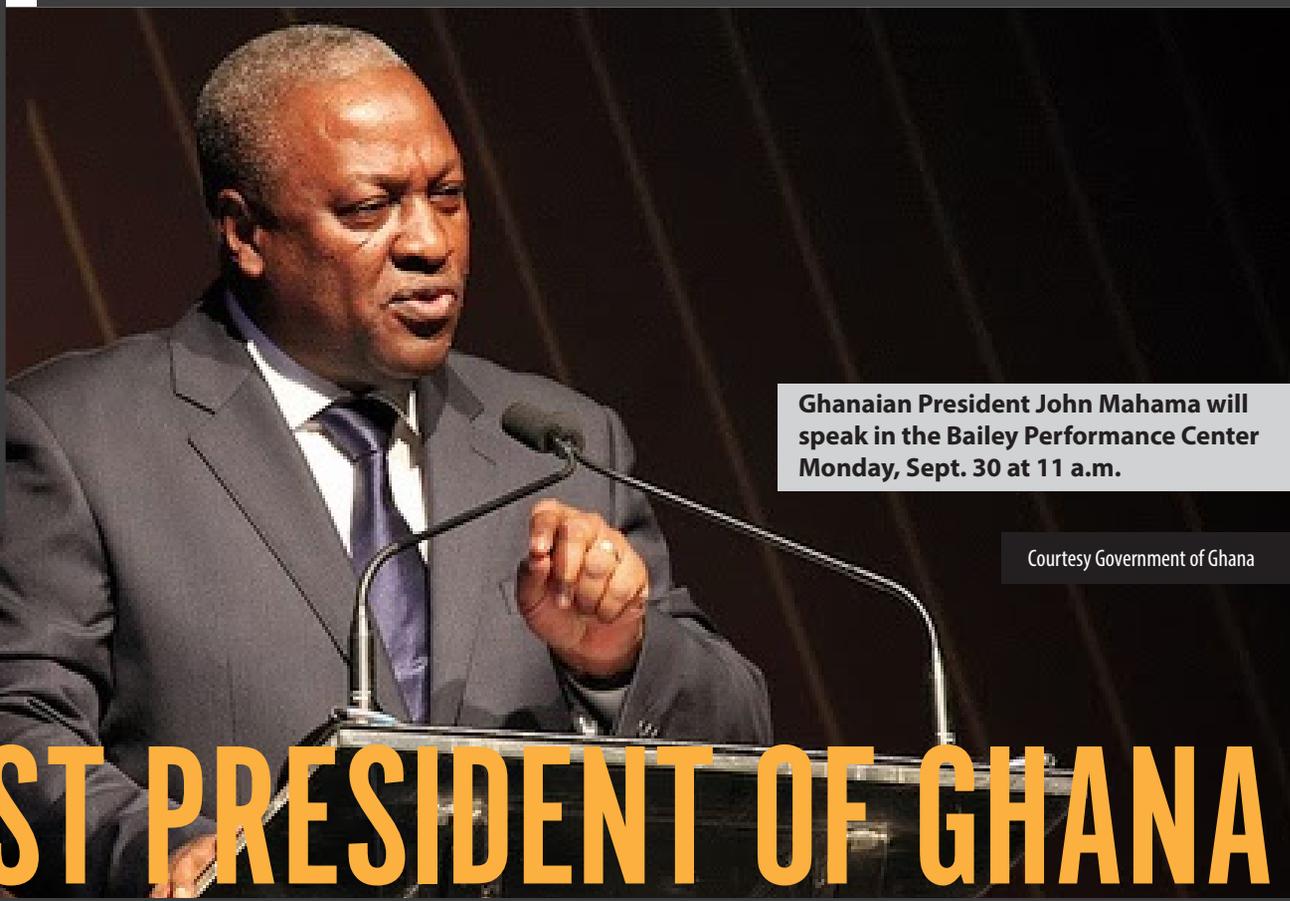


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Ghanaian President John Mahama will speak in the Bailey Performance Center Monday, Sept. 30 at 11 a.m.

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KSU TO HOST PRESIDENT OF GHANA

Carley Cole Contributor

Ghanaian President John Dramani Mahama will visit KSU Monday, Sept. 30, making him the first sitting head of state to visit the university.

Mahama will present a lecture in the Bailey Performance Center at 11 a.m. focusing on the economic and governmental developments of his country followed by a question and answer session with the audience. Prior to his arrival to Atlanta, President Mahama will be speaking at the United Nations Assembly in New York City.

According to a KSU news release, while in Atlanta, President Mahama will meet with local and state officials, visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, tour the KSU campus and meet with the Ghanaian Diaspora community in Atlanta.

Last year's "Year of Ghana" lecture series, executed by Sam Abaidoo and Dan Paracka,

led to President Mahama's acceptance of the invitation to visit KSU.

Director of Academic Initiatives Dan Paracka said the "Year of" lecture series has been going on for 30 years at KSU.

"As part of it, we had a conference, the theme of the conference being Ghana: a model of democratic governance, economic growth and sustainable development," Paracka said. "[President Mahama] is going to give a lecture centered on that theme."

Charles Amlaner, KSU's vice president for research, participated in the group of colleagues that visited President Mahama last July to extend the invitation. Amlaner said The visit was the result of many years of hard work from KSU officials, especially the members of KSU's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Team. These officials visited the Ghanaian Embassy in Washington D.C. several times.

"The fact that President Mahama accepted President Papp's invitation is largely due to the high esteem that many in Ghana hold for the stature of education at KSU," said Amlaner in an email.

KSU President Daniel Papp said he is excited for Mahama's visit.

"This is the first time we've had a sitting head of state visit Kennesaw State," said Papp. "It raises our visibility."

Although the "Year of Ghana" lecture series is over, Papp said he believes this event enriches the programs that took place over the past year.

"It'll be a real feather in the cap for the university," said Papp.

President Mahama is a career politician who comes from an avid political background. At the University of Ghana, President Mahama received a bachelor's degree in history in 1981 before attending post graduate school at the

University of Ghana where he studied communication until 1986. Mahama also received a post graduate diploma in social psychology from the Institute of Social Sciences in Moscow.

After writing his memoir "My First Coup D'etat and Other True Stories From the Lost Decades of Africa," he returned to Ghana and became the Information, Culture and Research Officer

at the Embassy of Japan in Accra. Mahama was elected to the Parliament for the Bole-Bamboi Constituency in 1996, 2002 and 2004 and became the vice presidential candidate for the National Democratic Congress in 2008. The former president, John Evans Atta Mills, passed away July 24, 2012, and Mahama was sworn into office Jan. 7, 2013.



Mahama's speech will cover democracy in Ghana and the nation's growing economic influence.

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NEWS

KSU TO PRESENT FIRST LIVE OWL MASCOT

Jackson Walsh Contributor

On Oct. 19, KSU will unveil a horned owl as the university's first live mascot, during KSU's second annual "Flight Night".

According to a university news release, the 20-week-old owl is still being trained by animal trainer Daniel Walthers, who has extensive experience training birds. Walthers previously worked to raise and train the "Rise" and "Conquer" mascots for the NFL's Baltimore Ravens in 2008 and 2009.

The naming of KSU's mascot will be left up to members of the KSU community, including students, faculty, staff, KSU trustees and alumni, who will be able to submit their best name choices in a contest which

begins on Wednesday, Sept. 25. Athletic Director Vaughn Williams encouraged students to sign up and suggest a name of the owl when he presented at the Student Government Association meeting Thursday.

"This will be the first owl to be named and it will go down in history," Vaughn said.

The contest is set to continue for two weeks and submissions will be made at ksuowls.com. The decision to adopt the owl, after much discussion, was finally decided last spring. Born April 8 of this year in New York, it should grow to be six pounds with a 5-foot wing span and a lifespan of about 60 years. The owl will be featured at many events as a regular attendee of

KSU games and will be available for fan photos. Videos and news of the owl can be seen at ksuowls.com.



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Members of the KSU community are encouraged to vote on a name for the owl at ksuowls.com.

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OWL EVENTS

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Contributor

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defensive Driving Class KSU Center Room 401 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Piano Performance David Watkins Bailey Performance Center 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Omega Phi Alpha Bake Sale Social Sciences Building 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sowers of Knowledge: Books for Africa Fall 2013 University Room C, D, E 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. KD's International Women's Friendship Month Campus Green (Zone 2) 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Communication Colloquium Social Sciences Building 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALSA- Salsa Socials University Room C, D, & E 6:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. DBG The Power of Positive Thinking Student Center (Leadership Room) 6:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. John Dennis Anderson-The Mutual Friend J.M. Wilson Bldg WB130 (Stillwell Theater) 8:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. 	
Saturday	28	Monday	30	Tuesday	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Life- Hold for Dr. Ratchford Student Center, University Room C, D, & E 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Scholarship Casino Night KSU Center (Fountain Area) 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President of Ghana Lunch/ Dinner KSU Center (Meeting Room- All/Fountain Area All) 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m. Career Services Open House University Rooms 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Abroad Fair Student Center, University Rooms 9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Philharmonic & Concert Band Bailey Performance Center (Morgan Concert Hall) 8:00 p.m.-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

FEBREZE ME, PLEASE

A man was arrested for possession of marijuana after his blue Nissan Sentra was pulled over for having a missing brake light on the evening of Sept. 5. Officer Culberson, who initiated the traffic stop made contact with the driver and noticed the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. When asked where he was coming from, the man said he was coming from his apartment.

Officer Jordan arrived as backup. When asked to step out of the car, the driver complied and the officers conducted a search of the vehicle. The officers located a small quantity of marijuana in the driver-side door, and a small black bag with a drawstring was found in the center console with what appeared to be marijuana residue inside. The man was transported to Cobb ADC.

INTOXICATED ROAD HAZARD

The evening of Sept. 6, Officer Mason arrived at the stadium entrance in response to reports of an intoxicated white male who appeared to be running from police. When Mason arrived on the scene, Captain Murphy was with the suspect and advised that he had been running in the street, creating a road hazard as well as endangering himself. According to the report, the man appeared to be very intoxicated and was arrested. In transit, the man began to convulse and vomit severely. Upon arrival at Cobb ADC, the man appeared to be even more inebriated. His speech was inaudible, and he could barely stand up

straight. As the man walked into the jail, Mason heard the sound of a small glass object hitting the ground. The object appeared to be paraphernalia for smoking an illegal substance. The man denied that the glass pipe belonged to him. At the jail, the man vomited multiple times and after checking his blood alcohol content, it was determined that it would be unsafe to book him. The man was transported to Kennestone Hospital where Mason stayed with him for four hours. After being treated for intoxication, the man was transported back to Cobb ADC and placed in a solitary cell to sober up.

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SGA BEAT:

PLANS FINALIZED FOR
FOUNDERS WEEK AT KSU

Caitlin Monday Staff Writer

This week's SGA meeting featured KSU President Daniel Papp and Athletic Director Vaughn Williams, who announced events for Founders Week and a contest to name the university's new live owl.

Founders Week will be a week-long celebration to commemorate KSU's 50th anniversary. The festivities, which include a number of events and keynote speakers

will begin Oct. 7.

"That week we will be commemorating the founding of Kennesaw State University," Papp said. "We were chartered on Oct. 9, 1963, and we decided to declare it Founders Week. It's not every day you celebrate your 50th anniversary,"

To commemorate the university's anniversary, several events will be held each day.

On Monday, KSU will host Dr. Thomas Scott's book launch

and signing. The book is "Kennesaw State University: The First Fifty Years, 1963-2013." KSU will also reveal the KSU archives' historical exhibit and website, "The Kennesaw State Spirit: KSU at 50."

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, students will have the opportunity to meet author, motivational speaker and Georgia Tech football alumni, Sam Brack, who will be joined by Coach Bill Curry to give a presentation

titled "My Orange Duffel Bag." The lecture will discuss Brack's journey from his rough childhood to adulthood where he played football at Georgia Tech. Brack travels around the country raising money for the Orange Duffel Bag Foundation to help men and women who are homeless and experiencing tough situations.

Brack's presentation will be held in conjunction with KSU's homelessness awareness week, which Papp said "should be a very moving convocation for students."

The Founders Day Concert is set to feature KSU's orchestra and will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Bailey Performance Center.

"This concert is a specially written symphony for Founders week" said Papp.

On Thursday, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute and former Georgia Tech President Wayne Clough will give a keynote address titled "Higher Education: The Next 50 years." This will be followed with a panel examining the future of public higher education. The panel will include speakers Mark Becker, the president of Georgia State University and Renva Watterson, president of Georgia Highlands College.

To end Founders Week, KSU will host a panel discussion on Friday, facilitated by Dr. Papp and Erik Malewski, the university's Chief Diversity Officer. The panel is titled "The Evolution of Inclusion at Kennesaw State University" and is set to discuss changes that have taken place at KSU within the past five decades, including race and LGBTIQ relations.

In the afternoon, there will be a gathering on the Campus

Green entitled "Celebration on the Green" offering free food and activities at 3 p.m.

There will be three groundbreaking throughout Founders Week, including the Dr. Betty Siegel Student Recreation and Activities Center, KSU's Horace W. Sturgis Library expansion and the Skip Span connector, which Papp said will alleviate traffic congestion when it is finally built.

Also in attendance Thursday was KSU's Director of Athletics Vaughn Williams, who announced that KSU would reveal its first live mascot at "Flight Night" on Oct. 19. After receiving an overwhelming response of 10,000 votes in two weeks for the design of the new football helmet, Williams said he hopes to get the same response for the voting of the owl's name.

"I want to encourage student support to name the owl like the one we had for the new helmet," Williams said. On Oct. 19, the name of the owl, along with the winner of the contest will be revealed.

"Football helmets go and change," Williams said, "but you can't name a live mascot every day."

Williams also announced that KSU will host a volleyball championship Nov. 20-22 in the Convocation Center.

"We are hosting championships for the first time in a long time and we want to do more of it," Williams said. "It's going to be great year and it's only the beginning."



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KSU President Daniel Papp explains the university's plans for Founders Week at an SGA meeting Thursday.

FACULTY DIVIDED OVER ONLINE COURSE REVIEW

Shaddi Abusaid News Editor

Kennesaw State faculty members are deliberating on whether to change the process by which online courses are reviewed and approved before being delivered to students.

Currently, online courses must first receive the approval of a trained three-member peer review board before they become available to students seeking to take classes online.

Kenneth White, political science professor and president of the Faculty Senate, said the Faculty Senate Executive Council is considering a proposal to implement an additional way KSU's online courses are approved by "offering an instructor-only training program as an alternative to the current peer review certification process."

The proposed method would allow faculty members to become certified to create their own courses without peer review. The proposal has been met with some opposition in the Faculty Senate by those who prefer the current process.

In March, The Burruss Institute of Research and Public Service sent an online survey to all KSU faculty to gauge opinion on the matter. The 665 responses to that survey show that faculty opinion is divided over how the university should review and approve online courses.

Current policy dictates that peer reviewers must be "Quality Matters certified" in order to decide whether a proposed online course meets the criteria to become an actual online course. According to the Quality Matters Program website, the "QM Program is a nationally recognized, faculty-centered, peer review process

designed to certify the quality of online courses and online components." Quality Matters is the current standard used to certify online classes at more than 700 colleges and universities.

White said the issue with the current system is that it invites "non-subject-matter experts to tell subject-matter experts how to teach their course," something he says "infringes on the autonomy of KSU professors."

Douglas Moodie, professor of management and assistant director of the Center for International Business, serves on the Faculty Senate Executive Council and works as an online course peer reviewer. Moodie sent an email to faculty outlining his support of the current peer review process and encouraging all faculty to get involved in the discussion.

"I personally believe we should have peer review of all courses at KSU, not just online," Moodie's email said. "Peer review as well as student feedback is far better than student feedback alone. There are many types of peer review apart from the existing KSU QM process, which are not considered in the proposal."

"There should be full consultation with stakeholders involved (including online students) and consideration of all alternatives (not just the 2 alternatives mentioned in proposal), before any detailed process is voted on."

Moodie said the current peer review process should promote student learning and make it easy for online students to successfully navigate and learn in such courses.

"We currently have 369

approved online courses, many of which are offered through multiple sections each semester," said Elke Leeds, executive director of the Distance Learning Center and assistant vice president for Technology Enhanced Learning. "There are an additional 99 course sections under development."

Leeds said 8,438 students are currently enrolled in online courses at KSU and that the number of online degree

programs offered has grown from seven in 2010 to 30 in 2013.

"When the online quality program was initiated in 2008, we had 37 online courses. Today we have over 450 developed or currently in development," she said.

Leeds added that it is important to consider that not all courses or programs are suited for online delivery.

"It is really split down the middle," White said. "I'm hopeful

that a consensus can be reached to satisfy the concerns of all parties involved."

"Faculty have shared many different thoughts and opinions about online teaching and the online course review process, Leeds said. "I don't see it as a divide. I see it as genuine interest and a desire to be part of a discussion on online teaching, learning and quality."



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OPINION



IS LOVE only ? *PERCEPTION* !

Danielle Alvarez Staff Writer

It can occur as silently and gradually as a seed opening beneath the earth.

On rare occasions, it can enter our lives like a crack of lightning. In its unadulterated form it transcends the sphere of feelings that, in themselves, are fleeting. Should you experience it something in you will stir; a gentle indicator letting you know, "Hey! This is it." It eludes those who shamelessly pursue it and is rewarded to the lonely. It is a covenant so profound it need not be acknowledged before any court or god. Love is a presence found in each man and woman lying in wait for its moment to awaken.

The sum of two, though, must begin with one, and in Ayn Rand's 1943 novel "The Fountainhead," she imparts to her readers an interesting idea. She writes: "To say 'I love you' one must first be able to say the 'I.'" There are those whose greatest fear is standing on their own. If only they could be convinced that in the quiet of our solitude we learn things about ourselves. Do you know the content of your character? Do you know what you stand for and why? Do you sit comfortably in your own skin? The answers to these questions form the foundation of the "I." If they can be answered in the affirmative, the possibility for many things arise — namely love. There is no way to know if you will be compatible with another person if at first you do not know yourself.

From the outside looking in, I have noticed how most of my peers manage affairs of the heart. This involves pointless scheming as they jump from bed to bed, usually while intoxicated; failing to realize that when they return home

that deep-rooted loneliness they were trying to satisfy is right where they left it. Both sexes find humor in this; however, I find it does not make much sense. Love cannot begin with a drunken prelude.

For those who find a relationship through the lens of sobriety, my hat's off to you, but the real challenge is to sustain it. Terrence Malick's 2012 film, "To the Wonder," leaves a message with its viewers stating, "Emotions, they come and go like clouds. Love is not only a feeling." It also is not infatuation. A level of urgency does seem to start things off for the majority of budding romances, and it truly is a feeling unlike any other; although, when the excitement subsides, what is left over is what counts. It should be unspoken understandings, gentle glances, patience and honesty. It should be contentment. Arguments

LOVE should be unspoken UNDERSTANDINGS, gentle glances, PATIENCE and HONESTY

happen, yet they should be handled with the care and attention they deserve leaving in their wake nothing but resolution.

What is more common to see is the litter of complaint left over from either party. As the weeks and months progress, the exchange of harsh words seem to become a habit. White lies start and soon spread throughout the relationship like great, metastatic masses. The connection inevitably ends at some point, and the concluding note will be the sad fact that the two people will be negatively changed, perhaps even broken— though as Hemingway put it, "Some will be strong in the broken places." We all have that chance. Succeeding in it requires going back to square one and sorting through ourselves to see what we did wrong. It is easy to point the finger at someone else, but it is terribly hard to recognize that generally we should be pointing back at ourselves. At times we are too needy, too arrogant, too nice or too vain— whatever the case, self-evaluation goes a long way.

If your attempt at love has failed, I hate to break it to you but it probably was not genuine. Love is not that which fades or fails. It is Shakespeare's "ever-fixed mark" that only the fateful common denominator of life can put to an end.

Danielle Alvarez, Junior Political Science Major.

Welcoming AUTUMN

Danielle Alvarez Staff Writer

Situated on the cusp of colder weather, there is a new quality to the air these days. The golden season is afoot. The trees have begun to shed summer, and warmer hues will soon fade in. Getting out of bed will grow increasingly difficult, and early risers will feel a chill nipping at their heels. Bitter weather aside, the activities and holidays enjoyed this time of year exceed those of any other.

The orchards just to our north welcome pickers from all over, offering a variety of apples for the making of baked goods and homemade cider. The many corn mazes are great fun, especially in the evenings. Imagine wandering fields in the failing light, the silence interrupted periodically by muffled laughter.

When we ease into October, paying a visit to a pumpkin patch will be essential for Halloween preparations. Once carved, Jack-o-lanterns will glow behind lawn décor like the ever-popular faux tombstones with their ridiculous epitaphs and the eerily colored lights that festoon gutters.

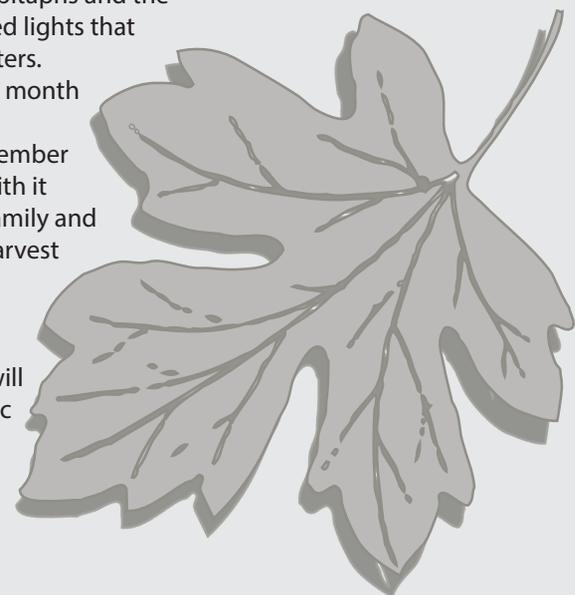
When the month of mischief passes, November will bring with it images of family and tradition. Harvest wreaths will grace front doors, weekends will see ritualistic leaf raking, and wafts of burning wood will

float about neighborhoods.

Before we exit the season, we will make plans and book flights for Thanksgiving celebrations. For those whose holiday has certain denominational undertones, the patriarch of the family will say grace, giving thanks for health and happiness. Cousins and siblings will fight over the turkey's wishbone, the two participants hoping to get the good half that a wish might be won and come true. November's close always seems to leave a tinge of sadness, yet knowing Christmas and New Year's Eve will follow shortly after quickly removes this feeling.

Fall is the grand finale before the stiff fingers of winter takes us in their grasp, and luckily we are at its beginning. We ought to enjoy it while we have it and try to make it last.

Danielle Alvarez, Junior Political Science Major.





TROUBLE WITH U.S. EDUCATION

Mark Leszczynski Staff Writer

As I sit and debate with myself the best way to begin an article that would not even begin to scratch the surface of explaining the trouble with the U.S. education system, I become aware of the fact that I have been staring at Karl Weber's book cover of "Waiting for 'Superman'" for the past half hour without making any headway. The book's apocalyptic cover is a picture of dark, ominous clouds converging over a desolate concrete landscape that is littered with both rubble and damaged school supplies. Despite the barren wasteland, a lone young schoolgirl sits at a desk with her hand raised; a soft, angelic light illuminates her presence. Appropriate as the cover is to a book that has a

subtitle reading, "How We Can Save America's Failing Public Schools," I cannot help but think that maybe we the public are the cause of the deteriorating U.S. educational system, not our schools.

It is too easy to point the finger of blame away from ourselves in all arguments as to why our schools are failing. Usually, when it comes to education, teachers are the first to be blamed. With all other arguments aside, critics of education cite academic studies that make teachers the most responsible as Weber does when he claims "a teacher in the bottom quintile of effectiveness covers only 50 percent of the required curriculum in a school year, while a teacher in the top quintile covers 150 percent." He ultimately suggests that

ineffective teachers teach less material, which has some truth to it because there are low-caliber teachers out there that have inefficient classroom management skills; however, as James S. Coleman's report entitled "The Equality of Educational Opportunity" concluded in 1966, "a pupil's achievement is strongly related to the educational backgrounds and aspirations of the other students in the school," and "children from a given family background, when put in schools of different social composition, will achieve at quite different levels." So, whether a student is taught the entire curriculum or half the curriculum by a teacher from the high quintile or the low quintile, his or her academic performance is overwhelmingly

influenced by peers, family and other social components, not the teacher.

This is where we come into the picture, and this is where our faults lie. Our culture has become so reliant on schools to be the primary educator in our children's lives that we often forget that a child's education does not stop at the classroom. Information is merely presented and practiced in the classroom, while it should be reinforced and mastered at home. Households that actively support extra-curricular learning are more likely to see their child succeed academically. This may seem like a foregone conclusion, and many households claim they do emphasize education, but there is a difference between passive and active emphasis.

Passive emphasis is exemplified in statements such as "Make sure you get good grades," or "Pay attention in school." Neither phrase invokes academic inspiration, yet both suggest that academic success depends purely on the child. On the other hand, active emphasis can be explained by a mother who offers to help or check

her son's math homework, or by a sister that is willing to sit down for five minutes and quiz her brother on his flashcards. Both examples not only help to reinforce academic knowledge, but they also place an emphasis on education by showing interest and familial involvement.

Now, I am of the firm belief that if all families, peers and other social influencers took an active, participatory role in every child's education on a daily basis, our schools would not be considered mediocre or be facing reformation. We the public instill the aspirations in our children. Let us as a culture admit to ourselves that we place a passive emphasis on education when we should be actively getting involved. Let us take ownership by admitting that the trouble with the system is not merely teachers but rather us. We need to stop waiting for a superman when we should be rolling up our sleeves and fixing the problem ourselves from home.

Mark Leszczynski, Senior English Major.

WILL THE *REAL* ED SNOWDEN PLEASE STAND UP?

Kevin Enners Contributor

When you hear the term "whistleblower," what enters your mind? A champion of public interest and organizational accountability? A troublemaker pursuing personal fame and glory?

Webster defines whistleblower as "one who reveals something covert or who informs against another." No matter what your perception, whistleblowing cases have affected all areas of business, manufacturing and government.

Most whistleblowing cases are low profile and do not receive much media attention, which is why limited information is available on the actual number of cases in the U.S. However, the more public, high profile cases have shed light on horrifying conditions inside a pig-slaughtering house in 1906, revealed deceptive

marketing practices within the pharmaceutical industry in 2006 and, most recently with Edward Snowden's leak, detailing a mass surveillance program conducted by the NSA.

Early on, whistleblowers faced detrimental consequences for their actions, ranging from job loss and pay cuts to physical harassment by other employees and management. Today, there is a patchwork of laws written to protect those who inform on unethical and illegal activities. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has a program in place called the Whistleblower Protection Program. It encompasses more than twenty statutes protecting employees who report workplace violations. There is a plethora of websites giving advice and guidance on how to go about exposing perceived injustice. There is even a handbook available for

purchase, which gives step-by-step guidance on "doing what's right and protecting yourself," as well as listings of whistleblowing attorneys, offering free and confidential consultations.

Most times, a common thread runs through the reasoning behind exposing a situation – legitimate practice concern. For example, in 2002, Cynthia Cooper exposed rampant financial fraud within the WorldCom Corporation. She discovered accounting fraud amounting to \$3.8 billion, one of the largest incidents at that time in U.S. history. Another case entails a concern for health conditions/practices. In 1966, Peter Buxtun, an epidemiologist and social worker, discovered a room full of African Americans being infected with syphilis during the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment, an experiment that took place between 1932

and 1972. Major changes followed in U.S. law and regulatory mandates, resulting in clinical studies requiring fully-informed subjects' consent, advance diagnosis disclosure and accurate study outcome reporting. As noble as whistleblowing can be, it has a flip side. How about a disgruntled employee who perceives injustices that result in fallacious whistleblowing incidences, which in turn take up valuable court resources, time and money? What about heavyweight cases that put U.S. national security in jeopardy? Should those people be protected under the Whistleblower Protection Laws? Should detrimental actions not result in equally detrimental consequences?

Needless to say, whistleblowers provide meat for big, juicy stories written by journalists nationwide. They

help shape big stories on slow days. They are the sources who always have the most intriguing tidbits of information and are always appreciated by news programs and papers alike. As far as corporate America is concerned, whistleblowers are petulant mosquitoes buzzing about, anticipating their next opportunity to attack. Depending on who you ask, they can either suck blood or be squashed. They can either be dubbed as heroes or be criticized as villains. They can either stand out as monuments known for their courageous efforts to thwart vile practices or dissipate like miniscule ants as time moves on, whistling Dixie.

Kevin Enners, Major.



COMBATING everyday SEXISM

Laura Heiney Staff Writer

The majority of college-aged women are no strangers to sexism.

The interesting thing is that many of them do not realize it. Everyday sexism is innocuous. Hearing, "at least you're pretty," in response to some sort of personal failure might seem like nice, consoling words for a friend to say on a bad day, but it actually is a way to invalidate a woman and reduce her to her ability to attract men.

And that is just a small part of the issue.

Another example most women are familiar with, is the male friend who treats friendliness as foreplay and assumes a female friend will be sexually available if they are kind in return. This disturbing yet frequent phenomenon is more commonly known as "the friend zone," and chances are, everyone has seen or encountered some variation of it. Alisse Desrosiers, a writer for Feminspire, summed it up nicely.

"The Friend Zone is a bullshit, misogynistic, make-believe land Nice Guys have come up with to demonize women for not wanting to date them."

It should be obvious to any guy that just because a girl is friendly does not mean she owes them the time of day. But apparently it isn't. The expectation that being nice is a green light for a relationship or sex has become the norm, and if a woman turns her unwitting suitor down, she is often labeled harshly and cast aside by "the Nice Guy." How dare she lead him on and make him waste his time? Obviously he would not have been so kind to her if he was not interested!

How could she do that to him?

The Everyday Sexism Project, an online collaborative effort created by Laura Bates in order to give women all over the world a chance to "shout back," gives a number of clear examples of how a woman might suffer sexism. The stories range from accounts of male friends pulling a "Nice Guy" to decidedly darker examples of managers taking advantage of employees and beyond.

One example, written by a user named Liz from the U.S., described a situation where she tried to speak out against a man who was intentionally making her uncomfortable, only to have a male friend scold her

for overreacting and make her apologize to the perpetrator.

The idea of the overreacting woman is both an old one and an extremely widespread one.

Women are taught to grin and bear it, and be ladylike. Psychologist Janet Swim stated that women have a tendency to ignore sexism because they "just want to get on with their lives." No one wants to be browbeaten about overreacting to "harmless" jokes or "innocent" comments. If a guy says he is not being sexist, then he must be right! All those years of thinking women were somehow oppressed or mistreated must have been imagined.

The fact of the matter is that if a guy was a real friend and ally, he would not be telling a woman she was overreacting when some other man "accidentally" groped her on the bus. He would not be under the assumption that any woman might owe him sexual favors for daring to be receptive to his kindness, and he certainly

would not downplay her success by insinuating her physical appearance has anything to do with it.

But what can be done?

When a classmate tells a woman she still has her looks when something goes wrong, she should know that he is being sexist. If a woman gets touched without her consent, she should be able to shout back without fear of being accused of overreacting or of being hysterical. It goes without saying that women are entitled to every bit of success that a man is, without being subjected to the assumption that she slept her way up the ladder. She should be able to turn down a guy without being called a tease.

None of that will happen just because women want it to. It will only happen when women make it happen.

Laura Heiney, Sophomore Spanish Major.

“women are taught to grin and bear it and be ladylike”

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STORES OFFER APPEALING iPhone trade deals

Mike Strong Arts & Living Editor

The saying usually goes, “another year, another new iPhone.” Only this year we get to say, “another year, another two new iPhones.” With both the iPhone 5S and the 5C now available, consumers are more anxious than ever to get their hands on one of the new devices. But as a new phone finds its way into homes, what happens to the old one? Consumers who are ahead of the game already know the answer to that question is “trade it in.”

There is a shockingly large amount of trade-in deals going on right now, and prospective traders only need to take their pick. Retail stores such as

Best Buy, Walmart and, for the first time, Apple are offering appealing prices for the trade of a smartphone. Whether you have an older iPhone model or even an Android phone, you might just be able to get the colorful iPhone 5C for free.

Unsurprisingly, the best deal would be trading in the standard iPhone 5 model, as it was only released last year. Sellers willing to make the yearly upgrade can get upwards of \$300 for their device. Apple is willing to shell out \$280 for a 16GB iPhone 5, while websites like Gazelle and NextWorth are offering \$310 for the phone.

The more common situation, though, is that of those looking

to trade an iPhone 4 or 4S for one of the iPhone 5 models. Apple has already clarified that production of the standard iPhone 5 has ceased, so retailers are looking to clear out their remaining stock. In an attempt to sell their remaining 5's, Best Buy is offering \$100 for any smartphone traded toward the \$100 purchase of an iPhone 5 with a two-year agreement. Depending on the condition and model of the phone itself, the seller might even be offered more than that. This same deal goes for just about any carrier's retail store, as long as they have iPhone 5s in stock. Because the new iPhone 5C is identical to the 5 performance-wise, any

deal that works toward a 5 will also work toward the \$99 5C.

Online retailers, which have remained the go-to trade-in method for years, seem to be the best option. Granted, this removes the convenience of being able to walk into a store, hand them your old phone and walk out with a new one. Online sellers will have to go ahead and make the standard in-store purchase of one of the new iPhones before shipping their old phone off to their retailer of choice. Online shopping king Amazon.com offers up to \$130 in Amazon credit for a standard iPhone 4 and \$160 for a 4S, depending on the condition of the phone. When setting up the

trade online, you must select the condition of the phone, and the site will tell you their price. A hidden plus to this is that when they inspect the phone, if they determine it is in better condition than stated, you might receive more than expected.

While the iPhone 5S might be hard to find for the next couple of weeks, those willing to trade for last year's model or the plastic-covered 5C might just be able to do so for free. These deals are not guaranteed to last, as many people are likely taking advantage of them already.



Taking an old iPhone to an Apple store, like the one in Santa Monica, CA, is a convenient way to trade up.

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BIG BROTHER, WE'RE WATCHING YOU

Devon Zawko Staff Writer

After a controversial 15th season of CBS's "Big Brother," Andy Herren was voted the \$500,000 winner by his fellow contestants. This season set a record in audience participation with a 500 percent increase in fan votes. Generating interest this year were racial comments made by the houseguests on the live 24-hour feed, "Big Brother After Dark."

"Big Brother" contestants Aaryn Gries, GinaMarie Zimmerman, Spencer Clawson and even "Big Brother" winner Andy Herren, may be surprised how their comments were received. Unguarded remarks regarding skin color, Asian facial features and gay slurs may have consequences for them outside of the house. Several of the contestants' employers put out

disclaimers, as did CBS. Some houseguests have reportedly lost their jobs.

The host of "Big Brother," Julie Chen, spoke out about Gries's anti-Asian slurs on her daytime TV show "The Talk."

"I have to be honest, the Asian ones hit me the most. I heard about her describing Asians as 'squinty-eyed' and 'go make a bowl of rice,'" Chen said. Chen's offense was certainly warranted. Ironically, a few weeks later on "The Talk," Chen admitted that she underwent eye surgery early in her career. She did this on the advice of a renowned agent so that he would represent her.

Do the derogatory words of a few arrogant game show contestants truly surprise the public? Should they

really surprise anyone? Even executive producer Allison Grodner conceded in The New York Times: "Your neighbor is probably using racial slurs behind closed doors, no offense to your neighbor." Fortunately, we do not have a camera on our neighbors to hear their private conversations.

While CBS assures viewers that the ideas and values of the houseguests do not reflect those of the network, they are more than happy to celebrate the attention and good ratings they bring. Last season, Chen said, "[the audience] can relate to at least one person in the house, see the cool kids try to bully the misfits and watch the misfits outsmart the bullies. You love to hate certain people." Chen was spot on with this.

Despite petition efforts to remove certain contestants, the show reeled in more than 6 million viewers on finale night.

While America does not like personal slurs, they enjoy throwing stones at the people who utter them. Houseguests have been referred to on social media as brats, pathetic human beings, racists and fit only for porn. This season has shed more light on the culture of America than the ignorance and prejudices of a few houseguests. Many viewers were judgmental and unforgiving. Even African American contestant Howard Overby was surprised upon leaving the Big Brother house at the severity of the viewers' reactions to inappropriate comments.

Are Americans hypocritical

when they continue to watch a program that habitually offends them? Social media provides a forum where hateful speech and derogatory language can be used to criticize the same behaviors seen in the show. On the live finale, Julie Chen referred to the season as "an epic, 90-day, social experiment." It is an experiment that is all the more fascinating now that social media allows viewers to become participants themselves. Hopefully future houseguests will remember that "Big Brother" is a reality show. They will need to be wary of their language, or reality may hit them hard on their way out.

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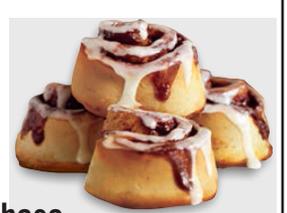
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MUSIC MIDTOWN ROCKS WITH THE RAIN

Roderic Graham Staff Writer

Piedmont Park was wet and muddy but packed with eager music lovers waiting to rock on with their favorite bands at Music Midtown. The energy was still intense despite the somber weather.

"I paid \$80 for these tickets, so I am going to enjoy myself regardless of the weather," said Music Midtown attendee Felicia Branch.

Music Midtown was graced with plenty of sunshine Friday. Gates opened around 4:30 p.m., and the park quickly filled with more than 50,000 people. The headliners on Friday were 2 Chainz and the legendary Journey.

"I bought a single day ticket just to see Journey, everyone else does not matter," said Journey fan David McGee.

2 Chainz and Journey were not the only acts to rock one of the three stages at Music Midtown on Friday. Drivin' Cryin, The Mowgli's, Phoenix and Jane's Addiction kept the crowd pumped with their greatest hits.

Saturday festival attendees were drenched with rain, but the weather did not stop any of the performances. Headliners on Saturday were Kendrick Lamar, Imagine Dragons and The Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Weezer, Capital City, Yeah Yeah Yeahs and the Neighborhood performed in the rain to keep the crowd's energy going. Thousands of people chanted and sang along with these bands despite the rain pouring down. Many people had on ponchos, rain boots and carried umbrellas.

"The awesome performances override the rain any day," said KSU student Jay Castillo.

By the time Imagine Dragons started to perform, the rain cleared up. Many people took off their ponchos and rain jackets to get a feel of the cool autumn air. Imagine Dragons noted that they came at a good time because the weather had finally cleared up.

Kendrick Lamar also put on a great performance. He performed hits like "Poetic Justice," "Don't Kill My Vibe" and "Swimming Pools (Drank)." Fans surrounded the stage and rapped along with the young artist.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers unquestionably attracted the largest crowd. It was almost impossible to maneuver through the crowd to get to the front of the stage. The rock band performed many of their greatest hits.

The energy from The Red Hot Chili Peppers was electric. Everyone on stage was constantly moving and keeping the crowd amped. "Give it away" and "Snow" were definitely some crowd favorites.

"This is the most fun I have ever had at Music Midtown, even with the rain," said attendee Tara Gilliam.

Mona, Reignwolf, Tegan and Sara and ZZ Ward were also part of the 14-band lineup on Saturday.

Great music, food and hardcore fans undeniably made Music Midtown an epic experience. Fans were able to enjoy multiple artists at the same time because Music Midtown included a third stage this year. One thing that was apparent about this year's festivities was rain does not stop good music.



Journey frontman Arnel Pineda led the band's headline show Friday.

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2 Chainz attracted one of the larger crowds on Friday.



“ MUSIC MIDTOWN WAS GRACED WITH PLENTY OF SUNSHINE FRIDAY ”



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The Chili Peppers' Flea, Chad Smith and Josh Klinghoffer performed in the rain Saturday.

SERENE SPOTS to study at KSU

Mark Todd Contributor

With all the hustle and bustle around campus it can sometimes be difficult finding a place to get away from it all. We all need somewhere we can go and relax just for a little while; otherwise we begin to get stressed out.

There are several places around campus that allow for an escape from the world. One of the quietest places I was able to find was the Arboretum. Located right behind the College of Math and Science building on Marietta Drive, the Arboretum is a long nature

trail with many different paths. There is one spot in particular on the main path that has a brick patio overlooking the hill the paths are on. It is a perfect spot to study or relax and is very secluded and nicely hidden away in the woods. Also, it is not too far from the road so it is easy to get back. As well as being a good study area, it is also full of plant life. It is a great place to go to learn about some of the types of nature we have in our area.

However, if you are not one for the woods but still enjoy

being around a little nature, then the Legacy Gazebo is perfect. It is quiet enough to study; yet the Legacy Gazebo still allows you to feel like you are part of the world. This is a great place to go if there is not a lot of time between classes, but you need those last few moments of studying. It is located between the English building and the Social Science building. You can either sit on the grass surrounding the area or just stay inside the gazebo. If one desired to bring their lunch out and study they could

because there are a few picnic tables around, and since it is on the backside of some buildings, there is not a lot of foot traffic.

If you really need to get away but are also in need of Wi-Fi, there is one spot on campus that is perfect. It is through the back doors of the Business building. When exiting the building, you will come out on a nice back patio. It is the perfect place to get homework done or write essays. I personally enjoy listening to music when I study so it is great for using something like Pandora. It is

very cool because the building shades the area from the sun, so one could sit out there comfortably for a long time. There are not many people who exit out of the back of the building so there are not many distractions.

All of these places are fantastic for studying. They are all very quiet and allow you to focus on the task at hand. Any students looking for a place to escape should give one of these areas a try.

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FIGHTING THE FLU, ONE SHOT AT A TIME

Courtney Janney Contributor



Pharmacy flu shots at Kroger usually cost around \$25 without insurance.

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The flu and its different strains are unpredictable. As we are currently in the middle of flu season, every KSU student should know how to best protect themselves from this year's viruses. The most effective protection is immunization with a vaccine that combats against most of the current flu strains. There is a new vaccine for this flu season that protects against the already prevalent three strains and now an additional fourth strain, a B/ Brisbane/60/2008-like virus.

According to an article published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Flu vaccines are designed to protect against the influenza viruses that experts predict will be the most common during the upcoming season. Three kinds of influenza viruses commonly circulate among people today: Influenza A (H1N1) viruses, influenza A (H3N2) viruses, and influenza B viruses. Each year, these viruses are used to produce seasonal influenza vaccine."

Most pharmacies and medical offices generally have only the three-strain shot available. The four-strain shot is predicted to become more widely available as the flu season progresses and becomes potentially worse.

The worst part of contracting this nasty virus is not knowing which strain you are inflicted with. This is why it is important to have the shot. The CDC recommends the flu shot, especially for children more

than 6 months old and the elderly.

Flu shots are readily available at most pharmacies and are even offered on campus. The Village Walk-In clinic offers flu clinics every Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. throughout the flu season. This is a walk-in clinic located by the bridge at University Village. No appointments are required.

Student schedules can get hectic, so appointments can be made through the House #52 appointment clinic, located across from University Place. A certified nurse administers the vaccine at either location. Some insurance is taken and if the vaccine is not covered, a student's cost is \$20.

For more information on appointments, or questions regarding the flu shots at either location, you can call 770-423-6644. You can also visit the KSU Student Health Services online for more information.

In addition to flu shots being available on campus, most pharmacies offer them. Walk into any pharmacy with current insurance information and they can do them on location. If your insurance does not cover the shot at the pharmacy, the typical flu shot ranges between \$25 and \$28 in cost.

There are common misconceptions about the vaccine. Some people swear the flu shot is the cause of their cold chills, fevers, night sweats, excruciating pain, congestion, sore throat and

nausea; however, this is not the case. The vaccines are made using strains of the flu that were around in past seasons. But when the shots are made, the viruses are dead. Only a live virus can cause the flu. Other

people prefer to forgo the shot completely, saying their immune system can fight off the virus.

Regardless of the myths and misconceptions, it is important to know that the influenza virus

is not something to be taken lightly and in some cases, can be lethal. Whether you choose to get the flu vaccine or steer clear of anyone with a case of influenza, it is important to stay informed and protect yourself.

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“THE SHORT GAME:” A HOLE-IN-ONE DOCUMENTARY

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Allan Kournikova took home his second championship trophy in last year's tournament.

Courtesy of Samuel Goldwyn Films

A documentary about golfers is far from what anyone would expect to be rife with personality, emotion and humor, but “The Short Game” might just be the only one to fit that description.

What makes the documentary so great comes down to the one thing that sets it apart from every other golf documentary: children.

Josh Greenbaum's documentary focuses on the trials and tribulations of eight young golfers competing at the 2012 U.S. Kids Golf World Championship in Pinehurst, N.C. The initial setup introduces the 7-year-old prodigies, whose personalities are so fascinating and distinct, it is as if they were written for a scripted film.

The children hail from nations around the world including South Africa, France and China. Early on, the film gives an inside look at how the parents' culture shapes each child's personality, and how each child's personality shapes his or her golf game. Each child puts countless hours into training for Pinehurst, which is referred to as the Super Bowl of kids golf. They each have their own varying levels of self-confidence, ranging from

hot headed to incredibly camera shy. Greenbaum expertly personifies the individuals and uses this to tug at the viewer's heart strings when the competition gets tough.

The competition itself is where the emotion really starts to kick in. Following each of the three tournament days, the film presents the events almost as a live television broadcast, commentators and all. For those who are not fond of slow-paced live golf broadcasts, Greenbaum makes his documentary the perfect way to follow golfers throughout a tournament. The documentary forces the viewer to realize just how crucial emotions can be in competition, especially for children, whose hot tempers can lead to a bad game.

In “The Short Game,” Greenbaum proves that if executed properly, a documentary can be more relatable and emotional than any theatrical film. His documentary allows the viewer to experience the stresses of the competitors straight from the competitors themselves. It places the viewer next to the golfers as they get pep talks

from their “daddy caddies,” making it all the more satisfying when they play well. Not only do these pep talks reinforce the idea of “playing for fun, not just to win” to the kids but also to the viewer.

The camera work, editing and music mixing put “The Short Game” among the most visually satisfying documentaries out there. The Temper Trap's “Sweet Disposition” played as the camera swoops over the beautiful golf course creates an air of grace, while Eminem's “Won't Back Down” played over slow-motion shots of the female competitors striking the ball added a sense of empowerment to the golfers. No matter what emotion the film is trying to achieve, it does so in strides.

“The Short Game” is a case of documentary magic where cinematography and content come together to turn the slow-paced game of golf into a battlefield of emotion and triumph. It is clear that one day, when these kids are the top adult golfers in the world, “The Short Game” will be a viewing requirement for fans looking to see where their idol got started.

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KSU followed a loss to Samford with a shutout win over Troy over the weekend.

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OWLS SPLIT WEEKEND HOMESTAND

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Game One

Not even the consistently optimistic head coach Rob King could find any positives after the KSU soccer team's 3-0 loss to visiting Samford on Tuesday, Sept. 17th.

The Owls never really challenged in defeat and dropped to 2-5 on the season and 0-2 at home. Head coach Rob King was unable to single out what he thinks the answer might be, instead condemning the performance as a whole.

"It would be nice if it was just one area that I thought needed fixing, but it wasn't," King said. "It was rampant all the way through the team."

Slow starts have been common for King's team this year, and Tuesday was no exception, as there was little room for error against a Samford squad that had already defeated three SEC teams this season. The Owls fell behind 1-0 when Samford forward Amanda Abbott ran onto a through ball in the 41st minute and finished calmly past KSU goalkeeper Olivia Sturdivant, who had come off her line.

"We spoke about making some adjustments at halftime," King said. "But when we got out, we really didn't make those adjustments very well."

Abbott, a Lassiter High School graduate, would score again in the 52nd minute in remarkably similar fashion to her first goal. The KSU defensive line was again beaten and a lobbed pass was enough to spring

Abbott free to dribble past the onrushing Sturdivant to score. A third Samford goal was added on a free header by Trine Taule in the 73rd minute that capped a night of disorganization for the KSU defense.

"Defensively, we didn't really communicate," King said. "Our lines weren't tight enough."

The attack did not fare any better, posting their fourth scoreless match of the season. As a unit, the KSU forwards continued their scoreless drought that has continued since Katrina Frost scored in the Clayton State exhibition. Freshman Maggie Gaughan had two of the Owls' three shots on goal, but Samford goalkeeper Katie Peters was only forced to make three relatively simple saves in the shutout.

The front three was generally far too isolated, and attacking midfielder Suzanne Arafa struggled to influence the game without consistent passing options. The veteran Frost suffered from the same problem in her 39 minutes of action at forward, a season high for her.

Game Two

KSU had better luck on Sunday, as freshman Cobb Co. product Maggie Gaughan (Hillgrove HS) scored the Owls' two goals in a 2-0 win over Troy at Fifth Third Bank Stadium.

Gaughan scored her first career goal in the 17th minute when she managed to control the ball and maneuver through

the defense while the goalie had left the goal.

She would score again in the 65th minute, via an assist from Brittney Reed, when she headed in a cross from feet away.

"She's doing very well for us, first of all," King said of Gaughan. "Coming in and starting things as our freshman forwards are is a big ask."

King didn't just applaud Gaughan, but all of his freshman.

"They're doing well, they're getting better with each game, and they're putting in a lot of extra time outside of training sessions as well," King said. "It paid off for us today."

Nicole Calder was the only other Owl to have a shot on goal, while also having three shots, followed by two from Monica Herrera and freshman Suzanna Arafa.

KSU outshot Troy 12 to five, while also recording its third shutout of the season.

"It was a match that we dominated from start to finish," King said. "It was nice for our girls. We worked on a couple of things defensively through the week."

The Owls are now 3-5 on the year and will open their conference schedule on Friday at home against the Lipscomb Bisons.

KSU will also host A-Sun foe Northern Kentucky Sunday at 1 p.m.

Challenge Accepted

KSU student goes to great heights for Wounded Heroes

Catherine Mitas Staff Writer

Nate Watson, 34-year-old Georgia native, never has a dull moment. Not only is Watson a full time student at KSU, he is also a husband, father, Army veteran and vice president of Georgia's Wounded Heroes. Dedicated to "serving those who have served us," Watson is wrapping up his final semester at KSU by taking on monumental challenges and expanding his organization to help more wounded heroes than ever before.

Watson was injured in northern Afghanistan in 2009 when his brigade came under fire from a Taliban ambush. The sniper, shot through the left forearm, continued to fire rounds until his convoy could reach safety. After being helicoptered out to receive treatment, Watson learned that he had sustained serious nerve damage and would lose the use of his left hand.

Three years after returning home, Watson co-founded Georgia's Wounded Heroes with President Brian Brakefield. The non-profit organization is dedicated to helping the red, blue and green - firefighters, police officers and soldiers injured in the line of duty.

The organization's services range from financial assistance to home modification for those in need. "Our goal is to assist them before they even know that they need help. We want to be at the hospital to greet them with a check," Watson says.

94 percent of all Georgia's Wounded Heroes profits go directly to aid wounded heroes. "It's important for us to keep overhead costs as low as possible. We want to help as many as we can. I don't get paid anything," Watson chuckles.

Georgia's Wounded Heroes has high hopes for expansion in the coming years, copyrighting names in all 50 states. "We have big plans for the future," Watson says.

Georgia's Wounded Heroes

recently expanded their support to provide service dogs for injured heroes. These "mobility dogs" are trained to provide balance and stability for those who are wheelchair dependent or mobility bound. The organization is currently training three Cane Corsos, who are expected to be ready for their new families mid-2014.

While others commemorated the recent 9/11 anniversary by lighting candles or attending memorials, Watson had other ideas. A feat for those with full movement in both hands, Watson and a group of war veterans set out to climb the intimidating Half Dome at Yosemite National Park. Towering at nearly 9,000 feet, Half Dome is one of the most dangerous and difficult climbs in the park.

Among the veterans were Andrew Sullens, who lost his right leg in Afghanistan after his convoy rolled over an IED, and Steve Baskis, who lost his eyesight in a bomb blast in Iraq. After more than 10 hours of climbing, Watson using his left arm for balance and Sullens with his prosthetic leg strapped to his waist, the veterans reached the summit. "I am so grateful for the experience. The view was amazing but the climb was even better," Watson says.

Georgia's Wounded Heroes recent event, the Heroes Half Marathon, was hosted on Sept. 14 at Camp Fortson in Hampton, Ga. Among the 75 runners, some clad in uniform, others carrying American flags, were Team Syotos, who completed the 13.1 mile run in gas masks.

Watson was a first-time member of Team Syotos, which stands for "see you on the other side." The gas masks, which reduce oxygen intake by up to 20 percent, are worn as a symbol to celebrate servicemen's dedication and sacrifices. "It was an honor to run with those guys. I was

thrilled to be able to do it," Watson says.

Gas mask and all, Watson completed the run with a time of 1:59:04. "My goal was to finish in less than two hours. Not bad for an old man," Watson laughs.

While the runners were treated to a post-race pancake breakfast, more than 200 motorcyclists were coming together to show support at the Heroes Memorial Ride. Following the events, an after party was held, where K-9 demonstrations, live music, food and prizes were enjoyed. The events raised more than \$8,000 for Georgia's Wounded Heroes.

On Sept. 26, the organization will host the Premier Restoration Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Eagle's Landing Country Club. Last year, the event raised more than \$100,000 for the charity of their choice - and this year, the proceeds will go to Georgia's Wounded Heroes. "This is a huge opportunity for us; we are very excited to be a part of the event," Watson says.

For more information about Georgia's Wounded Heroes, including upcoming events and donations, visit their website at www.georgiaswoundedheroes.org.

Nate Watson and others reach the finish line in the Heroes Half Marathon

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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Fri, 9/27, 7 p.m.
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Fri, 9/27, All Day
Chattanooga, TN

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Sat, 9/28, 5 p.m.
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KSU opened its conference schedule with a victory over USC Upstate.

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SCHUNZEL EARNS FIRST CONFERENCE WIN

Mike Foster Sports Editor

KSU's volleyball team split its weekend home slate against league competition, keeping its record at .500 and earning its first Atlantic Sun Conference win under first-year head coach Keith Schunzel with a 3-0 victory over USC Upstate at home on Friday night.

"It was a good win," Schunzel said. "The team came out and was focused and we put together a nice, consistent effort which is always tough

to do in conference. I thought our team did a good job of sustaining a high level of play throughout the match and our defensive intensity was there as well."

The match wasn't even close. KSU took the sets 25-14, 25-14, and 25-16 and held the Spartans to a .000 hitting percentage.

Sophomore Toure Hopkins led the team with 12 kills, while Keyaira Stevenson followed with nine. Sara Metroka put up

33 assists, while libero Camille Pedraza led the team with 19 digs. The loss dropped USC Upstate to 0-9 on the season.

The Owls didn't have as much luck the next afternoon. KSU's loss to East Tennessee State ended its five-game winning streak. The Lady Buccaneers won the sets 25-15, 25-21, 25-27 and 25-19.

"The first set and a half we were very disappointed in our level of intensity and preparedness," Schunzel said.

"We were a little shell shocked at first, which is not how we've been in the past."

Stevenson once again led the Owls in kills with 12, followed by freshman Kelly Marcinek's 10. Metroka had 35 assists and Pedraza recorded 19 digs.

The Owls found some footing near the end of the second set and into the third.

"The last two and a half sets were what we expect and what needs to happen against a team like that," Schunzel said.

ETSU's win moved them in a tie for first place (8-6, 2-0 A-Sun), while the Owls slid to 6-6 and 1-1 in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

KSU will play its first road tests in the conference schedule when it visits Florida Gulf Coast (2-10, 1-1 A-Sun) on Friday. The Owls will make a quick trip from Fort Myers to Deland, Fl., to play Stetson on Saturday.



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KSU HOSTS **FIRST** FOOTBALL GAME in Fifth Third Bank Stadium

Shaddi Abusaid News Editor

KSU got its first look at football in the newly-named Fifth Third Bank Stadium Friday night when North Cobb High School defeated Kennesaw Mountain 55-13 in the 2013 Civil War Classic.

Kennesaw State University announced the creation of its football program earlier this year, but the program doesn't officially kick off until 2015. Friday night's rivalry offered KSU the opportunity to see what football looks like in the 8,300-seat stadium.

Marty Elliott, the executive director and general manager of Kennesaw State's Sports and Recreation Park said the meeting between the two high schools at Fifth Third Bank Stadium was the idea of Kennesaw Mayor Mark Mathews.

"Mayor Mathews was excited about the idea of bringing a classic rivalry to the stadium and of course we thought it would be a fantastic idea," Elliott said Thursday, "sort of a community opportunity as well as an opportunity for us to practice since the stadium has not been used for football before."

Thousands of excited high school football fans entered the stadium Friday just before kickoff. The Kennesaw Mountain Mustangs (1-2) were listed as the home team so their fans filled one side of the stands while The North Cobb Warriors' (2-1) fans occupied the other.

North Cobb's junior quarterback Tyler Queen stole the show. Queen, who is committed to Auburn, finished the night with six touchdowns – three passing and three rushing. He scored the game's first points just 30 seconds into the first quarter as he ran the ball in from 18 yards out on a quarterback draw. This set the tone for the rest of the game as the Warriors picked apart the Mustangs' defense, scoring at will.

The Warriors caught the Mustangs off-guard on their second play of the game when wide receiver Cam Albright picked up the ball on a reverse and heaved it 32 yards downfield to a wide open Torrance McGee to set up Queen's first score.

"I don't think they were expecting it at all, really," Queen said after the game.

"We practiced it all week and it was just fun to come out here and do something different for the first play."

Queen, who is the son of North Cobb's head coach, had an incredible 52-yard touchdown pass on North Cobb's second drive when he found a wide open McGee to put the Warriors up 14-0 less than four minutes into the game.

Kennesaw Mountain rush-heavy offense proved to be no match for the Warriors' powerful defensive unit. The Mustangs attempted to move the chains by pounding the ball for 3 and 4-yard gains, but struggled to find gaps in North Cobb's defensive line. They moved the chains well early on but couldn't seem to find their way into

the red zone.

Kennesaw Mountain's senior running back Jamari Carter split carries with quarterback Nigel Hayes for the majority of the game and the duo had one rushing touchdown apiece for the Mustangs' only scores.

The Mustangs turned the ball over on downs in the third quarter and Queen broke a 53-yard run on the first play of the drive to score his sixth and final touchdown during a possession that lasted exactly 12 seconds.

The Auburn-bound quarterback sat out the entire fourth quarter, a quarter in which the game clock never stopped counting down. The "continuous clock rule" serves to bring high school contests to a timely end if the game is a blowout.

"I felt like I played pretty well but the score has nothing to do with me," Queen said modestly. "It was just an all-around great team effort."

After the game, Elliott said she was very pleased with the way football looked in KSU's stadium.

"There were so many things that went really right," she said. "I liked the fan atmosphere, the scoreboard looked amazing. The enthusiasm, the way it looked under the lights, the music – everything, in my opinion, went as smooth as it could for our first time."

"What a great crowd," said North Cobb head Coach Shane Queen. "For the first game ever here, I couldn't have asked for a better crowd and just a great experience all around."

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