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SNEAK PEEK



Pictured (from left to right): KSU coach Brian Bohannon, Director of Athletics Vaughn Williams, Big South Commissioner Kyle B. Kallander and KSU President Daniel Papp

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KSU FOOTBALL JOINS BIG SOUTH

Mike Foster Sports Editor

KSU's varsity football program will compete as an associate member of the Big South Conference when it kicks off in 2015, according to an announcement made by KSU President Daniel Papp at a press conference at Fifth Third Bank Stadium on Wednesday.

KSU had been searching for a conference to play in since it announced the football program in the Spring. The Ohio Valley Conference was considered the other most likely option, according to Director of Athletics Vaughn Williams in an interview with The Sentinel two weeks ago.

"We are extremely pleased to join the Big South Conference as an associate member for football, and look forward to participating in the conference when we play our first football games in 2015," Papp said. "We also look forward to continuing to be an active member of our current conference, the Atlantic Sun, in all other sports in which we participate."

KSU's other athletic teams will continue to compete in the Atlantic Sun Conference. The A-Sun and Big South are both NCAA Division I conferences, but the A-Sun does not sponsor football. In the past few seasons, A-Sun members Jacksonville

and Stetson also started football teams as associate members in other leagues. Mercer and East Tennessee State will move their football programs to the Southern Conference in the next few years.

Big South Conference Commissioner Kyle B. Kallander, who attended the announcement, sees KSU as a perfect fit.

"The Big South Conference is very pleased to welcome Kennesaw State University as a football member," Kallander said. "We have been impressed by the Owls' leadership and commitment to building a strong FCS program with integrity and character."

"Once the football program was announced, the next task was to find a conference for our football team," Williams said. Williams continued to give the nod to both conferences.

"We look forward to our football program building great traditions and rivalries in the Big South, just as our other athletic teams are doing in the Atlantic Sun Conference."

The Big South's other football members include Charleston Southern, Coastal Carolina, Gardner-Webb, Liberty, Presbyterian, and another associate member in Mommouth. KSU's associate

membership with the conference is for four years.

KSU will immediately be eligible to compete for a conference title, as well as qualify for the FCS playoffs.

"We look forward to building a competitive team as quickly as possible," head coach Brian Bohannon said.

Continuing to build the steam, Williams and Bohannon were the feature speakers at the

Touchdown Club of Atlanta's weekly luncheon on Monday.

KSU will also present the team's official helmet design that it will wear in its inaugural season with an unveiling at halftime of Friday's home soccer match against Ole Miss.

KSU students, faculty, staff and fans were asked to vote on the helmet design via an online poll over the course of the past month.

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE FACTS

- Established in 1983
- Began sponsoring football in 2002
- Current members in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia
- Monmouth and KSU will be associate members
- Only football playing charter members: Coastal Carolina and Charleston Southern
- Football members include Charleston Southern, Coastal Carolina Gardner Wedd, Liberty, Presbyterian and VMI

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NEWS

SGA BEAT

Caitlin Monday Staff Writer

As the semester begins to pick up, KSU's Student Government Association continues to meet and develop ideas for student involvement. SGA's big theme is collaboration this year, which involves other organizations on campus to support its mission of student involvement. Over the past couple of meetings, SGA has met with departments such as the Card Services Center, KSU Campus Police and the Department of Sports and Recreation.

KSU Police introduced Kim

Clay as the interim director of the Department of Public Safety after former director Ted Cochran retired after 30 years at KSU.

Clay said he is standing-in while KSU searches for someone to take over permanently.

Clay retired from the University of South Alabama where he spent 25 years, 19 of which he served as police chief.

Clay said the department "will not turn a deaf ear" to any student's concern and will help in any way they can.

Executive Director of the KSU

Sports and Recreation Park Marty Elliot attended SGA's Sept. 5 meeting to discuss upcoming events for Sports and Recreation as well as how students can become more involved. She said by including students in the behind-the-scenes processes, they would be able to learn "sport and entertainment and venue management, [which] involves everything from selling the tickets to unloading the trucks."

"I'm looking forward to the first football game hosted at the stadium," said SGA Vice

President Khyllil Chestnut.

"Kennesaw Mountain and North Cobb will be playing a game on [Friday] Sept. 20 and I am looking forward to seeing what football looks like in the stadium."

SGA is currently accepting applications from guests who have been present at two or more meetings. "We are not only looking for hard workers, but personalities that are going to compliment our current dynamic," Chestnut said.

SGA is interested in KSU organization collaboration

as well as student opinions. During open forum, guests are welcome to voice any concerns they might have. Members of SGA say they want to be viewed as open-minded officers who are willing to listen to all students and find ways for them to get involved.

If students have any concerns and would like to voice them, SGA meets in the University Rooms of the Carmichael Student Center every Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Photos courtesy of Aaron Roberson

Senate meetings are open to the public and are held Thursdays at 3:30 in the Student Center



OWL EVENTS

Shaddi Abusaid
News Editor

Don't miss any OWL Events! Check back each week for a new calendar of KSU's upcoming events. Don't see your event? We want to know! Please send event information to newseditor@ksusentinel.com

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Tuesday

- KSU Mudslingers Bake Sale
Social Sciences East Lobby
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Kennesaw Activities Board Homecoming Ticket Sales
Campus Green, The Commons, Social Sciences Building
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
(Tues., Wed., Thurs.)

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Wednesday

- Student Nurses Association Mental Health Awareness Service Project
Campus Green
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Thursday

- Dr. Papp visits International Students
Student Center Atrium
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Kennesaw Activities Board Registered Student Organization Meeting
Student Center University Rooms
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

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Friday

- Soccer Match
KSU Soccer Stadium
5:00 p.m.

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Monday

- Violin and Piano Performance
David and Julie Coucheron Bailey Performance Center
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

POLICE BEAT

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

Stuart Morrison Staff Writer

HIT-AND-RUN

Around noon on Aug. 19, Officer Hammond was dispatched to a hit-and-run accident. The driver who had left the scene reportedly made a left turn and failed to yield, striking the other vehicle in the left rear wheel and quarter panel before taking off. The driver of the

struck vehicle followed the other long enough to get a vehicle and driver description as well as a license plate number. No injuries were reported. That evening, Officer Mason met with the suspect and placed her under arrest.

ROAD RAGE

On the morning of Aug. 20, Officers Hammond and Parham responded to a BOLO (Be on the lookout for) regarding an Asian man reportedly driving aggressively and displaying a weapon to another motorist. The officers spotted a vehicle matching the description, and the registration number was the same as that reported by Dispatch. They stopped the black Hyundai coupe and Hammond approached the driver while Parham covered the passenger side. The driver was compliant with requests and answered questions about the incident. He also admitted to having a weapon in the glove box. Hammond asked the driver to exit the vehicle. The driver was compliant and the officer detained the suspect. Officer Parham obtained from the glove box a Walther PK380 handgun and secured it. After securing the gun, Parham

turned the weapon over to Sergeant Forman. A witness was brought in to confirm that the suspect was indeed the one driving aggressively and brandishing a firearm. The suspect was arrested and taken to Cobb ADC. Just after midnight on Aug. 24, Officer Centola was flagged down by a male who stated he was just in a hit-in-run. The man said that his car was struck by a blue Toyota Corolla, but when the driver pulled off into the Ice Forum parking lot, the other car drove off, failing to stop for the accident. The driver's girlfriend was following him in her vehicle when the accident occurred and was able to follow the Corolla as she called the police. She followed the Corolla as it pulled into U Club, and stated that she saw a black male exit the vehicle. The man later turned himself in to KSU Police.

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KSU'S POLITICAL GROUPS remain active, seek new membership

Jackson Walsh Contributor

Compared to last year's increased interest in national politics due to the 2012 presidential election, 2013 may seem a little underwhelming.

Regardless of the level of student interest in American government, the political groups at KSU are up and running and are welcoming new members. While more and more voters seem to be either undecided or on the fence concerning their personal political beliefs, the three political parties represented at KSU are the Republicans, Democrats and Libertarians. While these labels may bring

certain stereotypes to mind, an individual's own perspective as to why they lean a certain way is a key factor in determining how that person may vote.

Michael Zeman, president of the College Libertarians of KSU, explained the difference between Libertarian (capital L) and libertarian (lowercase l).

"The majority of the club members do not associate with the Libertarian Party, and some are even registered Democrats and Republicans," said Zeman, a junior pursuing an MBA. "To me, being a libertarian means a love of individual liberty and economic liberty."

CLOKSU meets Monday

evenings at 7 p.m. behind PJ's Coffee, but the group is currently seeking a meeting place in the Social Sciences Building.

Donny Fritz is the current chairman of KSU's College Republicans. He said his personal viewpoints involve "less government" and "[no] big tax burden[s]".

Fritz said that while current leadership has good intentions, "They're just not doing a good job."

In describing what might bring more young leadership to the Republicans, Fritz, who is a senior majoring in Communication with

a concentration in Public Relations, said, "They are seeing through the message of hope and change and are starting to think for themselves."

The Republicans meet every other Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Social Sciences Building.

Jordan Sartin is the president of the Young Democrats. Sartin describes himself as a progressive, a movement that was popularized in the 20th Century by Theodore Roosevelt and later Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He said the modern Democratic Party more closely aligns with what he believes.

"I do not believe individuals should be defined by their

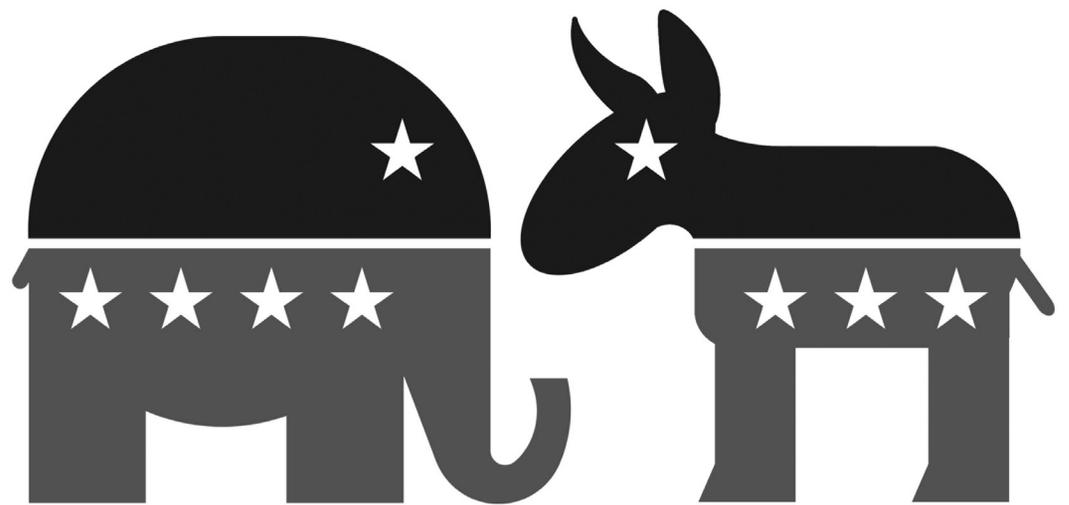
political parties," said Sartin, a senior studying American History and Culture. "They should instead seek to make the party be a reflection of themselves."

Sartin said the nation's lack of confidence in elected officials stems from the fact that candidates "are more loyal to the donors who fund them rather than individuals who elect them."

The Young Democrats meet every other Tuesday night in the English Building Room 072 and will host a Healthcare Issues Summit set for Sept. 26.



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NSA SURVEILLANCE threatens privacy rights for Americans

Jessica Garcia and Victoria Marie Ward Staff Writers

The recent National Security Agency's information leaks, courtesy of the now-famed Edward Snowden, have unveiled multiple ways the American government has spied on not only its enemies but also its citizens.

Snowden came to the British newspaper The Guardian in May 2013 with possibly "one of the greatest national security leaks in history," according to famous leaker Daniel Ellsberg. Snowden made public the ways that the government monitors its citizens through data mining tools like Prism, Boundless Informant, Blarney, Stormbrew and others.

Through Prism, the government is able to collect Internet data through nine major Silicon Valley companies

that include Google, Yahoo, YouTube, Facebook and Apple among others. The federal government is able to retrieve citizens' emails, personal messages, photos, videos, stored data and any online activity with help from NSA partners and U.S. telecommunications companies.

Prism is court-approved, but it does not need individual warrants, according to a Washington Post article published July 10.

"It's a challenge to the Constitution," said KSU Political Science Professor Lee Jones. "Blanket surveillance of electronic communication is a challenge to the First Amendment and collecting people's information without

a warrant is a challenge to the Fourth Amendment."

Jones said 75 percent of online material is being collected.

"It's a case of freedom versus order," he continued. "People will sacrifice some freedoms for safety. No one wants to get blown up. However, if people allow this surveillance to continue, the government is free to monitor other things."

Through Boundless Informant, the government is able "to select a country on a map and view the metadata volume and select details about the collections against that country," according to an NSA factsheet acquired by The Guardian.

"Metadata tells you the numbers called by [anyone]

and [it] can derive things about them," said Nathan Wilson, vice president for the KSU club Students for Liberty. "The NSA can see what you purchase, where you go and build a case against you.

"They can retroactively get all of this information without a warrant," Wilson continued. "It's scary! They can charge you on mitigating circumstances and take you to court."

Although many KSU students revere Snowden's actions, some are wary of the consequences the leaks may have on American security.

"It's crazy, but do you really want to know everything they do to keep us safe? It's creepy, but we don't know how many times this practice could have saved lives," KSU Business major

Killian Moroney said.

"Initially Snowden was a whistle blower, but as time went on, the leaks became unnecessary and dangerous," said freshman Political Science major Michael Roberts. "He should have kept it in the U.S. Now other countries know that there are records that contain the online life of every American citizen and that of theirs too." Through Blarney, the NSA partners with companies overseas, making deals for their Internet data.

"What [Snowden] did was dangerous," said senior Political Science major Patrick Crooks. "Think about unindustrialized countries . . . Now they know we are watching them."

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7pm vs Ole Miss

Sept. 17th
7pm vs Samford

Sept. 22nd
1pm vs Troy

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OPINION



Laura Heiney Contributor

GUN VIOLENCE & MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health issues have been at the center of the gun control debate since the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting in December 2012. Almost immediately after the incident occurred, people scrambled for an explanation as to why Adam Lanza did what he did. Their conclusion: he was mentally ill. From there, the issue exploded onto the foreground of the gun control debate.

But does it belong there? According to Jennifer Mathis, director of programs for the Bazelon Center of Mental Health Law, it does not. She claims that since the Sandy Hook tragedy, the focus on mental illness "has sparked knee-jerk, myth-based proposals that wrongly target mental health despite the minimal relationship with gun violence." In fact, Mathis goes on to claim that pushing the

attention onto mental health law is just a distraction from the issue at hand: "gun regulation."

The reaction to Sandy Hook is understandable though still incorrect. When tragedies occur, the media is quick to grab onto the perpetrator's history of mental illness. But if it is as Mathis said, and the link between mental health and gun violence is tenuous at best, where does that leave the debate?

Gun violence is rarely caused by mental illness. As reported by an article in the Scientific American, severely mentally ill people account for only 3 to 5 percent of violent crimes in the general population, despite the 60 to 80 percent of the public which believes that schizophrenic patients are especially likely to go around committing violent crimes. While there have been instances

of schizophrenic patients committing violent acts, such as the 2011 Tucson Massacre shooter Jared Loughner, statistics indicate that these individuals are at a far greater risk of hurting themselves. In fact, according to statistics released in the National Journal, around 15 percent of schizophrenic individuals in the U.S. die by suicide. This is troubling when considering how much emphasis is being placed on the question of the mental illness-violence link in gun regulation which, as reported by the National Journal, researchers have claimed is barely existent. Statistics show that around 96 percent of all violent crimes are actually committed by people with no mental health issues at all.

Despite the way tragedies like Sandy Hook are widely

publicized when they occur, the truth is that those events are a departure from the norm. These are the exceptions and should be treated as such. This is evident when compared to the numbers released by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, which indicate that in the U.S., an average of 30 people are shot and killed every day, not including suicide. More disturbingly is that most of the data collected points to the fact that the majority of the guns used in these shootings were purchased legally.

Suicides bring a more interesting spin to the issue. The CDC's data indicates that 53 people kill themselves with a firearm each day, bringing the total number of firearm-related deaths per day to above 80. This is where the mentally ill should be considered: not as murderers, but as a risk to

themselves. In an interview with the National Journal, Duke medical professor Jeffrey Swanson refers to suicide as the gun control debate's "elephant in the room."

Adam Lanza and the other mentally ill shooters profiled like movie villains by the media are not who those involved in the gun regulation debate should be considering. They should be looking to each other as the main causes of gun-related violence in the U.S. People without mental illnesses who legally purchase their weapons are both the people in control of this debate and the people most likely to kill another person with their guns.

Laura Heiney, Sophomore Spanish Major.

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THE FOUR-YEAR ADVANTAGE

Mark Leszczynski Staff Writer

The four-year college graduate is not impossible to find, but studies show that you are more likely to bump into a five- or six-year college graduate than someone who completed his or her education in four years. The National Center for Education Statistics website posted a 2011 study by the Digest of Education Statistics stating that only 37.9 percent of graduates completed their degree in four years. The same study also showed that 20.4 percent more college graduates completed their degree in a six-year span. Whether by choice or due to unavoidable circumstances, prolonging one's educational goals has both perks and disadvantages; in my opinion,

the disadvantages outweigh the perks.

Before cataloging a few reasons why a four-year degree is more agreeable than a five- or six-year degree, I think that it is important to take a moment for a side-note and address the obvious statement that not all students have the option of graduating in four years. I know there are external factors that can inhibit some students from completing their course work in a timely manner—transfer complications, scheduling conflicts, personal issues, academic probation and the list goes on. For these students, a five- or six-year college education is unavoidable. However, if there are not any unavoidable circumstances forcing you to divert your attention away from obtaining a degree in four years, then

do not take your eyes off the prize and make the four-year commitment.

Arguably, one of the most encouraging motivators to finish your college degree in four years is the financial advantage. Who does not want to avoid having to pay tuition or the heinously inevitable fee increases for an additional year or two? I'm sure you are all aware that the price of college has been inflating every year for the past decade. According to the University System of Georgia website, for the second year in a row, there will be "a tuition increase of just 2.5 percent for in-state, undergraduate students at 27 University System of Georgia colleges and universities." So, the longer you stay, the more you will be paying. As Jeanne Sahadi of CNNMoney explains,

"for every semester you stay beyond four years, the money out of your pocket (or the increase in your loan balance) can be considerable." Be smart, save your money, and graduate on time.

Another perk of finishing your degree on time is the old sticky band-aid adage: it is less painful when done quickly. Let's face the truth, college can be very painful at times. The ambitions you have now and the goals you have set for yourself later will not have to wait or be prioritized if you get college out of the way. Using my experience as an example, I am presently juggling work, a full-time school schedule, a household, a new born, and not to mention, writing this column every week. On an hourly basis, I have to prioritize my time, make difficult choices and

suffer the consequences while reaping the rewards. My story is not unique, in fact, it is quite common. Yet, if I had completed my degree earlier, I would not be making the difficult choices I am now such as choosing to write this article versus helping to teach my child how to walk.

To those who contest that taking an extra year or two is beneficial because you can take the classes you really want, have more free time to dedicate to your other classes or a job or enjoy the college life more, I only have this to say: the sooner you finish, the fewer sacrifices and compromises you will have to make later in life.

Mark Leszczynski, Senior English Major.



KSU CONSTRUCTION: FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Danielle Alvarez Contributor

John Steinbeck likened change to a "little wind that ruffles the curtains at dawn," but here at KSU it seems to be riding in on large-scale gusts. From the top of University Place, the eye catches on a tower crane, a symbol of progress for we parliament of owls. The impressive new Betty L. Siegel Student Recreation and Activities Center will offer a handful of athletic activities that did not exist before; the Bernard A. Zuckerman Museum of Art will undoubtedly become a place for the cultured minds of campus to get lost; the expansion of our Student Center will have unique food options to be enjoyed just before the Campus Green; and those inclined toward the field of pedagogy will have the upsized Bagwell College

of Education. All in all, one cannot help but to feel a stir of excitement for what is to come.

When thinking of the original Recreation Center, which according to the New Georgia Encyclopedia was first built 8 years ago, sophomore Krissy Ferriter remarked, "I think there weren't enough options. All you could do was, what, lift weights and get on an elliptical? There wasn't enough to do."

Well, when the Center opens in October there will be plenty of choices. Hopefully this will induce students and faculty to flock to the tennis and basketball courts, pools and indoor track. We are not only talking about the potential for lifestyle changes on campus, we are talking about creating a greater sense of community. It is well known that socializing is just as important to a long

and healthy life as good eating habits and exercise. Associate Professor of Psychology at Brigham Young University, Julianne Holt-Lunstad, Ph.D., explains in a Forbes Magazine online edition how she and those in her field may have underestimated the affect human interactions can have on longevity. Positive encounters and relationships with others have the power to add quality time to our lives.

Now, making the way across the Campus Green we have the Student Center as our second focus. The fact that sushi will be available in such a convenient location has pushed several students past the point of giddy.

"I feel like sushi is starting to grow popularity," said sophomore Krissy Ferriter, "so I think it's a good way for the

school to bring in more money."

According to kennesaw.patch.com, KSU raked in \$926 million for the 2012 fiscal year. If the school continues to be renovated, expanded and appended with popular hot spots, like the sushi bar, our university is sure to break \$ 1 billion in less than a decade. KSU may even ascend the throne as the number one university in Georgia – anything is possible. Such changes also create a little something called work. College students are always on the hunt for side jobs to make money while in school. Whether there are serious bills to pay or there is only a need for extra cash to go shopping, the struggle is real, as my roommates like to say.

The construction sites freckling the grounds somehow give off an air of importance.

They, even if only in a small way, signify worth. There is no greater benefit these alterations could give to students and faculty than showing that we are worthy of the best. KSU is climbing the USG ladder rung after rung, and our immense promise on the national collegiate stage continues to build. The growth that can be seen from 1966's Kennesaw Junior College to 2013's Kennesaw State University is beyond commendable, and the growth we see continuing today unquestionably alludes to a grand future to come. How humble beginnings make the best foundations for success.

Danielle Alvarez, Junior Political Science Major.



SHOULD THE GRE BE REQUIRED?

Ellen Eldridge Staff Writer

No one—except maybe Sheldon on “The Big Bang Theory”—will tell you the Graduate Record Exam, necessary to get into a master’s program, is easy. Some for-profit universities, including University of Phoenix and Capella University, do not require the GRE, so why take it? Potential employers may consider these online universities as diploma mills churning out unprepared graduates with insurmountable student loans, but students who earn a quality education show their skill sets so the line of judging higher education has shifted for some programs.

McGill University, which was ranked 18 in 2012 by QS World University Rankings, does not require the LSAT that is the pre-law requirement for graduate school. The university cites the LSAT would prove disadvantageous to French speaking applicants due to McGill’s bilingual learning environment.

The GMAT is the equivalent test required for MBA programs,

and it is a test that may frighten students who majored in something other than math or business in their undergraduate degrees. The idea of taking tests—and not taking them well—permeates many academic records, but should those students who are not as strong in math reconsider their graduate studies, skipping an MBA altogether, or should they just apply to a school that does not require the GMAT?

Wendie Phillips, irector of student services at University of Washington Information School, cautions those who would assume lesser quality in universities not requiring the GRE.

“There is actually a trend among some graduate programs to NOT require the GRE as analysis of applicant test scores demonstrate it is not a good indicator of a student’s ability to succeed in a Graduate Program,” Phillips said. “The University of Washington has several nationally ranked graduate programs that have dropped or are considering

dropping the GRE as a requirement based on this analysis.”

University of Dayton allows students the option of taking the GRE for some of its programs including a Master of Arts in English and a Master of Science in chemistry. The engineering programs do not require the GRE, but the GMAT is required for enrollment in the Master of Business Administration program. Mixed signals? It sure seems that way.

John Ward, a graduate student in Capella University’s mental health counseling program, said the quality of his instructors and the quality of his education is outstanding.

“I should finish in May, 2015; that is 18 months of course work and one year of internship,” Ward said. “I chose Capella University because it has an excellent master’s program that is accredited by the APA, and the program goes through residency and internship that most graduate schools do not offer. The convenience of it being online is

a bonus.”

For those who consider graduate schools solely based on the waived GRE/GMAT/LSAT, consider the course work ahead. Students who do not t excel at math should not consider a math-intensive program, but students who simply do not test well and those who have excellent academic records can examine the programs closely to predict quality of education.

Judging a university often comes down to examination of what a student puts in to the program.

“As long as a university is fully accredited and allows the graduating individuals to sit for professional licensure in their state, then they are providing adequate training in the area,” said Craig Kerley, Psy.D., who attended Alfred University, which did require the GRE.

Much the same as with an internship or extracurricular activity, students will get out of an education what they put in, but the chance that for-profit universities would not be as accepted by

potential employers is the main thing to take away from the conversation because though gaining the necessary skills to work in a particular field is paramount, so is getting a job after graduation.

Garret Schweitzer, who is the Senior Software Engineer at the for-profit Universal Technical Institute expressed concern about “diploma mills” that do not offer high quality training, but schools including UTI and ITT Tech “have extremely high placement rates for graduates,” he said.

“If you’re getting a degree for something practical like engineering or computer programming or guitar playing, then I’d measure the degree by your effectiveness at the chosen profession,” Schweitzer said. “If you’re going to become a nuclear physicist, I think a more traditional route is probably better.”

Ellen Eldridge, Senior Communication Major.

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LIFE IN COLOR

paints the campus red

Roderic Graham Staff Writer



Life in Color fans enjoy a downpour of neon paint.

Matt Boggs | The Sentinel

Hundreds of students and electronic music fans filled the Fifth Third Bank Stadium to attend the world's largest paint party Friday night. Life in Color came to Kennesaw for the second year in a row to showcase another epic production.

"You could feel the excitement in the air," said junior Jarod Dickerson.

The gates opened at 6 p.m., and the stadium was immediately filled with a sea of white T-shirts, glowing lights and anxious partiers ready to become live artwork. Some people even came with paint already on them or brought it with them to increase the fun at the party.

As each second passed, Life in Color fans anticipated the moment they would become drenched in different colored paint. Finally, the countdown clock reached zero and paint began to fly from every direction; completely drenching everyone. The energy from the crowd was insane. Pink, purple,

yellow, blue and green paint dripped from attendees' bodies.

People were still buying tickets and entering the stadium after the first round of paint was sprayed. The graphics, performers and music also kept the crowd entertained. People struggled to maneuver through the massive amount of people to get to the front of the crowd.

"It was like Cirque de Soleil, except more exciting," said Ervings Germaine, who was attending Life in Color for the second time.

"The entire event was very interactive and the energy was amazing."

To add to the already ample excitement, Life in Color brought out the main event, Adventure Club. Adventure Club is an electronic dance music duo. The crowd pumped their fists and danced to the music as Adventure Club merged popular music with electronic beats. The crowd went completely insane when Adventure Club took the stage.

While Adventure Club performed, the crowd was still being covered in paint. There were also acrobats performing tricks on a rope. Once the acrobats came down, they joined the fun and sprayed paint all over the crowd.

The finale was filled with bright colors, more paint, acrobats and loud music. The graphics were amazing, completely stunning the crowd. Photographers and camera men captured images of everyone throughout the epic night.

After the production ended, the stadium and those in attendance were covered in paint. The sea of white T-shirts had disappeared underneath the massive amount of paint. Several people even took their shirts off so the paint could cover their bodies.

If you missed the show, Life in Color will continue its tour in several different cities. Some cities even feature different headline artists. For more information, visit lifeincolor.com.



The crowd was hosed with paint between performances.

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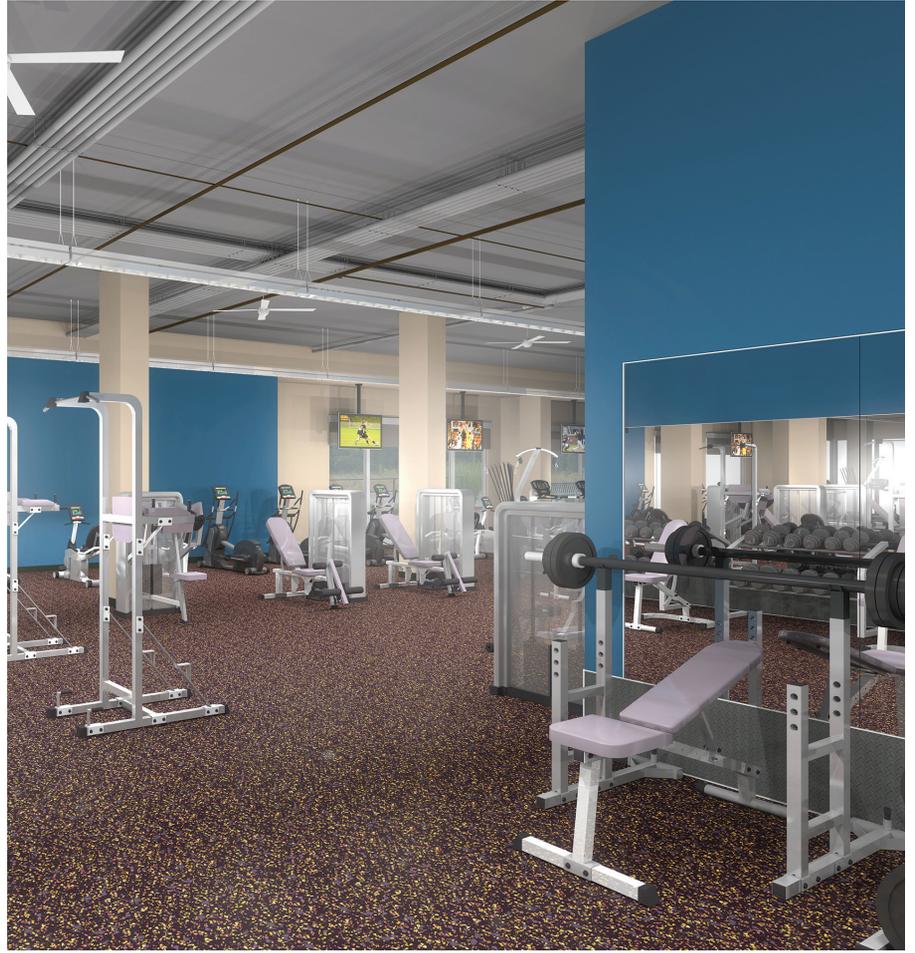
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“ADORE” REVIEW: entertainment or erotic indulgence?

Mike Strong Arts & Living Editor



Naomi Watts shows her acting chops as the lover, mother, and grandmother, Lil.

Courtesy of Exclusive Media

No matter who you are, every now and then it is nice to enjoy a simple romance film. You usually walk away feeling good about your own relationships or hopeful about potential ones. “Adore” did just the opposite for me. While it is a passable film from a cinematography standpoint, the story just made me feel dirty. If any story promotes the Oedipus complex as much as “Oedipus” itself, it is “Adore.”

The story is centered on two lifelong friends Roz (Robin Wright) and Lil (Naomi Watts) who strike up love affairs with each other’s 20-year-old sons. The stage is set for the relationships when Lil’s husband dies in a car accident and Roz’s husband takes a job that requires him to move away from home.

Best friends Tom (James Frecheville) and Ian (Xavier Samuel) would be nearly indistinguishable if not for their starkly opposite hair colors.

The surfer duo comes off as a bit too perfect as the boys are awkwardly referred to as “young gods” by their mothers. Early scenes of the mothers lusting over the boys’ sun-coated bodies felt forced and would be better suited for softcore pornography.

Once the affairs begin, it is pretty clear why each boy desires the other’s mother so much. Just like Tom and Ian, Roz and Lil are practically the same person. Each boy inadvertently sees his own mother in his lover. It is worth noting that “Adore” was adapted from the Doris Lessing novella “The Grandmothers.” The story is likely more personal in written form, where the boys’ motivations can be explained deeper. On screen, we are only able to assume that an indirect oedipal complex drives the relationships.

The story only becomes more uncomfortable as Tom and Ian find wives from their generation

and have kids of their own. When it is revealed that one of the inter-generational relationships may have never ended, any shred of empathy for the characters is lost.

The only thing keeping the story from being utterly unbelievable is the strong performance put on by both Wright and Watts. As seasoned actresses, the two easily outshine Frecheville and Samuel, who come off as shallow, obsessive love robots. Throughout the film, neither of the boys can seem to wipe the blank expression off their faces. Even during the initial tension when the affairs are exposed, their anger toward one another is not convincing.

The film screams eroticism at every corner. From the luxury seaside setting to the endless lustful stares, “Adore” does not belong on the big screen. Rather, it belongs in someone’s shameful search history, never to be discussed with family.

SPLINTER CELL: BLACKLIST executes on stealth action

Mike Strong Arts & Living Editor

Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell series was seen as the pinnacle of stealth action video games during the last console generation. The sixth game in the series, Splinter Cell: Blacklist might just be this generation's swan song to stealth action. After the combat-heavy Splinter Cell: Conviction, Blacklist is an excellent return to the stealth focus of older entries in the series.

Blacklist sees hero Sam Fisher return to his classic green goggles in response to a global terrorism threat. He joins up with the newly formed Fourth Echelon, consisting of both new and old faces. Though on the surface the terrorism premise might seem all too familiar, multiple points of tension between Fisher and his colleagues help ground the story.

The game consists of multiple separate missions that take Fisher to real world locations in an attempt to stop terror attacks known as "The Blacklist." The locales are incredibly detailed and layered with multiple routes for the player to take to his or her goal.

These missions are accessed through a fascinating menu system that spans every feature

of the game. Fourth Echelon's base of operations, the Paladin plane, serves as the game's menu. After a fairly lengthy loading screen, players can walk around the plane talking to other team members, who give out missions and upgrades.

On the Paladin, players can also access the multiplayer feature known as "Spies vs. Mercs," back from Splinter Cell: Chaos Theory. In this mode, a team of four Spies, who play just like Fisher in the main game, face off against four Mercenaries. The twist is that the Mercenaries actually play in first-person perspective and are much slower and more powerful than the spies. The mode is an excellent breath of fresh air in a multiplayer landscape overcrowded with mindless fast-paced first-person shooters.

Aside from the main storyline, side missions can be completed with a partner in splitscreen or online. These missions are given in-game by Fisher's colleagues, each of whom provides missions based on differing play styles. The best of the available three types of missions are provided by the character known as Grim. Her missions are stealth-heavy and quite tense due to the fact that

if detected, the player must restart the entire mission.

Blacklist's gameplay can be thought of as an amalgamation of 2005's Chaos Theory and 2010's Conviction. Two major features returning from Conviction are "Mark and Execute" and "Last Known Position." The former streamlines combat by allowing the player to mark multiple targets and take them all down instantly and silently with the press of a button. The latter gives the player a better understanding of where enemies will search by showing an outline of where Fisher was last seen.

At the core of Blacklist's gameplay are the three varying play styles: Ghost, Panther and Assault. Ghost requires the player to remain undetected and use nonlethal takedowns. Panther players use silent but lethal takedowns. Assault players go all-out, taking down enemies with no discretion for noise.

While most players will avoid assault since this is a stealth game, they should know that it is still a credible approach. The tight third-person shooting controls allow the player to take cover smoothly and pop satisfying headshots on approaching enemies.

Using an economy system that spans every game mode, players can choose from a wealth of gadgets. Each gadget helps the player achieve his or her desired play style. While Sticky EMPs silently take out security cameras or landmines, incendiary grenades take out enemies with a bang. The ability to create multiple custom loadouts makes it easy to create one for each play style. This adds a good amount of replayability to the game

by encouraging the player to replay missions with a different play style.

What makes Blacklist so great is its nonlinear level design. With the numerous available gadgets, accessible vents or overhanging pipes and three distinctly different play styles, the game deftly avoids feeling scripted or linear. Players can return to each mission time and time again to define how deadly assassin Sam Fisher stops "The Blacklist."



Players can sneak through missions both solo or with a friend.

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DRAGON*CON takes Atlanta by stormtrooper

Mark Stanhope Contributor

Every year, Atlanta is host to a number of nerd centric conventions. MomoCon, GnomeCon, NerdaCon V8 and the Anime Weekend all revolve around video games, Japanese animation, science fiction lore, technology and so much more that will inspire the inner nerd in everyone.

However, anyone who even skims the surface of "geeky" topics will tell you that the one event to outweigh the rest is undoubtedly Dragon*Con. Dragon*Con is a four-day festival during Labor Day weekend spanning three of Atlanta's largest hotels to the city streets themselves. Fans of

popular comic books, movies and television shows don impressive costumes from every pop culture genre imaginable.

Started in 1987, Dragon*Con began as a congregation for mostly science fiction and gaming fans. Its namesake was borrowed not from the fantasy beast depicted in its logo but

from the "Dragon Computer," developed by convention co-founder Ed Kramer.

Nobody is entirely sure just how many people attend the convention annually. This year, a safe estimate is more than 50,000 people, up from the few thousand who initially attended in its flagship years.

Those organizing the spectacle prepared several incentives for convention-goers to get out of their hotel rooms and explore the city. For instance, on certain nights, those with a Dragon*Con badge received discounted tickets at the Georgia Aquarium, as well as at an Atlanta Braves game. A mob of people in costume showed up to Thursday night's game against the Cleveland Indians.

Attendants at the front desk of hotels in the area give one piece of advice: "All the best costumes come out at night." Some costumes were so elaborately decorated that it was difficult to imagine how they were put together. One attendee was dressed as a bright orange robot, complete with flashing lights, realistic metal and a loud clanking each time his armored foot stepped forward.

The annual highlight of the convention was held on Saturday morning. A parade of storm troopers, power rangers and gamers dressed in Minecraft regalia strolled through the city streets. The sidewalks swelled with onlookers taking photos of their favorite characters.

So what brought Kennesaw

residents out to the event?

"There were a few celebrities there that I was really interested to meet, and I wanted to see all the costumes," said junior Political Science major Brandon Schmidt.

They also had some interesting panel discussions. A number of famous actors arrived to sign autographs and meet fans. Among the celebrities were James Urbaniak, from the television show "The Office," and George Takei of Star Trek fame.

For junior Information Security major Cody Skinner, Dragon*Con 2013 was all about "the late night parties on Saturday and the Angelspit and Cruxshadows concerts on Sunday night." Skinner dressed as Finn from the television show "Adventure Time."

Skinner said this year was slightly different from past conventions.

"It seemed to be a lot more crowded this year," Skinner said. "Also, not allowing lines to form for panels until an hour before the event caused a lot of congestion [and] overcrowding issues."

Overcrowding may be an issue the founders of the convention will need to address in the very near future with so many new faces appearing on the scene recently. Whether it is meeting the biggest names in the television and comic industries, or playing video, board or card games, Dragon*Con is the capital for all attractions in nerd and popular culture.



More than 50,000 people showed up for this year's convention.

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Dragon*Con is primarily known for the hundreds of stormtroopers leading it's parade.

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SAGAL RADIO BRINGS HOPE TO REFUGEES

Fernanda Perez Contributor

Imagine having to flee your country and come to a land where nothing around you seems familiar. Imagine being thousands of miles away from home, running from war, violence and persecution. Imagine leaving your home, businesses and community behind, while fleeing to save your family's life. The only things you possess are the clothes on your back and the thoughts in your head. Where will you go? What will tomorrow bring?

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Sagal Radio Services is a nonprofit organization

that partners with Center for Community Partnership at Emory University. The organization works to build communities by empowering, educating and engaging refugees who were forced to come to the U.S.

Sagal Radio broadcasts weekly in six different languages: English, Somali, Amharic, Swahili, Bhutanese and Karen.

It all began in 1998 when a handful of African refugees saw a need to create a voice for their community. Out of this need, Sagal Radio Services was born.

The director of Sagal is Radio Hussien Mohamed, who was a refugee from Ethiopia.

"Becoming a refugee is a day

I will never forget," Mohamed said. "I left Ethiopia with less than a dollar in my pocket and bread my mother made me. I started walking toward the Somali border, and when I finally got there my feet were red and burnt. I was unable to walk for weeks and not speaking the Somali language made it harder to get help."

Today, Mohamed's dream is to help the millions of refugees who are in the same situation he himself lived through. He believes that by building a strong community, he can create better lives for them.

Sagal Radio Services broadcasts weekly at the WATB Rainbow 1420 AM in Decatur, Ga. It will begin a live radio

broadcast every Saturday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., discussing education, news and other important issues.

The Sagal Radio information sheet mentions that, "topics for our shows include job placement, housing, citizenship, health and safety issues, the American legal system and financial skills. We carry news coverage that provides a balanced report on national and international news significant to newcomers, including stories from their native countries. In addition, we interview community leaders, offer entertainment segments, announce upcoming events and engage our listeners with live call-in shows."

Right now in the Middle East, refugees are fleeing their homes in astonishing numbers. Every 15 seconds, a Syrian becomes a refugee. The United Nations' refugee agency has said that the number of Syrians to flee their country has now risen to more than 2 million.

Sagal Radio focuses on helping refugees who come to America to make meaningful changes in their lives. It has given them hope where there was none before.

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SPORTS AND REC PUTS FREEZE on hockey program

Mike Foster Sports Editor

KSU's club hockey team, which has arguably been more popular with students than the varsity athletic teams, will not hit the ice in 2013.

According to a statement attributed to KSU's vice president for Student Success, Jerome Ratchford, the Department of Sports and Recreation has suspended the team for violating the Club Sports Program's code of conduct.

"Effective immediately, no Ice Hockey club activities such as tournaments, games, practices, or recruiting will be allowed during the 2013-14 academic year."

In a report from Jim Davis at HockeyYall.com, the suspension of the team was "in response

to an incident or incidents involving team members and the use of alcohol during the Owls' trip to the DIII National Tournament last March in Springfield, Mo."

Along with the team's suspension, the three-man coaching staff has been banned from participating in club sports at the school.

After multiple players and former players turned down statement requests, the Kennesaw State University Ice Hockey Facebook page released a statement on Thursday, Sept. 5, saying, "While the team tried, on numerous occasions, to change the outcome of the situation, it appears now that there will be no budging."

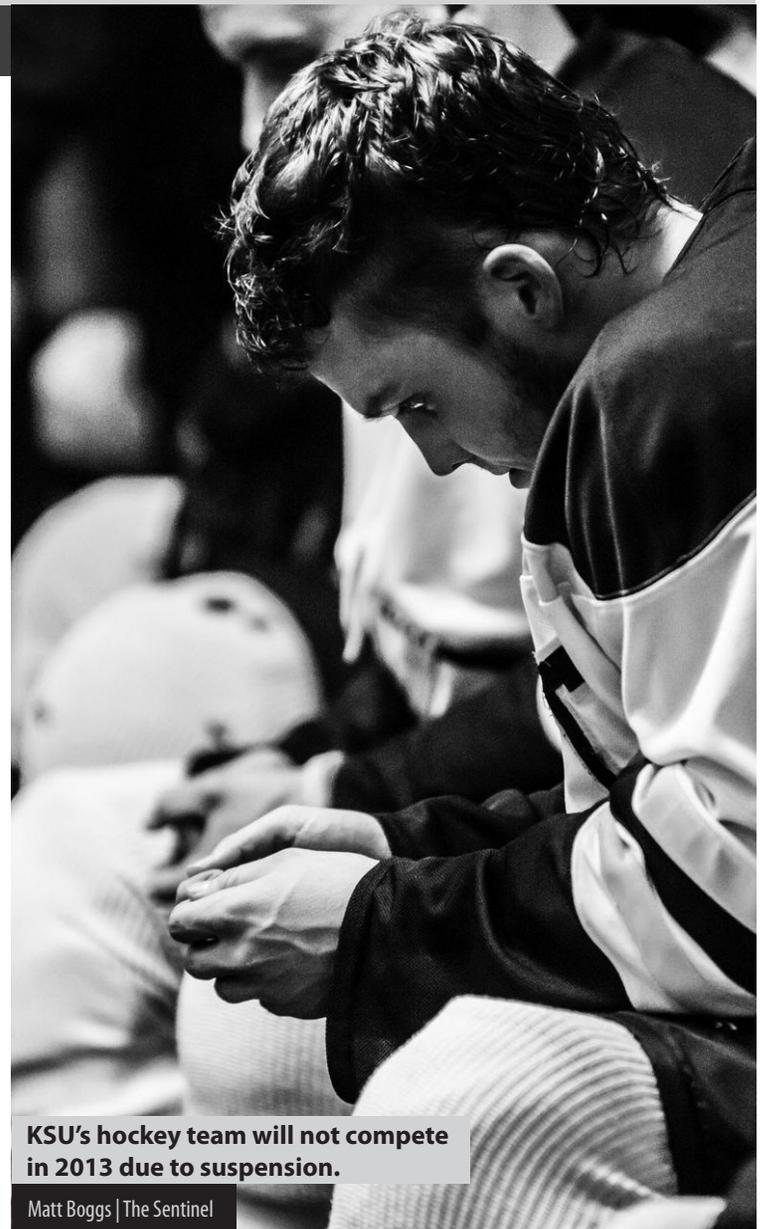
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thousands of fans, friends, and family out there. We are committed to bringing back your team for the 2014-2015 season and look forward to showing the University what this program means to you and for us."

An earlier report by Davis, which was published on Aug. 5, said the club's director of operations, Bill Morrison, thought the allegations against the players were "blown out of proportion."

KSU's Club Sports Athletic Director, Laura St. Onge, declined to comment on the matter.

KSU's club hockey team finished last season with a 24-4-0-2 record as a Division III member of the American Collegiate Hockey Association.



KSU's hockey team will not compete in 2013 due to suspension.

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BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL MEMBERS AT A GLANCE

Charleston Southern

Nickname: Buccaneers
Colors: Navy, Gold
City: Charleston, S.C.
Membership: 1983
Enrollment: approx. 3,224

Coastal Carolina

Nickname: Chanticleers
Colors: Teal, Black
City: Conway, S.C.
Membership: 1983
Enrollment: approx. 8,360

Gardner-Webb

Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Red, Black
City: Boiling Springs, N.C.
Membership: 2008
Enrollment: approx. 4,000

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Membership: 1991
Enrollment: approx. 12,000

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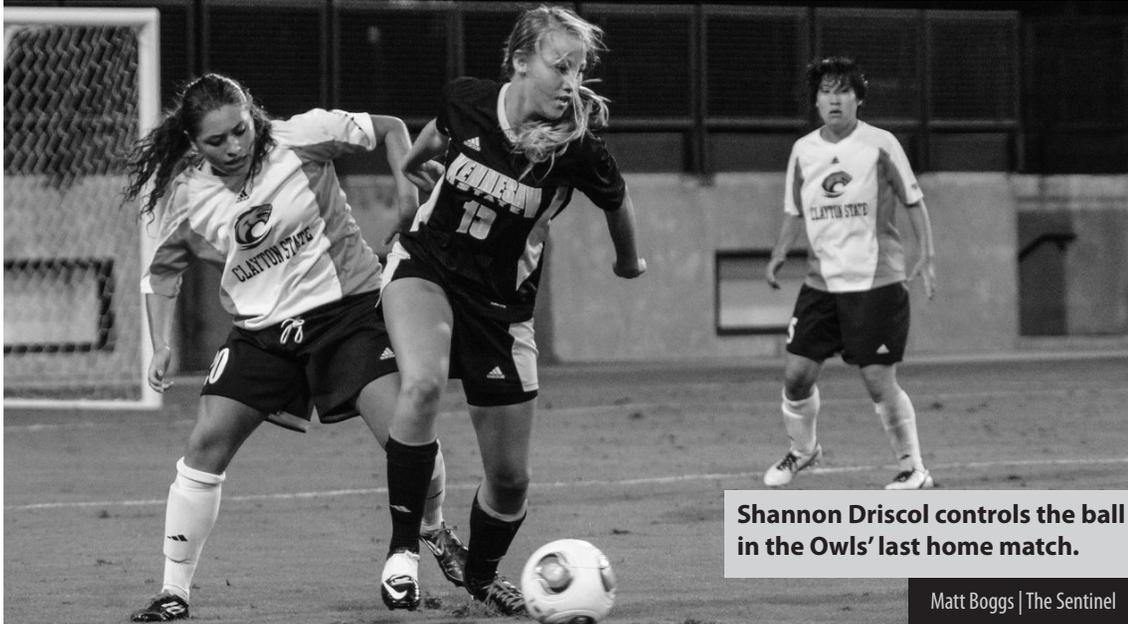
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Shannon Driscoll controls the ball in the Owls' last home match.

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DOWNTOWN DRAMA LIFTS OWLS

Andrew Howard Staff Writer

A broken down bus could not stop KSU's soccer team from its plans for revenge over Georgia State, as the Owls beat the Panthers 1-0 on Friday, Sep. 6th, at the GSU Soccer Complex.

Nicole Calder's 86th minute goal, her first of the season, was the difference in the

fourth meeting between the teams. With overtime looming, the junior pounced on a ball lofted into the box by Jewelia Strickland, scoring past GSU goalkeeper Brie Haynes. Calder's goal was the finishing touch on her regular season debut, which came after sitting out the first four matches

because of an injury.

"[Georgia State] beat us last year, 2-1, and we wanted to make sure they definitely didn't beat us this year," Calder said. "It felt pretty amazing to be out there with the girls."

The Owls moved to 2-3-0 on the season after the late-game heroics. The victory ended a

three-game losing streak during which the Owls were unable to score a single goal.

Neither team could assert itself in the first period, with both teams struggling to maintain possession and unsuccessfully resorting to long balls. Attacking midfielder Suzanne Arafa and the three forwards found themselves isolated from the deeper central midfielders, Calder and Hannah Churchill.

"We were a little bit disjointed," head coach Rob King said. "We had a couple players playing in new positions tonight, and it looked like it in the first half."

King said he wanted Calder to advance a bit more in the second half, hoping to more effectively link up defense and attack. The coach was not satisfied with his team's movement and tempo in the first half, and the combative Calder seemed to execute the change more than any other Owl.

"We said we were going to come out a lot harder in the second half because we have a point to prove," Calder said.

While Calder's late goal was

the exclamation point, KSU controlled play for a majority of the second half and had eight shots on goal in total. The control could not transition itself to the scoreboard, though, and King thought that two or three chances should have been put away before the goal.

The Owls' forwards, however, are still in search of their elusive first goal. Despite some bright moments, the Owls again had to look elsewhere to find scoring. Freshman striker Maggie Gaughan led all players with four shots on goal, but was unable to find the back of the net.

At the other end, KSU's strong defensive performance forced most of GSU's shots to come from outside the box, and only three of the their 13 shots made it on frame. Freshman goalkeeper Olivia Sturdivant saved all three in the process of earning her second clean sheet of the season.

The Owls are back in action Friday against Mississippi at Fifth Third Bank Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. in the second consecutive home opener against SEC opposition.

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JADEVEON CLOWNEY, overhyped?

Will Henson Contributor

Since being the number one high school recruit according to nearly every recruiting site, and possibly the highest rated recruit in college football history, Jadeveon Clowney has been in the spotlight even before he stepped foot in Columbia, S.C. for his freshmen year.

Coming into his junior season, Clowney was considered a front-runner for the Heisman trophy, with "the hit" on Michigan's Vincent Smith in last year's Outback Bowl as the face of his campaign. However, after a lackluster start against North

Carolina, with only three total tackles, some questions were raised about Clowney's effort on a few plays where the ball was ran to the opposite side and he appeared to pull up and not pursue the back side of the play. Leading up to the Georgia-South Carolina matchup, much was made about Clowney's lack of an impact in USC's first game. And although his stat line again appeared to be below average by what we are accustomed to seeing from Clowney, his impact was still felt if you look at the film closely.

After suffering an apparent ankle injury midway through

the first half, Clowney fought through and was on the field for nearly 75% of UGA's offensive snaps. Even with a bum ankle, Clowney still exploded into the backfield multiple times, once resulting in one of the few times throughout the game that Todd Gurley was brought down behind the line of scrimmage. Other plays, while few and far between that were run to his side of the field, were disrupted by Clowney and resulted in short gains or tackles for loss but Clowney's statistical impact still doesn't show that.

So is all criticism and criticalness of Clowney

warranted after only two games? In my opinion, no. Only time will tell if Clowney will become the first primarily defensive player since Charles Woodson to win the Heisman, but this could very possibly end up being the second straight year a defensive player finishes in the top two of the Heisman trophy trustee voting (Manti Te'o in 2012-2013). South Carolina coaches need to find more creative ways to get Clowney involved as the season continues, otherwise the "run away from Clowney" technique implored by both North Carolina and Georgia will

continue to be used throughout the rest of non-conference and SEC play. Still likely the consensus No. 1 pick in next year's NFL Draft, the concern for Gamecock's fans across the southeast is that if any more losses mount for USC, Clowney's desire to compete will decrease in the hopes of holding out for next May's draft date. As an admirer of talented football players and SEC football in general, hopefully Clowney's impact can increase as the season progresses along with his conditioning and adding to his list of big time hits.

VARSITY SCORESHEET

Soccer

Record: 2-3

Last: W 1-0 @

Georgia State

Stat leaders:

Goals – 1, Nicole Calder & Brittney Reed

Saves – 21, Olivia Sturdivant

Assists – 1, Jewelia Strickland

Volleyball

Record: 1-5

Last: L 0-3 vs. Georgia

Southern (@ Oxford, MS)

Stat leaders:

Kills – 73, Kelly Marcinek

Assists – 223, Sara Metroka

Men's Golf @ Carpet Capital Collegiate

Team total: 897

(297-299-301, +33)

Individual results:

Jimmy Beck

(72-73-71 – 216, T12)

Kelby Burton

(77-74-75 – 226, T48)

Jonathan Klotz

(76-76-75 – 227, T53)

Carlos Segura Olivia

(72-78-80 – 230, T62)

Teremoana Beaucousin

(78-76-80 – 234, T68)



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OWLS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE out of starting gate

David Almeda Staff Writer



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KSU's volleyball team has started 1-5 in non-conference play.

Despite some solid individual performances, the Owls (1-5) could not get into the win column this past weekend at the Magnolia Invitational at Ole Miss.

In the first contest of the tournament against host Ole Miss, KSU took a 3-0 straight set loss despite great performances from Keyaira Stevenson, Cierra Royster and Toure Hopkins. Stevenson led the team with seven kills, while Royster and Hopkins had four blocks each. Down 23-19 late in the first set, KSU scored four straight points on two attack errors by the Rebels and back-to-back blocks by Royster. Ole Miss escaped the threat with a kill and won the opening set 25-16 before winning the second set 25-10. In the third set the Owls rallied from a 6-1 deficit to come within two points of the Rebels at 7-5 after a service ace from Jenna Wilt. However, Ole Miss would go on a 5-0 run to help them win the final set 25-18.

In their second match of the event, KSU took a close 3-2 loss to Arkansas State. Stevenson again led the way with a career high 22 kills while Kelly Marcinek added 18 of her own. Hopkins earned the first double-double of her career

with 15 kills and 10 digs.

The Owls dropped a first set that consisted of eight ties and two lead changes, 25-18. KSU started out with a 5-0 run in the second set and survived an ASU comeback to win in extra points 26-24 on back-to-back kills from Marcinek. The Red Wolves started the third set strong, leading 16-11 at the halfway point, but the Owls were able to tie it up at 18 with two consecutive Camille Pedraza service aces. KSU then ended the set on a 5-1 run to secure a 2-1 match lead with a 25-25 win. In the fourth set, the Owls seemed to be in control with a 20-18 lead. That quickly changed with a 6-1 run by ASU that resulted in a 25-22 set loss that ensured a final set, which the Owls lost 15-8.

"We played our best volleyball tonight in sets two and three and led the match 2-1, but unfortunately we didn't make enough plays to close it out in game four," said head coach Keith Schunzel. "Game five is always a coin flip and we flat out got outplayed in the fifth."

For the Owls' final match of the festivities, they were pitted against in-state rival Georgia Southern. KSU would be shut

out again with another 3-0 straight set loss. Royster led KSU's offense in this match with 10 kills.

The Owls were able to cut a 10-2 deficit to 10-6 in the first set before the Eagles went on a 10-1 stretch to win it 25-12. The second set saw KSU grab a slim 2-1 lead early on before falling behind 9-5. The Owls tied the game on four straight points from Hopkins and Royster before GSU ran away with a 25-17 win. The Eagles started the third set on a 6-0 run and never looked back, securing the match with a 25-17 set win.

"You have to give credit to Georgia Southern, who was hands down the best team we played so far this year," said Schunzel. "They're extremely consistent in all phases of the game. And while we had some bright spots, we couldn't sustain the level needed to beat them."

Despite the losses, there was some room to celebrate as Camille Pedraza earned a spot on the All-Tournament Team with 58 digs during the three matches.

The Owls will now head home to host the KSU Invitational, where they will play their home debut against Tennessee Tech on Friday, Sept. 13.

CLUB FOOTBALL EAGER FOR KICKOFF

Mike Foster Sports Editor

KSU's club football team, which is entering its second season, will kick off this Sunday when it faces North Georgia Sports Academy at the Owls Nest.

Preparations have been underway for weeks, especially considering the Owls got extra time to practice for the season opener when the first scheduled game was moved back a week.

"We are of course eager to get after it," team vice president Dominic Oates said. "We understand that this is an opportunity for the team to get better and focus on the fundamentals and details. This is what we believe will give the team the chance to really excel this season."

Excel is a tall order for a team that won just one game, in a forfeit, in its inaugural year, but with a roster size that's twice as large and more repetitions in

by the players, expectations are already much higher.

"The team's attitude is the overall difference," Oates said. "It's just evident in the first five minutes of practice that there is a newfound swagger to this team, as well as a quiet confidence, which comes with commitment, trust and a tenacious mentality that we have to earn every inch."

Oates said some new players who have impressed are safety Rashad Freeman, receiver Derrick Butts and trench specialist Barry Alvarado.

The team had been in contractual talks with Sprayberry High School to play at the school's stadium, but eventually decided that playing closer to home would be the best option.

The Owls will kick off at the Owls Nest against North Georgia Sports Academy at 3 p.m. on Sunday.



KSU's defense rallies to the ball in last year's game against Atlanta Sports Academy.

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