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KSU revealed its new live mascot, a great horned owl Saturday at Flight Night.

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KSU DEBUTS LIVE OWL MASCOT

Jackson Walsh Staff Writer

KSU's live great horned owl made its debut Saturday in front of a number of students and alumni eager to get a glimpse of the new mascot at Flight Night in the Convocation Center.

Members of the KSU community voted to name the 6-month-old owl Sturgis, after

KSU's first president, Horace Sturgis, who headed the school from 1965 until 1980.

The owl was revealed before the introduction of KSU's 2013 men's and women's basketball teams as part of the university's homecoming celebration amid an arena-like atmosphere that included loud music, the Atlanta

Hawks drumline and glow stick-waving fans.

Many of the students appeared to be enthusiastic about getting a live mascot.

"If you look at all the big schools, they all have an animal for their mascot," said Stephen Lococo, a freshman studying International Business.

Sophomore Marketing major Kaitlyn Moore said she thinks having a live mascot will set KSU apart from other universities.

"It'll give us something a lot of schools don't have," Moore said.

For his first appearance, Sturgis was revealed to the audience as he perched atop the arm of trainer Daniel

Walthers, who has had extensive experience training bird mascots.

While it is unclear what the plan is for a future mascot routine, Sturgis will be available at many of KSU's upcoming athletic events.

SEE MORE OF STURGIS ON PG. 20

CONGRESS REACHES AGREEMENT TO END GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Shaddi Abusaid News Editor

President Obama signed a bill Wednesday night to end the 16-day government shutdown and avert a default by raising the federal debt limit. The bill, which passed in the House by a margin of 285-144 and in the Senate by a vote of 81-18, will continue to fund the federal government through Jan. 15.

The legislation, while reopening the government and temporarily raising the

debt ceiling, does little to deal with the deeper underlying issues facing America's economy, namely a national debt approaching \$17 trillion, the rising cost of entitlement expenses and a divided Congress that continues to struggle to work together.

"The primary reason for our debt is pretty simple," Economics professor Andrew Pieper said. "We want programs that we aren't willing to pay for."

The federal government spends the majority of its tax revenue on entitlement programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, which account for more than 60 percent of the budget, said Economics professor Don Sabbarese.

"If the federal government does not address the growing entitlement expenses, the federal debt will grow from its current \$16.9 trillion level to \$20

trillion by 2020," Sabbarese said in an email.

Economics professor Luc Noiset said he doesn't think the U.S. will ever default on its loan obligations, but he doesn't think the nation will have the funds to cover the rising costs of Social Security and Medicare either.

"Politicians need to face the American people and tell them that the government will not be able to fully keep the Social Security and Medicare promises

that have been made," Noiset said, adding that the programs need to be trimmed but not eliminated.

According to the Social Security Administration website, there are nearly 60 million Americans who receive a monthly Social Security check. That number is expected to increase dramatically in coming years as more Americans

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NEWS

KSU BURNS MOCK DORM

Sierra Hubbard Staff Writer

Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services set fire to a mock dorm room on the Campus Green Wednesday to educate students about how quickly a fire could spread.

"This demonstration was to show how quickly a dorm room can actually catch fire and completely flashover," said Sean Gray, a Cobb County fire engineer. While the dorm caught fire, Gray spoke to a crowd of students about how to prevent fires and what to do if they occur. He said it usually takes about 11 seconds for a smoke detector to go off and just more than two minutes for a room to

become engulfed in flames.

"I would say don't burn candles in your room, be careful when you're cooking, and close the door behind you," Gray said. "That's the biggest thing."

Firefighters stood by to extinguish the blaze, soaking the "dorm" and parts of the lawn that had also caught fire.

"I learned that only 52 people died last year from dorm fires, but the injuries were up in the thousands," said Steven Baskin, a junior studying Psychology.

Christopher VanDevere, a junior studying Communication, said the event taught him to "be more fire safety conscious."



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Cobb County Fire Services demonstrates how easily a dorm room could catch fire.

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prepare for retirement. The agency estimates that by 2033, the number of older Americans will increase from 45 to 77 million.

Less than half of America's workforce is offered a private pension by their employer and only 34 percent of workers have money set aside specifically for retirement, according to the SSA.

"Fortunately the U.S. dollar is the world's currency," Sabbarese said, adding that there is no other currency that can currently replace it, offering the U.S. an advantageous position when it comes to financing its debt.

"That said, the dollar under

normal conditions (no default on our debt) is viewed as a safe haven for foreign investors and holders of U.S. dollars and assets," Sabbarese said. "Should we lose the faith of foreign investors, the cost of borrowing would increase substantially and add even more to our deficit and debt level.

He said a federal default, although unlikely, would cause interest rates in the U.S. to skyrocket -- not only on Treasury debt, but also on mortgages, car loans and credit cards.

"As a result, these higher borrowing expenses would constrain the ability of the U.S. economy to grow and create jobs," Sabbarese said.

Although America's debt crisis appears to be under control for

now, members of Congress are becoming increasingly divided by partisan politics.

Congressional Republicans are adamant about not supporting Obamacare or any other bill that would raise taxes on Americans. Democrats are equally adamant about maintaining Obamacare and not cutting any entitlement spending. The partisan divide between members of Congress has made it extremely difficult for them to pass effective legislation.

"The American people are completely fed up with Washington," Obama said in a speech announcing the agreement to end the shutdown, which he referred to as a "self-inflicted crisis."

Noiset said he thinks Congress should get rid of the debt ceiling law altogether.

"It serves no purpose except to spark these embarrassing encounters," he said. "Congress passes laws for all government spending. The debt is only used to pay for spending that has already happened. If they want to stop spending, they should stop passing spending laws, not refuse to pay the bills after the fact."

"The reality is that Democrats and Republicans represent completely different worlds right now and there is very little overlap," Pieper said. "When policymakers have to choose between compromising and getting re-elected, they are going to choose re-election."

OWL EVENTS

LaShawnda C. Gamble
Staff Writer

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

- The EDGE Connection 2013
KSU Center, Demonstration Classroom
8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- CSAM Brown Bag Lucheon-
Navigating Your Future
Student Center
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Kennesaw State Graduate
School Fair
Student Center
10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

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Wednesday

- KSU Relay- Pink Out Tabling
Student Center, Campus Green
11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.
- Zuckerman Presentation to
Zoila
Town Point, Conference Room
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Presidential Commission on
Sustainability
Willingham Hall, Conference Room
12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Thursday

- Owls American Sign
Language: Petition Drive and
Information Table
Student Center, Green Zone
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
- North Metro Study Club
Vendor Fair
KSU Center, Meeting Room (All)
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 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

DRUGS IN THE ROOM

Two officers were dispatched to the University Village Suites a resident adviser called and said she had smelled marijuana coming from one of the rooms. When the officers knocked they were answered by a male student who gave them permission to enter. The man said there were other people in the apartment, at which time his roommate and another woman exited one of the bedrooms. Both residents

consented to a search of their rooms. In the roommate's room, Officer Hammock discovered a glass pipe attached to a plastic tube as well as a grinder and a plastic container of marijuana. The officer also located a vaporizer. The officer confiscated the contraband and allowed the woman to leave, but the roommate was arrested for possession and taken to Cobb ADC.

UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION

Officer Culberson was dispatched to University Place just after 10 p.m. in reference to a suspicious odor coming from one of the rooms. Officers Dicks and Nelson arrived as backup. A man answered the door and gave the officers permission to enter the apartment. They were met by another man who also lived there. The officers looked around and noticed a large hookah in the living room next to a drinking glass filled with a pink alcoholic beverage. Officers asked if there were any more people in the apartment, and the residents said there

were three individuals in one of the bedrooms. The occupants of the room were asked if they had consumed any alcohol, and two underage students admitted to drinking. The officers administered Alco-sensor tests on the individuals and three tested positive. The two who admitted to drinking were issued citations for underage consumption. The man who answered the door continued to deny having had anything to drink and was placed under arrest for underage consumption and transported to Cobb ADC.

WISHFUL THINKING

Officer Massengill was dispatched to East Deck regarding an accident at the deck's entrance. Upon arrival, the officer found that the arm of the gate had been cracked and the vehicle had scratches on its roof. When questioned, the driver admitted that he dropped

his hangtag and figured he could follow the vehicle in front of him through the gate when the arm dropped down on top of the vehicle. The driver was able to remove the vehicle from the gate without assistance.

KSU HOSTS GENERAL EQUITY TOUR TO educate students about national debt

Carley Cole Staff Writer

The Can Kicks Back Campaign brought its nationwide General Equity Tour to KSU Oct. 15 to educate students about the national debt and how it affects America's young people.

The event, held in the Social Sciences auditorium, began with a 20-minute screening of "Overdraft," a documentary describing the causes and future effects of the nation's growing \$17 trillion debt.

"Blessed are the young for they shall inherit the national debt," the Herbert Hoover quote silenced the auditorium of around 250 students as they waited for the documentary to begin.

"Overdraft," available on public television through

August 2014, won several awards, including the Fall 2012 CINE Golden Eagle award and the 2012 Prestige Film Gold Award for Documentary Short. The film includes interviews with politicians Bill Clinton, Cory Booker and Mitch McConnell.

After the screening, students were put into groups, handed a lengthy packet and told to prepare a mock budget for the country while trying to minimize debt using actual U.S. expenditure data. The purpose of the activity was to ask students what they would cut given the social, political and economic consequences of their decision.

"It's easy to say we're spending a trillion and a half dollars on Medicare" said

College Libertarian President Mike Zeman, "but what happens when you propose a cut?"

"From a social perspective, people aren't getting their Medicare and Medicaid checks and from a political perspective, it's suicide because those people who aren't getting their money are not going to vote for you," Zeman said.

Students faced this daunting task with enthusiasm, and in the end, shared a wide array of results.

Zeman said the majority of the groups came up with plans to cut between \$3 and \$5 trillion from the federal budget within the next decade.

"We are spending more than we take in," Zeman said, "and that is not how you have

a sustainable government -- that is not how you have a sustainable economy."

The Can Kicks Back is a non-profit grassroots organization intended to educate people and find solutions to the U.S. debt. According to the organization's website, the group intends to "restore fiscal sanity" and "reclaim the American Dream."

The campaign was launched by five young people in 2012 and there are currently 100 chapters of the organization in 38 states.

According to the organization's website, the site has three core beliefs: America's fiscal path is not sustainable, the debt is a political and moral issue and the youth of America will experience the

consequences of the debt. They intend to "kick Washington back."

The General Equity Tour is a five-week tour with 20 destinations. The event at KSU was organized by the Department of Political Science and promoted by Students for Liberty and the College Libertarians.

"It was pretty impressive," said Zeman, who was introduced to The Can Kicks Back a month ago. "This is definitely an issue we can get behind."

Although there is not currently a The Can Kicks Back chapter at KSU, the process of establishing one is in the works.

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QUAD LIFE



FED UP with the FEDS

Mark Leszczynski Staff Writer

After 16 tumultuous days of political unrest, Senate leaders Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Harry Reid, D-Nev., finally came to an agreement on a measure that ended the partial government shutdown of 2013. The 17 percent of furloughed government employees can now go back to work, national parks and monuments can reopen to the public and our government can continue to fund, well, the government. Whew. Everything has finally been resolved, right?

Absolutely not. The agreement on the measure, which was signed by President Obama the same day, merely

postpones the inevitable discussions Congress must have regarding federal expenditures and debt ceiling limits until early next year. This means that by mid-January, the words "shutdown," "fiscal cliff" and "default" will begin littering the airwaves all over again. The problem has not gone away, and it seems that Congress is negligent toward permanently fixing the problems that undermine the fiscal health of the U.S. Thus, the threat of another shutdown looms in our near future.

Our national debt is already just shy of \$17 trillion — the equivalent of \$148,000 per tax-paying citizen — and

according to Luke Johnson of the Huffington Post, the recent shutdown "cost \$24 billion," or about \$700 per U.S. citizen. The additional financial burden imposed on the nation due to the shutdown should be unpardonable, and another shutdown would only further compromise our financial security. Though the threat of a government shutdown is a fairly new concept, the frequency at which one occurs is overwhelming. As Dylan Matthews of the Washington Post said, "[S]ince the modern congressional budgeting process took effect in 1976, there have been a total of 17 separate government

shutdowns." With the end of the most recent shutdown, we are now at a grand total of 18.

How do we keep finding ourselves in this predicament, and when are we going to break these habits? Every time there is even the rumor of a shutdown or threat of a fiscal cliff, the NASDAQ and DOW Jones markets suffer, government programs are delayed, businesses tighten their belts in preparation for potential revenue losses and hundreds of thousands of government employees anxiously wait to hear whether or not their jobs will be furloughed. When Congress's inability to compromise causes

real, measurable American heartaches, something is desperately wrong with the Congressional budgeting process. If the negative ramifications listed above are part of fighting "the good fight," which House Speaker John Boehner called the most recent shutdown, then Congress's priorities are antipodal to those of which we actually need from our representatives.

If you are like me and you feel fed up with the fed, then take the time out of your day to write to your representatives and tell them that you are not willing to stand for their bickering, their inability to compromise, and most of all, their unwillingness to make the decisions that need to be made. It does not matter whether you are a Republican, Democrat, Independent or whatever! Every shutdown or threat affects all of us. Take the time to let your representatives know how you feel. Yes, we are the first to criticize and point our finger of blame at our leaders, but remember, our votes elect those in office, and if there were enough force behind the disgruntled voice of the populace, then we may just have a chance to avoid further shutdowns.

So, keep two things in mind in mid-January when the word "default" is once again on the front pages of morning newspapers: Our nation is potentially at risk of defaulting on its loans, and Congress is defaulting on its obligations to the American people.

Mark Leszczynski, Senior English Major





HIDDEN HORRORS of sex trafficking in Atlanta

Toni-Ann Hall Staff Writer

The reality of sex trafficking — modern human slavery — is a shock to most and reaffirming to others of the existence of some of the more ghastly aspects of the city of Atlanta.

This city lies only about 40 minutes from KSU's campus, yet another world can be uncovered once the "Hotlanta" phenomenon is overlooked. Atlanta Magazine named it "Sex City" as a result of the number of child slaves being exploited. These children, many under the age of 12, are captured and flown to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport from different countries and met by pimps. They are then reunited with their families to partake in their everyday activities that very night, as if nothing out of the ordinary had transpired.

Although many people have

heard about human trafficking at some point, whether it was through word-of-mouth or popular films such as "Taken," but what many fail to realize is that those scripts, written to make successful movies, are aligned with a frightening reality.

Most children have a dichotomy of being adored as well as the capability of being, well, difficult, but regardless of how they are perceived, I would never think that this would be a future for so many of them. It's demoralizing. "But why?" was the recurring thought that ran through my mind when I became aware of this. Although there is no one answer for this, I continued to ponder. It's extremely unlikely that these people, who participate in the black market business of harming individuals, haven't

ever encountered children before or that they haven't ever had an emotional connection with someone. As humans, they are fully capable of feeling pain, even if they lack remorse. These individuals are looking for a power trip, and unfortunately 600,000 child prostitutes in the U.S. and Canada become victims to their repulsive and punishable behavior, as stated by A&E Investigative Reports.

As a natural reaction to the depth and discrepant nature of these crimes, hoping seems to be the only option, notwithstanding the constant rallying and campaigning for other issues where venturing out is expected, safe and viable. Kidnapping is already an issue on its own, but the buying and selling of people immensely escalates this problem to be centered on

more than just safety. The world's busiest airport, media relations, business negotiations, the World of Coke, The CNN center, The Georgia Aquarium and several other places in Atlanta all draw large crowds from many different parts of the world, which is reason enough to explain why it's such a hub for that kind of activity. Even with the acknowledgement of the attributes of this city, it's hard for me to fathom that while I'm simply enjoying a break from the suburbs, a little boy or girl is being forced against his or her will to perform sexual acts, suffering physical and emotional abuse. Human trafficking is the fastest-growing criminal industry worldwide. A child is sold as a slave to sex every two minutes, according to Innocence Atlanta, a campaign whose aim lies in

promoting the awareness of the issue of child trafficking in hopes of freeing victims, as well as reducing the occurrence of this crime.

Although everyone might not have the resources to donate or to counsel those suffering, being educated about the issue and bringing light to a problem that has always been under wraps can help prevent other children from winding up in the same situation. An understanding of this issue and its effects will make it easier for true victims, young and old, to not be thought of as voluntary prostitutes or criminals, but in fact helpless victims that are being mistreated right in our backyards.

Toni-Ann Hall, Freshman Communication Major

NO SHAME IN ONLINE DATING



Brandon White Contributor

We all have seen those obnoxious ads for online dating. You know, the ones where the unreasonably attractive woman complains about how she has trouble finding a date. Well those sites, which promise to only match you with compatible partners, have created a public frenzy.

Sure, many of our peers meet people and find significant others on Facebook and other social media sites, but how many of us register on sites that are specifically designed for online dating? People as young as 18 years old to senior citizens utilize online dating websites.

Statistics from Statistic Brain show that 40 million Americans have tried online dating; at age 26, a woman has more online

pursuers than men, and by age 48, men have twice as many online pursuers as women. The most intriguing statistic listed is that the annual revenue the online dating industry generates is approximately \$1.05 billion.

If people are willing to make the investment into online dating sites, what are the advantages that come with the venture? According to ChristianMingle.com, "You have convenient access to the dating world via your computer 24/7, 365 days a year in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere... There is the ability to be anonymous to the single respondent until you feel secure enough to meet them face-to-face."

There we have it: Online dating is a way to hide insecurities and still feel comfortable dating. It allows people the extra opportunities to meet people as well as granting them the freedom to relax in privacy.

The common perception is that the profiles on these online dating sites are phony, or that the person cannot handle meeting a potential partner in public.

The worst scenario being that the person must be crazy or seriously disturbed on the other side of the computer if the profile is real. Does anyone recall the episode of "The Boondocks," when Granddad is plagued by a gorgeous, super-crazy, kung fu lady raised by

wolves? The reality TV show "Catfish" doesn't help matters either.

Does online dating really have any disadvantages that actual dating doesn't? We all get burned along the way, which isn't as bad as it may seem. Yes, people get "cat fished", but cases like that are rare, though nobody wants to be taken advantage of like that.

Our interactions with each other often do form romantic partnerships. A study by Michael J. Rosenfeld, which appeared in The New York Times, states that "in the United States between 2007 and 2009, 21 percent of heterosexual couples and 61 percent of same-sex couples met online." A surprising statistic, since

a majority of the online dating ads don't advertise same-sex profiles.

Personally, I have met people online via social sites as well as in person. There is nothing out there that prevents us from finding somebody special right under our noses.

But I can find nothing wrong with online dating. It can seem safer and promising and logging onto a website to chat with potential suitors can be a lot of fun too. This is not a discouraging message to online daters to log off from dating profiles but rather for online daters to log into life.

Brandon White, Junior Communication Major

IS COLLEGE NECESSARILY a catapult to wealth?



Kelli Crawford Contributor

We all know the Steve Jobs story. You've read the biography, seen the Ashton Kutcher film or at the very least seen someone mention him on Twitter. It's no secret that Apple founder Steve Jobs did not graduate from college. He began working with technology in high school and, although he did attend Reed College for a semester, decided that his focus was better spent elsewhere. Looking at the success Jobs achieved throughout his life would suggest that college is not a necessary step toward obtaining wealth.

Jobs is not alone. According to an article by Business Insider, other successful dropouts or non-attendees include Virgin Mobile founder Richard Branson; Dean Kamen, inventor of the Segway, Mark Zuckerberg and Ralph Lauren. This is only a small selection of many names. Obviously, a college degree is not the only way to obtain wealth in this world, but we must ask: Are the examples

above the exception or the rule?

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics published a chart this year comparing both weekly incomes and unemployment across various levels of education. While a person with a doctorate degree averages \$1,624 per week with an unemployment rate of 2.5, a person without a high school degree averages \$471 a week and battles an unemployment rate of 12.4. You are almost certainly safer, in terms of wealth, going for a doctorate degree than not completing high school at all. Hopefully, as college students, we have already come to terms with that. As you evaluate without the extremes, however, the values move closer together. A college graduate with a bachelor's degree may expect to make \$1,066 per week while a college dropout might make \$727. The unemployment rates for these two groups are 4.5 and 7.7, respectively. Still, a college education is looking pretty sweet, but we must remember

that the education costs, too.

An article by CNN Money writer Blake Ellis reported that the country's class of 2013 is graduating with an average of \$32,000 in loans and necessary college-related credit card debt. This universally terrifying figure leaves 12 percent of those involved in this survey "regretting this decision [to attend college] entirely." Seven percent reported that they expected to be paying off these loans for the rest of their lives, leaving a lot of time to regret later. If we divide the average debt given by CNN and the weekly income a person with a bachelor's degree can expect, we get 33.02, meaning that if every cent of income went into paying off debt, it would take 33 weeks to be debt free. However, because most college graduates are learning to be financially independent and often moving to different locations, paying rent and possibly even starting families, it's unlikely that a person would be able to give

more than 10 percent of their income to paying off debt. If a person making \$1,066 a week gives up 10 percent of their income, that's \$106. \$106 per week paying off \$32,000 would take 301 weeks, or about 6 years, and this is if the graduate can consistently give up 10 percent of their income. Let's once again compare the two weekly incomes even when we take out the weekly debt pay off. We now have a college graduate that is making \$960 and a college dropout making \$727. For annual income, that is \$50,000 versus \$38,000. Personally, I would enjoy an extra \$12,000.

I see the argument of a college education's worth as comparable to the idea of rags to riches. According to the American Dream and everything else we have been taught, hard work and an incredible amount of luck can make a prince out of a pauper. We see the similar situation in education. Yes, big names such as Steve Jobs are proof that a college education

is not the only path to success; perseverance and luck can lead to success with no degree, but mathematically, they do lead to an undeniably higher income. It's not the difference of billionaire versus poverty status, but it may allow for a richer lifestyle. What needs to be changed is the idea that those who choose not to attend college are lazy and worthless. It comes down to a personal decision regarding how much one values money over time and often how much optimism and determination a person has. No, not every college dropout will be the new Steve Jobs, and many will battle that unemployment rate of 12.5; however, not every college graduate will be a billionaire, and many, if not most of them, will struggle as well.

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HILLEL CLUB BRINGS JEWISH LIFE TO CAMPUS

Anna Streetman Contributor



Hillel members Josh Seiden, Jake Lipsiner, Robert Schindler, Anna Streetman and Jessica Podhouse joined up at a Braves game.

Courtesy of Anna Streetman

Jewish life on campus is alive and strong with the help of an organization called Hillel. The name "Hillel" was chosen in honor of an important figure in Jewish history named Hillel. Hillels exist all over the country at many different universities, which often interact with each other.

Hillel hosts many differing events. The events cover five main "pillars": Jewish living and learning, Israel experience and education, Tzedakah (charity) and social justice, community building and leadership development.

During its time as an organization at KSU, Hillel has hosted a variety of social events. Recently, the group attended an Atlanta Braves game with other Hillels from various universities in the Atlanta area. The group has hosted bowling nights, Israeli dancing lessons and free Skyzone. The group even does a Birthright trip to Israel. The events provide a fun atmosphere where Jews can interact and learn more about their religion.

Hillel hosts a weekly event every Thursday called Lunch and Learn. The group meets at noon in Room 372 of the Student Center. Food is provided and a special guest speaker is present to discuss aspects of Judaism and other topics. The event usually gathers a modest crowd, but it is a great place to meet people and express any interest in

the organization.

Hillel also employs several student interns. The current student interns are Alexandra Grant, Molly Silverman, Anna Streetman, David Mendelson and Betsy Lipman. The interns plan and promote events and reach out to new students. Alexandra Grant, a sophomore Nursing major, has spoken positively of her experience as an intern. "Being an intern from Hillel has been so amazing. Through Hillel, I have been able to expand my leadership abilities, meet new people and make a deeper connection with Judaism," Grant said. No more student interns are being accepted currently.

Students have had a positive experience with Hillel, particularly the freshmen. Freshman Business major Matthew Prater has said, "The people are so welcoming and keep me wanting to come back and continue my Jewish education. I cannot wait to see where it takes me in the next few years and the people I meet. It has only been a couple of months but it feels like so much more."

Hillel has information about all their events on their public Facebook group called "KSU Hillel." The page currently has more than 150 members.

Hillel provides an informative and fun experience for Jews at KSU and hopes to recruit more students in the future.

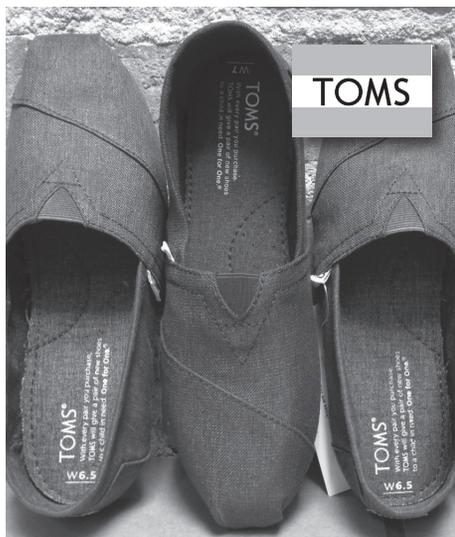
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ONE SMALL STEP FOR “GRAVITY,” one giant leap for film

Devon Zawko Staff Writer



As Dr. Ryan Stone, Sandra Bullock perfectly conveys the audiences' fear of drifting through space

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“Gravity” begins with the statement that life is not possible in space; yet in the vast, endless vacuum of space, Ryan Stone’s (Sandra Bullock) life begins again. Ryan lost her daughter in a freak accident on a playground. Now she finds herself floating through space due to another unforeseen accident: Debris from a Russian missile strike destroyed the shuttle she was working on, leaving Ryan Stone and her fellow astronaut, Matt Kowalski (George Clooney), adrift and struggling to find their way back home.

The movie provides stunning visuals of space, but the real story is not so much astronaut versus space as it is Ryan versus her demons. Bullock’s impeccable portrayal of Ryan’s inner turmoil makes this movie relatable to everyone, space buff or not. Although letting go is the last thing anyone wants to do while spinning through space, during the course of the movie, Ryan must release herself from the space shuttle, the loss of her daughter, her self-doubt and her fear of death.

Bullock found the filming grueling. She joked in several interviews that she wished she had been in front of a green screen so at least there would have been some color. She was primarily filmed in what she describes as a completely black contraption wearing an uncomfortable space suit suspended from dozens of wires. The frustration of being

completely isolated in each of her scenes was to Bullock’s benefit. That loneliness and solitude translated perfectly to her character’s experience drifting through space. Because the film stays relentlessly with Ryan as she struggles, the audience feels drawn into the same lack of control. The camera spins and the audience spins with it. The film does not provide the audience with any flashbacks into Ryan’s life on earth. The empathy grows purely out of Bullock’s heartfelt performance.

In the most poignant scene, Ryan has resigned herself to her inevitable death. She is ready to drift off in the absolute silence of space when Matt appears. He materializes as an encouraging answer to her prayers. Ryan asks Matt to go see her daughter and to tell her that she will be proud of her mother. The cathartic release of her guilt and grief over both accidents is palpable.

Matt Kowalski is the illumination in an otherwise dark movie. He is charming and passes time in space by retelling the same stories to the crew while they work. His humor keeps Ryan and the audience from falling too deeply into the helplessness of the situation. Ryan miserably tells Matt that she has never successfully landed a pod in a simulation test. Matt tells her she will be fine because “it is not rocket science.” Matt is good natured and optimistic. Even in the face

of death, he recognizes the beauty of the sunrise in space. Matt provides the light Ryan needs to make it home.

As Ryan attempts to reenter Earth’s atmosphere, she faces only two possible outcomes: She will either burn up, or she will not. She is at peace with her fate whatever it may be. At the beginning of the film, Ryan refused to stop working outside the space shuttle even as debris moved inexorably in her direction. She refused to accept that she was not in control of the situation. Now on her reentry, she accepts her lack of control as an exhilarating part of her ride. For the audience, which has been with Ryan throughout her ordeal, there is an overwhelming sense of relief and pride in her accomplishment.

In an interview with Jake Hamilton, Bullock said of the movie, “It is a fantasy to a certain degree, but emotionally I think it conveys what they [astronauts] feel and what they experience up there.” Through artful cinematography and outstanding acting, the audience gets to experience the terrifying grandeur and solitude of space. While we are told that life is not possible in space, we learn that rebirth certainly is. Ryan emerges from the womb of her space pod to begin a new life.

“Gravity” is playing in theaters now.

JUICY J TAKES over homecoming

Roderic Graham Staff Writer

In celebration of homecoming, KAB sponsored a fashion show and concert featuring hip hop artist Juicy J. Students lined up outside the convocation center anxious to see the live performances.

“I got here early because I knew the line was going to be long,” sophomore Rachel Fletcher said.

KSU students opened the show with original songs and dance routines. The audience rose to their feet to show support for their fellow students.

“I never knew so much talent was at KSU” said junior Jarod Dickerson.

Dillon Garcia hosted the event. He mocked some members of the audience and often times made fun of his weight. His lively personality kept the audience entertained.

Garcia and the DJ worked together to keep the audience hyped up. The crowd danced continuously as the DJ mixed hip-hop, pop and R&B.

The fashion show featured KSU students showing off the latest fashion trends. Each student had an individual style to set them apart from other participants in the show.

After the first half of the fashion show KAB announced the five lucky winners allowed to go back stage and meet Juicy J. Two members of the audience also received brand new Nokia phones.

The second half of the fashion show was astounding. Students

really gave it their all as they gracefully walked down the runway. Occasionally, audience members would chant the names of a few familiar faces.

Finally, “Mr. Trippy” himself, walked on stage ready to keep the audience on their feet. The energy from the crowd was amazing. Juicy J started the night off with familiar songs, like “Zip and a Double Cup.”

Juicy J surprised the audience and brought out Mike Wills to help him rap his part of Wills hit single “23” featuring Miley Cyrus and Wiz Khalifa. Mike Wills and his entourage passed out CDs and T-shirts while Juicy J continued to rap his verse of “23.” A pair of Jordan sneakers was also given to an audience member.

Juicy J also performed songs from his career with rap group 3:6 Mafia. Many people in the audience reminisced and rapped the lyrics with the famous rap artist. For about 45 minutes the convocation center was filled with numerous camera flashes, chants and dancing.

The crowd stood on their feet the entire time Juicy J performed. Many females in the audience were “twerking” to the lyrics, although KSU would not allow female students to twerk on stage with Juicy J.

KAB did an extraordinary job with the homecoming show. The events were packed, tickets were free, and most importantly students were satisfied.

Rapper Juicy J performed for a sold-out crowd in the Convocation Center after the fashion show.

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HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL coming to Kennesaw State

Anna Streetman Contributor

Students will get the chance to take a hot air balloon ride Saturday.

Courtesy of Flickr user Ricky Artigas



Halloween is coming to KSU with the Owl-O-Ween Hot Air Balloon Festival on Oct. 26.

The festival is a family-friendly event with a wide range of attractions and entertainment, including the Mystical Marketplace. The Mystical Marketplace is a bazaar with unique finds from 12 different Atlanta vendors. Perfume, jewelry, paintings, pottery and lotions are some of the few goods the vendors will be selling.

Special stunt entertainers will be at the festival, including sword swallowers, fire breathers, magicians, stilt walkers and contortionists. The main stage will provide live musical entertainment from The Village People and the Kurt Thomas Band.

Some of Atlanta's favorite food trucks will be at the festival. In addition, alcohol will be available for those with a valid ID. Alcohol selections include local and craft beer, wine and spirits and "Owler Growlers."

The festival's most famous attraction will feature more than a dozen hot air balloons. Visitors to the festival will have the opportunity to both see the balloons up close and go on short, guided rides. After sunset, the balloons will be lit up for the "balloon glow," which

will create for a dazzling visual spectacle.

Students have responded positively to the festival. The public event on Facebook has more than 200 RSVP's consisting mainly of KSU students.

Sophomore Communication major, Michael Moore, is excited about the unique opportunity the festival will present. "Not everyone gets a chance to ride a hot air balloon or even see one up close. It is exciting if you are a kid, adult or college student, and I am looking forward to going to this special event at such a good price."

The event is also kid-friendly. Children are encouraged to wear costumes. Radio Disney will be there with opportunities for children to participate in activities. A special game will allow children to trick-or-treat from balloon to balloon for candy and other healthy snacks.

The event will take place at the Fifth Third Bank Stadium from 4 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are available for purchase on the festival's website, <http://owl-o-ween.com>. Tickets are free for children under 3, \$8 for children ages 4-12, \$10 for adults and \$8 for KSU students and active and retired military. The Owl-O-Ween Hot Air Balloon Festival is a must-see event with something for everybody.

KSU EMBRACES DIVERSITY with "CinemAbility"

Kevin Enners Contributor

Leadership is the cornerstone of all successful organizations, but participation and community involvement are the pillars that enrich organizations with diverse viewpoints. As the new student liaison for KSU's Office of Diversity and Inclusion, I hope to inform and enlighten readers by reporting on topics discussed in the Disability Strategies and Resources meetings.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion works in alliance with students, faculty, administrators, staff and the surrounding community to promote KSU's vision of developing a strong multicultural, diverse and inclusive educational environment. KSU is committed to producing well-educated students and future leaders who are well-prepared to effectively compete in a global society, and is equally devoted to offering continuous professional development opportunities. An essential component of both of these goals is the provision of a wide range of resources to faculty, administrators and staff in order to enhance diversity, equity and inclusion awareness.

The overall mission of our office is to facilitate a focused institutional effort to evaluate existing programs and develop new initiatives to support diversity, equity and inclusion at KSU through collaboration with campus and community constituents.

One of the events announced at the Oct. 1 meeting included the Atlanta premiere of the film "CinemAbility," which took place on Oct. 15 at Atlantic Station. A Big Owl Bus escorted a group of students and staff to the event. This film, produced by Gold Pictures, details the evolution of how disabled individuals have been portrayed in film beginning with the silent film era. Co-produced and narrated by Jane Seymour, this star-studded documentary has been nominated for an Academy Award and has received standing ovations from directors, producers and actors.

Indeed, Gale Anne Hurd, executive producer of "The Walking Dead," enthusiastically praised the film's director, Jenni Gold, for her "talent and singular vision in the making of this film." However, the Office

of Diversity did not choose this documentary screening as an event merely because of its cinematic qualities but also because of its ability to open eyes and begin discussions. In a recent interview with Lynne Hagan, a learning specialist in KSU's disAbled Student Services Department, expressed that this feature presentation should be shown in public schools to encourage children to accept others with disabilities. Hagan believes this because children simply take things for what they are, in a clear, unprejudiced way. "Conversation is the starting place; don't put people in the corner," Hagan said.

To continue to engage the campus community, an open forum will be held on Nov. 5 in the Social Sciences Building, Room 302. Faculty, staff and students will have an opportunity to voice their ideas, concerns or questions about diversity and diversity resources on campus.

Stay tuned and keep reading The Sentinel for updates as this event unfolds.

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Ghost Out Is it still LOL?

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KSU's Ghost Out event will raise awareness for distracted driving with a simulated crash.

DISTRACTED DRIVING CRASH VICTIM TO SPEAK AT KSU

Yelena Kozenkova Contributor

This October KSU will host a special guest with an amazing story to tell: Bronte Wright.

Imagine the roaring whistle of helicopter blades ruthlessly slashing the humid summer air, vibrating through the double glass doors of the Level 1 trauma center. Everywhere, the air conditioning vents circulated the unmistakable hospital smell of disinfectant fumes. And there was Bronte Wright, being lifted out on a stretcher from the back of a red helicopter and wheeled in at full speed into the trauma center.

Bronte was flown into the Atlanta Medical Trauma Center after she lost control of her car and did a 360-degree spin into a tree at 45 mph, three days after her 17th birthday. Bronte was texting and driving.

The doctor told her mother, Marlene Wright, that her daughter had a broken pelvis, but that was the least of her problems. Bronte also had contusions on most parts of her brain and a bleeding brain stem that could prove deadly. She was in a coma.

Marlene Wright feared for her daughter's life, but more so than that, she did not want Bronte to live in a vegetative state. Bronte's parents were faced with a situation that no parent should have to go through. Marlene Wright prayed for her daughter's health to improve, but she also knew that she had to make a decision quickly. If Bronte's purpose in this world was to save people after her death, no time should be wasted. Bronte would no longer suffer and would live through somebody that way.

Not wishing to see her daughter slowly waste away on a hospital bed surrounded by bars and netting to keep

her from falling out, Marlene Wright made the difficult decision to turn off Bronte's life support less than two weeks after her accident. She sat beside the machines that were keeping her daughter alive. Out of desperation, Marlene said, "Bronte, if you're in there, please, do a thumbs up." Bronte slowly squeezed her hand into a fist and raised her thumb to show that she heard and understood what her mother asked her. Bronte's response was an unexpected miracle for her mother that saved Bronte's life.

The doctors decided to give Riterin to Bronte, a medication that would help her brain focus. 45 minutes later, as the drug infiltrated her veins and then her brain, Bronte opened her eyes. Alert, she focused on her mother, who screamed for a nurse. Bronte furrowed her eyebrows, seemingly confused about where she was. She tried to sit up but realized she could not move. She caught her reflection in the mirror on the opposite wall. Her mouth opened a little.

Marlene Wright did not want her daughter to see herself unable to move, lying in a hospital bed with a thick tube coming out of her throat. But, Bronte needed to make the connection between herself and the Bronte that was reciprocating her gaze from across the room. Bronte's mother held out a small mirror in front of Bronte's face. Bronte stared at her reflection for a minute. She looked into her mother's eyes and silently mouthed the words: "I'm scared."

As months went on, Bronte experienced a miraculous recovery. Living in the hospital for about three weeks, she was

in therapy every day. She had to relearn how to do everything from brushing her teeth, to eating, to taking a shower, to using the toilet. Over the course of two months, she relearned how to walk, speak, write and do everyday tasks in record time.

Since her recovery, she has worked with special education children as a peer facilitator at her high school, looked into a career in occupational therapy and has been accepted into

college. She is now studying Psychology at Georgia Highlands College in Rome, Ga. She wants to find a career that helps people with traumatic brain injuries such as vocational rehabilitation counseling.

Bronte was an exceptional case of full recovery after a distracted driving incident. All of her friends with brain trauma at Scottish Rite Hospital were not as lucky.

Bronte shared her story on Oprah and has been

interviewed by 11 Alive and local newspapers. She gave numerous speeches about distracted driving at schools, and she wants to save lives by telling people about her struggles after her accident. She will be speaking at the Ghost Out event on campus, a distracted driving awareness event with a simulation car crash at KSU on Oct. 25. The event will have food and will start at 4 p.m. on the Campus Green.



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SPORTS

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KSU is tied with conference rival Mercer for third in the A-Sun Standings after a tie with Stetson over the weekend.



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For most teams, homecoming weekend is a chance to coast against an overmatched opponent and leisurely watch a parade. Instead, KSU soccer had to settle for two crucial Atlantic Sun matches against the first- and second-place teams in the conference.

The Owls, who were winless since October 4th, were in desperate need of a positive performance in the last home matches of the season to keep up with the pace in the Atlantic Sun playoff battle. KSU (7-7-1, 4-2-1) earned four points from the two weekend matches, winning against Stetson and drawing with Florida Gulf Coast.

Elizabeth Johnson's 44th minute goal was the difference in Friday's 1-0 victory over Stetson. The midfielder's initial headed effort was deflected back to her, and she finished superbly with to the upper-right corner of Stetson keeper Victoria Triccoli's net.

The Owls also celebrated Senior Night on Friday.

Seniors Kelsey Barr and Tasia Williams, along with redshirt junior Katrina Frost, celebrated their last regular-season matches at Fifth Third Bank Stadium and were presented with commemorative soccer balls before the Stetson match.

"It's definitely been a bittersweet weekend, with it being my last time playing in the stadium," Frost said. "It's nice to go out on a good note."

On Sunday, neither KSU or FGCU could get on the scoreboard, and the teams played to a scoreless draw after two overtimes. Katrina Frost's disallowed goal after she was ruled offside was as close as the Owls would come to scoring, but they managed to earn a draw with the top-ranked squad in the A-Sun.

The weekend's results place the Owls in a three-way tie with Mercer and Stetson for third place in the conference. Six teams will qualify for the tournament, one which KSU and its head coach, Rob King, have high hopes for if they

can qualify.

"We're getting to the point where I think the team is believing in themselves," King said. "They believe they can win this thing."

A large part of the belief comes from the Owls' strong defense, which earned goalkeeper Olivia Sturdivant her fifth and sixth shutouts of the season, despite facing the league's top attack in FGCU, which was averaging 2.31 goals per game coming into the weekend. Junior Iyani Hughes, normally a forward, was singled out by King after the game for her play, but according to Barr, it was a team effort.

"Everybody, the whole team, was defending," Barr said. "I'm just so proud of us."

Only two regular-season matches remain for KSU, both of them in Jacksonville, Fla. The Owls play the A-Sun's current second-place team, Jacksonville, on Friday at 7 p.m., and then complete the 2013 regular season on Sunday against North Florida at 1 p.m.



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KSU's club football team defeated Rollins College 41-10 on Sunday to claim its first victory in its two-year existence. Rollins defeated KSU in a shutout last season.

“ It was sweet finally getting that win at home, but more importantly it made a statement and gave us much needed confidence going into Macon, said quarterback Dominic Oates. ”



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Last-place Mercer gave Emily Bean and the Owls all they could handle in Saturday's match.



DRAMATIC FINISH lifts KSU over rival

Mike Foster Sports Editor

KSU's volleyball team earned its first road win of the 2013 season on Saturday night when it took down in-state rival Mercer in Macon.

Things looked good for the Owls (8-11, 3-6 A-Sun) early, as they won the first two sets 25-21 and 25-19, but Mercer battled back with urgency in an attempt to claim its first conference win in what has been a frustrating season for the Bears (1-19, 0-10 A-Sun).

Head coach Keith Schunzel, who picked up his first road win as coach of the program as well, didn't downplay the ability of the opponent.

"I couldn't be any prouder of our team and the way we pulled that match out," Schunzel said. "Especially after controlling sets one and two and playing at a very high level. Mercer really stepped up their game and punched us right in the mouth, then our players came out in set five with a determination and look on their faces that I haven't seen all year."

Sara Metroka scored an ace to give the Owls a 10-7 advantage in the shortened fifth set, which included a 5-0 run by the Owls to run away. Keyaira Stevenson, who recorded just three kills,

put the match away with a final kill.

Mercer scraped by in the third set after trailing 2-0, but turned it in a new gear with a 25-17 win set four, taking all of the momentum away from the Black and Gold.

"I'm really proud of all three seniors for displaying incredible leadership on the road and this is a huge step forward for our program," Schunzel said.

Sophomore Toure Hopkins and freshman Kelly Marcinek both registered 17 kills and 11 digs to earn double-doubles for the Owls, while Sara Metroka led with 40 assists and Camille Pedraza had 18 digs to lead the team.

Megan McGuinness led the team with a .545 hitting percentage.

With the victory, the Owls are now tied for fourth in the Atlantic Sun Conference standings with nine matches left. KSU will get a chance to extend a win streak in conference for the first time this season when it plays at USC Upstate (2-8, 2-17 A-Sun) tonight in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Owls next home match will be Friday at 7 p.m. against the Stetson Hatters.

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- 9) Clemson (6-1)
- 10) Texas Tech (7-0)



COLLEGE FOOTBALL WORLD turned on its head over weekend

Zack Myers Staff Writer

Saturday was deemed "Shake-up Saturday" in the NCAA by football fans.

On tap was the biggest showdown game in ACC history and sports writers across the country were gearing up to watch. For most of the day, the narrative seemingly changed when viewers saw nine teams in the Associated Press Top 25 go down. No conference was shaken more than the perennial powerhouse SEC with five ranked teams falling.

The Georgia Bulldogs were ranked 15 going into the day at Nashville to play Vanderbilt. The Commodores entered the game with a 3-3 record, all three losses coming in the SEC. Georgia, coming off its only conference loss to Missouri, was still without many key members of the offense including a running back that started before week seven.

The Dawgs outscored Vanderbilt in each of the first three quarters, but gave up 17-straight points in the final quarter leading to the 31-27 loss.

Two other games in the SEC kicked off just after noon. The 11th ranked South Carolina Gamecocks played Tennessee in Knoxville and Florida traveled to Columbia, Missouri to take on those streaking Tigers.

The Volunteers took a 17-7 lead into halftime, but allowed 14-unanswered points in the third quarter to enter the fourth down 21-17. The Tennessee defense knocked Carolina's starting quarterback Connor Shaw out of the game and held the Gamecocks scoreless in the last quarter. Tennessee kicked two field goals, one of which added the final points as the last seconds left the clock, to win their first conference game.

Coming off of the win between the hedges in Athens, the 14th ranked Missouri Tigers welcomed the Gators who were ranked 22 into Columbia for the first of two games of ranked SEC teams. The Tigers were looking to stay the only undefeated East team, which, with a 36-17 victory, they would do.

At 3:30, Auburn and Texas A&M teed up to play the second game of ranked SEC teams that would see the 24th ranked Tigers take down Johnny Manziel and the number seven Aggies. Auburn sacked the former Heisman winning quarterback on the last play of the game to solidify the 45-41 victory.

Ole Miss hosted the number six Tigers of Louisiana State University, another SEC power, on Saturday. The Rebels took down LSU with a 27-24 victory at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in Oxford, Mississippi.

Before the Rebels finished off the Tigers in Oxford, the game of the day had kicked off. Clemson, South Carolina had already hosted a top 10 matchup when UGA played the Tigers in the first game of the season. On Saturday, the city was set to host a game between two top five teams.

The game, hailed as the biggest game ever in the ACC, turned out to be a one-sided demolition. The Florida State Seminoles entered the game as the fifth ranked team and the Clemson Tigers were sitting behind the Oregon Ducks at three. The Tigers didn't play to their ranking, while FSU looked like it could challenge for the best team in the nation.

Analysts and fans alike were ready to watch the matchup of the two quarterbacks. Florida State's freshman phenom Jameis Winston and fifth-year senior Tajh Boyd were ready to

put on a show and battle out for ACC supremacy, national championship hopes, and Heisman chances.

When the Tigers got the ball first and fumbled on the first play from scrimmage, it looked to be an uphill battle. When the Seminoles scored three plays later, it turned into an even tougher task for Boyd.

Clemson came into the game averaging over 40 points a game, including putting up only 26 and 24 points against North Carolina State and Boston College, respectively.

Florida State's defense held

Clemson's explosive offense to just seven points. The second team offense also put up seven points late in the fourth quarter.

The story of the day, through all of the shaking and moving of the top 25 teams, turned out to be the performance of the Seminoles. Winston posted a 22/34, 444 yards, 3 touchdowns and 1 interception night. He also ran for a score. FSU scored the most points ever scored by an opponent in Death Valley with the 51-14 dismantling effort.

In the first rankings of the final season of the BCS, Florida

State was rewarded for its overwhelming win with a second place ranking. Missouri, too, received a good spot at number five after its win over Florida. Auburn jumped to 11 in the poll with its win. LSU, Texas A&M, and South Carolina all fell to 13, 16, and 21 respectively. Georgia and Florida both fell out of the rankings.

During one of the most upside-down seasons in the SEC, it's like ESPN analyst Kirk Herbstreit said, "There's Alabama, Florida State, and Oregon, then there's everybody else."



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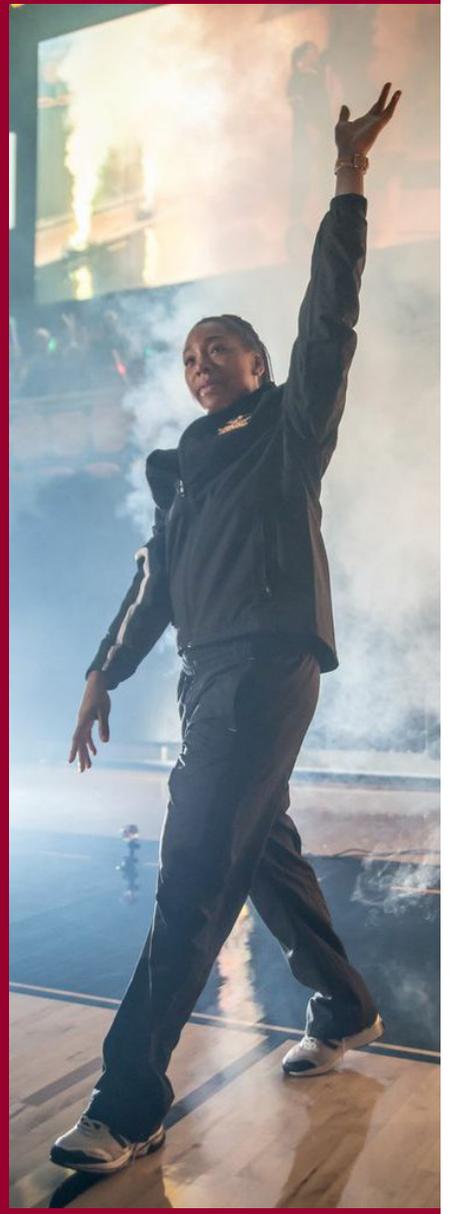


SWOOP, THERE IT IS!

KSU's first live mascot, Sturgis, unveiled at Flight Night



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KSU Athletics hosted Flight Night on Saturday night as part of the school's homecoming festivities. The men's and women's basketball teams were featured in scrimmages and a dunk contest. Sturgis, KSU's first live owl mascot, was also unveiled at the event.



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