded and encourages students to take their ideas to SGA. Last year, a student came

to SGA with the idea of creating a motto for the university—something the Student Government Association is currently working on.

"I really want to create an atmosphere and an environment where they realize this group of officers is approachable," Street said. "We want to help them make that difference."

SGA hosts weekly meetings every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center University Rooms.

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OWL EVENTS

LaShawnda C. Gamble
Contributor

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Thursday

- Hillel Lunch n' Learn
Student Center RSO
Boardroom
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.
- International Student
Association Welcome Back
Student Center Campus
Green Zone Combo 3&4
12:30 - 1:45 p.m.
- Bob Wise Retirement
Reception
Town Point Conference Room
1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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Friday

- College Colors Day
KSU Main Campus
All Day
- MBIG Seminar
Clendinin Bldg. Room 1003
12:00 - 12:50 p.m.

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Saturday

- 24 Hour Play Festival
J.M. Wilson Studio Theater
Room
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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Monday

- NO CLASSES, LABOR DAY

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Tuesday

- Korean Delegation
KSU Center Fountain Area All
2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- Canterbury Club Lunch and
Eucharist
Student Center Addition RSO
Boardroom
12:30 - 2:00 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.

Stuart Morrison Staff Writer

BUSTED FOR SEEDS

On Aug. 13, Officer Fry observed an unbuckled passenger in a gold Saturn with tinted windows. Upon further observation, it was noted that the vehicle's tires were slick with very little tread. The officer initiated a traffic stop and upon approaching the vehicle, noticed the strong odor of marijuana. The officer made contact with the driver and requested backup. According to the police report, the passenger was trying to hide something from the officer. Officer Jackson was requested to the scene with K-9 Jerry Lee, KSUPD's trained narcotics dog. Officers Putnam and Shepard were also called to the scene. Putnam went to the passenger side of

the vehicle and asked the man to step out, at which point the passenger became argumentative and refused the request. Putnam opened the passenger door and the passenger stepped out of the vehicle toward the officer in an aggressive manner with his fist balled. Putnam gained control of the passenger and placed him under arrest for obstruction. Jerry Lee walked around the vehicle and Officer Jackson noticed that Jerry Lee made a positive alert for illegal narcotics. Upon searching the car, the officers found a pair of khaki shorts containing suspected marijuana seeds. The driver and passenger were arrested.

PRACTICE FIELD DRUNKS

Officer Altman was dispatched to the practice field behind the stadium on the afternoon of Aug. 10, regarding two males, one wearing blue shorts, the other wearing a bright pink and yellow skirt. The males reportedly climbed the fence and were doing cartwheels on the field. Upon arrival, Altman did not find anyone on the practice field behind the stadium, but did locate

two white males, one wearing a multi-colored tutu and dark underwear and the other wearing blue shorts. Officer Massengill arrived as backup. Both males tested positive for alcohol using the Alco-sensor and were arrested for underage drinking. During transport, one of the individuals stated that he was going to kill himself when he got out. The men were taken to ADC.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Officer Mason observed a silver Chevrolet Trailblazer weaving back and forth in the lane in the early hours of Aug. 11. The officer activated his siren and initiated a traffic stop. Mason made contact with the driver and could smell the moderate odor of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle while speaking with the driver, whose eyes were bloodshot. Mason asked the driver to step out of the vehicle and noted that the

driver appeared to wobble while walking and swaying while being spoken to. The officer noticed a strong smell of alcohol on the driver's breath. The driver was asked to blow into the Alco-sensor and given a field sobriety test. The driver consented to the state breath test, which showed a blood alcohol content of .102. The driver was arrested and taken to Cobb ADC.

PARKING LOT PLEASURE

The morning of Aug. 12, Officer Blalock spoke with a woman regarding an incident that occurred four days earlier in which the woman said she and a co-worker were returning from lunch at Mellow Mushroom when they observed a man masturbating in a minivan. She described him as a thin, light-skinned black man

wearing khaki pants pulled below his waist. He was positioned with the windows rolled down so that he could be seen. He might have had an earring because the woman said the sun kept sparkling off something on his left ear. She said the man appeared to be somewhere between 30 and 40 years old.

PARTY POOPERS

Around midnight on Aug. 13, Officer Dicks was dispatched to University Place regarding a loud party. Police Dispatch advised that the RA was at the room knocking on the door, but the occupants ignored him. When the police arrived the resident opened the door. The RA asked if they could enter the room, and the resident gave them permission to do so. The officer asked if he could look on the terrace, and the resident gave permission. The officer found two large trash bags full of empty beer cans. According to the report, the cans were still cold to the touch. Officer Jordan arrived as backup. The resident was

asked if there was any more alcohol in the apartment and said there was not. Upon searching the refrigerator and kitchen cabinets, no alcohol was found. Dicks then asked if they could search his bedroom and the resident gave consent. Jordan found a case of beer with one can missing. At that point, the student admitted to having friends over and drinking beer. The resident was advised that underage consumption was against the law and was taken into custody. Officer Jackson transported the student to Cobb ADC.

NEWS

BAD WEEK FOR B.O.B.

Jessica Garcia Contributor

Last week, KSU's transportation department took quite the hit as one Big Owl Bus had a computer board break down and another was involved in a fender-bender with a student.

The bus with the computer malfunction was taken to a local auto repair center and was back in service the same day. Beth Tindel, KSU's director of Parking and Transportation, likened the

bus' computer board failure to simple wear-and-tear.

"Imagine if you drove your own car for 13 hours a day non-stop," Tindel said. "Some pieces and parts would [eventually] stop working." Tindel said she is thankful for the school's great relationship with their mechanic and how quickly the Gold Route bus was restored.

There is an arrangement, however, for when buses

cannot be repaired so quickly. KSU has a "good contract with a great car provider," Tindel said. This means that if a bus can't make its route, other busses are available, which is why one can occasionally spot a B.O.B. missing some of the KSU transportation logos.

Despite the bus' speedy recovery, some students, like Michael Jin, were caught without a ride. Jin, A freshman

studying Computer Science, was stranded on campus by the out-of-commission bus with no way to get back to his off-campus home. Jin compared the feeling of not being able to get home to "knowing that he just failed an exam" because he was "out of luck."

Computer problems were not the only hardships experienced by KSU's buses last week. Just days after "Unit 211" was taken

to have its board repaired, a student ran into the back of another B.O.B. There were no resulting injuries and no reported damage to the bus, but there was some damage to the student's car. The driver of the car was cited by police.



Big Owl Bus Unit 211 was taken to a mechanic last week after a computer board malfunction put the bus out of commission.

Courtesy of Brittany Hughes

BOARD OF REGENTS LABELS KSU 'COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITY'

Shaddi Abusaid News Editor

Two days before the beginning of Fall semester, the Board of Regents upgraded KSU's status from "state university" to "comprehensive university."

On Aug. 14, The University System of Georgia's Board of Regents established four distinct classifications for the state's 31 public colleges and universities based on each institution's academic programs, admissions, geographic area and emphasis.

"Let me start by explaining how the University System of Georgia has been historically set up," said KSU President Daniel Papp. "Historically, from the early 1990s up until last Wednesday, the general

structure of the University System of Georgia was that there were four research universities

"Those four were Georgia Tech, The University of Georgia, Georgia State and the Medical College of Georgia, or what is now Georgia Regents University."

Papp said there were also two regional universities: Valdosta State and Georgia Southern.

Then there were a number of state universities, including KSU-- and another set of schools that were designated as either state colleges or two-year colleges.

"What this reclassification did was it eliminated the categorization of regional university and

created a categorization of comprehensive university," Papp continued.

KSU is now listed as a comprehensive university along with Georgia Southern, Valdosta State and West Georgia.

"What the board regents said in its categorization of these four institutions as comprehensive universities, is [they] have responsibilities for a complete range of teaching, research and service responsibilities across the whole range of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees," Papp said.

"In addition to that," he said, "these four universities will be committed to being world-class academic institutions."

Papp said that for KSU, this means additional prestige, additional responsibilities and should mean "access to additional areas of funding" for grants and research.

"It will not change any costs for students whatsoever," Papp said. "It hopefully will increase our ability to open doors for external funding."

The elevated status could also mean new programs for KSU in the near future.

"We have had a number of new bachelor's and master's and doctoral programs that are in the queue to go down to the Board of Regents," Papp said. "We have one or two down there already."

He said the new classification

would hopefully make it easier and quicker to get new master's and doctoral-level programs approved.

Papp went on to say that academically, KSU is in excellent shape.

"Over the course of the summer we passed our five-year review without a single recommendation" [from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools].

"We've got a lot of things we could improve but there's nothing that endangers us as an institution as far as SACS is concerned," Papp said. "That is tremendous news."

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OPINION



Danielle Alvarez Contributor

EGYPTIAN RELATIONS

As the body count rises in Egypt, the U.S. has put a temporary halt on all forms of aid to the region.

The question of whether or not aid will be reinstated at a future time cannot exactly be answered for the situation is complex. If the continuation of military support to Egypt, in its current state, was to be sustained, it may only be seen as a reward for the recent bloodshed. Egypt may be attempting to start down the path toward democracy but the killing and arresting of those involved in non-violent demonstrations is in conflict with democracy's core principle; the rights of the people should

trump all. However, if the violence was put to an end, there is no reason why aid could not begin again.

Aside from the desire to see Egypt progress as a democratic body, the U.S. naturally has other self-benefiting motives. In a volatile region such as the Middle East, it is most advantageous to have as many allies as possible. According to the Council of Foreign Relations, the U.S. is mainly responsible for bolstering Egypt's military, and, in times of war, it has done well to serve the U.S. by any means. A poor decision in this delicate state of affairs could tarnish foreign relations with Egypt creating difficulties not only in our time but for future administrations as well.

Should President Obama decide to withdraw U.S. backing

permanently, repercussions could ensue. The Suez Canal, a man-made waterway connecting the Mediterranean and Red Seas with the Indian Ocean, is a vital passage for vessels transporting the major commodities of our world - namely oil. As explained by an article in The Telegraph, greater upset in the North African country could cause this route to be closed off. With such a situation, cargo ships would need to travel almost 3,000 miles out of the way in order to complete shipments, resulting in the loss of time and money.

We also must not forget that without U.S. influence, Egypt could develop an ambiguous attitude with regard to terrorism. This would generate issues in the realm of national security for those of us here in

the U.S., Europe and any other country aligned with the West.

Installing a democratic government in Egypt would not only benefit those abroad but, most importantly, the Egyptian people for whom enduring gender, opportunity and income inequalities is an integral part of life. Per blogs. worldbank.org, data shows that income inequality, specifically, often arises from situations outside of an individual's power and is naturally "higher than in the most egalitarian countries." Just treatment is an unassailable human right to be experienced by everyone. Although the road toward such an idea will be long and strewn with many obstructions, its end result will be worthwhile. Ultimately Egypt needs the guidance of the U.S. in this period of transition and

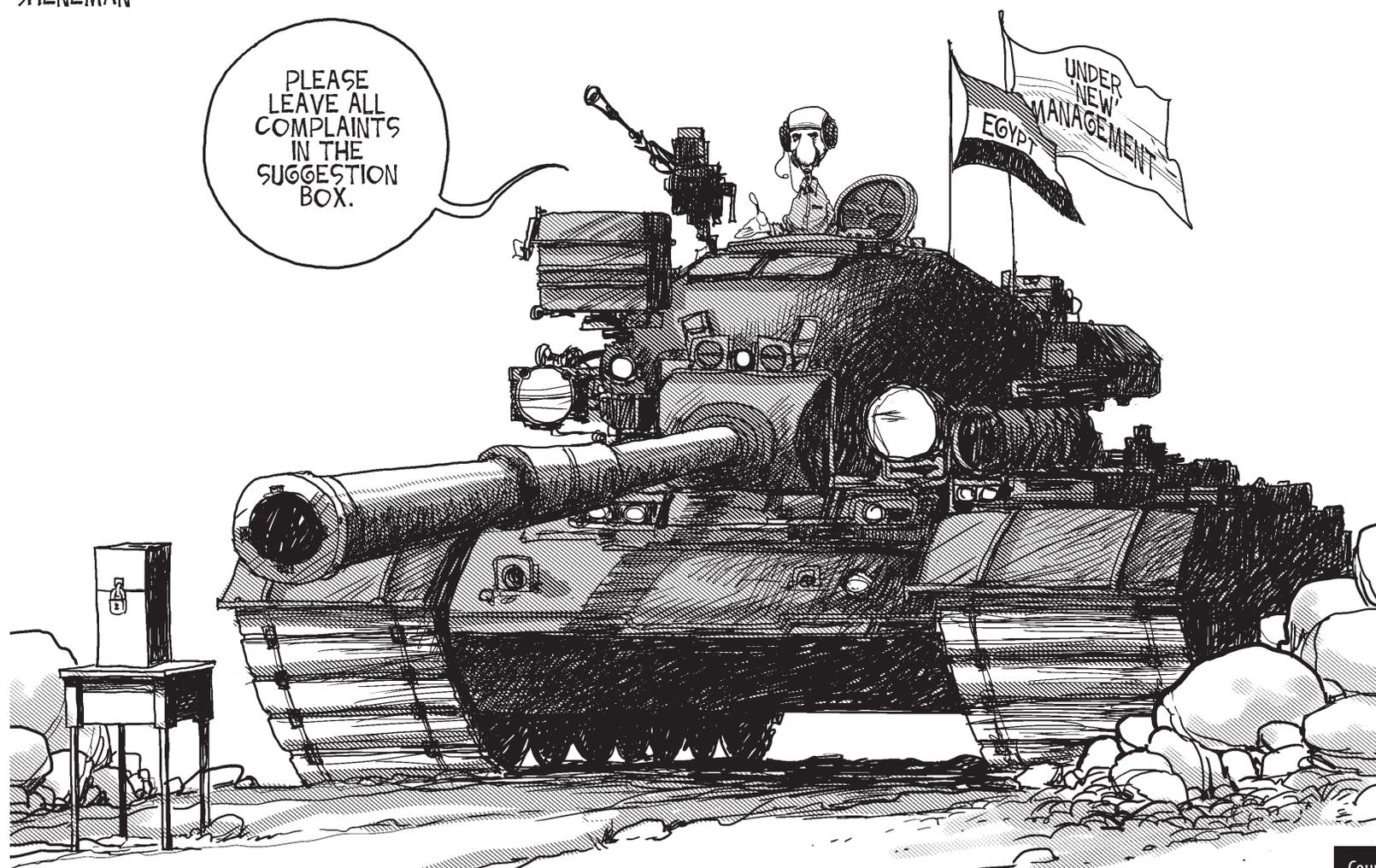
crisis.

It all comes down to the words of Robert Kennedy, "through no virtues and accomplishments of our own, we have been fortunate enough to be born in the United States under the most comfortable conditions. We, therefore, have a responsibility to others who are less well off."

If Egypt is left to its own devices it is a very real possibility the country could be put hopelessly asunder, jeopardizing both the quality of life of its people and those around the globe. Now is the time for firm, decisive action on the part of the U.S. to help Egypt help itself.

**Danielle Alvarez, Junior
Political Science Major**

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Mark Leszczynski Contributor

YOUTH *BATTLE* UNEMPLOYMENT

As a soon-to-be college graduate, I am concerned about my future occupational prospects. I am concerned because I know that highly coveted and sought-after college degrees no longer guarantee employment. According to the Associate Press, based on research gathered from "2011 Current Population Survey data by Northeastern University researchers" and other contributors, "about 1.5 million, or 53.6 percent, of bachelor's degree-holders under the age of 25 last year were jobless or underemployed, the highest share in at least 11 years." Do not glaze over these numbers! Read them again and again and let them sink in because in a few years, if not sooner, you too will be entering a highly competitive job market for gainful employment. So, I ask you: how are you planning to avoid being unemployed or underemployed once you have

your degree?

Our current economy's situation, not to mention future, is ambiguous. Many argue that the U.S. is well on its way to recovery from the largest recession since the Great Depression; however, others still contest that some of the numbers representing growth are misleading. For example, at the beginning of this month, the Department of Labor website stated that 162,000 jobs were added to payroll employment, and "employment rose in retail trade, food services and drinking places, financial activities, and wholesale trade." This may sound good for job seekers, but look at the jobs that were added—they are all notorious for being part-time jobs.

Granted, jobs are being added, which looks good on the surface, but these are not the quality of jobs which can sustain the already discouraged workers' demands (i.e. salary and job satisfaction,) or provide

for the millions of college graduates who are added to the workforce pool every year. Since anything short of a miracle is unlikely to drastically change the situation in the next five to ten years, this is what you, I and the person sitting next to you are up against in the very near future.

KSU realizes the challenges you and I will face post-graduation. Not only does the university try to assist by helping students meet their academic goals, but it also offers many resources and services which can elevate your chances of success when entering the job market. The Student Services Center presents seasonal career fairs, such as the Fall 2013 Career Fair in October at the Convocation Center, which will have over 80 booths hosted by national and local companies. Furthermore, the Career Services Center, a division of the Student Services Center, located on the second floor in Kennesaw Hall, offers

practically everything you need to help you get ready for the job market such as alumni-to-student mentoring, mock interviews, clubs and even internships.

Besides learning class material, an internship is one of the most important tools you can have in your arsenal against unemployment and underemployment. Amy Scott of Marketplace.org gives detail from a study conducted by Marketplace and The Chronicle of Higher Education when she says, "employers viewed an internship as the single most important credential for recent grads—more than where you went to school or what you majored in. Even your grades." To further solidify the importance of internships, KSU MPA/MBA graduate Michael Dutcher explains that "completing two internships while an undergrad directly impacted my success in the job market after graduation. According to my first employer,

what made me stand out over my competition was my internship experience."

Battling the economy and unemployment rates is no different from any other confrontation in that you must be prepared. Take advantage of the resources and services that KSU offers, go to job fairs and—most importantly—enroll in an internship. Without any practical or job-related experience to set you apart from the abyss of qualified job seekers, your chances of landing that posh job you are drooling over are slim. I am sure you have heard the saying, "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." Well, do not be that horse.

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ARTS AND LIVING

SPILLING THE BEANS ON CAMPUS COFFEE

Devon Zawko Contributor



Sophomore Collin Aaronson gets his morning coffee from PJ's before class.

Alex Picon | The Sentinel

A campus café is a welcoming oasis in a chaotic academic desert. When classes end, students jostle down hallways and hurry down the stairs. Crawling over each other, they have only one thing on their minds. They need coffee. Thankfully, there is PJ's, Jazzman's and The Grind to quench their thirst.

PJ's Coffee of New Orleans is located in the Student Center. Surrounded by streetlamps, wood floors and cozy chairs, PJ's really stands out from the rest of the food court. PJ's offers good ambiance, study space and, of course, caffeine. Patrons can enjoy something off the Today's Specials board such as a chocolate truffle iced coffee or pick up a bag of freshly ground coffee to take home. Tea drinkers will find a variety of iced teas including ginger peach and island breeze. For those just looking to cool down, frozen lemonade is offered as

well. Marathon studiers needing some fuel along with their caffeine can chow down on croissants, muffins and bagels - each less than \$3.

Recent rainy afternoons have created crowds in need of a pick-me-up at Jazzman's in the Social Science Building. On the hot summer days, students enjoy cooling down with an ice cold Jazzman's Blast. The very popular Blasts come in mocha, caramel, white chocolate and even crème brulee. Political Science majors can enjoy The New York Times or The Washington Post while sipping coffee before class. Rain or shine, Jazzman's employees say they treat their customers with love.

Even students with empty wallets can purchase coffee at PJ's and Jazzman's with Dining Dollars through their KSU ID cards.

Thrifty coffee lovers can grab a cup of Joe from The Grind

with a swipe of their ID card. Located in The Commons, The Grind offers limitless coffee with the convenience of the dining hall. A good cup of coffee makes up for the noise and commotion of the lunchtime rush. There is also the adjacent dessert counter that offers enticing additions to the brew.

Ardent Starbucks loyalists will soon find the king of coffee on campus. Business majors will be excited to discover that the coffee icon is setting up shop in the Burruss Building. Starbucks will be serving their abundant selection of cappuccinos, frappuccinos and lattes as early as the second week of September. It will no longer be necessary to leave campus for the green straw.

Four coffee spots on campus may seem like too much of a good thing, but coffee enthusiasts know that one can never have too much coffee or too many choices.

“ STARBUCKS WILL BE SERVING THEIR ABUNDANT SELECTION ...AS EARLY AS THE SECOND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.

”

PROMISING ADDITIONS TO FALL TV

Kim Renner Contributor

Autumn is the season of cuddling up in warm blankets as the temperatures gradually drop and the leaves fall.

It is the time when we all stay indoors more often and maybe even put the fireplace to use. We cook more and celebrate consistently. Most of all, we love watching our dramatic TV shows.

Keeping up with multiple TV series is a commonality many people have. We all have at least one show we love absorbing all of the juicy details from. We follow each season to the finale, catch as many episodes as we can and impatiently await the arrival of the next season.

Many popular TV series are

returning this autumn and addicted viewers are ready. Even those who cannot find time to catch all of their favorite shows live are excited to see some new seasons being released on Netflix as well. Popular shows such as "Modern Family," "How I Met Your Mother," "Supernatural," "Once Upon a Time" and "Scandal" are all officially returning this season.

Each of these returning shows are very contrasting in flavor but are all highly entertaining nonetheless. They are each successful shows returning to TV screens all across the nation. With so many different choices these days, there is definitely something for everyone.

In particular, a popular show called "The Vampire Diaries" is returning for season five this October. As with many series, the prior season will arrive on Netflix in September, allowing fans to catch up before the new season airs.

"The Vampire Diaries" was scheduled one week early in order to promote its new spinoff called "The Originals." The new series intimately depicts Klaus, one of the main antagonists that Elena, Stefan and Damon constantly battle throughout the main series. He becomes a very prominent character with a persistently unraveling family history. His previously undesirable personality traits

will surely grow as the series progresses, as he has now taken on the role of a protagonist.

Another promising new series that begins this September is "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." The series is based on the Marvel Comics organization and revolves around Agent Phil Coulson. In this new saga, Coulson puts a team together to stand against new cases arising involving super-humans, and they must all work together to handle them.

This intriguing new series picks up following the aftermath of the events in "The Avengers," including Coulson's apparent death. Those who contributed to "The Avengers"

\$1.5 billion at the box office will surely want to find out how this character survived. The TV show zeros in on Coulson more than the movie did and brings to light a whole new mission on his behalf.

There are many new and creative TV shows that are sure to strike curiosity in the eyes of viewers. This fall is exploding with new premiers and releases of old seasons on Netflix. Whether you are anxiously awaiting a returning show or exploring newly invented ideas, prepare yourself for some enticing new episodes and enjoy the great season.



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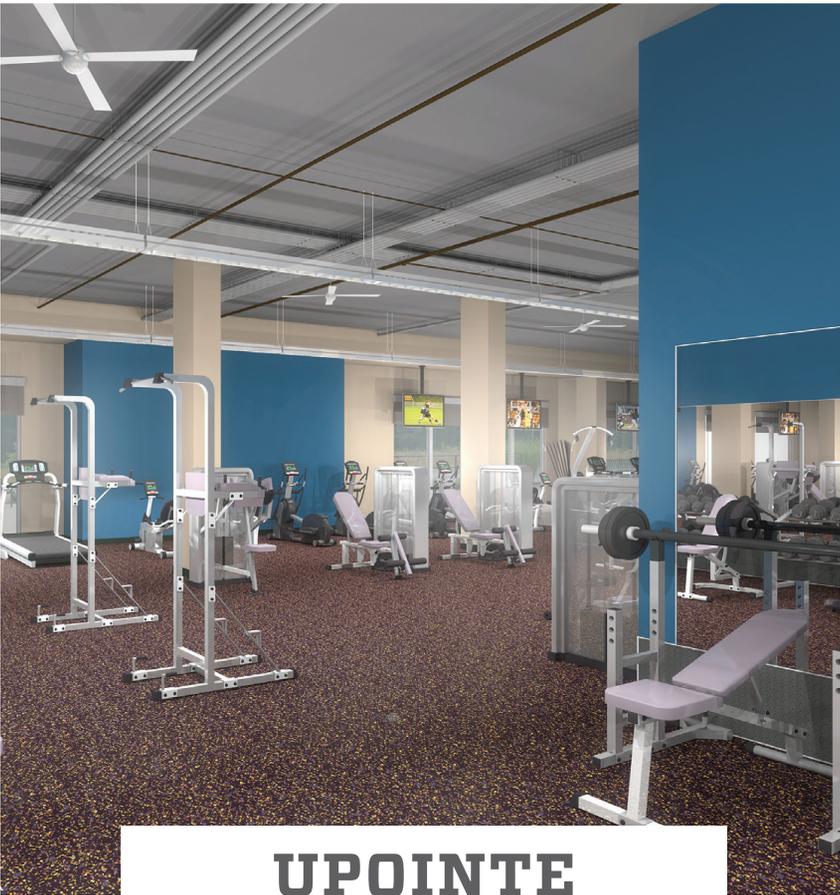


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“THE WORLD’S END”: mature themes invade Sci-Fi comedy

Mike Strong Arts & Living Editor

“The World’s End” is the type of film best enjoyed without any prior knowledge of the plot. I went into the film fully expecting to see an average science fiction comedy. I was happily surprised to find out that was not the case. The film takes its time, building up to the big turning point when extraterrestrial forces appear. The moment when this happens is jaw-dropping and shockingly hilarious. Despite the fact that I knew it would be coming at some point, it still caught me off guard in the best way possible.

The film stars Simon Pegg as Gary King, a self-destructive alcoholic, nostalgic for the

old days of pub crawling with his four best friends. When he realizes that life never got better than high school, he visits the four now-successful, estranged friends hoping to recruit them to attempt a pub run through their home town. Their goal is to drink at all 12 of the pubs in the town of Newton Haven, a challenge known as the “golden mile.”

As the group makes their way through the town, the film starts to feel like any other hangover movie. The pacing might be slow but that actually works in the film’s favor when the action finally begins. Without spoiling anything, the town locals are not the same people they used

to be. The situation suddenly turns sour and the group is forced to battle teenage boys in a pub’s restroom. The fight choreography in this scene is fast paced and incredibly well done.

From this point on, the film does an excellent job of pacing action and story exposition. The group progresses through the drastically changed pubs, slowly learning more about what is going on in town as well as learning who each friend has become as the years passed. It all culminates in the final pub, The World’s End, with a conclusion that might seem anticlimactic at first. But the ending actually is a perfect for

the tone of the film. It reinforces the theme that humans, while imperfect, always learn and improve upon themselves, while also fitting perfectly into the direct comedic tone of the film.

Behind the impractical premise and exaggerated action, “The World’s End” actually contains a very mature story about growing up and whether it is possible to go home again. The characters really hold the film together and are all given their moments to shine. Each of their individual personal stories helps emphasize the meaning behind the story.

“The World’s End” is much

more than a simple comedy science fiction movie. It turns the simple idea of not being welcome in your home town into something much grander. The film is exactly what British science fiction should be. There are plenty of laughs throughout, but there is more to “The World’s End” than science fiction comedy. It is an excellent example of how to combine meaningful themes, sharp action and witty comedy and should not be missed by fans of drama, science fiction and comedy alike.



Simon Pegg’s character, Gary King, is determined to complete a pub run through his hometown.

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TAPPING THE PS VITA'S TRUE POTENTIAL

Mike Strong Arts & Living Editor

Most KSU students likely grew up owning Nintendo's massively popular handheld gaming system the Game Boy: a device with simple two-dimensional graphics. Years have passed and handheld gaming has continued to evolve, recently moving prominently onto our mobile phones. Everyone owns a device that primarily works as a phone with minimal gaming capabilities, but what if more people embraced a device that acts primarily as a gaming console alongside all of the mobility and social functions of a cell phone? Such a device has existed for more than a year and is called the PlayStation Vita.

Sony's handy device is truly something unique among the hundreds of identically functioning smart phones out there. The system itself is designed primarily to play console quality games on-the-go. Many of its games are identical to versions of PlayStation 3 games, made possible by the console's dual analog control sticks. This allows for the massively popular first person shooter genre to be playable on the device.

Alongside its gaming capabilities, the Vita's wealth of apps such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Skype and Netflix truly make the device worth buying. Due to their well designed user interfaces, the apps really are worth using on the device. It might only be five inches across, but the OLED touch screen on the Vita is incredibly sharp and features a better display than most HD televisions. It is quite handy to be able to hook up a pair of headphones and watch Netflix in bed. With front and back facing cameras, the device is also great for using Skype video chat.

Despite all of these features the Vita has suffered from two major problems: Sony's weak

marketing strategy and high cost. Many reading this have likely never heard of the Vita or simply have chosen not to buy one because of its unrealistic prices. The Vita launched at \$250 alongside proprietary memory cards that ran up to \$100 for a small 32-gigabyte stick. Now, after nearly one and a half years, Sony has kicked the Vita sales train into gear, dropping the price to \$200 as well as dropping memory card prices.

The price drop will not do any good without promising game releases to back it up. Since its release, the Vita has become notorious for its small amount of available games. There are two major reasons why that is about to change.

Sony recently announced two major game releases for the Vita that will surely push sales of the console. Those games are Minecraft and Borderlands 2. These might be ports of pre-existing console games, but both have a substantial fanbase excited to spend hours playing these games outside of home.

The second reason is actually the upcoming home console, the PlayStation 4. Those who own a Vita will be able to use its remote play feature to play PS4 games on their Vita. As we are still three months away from being able to use this feature, it is still unknown whether streaming games onto the Vita will work well, but there is no denying the usefulness of this feature— especially when someone else wants to use the television.

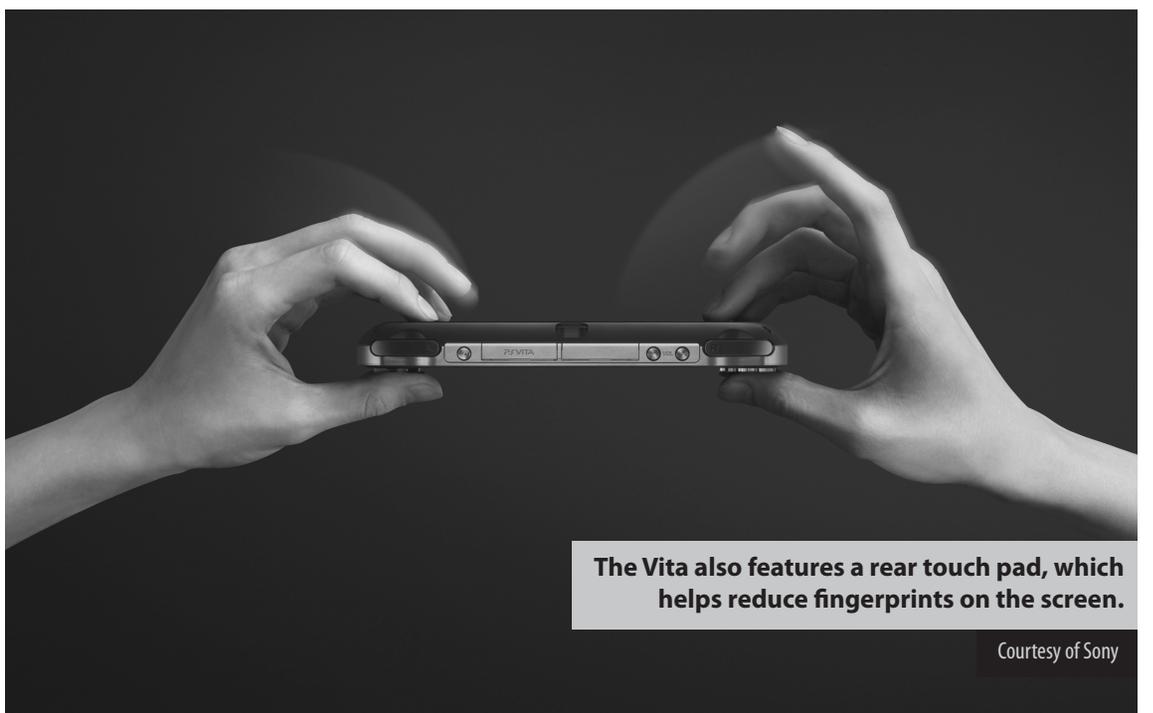
For those interested in gaming, the PS Vita is the real all-in-one device. Phone calls are the only feature making the Vita short of being more useful than a smart phone. Since many of the social features actually work better on this device than on a phone, the Vita is worth buying for casual and serious gamers alike.



Sony's newest handheld has an interface that is instantly recognizable to iPhone.

Courtesy of Sony

“MANY OF THE SOCIAL FEATURES ACTUALLY WORK BETTER ON THIS DEVICE THAN ON A PHONE...”



The Vita also features a rear touch pad, which helps reduce fingerprints on the screen.

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THE WONDERS OF the Voyager mission

Fernanda Perez Contributor

Thousands of years ago, humans believed that the sun and planets revolved around the Earth. This theory was soon proven wrong by Galileo, whose many observations finally helped convince people that the sun-centered solar system model, or the heliocentric model, was correct.

We live in a universe with billions of galaxies and trillions of stars, making us just another piece of dust in the gigantic unknown.

Some scientists agree that Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 are among the best scientific investments humans have ever made. 36 years after their launch in 1977, they are still traveling through the darkness of space "where nothing from Earth has flown before,"

according to NASA.gov.

NASA also states that Voyager 1 and 2 are now in the Heliosheath, the outermost layer of the heliosphere where the solar wind is slowed by the pressure of interstellar gas. Even though they have passed Pluto, these two spacecrafts have not left our solar system just yet. Surprisingly, 36 years later, they are still sending back scientific information about their surroundings.

However, going past Pluto was not their primary mission. After making discoveries on Jupiter and Saturn, such as active volcanoes on Jupiter's moon Io, the mission was extended. According to NASA, "Voyager 2 went on to explore Uranus and Neptune, and is still the only spacecraft to have

visited those outer planets.

The adventurers' current mission, the Voyager Interstellar Mission (VIM), will explore the outermost edge of the Sun's domain."

These discoveries have changed how we see the universe, but the most fascinating part is not the information they are bringing back to Earth but rather the information they are carrying with them.

Voyager 1 and 2 are carrying a 12-inch gold-plated copper disk called the Golden Record. "[The disk] contains sounds and images selected to portray the diversity of life and culture on Earth," according to NASA.

The contents of the records were carefully chosen. NASA states that the content was

selected "by a committee chaired by Carl Sagan of Cornell University. Dr. Sagan and his associates assembled 115 images and a variety of natural sounds, such as those made by surf, wind and thunder, birds, whales and other animals. To this they added musical selections from different cultures and eras, spoken greetings from Earth-people in 55 languages, and printed messages from President Carter and U.N. Secretary General Waldheim."

Many people believe that if a non-peaceful, more intelligent species in our infinite universe happened to find the disk, it would be enough to destroy human kind. But scientists say that, "For better or for worse, we have already announced our

presence and location to the universe, and continue to do so every day. There is a sphere of radio transmission about 30 light years thick expanding outward at the speed of light, announcing to every star it envelops that the earth is full of people. Our television programs flood space with signals detectable at enormous distances by instruments not much greater than our own."

If we ever happen to encounter extraterrestrial life, the only thing we can do is hope for them to be friendly and inviting beings.

(For more information about Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 visit: <http://voyager.jpl.nasa.gov/>)



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SPORTS

BEHIND ENEMY GOAL LINES

Mike Foster Sports Editor

Belt this season, and traditional FCS power Georgia Southern will also become part of that conference next fall.

Suddenly the FCS level is cleared, only to leave three programs in the lanes. Two of those programs are KSU and Mercer. The rivalry is inevitable, and it should be fierce.

"We're looking forward to playing a lot of Mercer as we go through it," KSU Director of Athletics Vaughn Williams said. "But, there's differences in us. They're a smaller, private school in Macon, and then you have Savannah State—an HBCU school down in Savannah. And then you have us."

"We all offer something," Williams said.

Mercer will replace Georgia Southern in the Southern Conference, which has built a reputation as the best league in the FCS. Mercer's head coach, Bobby Lamb, coached in the league while at Furman.

Lamb sees many positives in the changing college football environment in Georgia.

"The state of Georgia has been underpopulated for years on places for high school kids to go play college football," Lamb said. "With the movement toward adding football in this state—just in 2013 you have

Berry, Reinhardt and Mercer, and of course 2015 Kennesaw State and I think 2009 maybe was Georgia State's first year. Going not too far back you've got LaGrange and Shorter starting in 2005 and 2006, so I know all of the high school coaches are excited about the expansion in the state and schools that are playing football. And of course, everybody is trying to move up. Georgia State is moving up. Georgia Southern is moving up. Both of those moves obviously gave us an opportunity to move into a great conference, so I think the landscape is ever changing. You've always got to stay up front and think forward, because you never know what's going to happen."

KSU is still two years away from football, but this fall marks the first time incoming students have arrived knowing for sure that they'll have a football team to cheer for. Brian Bohannon, a former assistant at Georgia Tech, was hired in March to be the school's first football coach. Since then, an entire coaching staff has been put into place, recruits have already committed to the program, and half inaugural season tickets are already flying off the books.

According to Williams, some

of the next steps include adding a band and a band director, auxiliary positions within the program, as well as finding a conference to play in.

KSU's athletics teams will stay in the Atlantic Sun Conference, which doesn't sponsor football, while the football team will be an associate member of a different league. Campbell, Jacksonville and Stetson, all of which have competed or still compete in the A-Sun, field football teams in the Pioneer League, though Williams wants to keep his team in the southeast.

"People have spoken about the Big South, the SoCon and the OVC," Williams said. "Right now we don't control that destiny. We've got to wait and see what happens and be patient."

Williams said he hopes for that development to take place in the next few months.

Despite likely not settling into the same conference as the Bears, the rivalry will surely happen through non-conference scheduling.

"We're looking forward to playing a lot of Mercer as we go through it," Williams said. "They get a little jump on us, but that's okay. We're not worried about that."



Mike Foster | The Sentinel

KSU's in-state rival will kickoff this Saturday.

Mercer University's football program will reboot when it hosts the Reinhardt Eagles, another first-year team from in Georgia, this Saturday night in Macon.

A beautiful, 10,000 seat stadium, equally aesthetically pleasing facilities, a new band and a lot of raw pride will finally serve purpose for the Bears. Mercer has not fielded a varsity football team since 1941, and their new Division I FCS squad is getting a two-year jump on KSU in terms of leveraging position

in the ever-changing college football environment in the state.

Thanksgiving day smack talk could very soon be more than just banter regarding Bulldogs and Yellow Jackets. Aside from the traditional Georgia-Georgia Tech rivalry, two new in-state rivalries are surely close to heating up.

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ATLANTA FANBASE BUILDING WITH teams' success

Last week we ran a column titled, "Yes, Atlanta is a woeful sports town," and understandably I received more emails than usual this week.

What was evident in the enthusiastic responses to the article was the fact that Atlanta sports mean a lot to our generation—all of the 20-something-year olds and below.

Honestly, our generation hasn't had it that bad, and I think that's why we're beginning to see the cementing foundation of Atlanta being a great sports town dry before our very eyes.

Mike Lewis and Manish Tripathi, professors at Emory University in Atlanta, published a study on Aug. 15 that ranked Atlanta Falcons fans as the 31st worst fanbase in the National Football League, trailed only by the Oakland Raiders.

That study's results went viral, and sparked a state-wide conversation: is Atlanta really that bad of a sports town?

It should be noted that the same duo also ranked the top Major League Baseball fans, and the results were even more puzzling. They ranked the Astros fans sixth in the majors, while the Braves fans placed 20th. Somehow, the Detroit Tigers ranked two spots behind the Miami Marlins. That was all I needed to see.

Numbers aside, I'll make my retort. No, Atlanta isn't that bad of a sports town. In fact, it's beginning to become a great one, and it's starting with the younger generation.

The Atlanta Braves are actually 14th in the league in attendance this season. Considering the population desparity between Atlanta and places like Chicago, Los Angeles

and New York, it's understood why that number is near the middle of the pack.

The Atlanta Falcons season tickets for this coming season sold out in 24 hours. Falcons fans have done a great job of making the Georgia Dome one of the toughest places to play in the NFL for the past five years, and surely the energy surrounding Falcons football will get a boost when Atlanta gets the fanciest stadium in the entire country in 2017.

The only team that has suffered has been the Hawks, who got handcuffed by despicable management and draft choices during the Rick Sund era. But, man, was the Philips Arena the place to be when the Hawks took the Celtics to seven games in 2008?

My point is this: Statistics aren't going to tell the story, but, nevertheless, it's so easy to understand fanbases in professional sports that no study needs to be done.

Here's the answer: Winning teams draw crowds; Losing teams play in front of empty seats. Sure, the Green Bay Packers will probably have capacity attendance at games, even if the team is having a bad year. There are a select few great sports towns that have that unrivaled fan commitment.

But, outside of that, most other sports cities are all just as good as one another. If you are forcing yourself to stack those teams into a ranking system, you're going to skew the image of the team just by putting a high number (say, 20-32) next to the name.

Atlanta is building winning tradition, and with that is coming an interested, engaged and enthusiastic fan base. We need to remember that professional sports in Atlanta—the college football epicenter—

are young. The Braves, Hawks and Falcons all arrived in the late 1960s. And, of course we lost two hockey teams—not because we're a bad sports town, but because we don't have any clue how to even watch the sport.

The Falcons were miserable in their first 20 years, as were the Braves. In fact, the first team to really make a splash was in fact the Hawks. But, how many of us have grown up knowing nothing but Braves baseball? The 90s were the decade of Braves baseball. They earned the title of America's team and

won pennant after pennant.

As far as I've grown up, the Braves fans have been the greatest in the country; they just really hate traffic.

Furthermore, Falcons football has caught on very well. Every gameday my Facebook and Twitter feeds are blown up with nothing but talk about the game. We finally have a franchise quarterback, as well as an owner that truly cares about the team in Arthur Blank and fantastic management and coaching.

This is a football-loving town, and the Falcons have been

welcomed and cherished by our generation. Growing up, my father would always kind of bug me for being so obsessed with the Falcons. That was because he never grew up with a team good enough to root for, and thus never invested himself.

It's simple. Sports fans love good teams. Atlanta is just now seeing stable success within its professional franchises, and the fanbases have responded accordingly.

Yes, Atlanta is a "transplant" city, if you will, but we still have natives too. The natives just took a few decades to wake up.



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KSU SPLITS OPENING WEEKEND

Andrew Howard Contributor

KSU's soccer team opened up the 2013 season with a double feature in Tennessee this weekend, facing off against non-conference opponents Tennessee Tech and Oklahoma.

The Owls, part of a group of teams hosted by the University of Tennessee, first took the field at Regal Soccer Stadium on Friday against Tennessee Tech, and Rob King's side was able to record its first win in a season opener since 2010. The Owls beat the Golden Eagles 1-0, a scoreline that TTU was fortunate to hold.

Preseason is now over and the games hold actual meaning, but more of the same finishing problems from the Clayton State exhibition plagued the Owl attack. Even though KSU held a sizable lead in shots (15-

4), the breakthrough did not come as fast as the shot chart might have suggested.

"It would be nice to take a little bit of pressure off and not be quite as anxious if we put our chances away in the first half," Owls head coach Rob King told ksuowls.com. "Because we really should have been two or three up by halftime."

Defender Brittney Reed scored the lone goal of the game: a 25-yard shot that beat TTU's goalkeeper, Jordan Brown, ten minutes into the second half. Reed's season-opening strike continued what appears to be a smooth transition from the University of Florida, where she was on the team for a redshirt year in 2012.

Sunday's game was quite different, both in the caliber of the opposition and the result.

The Owls traded their Ohio Valley Conference opponent for an initial meeting with Big 12 team Oklahoma, losing 2-0. Oklahoma's Madison Saliba scored both goals on set pieces just two minutes apart in the first half.

King correctly predicted Friday night that the Sunday game would be much slower, and the most noticeable change of pace came in the KSU attack. Chances just did not come as easy for the Owls, as they only were able to record three shots. The closest attempt came late in the game from Shannon Driscoll, but the freshman forward had her effort saved by Oklahoma's Miranda Larkin.

"We had a little bit of difficulty connecting with our forwards

in there to actually generate very good chances," King said. "We had one very good one on a breakaway that we were not able to capitalize."

The youth movement continued for the Owls, as five true freshmen made their first KSU starts over the weekend. Suzanne Arafa continued her fine attacking form in the midfield, and she led the team in shots over the course of both games. In goal, fellow freshman Olivia Sturdivant also debuted with bright moments, keeping a clean sheet against TTU and saving five shots against OU.

King's focus on gaining experience and learning as an entire team continued as well. The Owls are afforded that luxury because of a conference

schedule that does not start until September 27th. Results matter now, but King is more than happy to apply what happens in the context of the game, rather than just examine the scorelines.

"Overall a good weekend, a win and a loss and lots of things learned," the coach said Sunday.

The Owls hit the road again Friday, August 30th, for a couple prestigious games in the Carolina Nike Classic in Chapel Hill, N.C. KSU will play Duke, the No. 7 team in the nation, on Friday before finishing the tournament Sunday with the No. 1 ranked host—and defending national champion—North Carolina.

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Julia Nelson pushes the ball in the Owls exhibition opener.

OWLS READY FOR OPENING SET amidst coaching transition

Chris Raimondi Contributor



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Emily Bean serves the ball in an Owls home match last season.

KSU's volleyball team is set to begin what will be one of the most exciting seasons in the program's history.

Led by new head coach Keith Schunzel, the Owls have high expectations for 2013 after finishing last season with a losing record.

After naming Schunzel head of the team roughly three months following the season's conclusion, a condensed offseason was still proven to be productive. "We had a lot to do in a real short amount of time," said Schunzel. "From developing relationships to getting the team pointed in the right direction and on board with the new staff's vision, it was a really successful offseason."

Under the new staff, the team was challenged to create a

new chemistry. "The offseason went really good," junior Keyaira Stevenson said. "We're trying to have a new attitude for the new season. We have new chemistry and a new flow with everybody, so we're just trying to have outlook on what the season is going to be and it's kind of been brought into our preseason this year."

The players have showed strong faith in the programs new hiring's. Assistant coaches Kim Fletcher and Peter Chang will also begin their first seasons with KSU. "Everyone believes in what they are saying," senior Sara Metroka said. "They have come in and made a huge impact on our culture. We're going to take this program to do good things."

Senior Emily Bean added,

"They bring such a positive energy, all of them do. They're really teaching us how to take advantage of our time here and take advantage of the resources we have here. They're resumes are incredible, they come from great programs." Bean, who came down with an injury on the second day of preseason, will miss the remainder of the preseason but hopes to be back when conference play begins.

With Schunzel's resume including stints at Purdue, Indiana and Kentucky, he expressed his excitement since arriving at KSU stating, "It's been awesome. Everything that I saw during the interview process and the people that I talked to is exactly what it has been and more. It's a great athletic department, it's a great school, and we feel really comfortable."

Staying strong throughout the course of the season will be the main objective this year. The Owls started out their 2012 campaign undefeated through four games and then finished the season on a seven game losing streak. "Last season we started off strong then we kind of drifted off," said Stevenson.

"Our goal this year is to make it to the conference tournament, especially because we are hosting it, and win," said Metroka. Consistency will have to be the team's focus in 2013 to return the program to its winning ways.

Reaching the Atlantic Sun Conference tournament would deliver a sense of redemption to the returning players but Schunzel assures his team is taking the season one game at a time. "We have not talked specifically about win-loss," said Schunzel. "We have not talked about winning tournaments. We want to get better and see where we are at by the end of the year. Hopefully by conference tournament time we are peaking."

However, the player's know what they want to accomplish. "Definitely finishing top two going into the conference I think would be really beneficial," said Bean. "It gives us a bye for conference play, and it would be nice to be top two coming into our own home conference tournament." Out for revenge, the returning players are looking for an A-Sun Conference championship.

Along with hosting the A-Sun tournament, the KSU volleyball squad will travel to two SEC schools this season when they take on Ole Miss in a tournament in Oxford and then conclude their season in Athens against Georgia. As always the Owls will face a tough A-Sun conference. "We always look for ETSU," Bean said. "We have built a rivalry with ETSU over the past few years."

KSU will be featured on four ESPN3 games, three of

which will be broadcasted from the Convocation Center. "It's fantastic to get on ESPN3," said Schunzel. "That's going to expand in future years hopefully and that's great visibility for recruits, for our program and for kids who are not from Georgia. We are excited about the schedule."

The elevated visibility for KSU is something that continues to expand the athletic department. "I think the potential with all of the sports teams is starting to be realized, which is really neat," Schunzel explained. "Obviously all of the additions and all of the things going on make KSU unique. There is not a ton of tradition; there is not 100 years to go back on with anything. So a lot of it you can build from scratch and we can literally see this thing develop."

Leadership for the Owls will be provided by the team's four seniors, Emily Bean, Sara Metroka, Camille Pedraza and Aneisha Christie. "All four of them have been great so far," said Schunzel. "They will provide a bulk of the voice and the experience and then we have a handful of underclassmen that I think are ready to step up and get more of a leadership role."

KSU's campaign begins on Aug. 30 when they take on Eastern Kentucky in their season opening tournament in Radford, VA.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Soccer vs. Duke

Fri, 8/30, 2 pm
Chapel Hill, N.C.

30

Cross Country @ JU Short Course Duals

Fri, 8/30, 4 pm
Radford, VA

30

Cross Country @North Florida Cross Country Challenge

Sat, 8/31, 8 am
Jacksonville, FL

31

Soccer vs. UNC

Sun, 9/1, 3 pm
Chapel Hill, N.C.

31

Volleyball vs. EKU

Fri, 8/30, 4 pm
Radford, VA

30

Volleyball vs. NCA&T

Sat, 8/31, 12:30 pm
Radford, VA

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Volleyball vs. Radford

Sat, 8/31, 5:30 pm
Radford, VA

31

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