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COMMONS RECEIVES 80 ON HEALTH INSPECTION caught off guard during lunch rush

Tuan Nguyen | The Sentinel

The Commons receives deductions for a number of minor infractions.

Kaitlyn Lewis Staff Writer

The Commons received an 80 on its health inspection last week, which came as a surprise because it has never scored below a 93.

The staff was caught off guard when health inspectors came unexpectedly to assess their performance.

Some students were shocked at the Commons' health rating while others say it was expected.

Freshman Anna Lee said she is neither surprised nor concerned with the Commons' latest rating. "Sometimes the food would be a little undercooked," Lee said. "I've eaten at places with lower ratings and nothing bad has

happened to me. I'm not that concerned."

Gary Coltek, director of Culinary and Hospitality Services, said that the health inspectors came at the wrong time. "They came in the middle of our biggest rush on a busy day," Coltek said. "It wasn't a fair representation of the way that Sodexo manages their health-related things at all."

Coltek said that the valuable points lost in the Commons' rating were due to small errors. "[In the Grind] We're making coffee, [and] we'll go through about a half-gallon of milk in 15-20 minutes," he said. "You're allowed to keep things out at a

certain temperature" for a certain amount of time.

"It really depends on the time of day," Coltek said. "When you come in in the middle of the day and we're feeding 5,000 people, that milk probably wasn't gonna be out for another 10 minutes."

Coltek said that health inspectors also take off points if a manager is not seen on the floor. "No manager, nine points off," he said.

According to Freshman Daniel Holderfield, who works in a nursing home restaurant, health inspections are very strict. The restaurant Holderfield works at got a 96 on a health inspection after cleaning for 13

hours in preparation.

Coltek said restaurants could lose points for a number of reasons. If students are in line serving themselves and accidentally spill food on the counter that is not cleaned up, an inspector will deduct points, he said.

Coltek said he does not believe the rating will harm the reputation of The Commons. "We have nationally recognized program," he said. "We're not known for safety issues. I don't think this will affect The Commons at all, and of course not affect our students."

In hopes of fixing the problems pointed out during

the inspection, The Commons hired an additional full-time safety supervisor. The other small problems were dealt with the day of the inspection, Coltek said.

The Commons has been scheduled for another inspection this week.

Coltek said he hopes The Commons will continue to grow and become an even better program. "As we grow incrementally with the new merger coming, we just bring on more staff," he said. "I'm not concerned about it ever happening again. It hasn't happened in all of our inspections."

NEWS

KSU POLICE LOSES one of its own

Law enforcement officers gathered Friday morning for a somber memorial service for KSU police dog Jerry Lee, who died during emergency surgery Monday.

Jerry Lee, a trained narcotics dog, worked with Officer Todd Jackson for three and a half years at KSU. His service was attended by officers from all over Metro Atlanta.



Keira Schrader | The Sentinel



KSU Police held a memorial service Friday to commemorate the life of K-9 Jerry Lee.

Eileen Taylor | The Sentinel



Photo from Facebook



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OWL EVENTS

LaShawnda C. Gamble
Contributor

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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Wednesday

- A-Sun Volleyball Championship Convocation Center 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- TOUCHDOWN- Dance Performance J.M. Wilson Bldg., Stillwell Theatre 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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Thursday

- World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse KSU Center, Room 461 8:00 a.m – 4:30 p.m.
- ABLE – Screening of Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story Student Center, Leadership Room 2:00p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

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Friday

- First Year Orientations 2013 Clendenin Bldg, CL1005 1:00 p.m. -2:00p.m.
- IGI Thanksgiving Pot Luck Town Point TP1600 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

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Saturday

- Softball Pitcher/Catcher Camp Bailey Athletic Complex Soccer Field 8:00a.m -5:00 p.m.
- ASA- Dance Competition Student Center 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 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

UNLICENSED AND UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Officer Dicks observed a silver Toyota 4Runner traveling without headlights early Nov. 1. The officer initiated a traffic stop and made contact with the female driver. The officer advised that the headlights were off and asked if she or her male passenger had been drinking. The driver said she wasn't drinking but that the passenger had been. When asked for her license the driver said that she didn't have it on her, but that she had one through Tennessee. After running her information through both Georgia and Tennessee, dispatch advised Officer Dicks that the woman did

not have a license but only a Tennessee state ID. Officer Dicks returned to the vehicle and asked the driver to step out. The woman admitted not having a driver's license and said the passenger was unaware of this. Dicks asked if she would submit to a blood alcohol test and the woman complied, saying that she was familiar with the device because she was a criminal justice major. She tested positive for the presence of alcohol and was arrested for underage consumption and driving without a license and transported to Cobb ADC. The passenger called a friend to come and drive his vehicle.

DOMESTIC DISPUTE

In the early hours of Nov. 3, Officer Hammock was dispatched to University Village in regards to a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, Hammock and Sergeant Centola, the backup officer, went to the apartment and knocked on the door. An RA who was already inside said while he was making his rounds he heard yelling and screaming coming from inside the apartment and checked to see if everyone was OK. He said that was when he found the victim crying. An additional witness confirmed the RA's report. Officer Hammock met with a male suspect who appeared to be very intoxicated. According to the report, the man was loud, talkative, and spouting profanity. He became very defensive and uncooperative when asked about the

incident. When asked for his license, the suspect said he left it in the victim's bedroom. Officer Hammock followed the suspect into the room and observed the victim's bathroom in disarray from the altercation. The suspect was unable to find his wallet so the officer and he returned to the living room. Officer Hammock gave several verbal commands for the suspect to calm down, sit in a chair and stop insulting the RAs. Sergeant Centola told Hammock to place the suspect under arrest for simple battery, underage consumption and damage to property. Photos were taken of the incident, including the victim's leg, which was injured. The suspect was transported to Cobb ADC.

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UNINSURED STUDENTS WARY of health care law

Victoria Marie Ward Staff Writer

The hotly debated Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, goes into effect next year and has left many KSU students divided over whether to support the law.

The bill, signed into law in 2010 and upheld by the Supreme Court in 2012, contains thousands of written pages aimed at expanding access of affordable health care to tens of millions of uninsured Americans. The law requires that all Americans have health insurance by 2014 or pay a tax penalty.

Feb. 15, 2014, is the last day that Americans can get coverage and evade a penalty for not having insurance. The maximum penalty for not having coverage will be \$285 per family or 1 percent of

income, whichever is greater. By 2016, the penalty will increase to \$2,085 per family or 2.5 percent of income, according to a June 2013 CNN article.

This new law has emerged with strong opposition toward it resulting in the recent government shutdown. Technical difficulties with the website have left a number of citizens unsure and untrusting of the new plan.

Junior Business Manager Major Lauren McMaster worries about her Veterinary Hospital's ability to provide quality health insurance to its employers. She said she also worries that the government will become too involved with her private medical information.

"I don't like the idea of the government having

access to my personal health information," said McMaster.

This semester, the Student Health Services physician and nurse practitioners accept commercial health insurance. KSU students covered under the university-sponsored United Health Care will not be required to change their plans in 2014 since it meets all of the federal standards, said assistant director Steve McCormick.

"I encourage all students to have health insurance, definitely," said Director of Health and Human Services Kathleen Gunchick. "It will make the cost of their health care less, especially if they get sick [and] will reduce their out of pocket cost."

Health fees, which are \$51 in the Spring and Fall semesters and \$26 for Summer semester,

are included in student fees and tuition. They provide coverage for gynecologists, endocrinologists, psychologists, and soon dermatologists. Although those fees are low compared to other universities around the country, Gunchick says health insurance is still incredibly important since it reduces out of pocket costs for lab fees, minor procedures and prescriptions.

In the past couple of weeks, Student Health Services has seen a student come in with appendicitis in need of immediate surgery, colon cancer, and a student in need of heart surgery.

"Had the students not had insurance, you can imagine how devastating it would be financially, because those things aren't even expected,"

said Gunchick. "You are young and healthy one day and the next day you are faced with a very serious life-threatening problem."

McCormick estimated more than 50 percent of KSU students don't have health insurance.

Uninsured Junior Psychology major Mare Tupper said that although she is excited about the possibility of affordable health care, her feelings toward the ACA are "a little bit split."

"I'm kind of excited about it, but I don't like it because they are forcing me to get insurance that I can't afford. It's not worth it for me because I don't go to the doctor very often."

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Toni-Ann Hall Staff Writer

MOVING FORWARD

Through the circulation of news articles, e-mail notifications and word of mouth, I, along with many members of the student body was informed of the SPSU/KSU merger. I initially paid no attention to this information because to me it just seemed like regular old news. It wasn't until I was aware of the series of protests that took place in regards to this consolidation that I realized the passion and collectiveness built around this topic. With the announcement of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents' approval on Tuesday, Nov. 12, according to 11alive.com, there

no longer seems to be room for debate. The next best step to take is to consider the outcomes of this decision that is set to transpire in 2015.

The skills and expertise from both institutions can leak over into the "new KSU", but regardless of that realization, there is dispute over the reputation of each school. There are alumni and current students who feel as if SPSU will lose its academic standing as a school with roots in fostering practical knowledge through highly ranked engineering programs, but not all KSU students are pleased with this decision either. Some fear that

a school primarily known for its nationally accredited business and educational programs is going to be overtaken by engineering and their degree will, in turn, lose its value. There is more than one way to view this matter and either way that it is assessed, everyone cannot and will not be satisfied. Its motive is geared toward improving the quality of education in Georgia as a whole is one that should not be overlooked.

I am a Communication major and confident that I will stay on that track all the way through graduation, but there are many students who

are undecided and those who have declared a major but are wavering in their interest level. What if there was a student who was proudly attending SPSU as a Mechanical Engineering major, but was not sure if that is the degree they wanted to pursue because of a conflicting interest in the culinary field? There is not a related major to culinary arts at SPSU, but KSU has a B.S. degree program in Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality. SPSU also has a range of degrees and courses that KSU does not currently offer. Although both institutions are notable for different reasons, they still have the

potential to complement one another significantly and cater to students who are in need of additional resources to make decisions.

Regardless of the difficulty that the merging of these two schools will cause, there will also be opportunities for students from both universities to build new relationships, cultivate skills and learn yet another lesson in resilience and acceptance – one that is well needed.

Toni-Ann Hall, Freshman Communication Major



Brandon White Staff Writer

A Brighter Tomorrow

College students today have many things to be stressed about; the rising cost of tuition, picking the right classes, and choosing the right major. Students should not have the added stress of their school being absorbed by the institution across town.

All of us here at KSU were shocked when we heard that we were merging with Southern Polytechnic State University, but the union between the two universities is going to

impact metropolitan Atlanta in a positive manner. By the time our grandchildren graduate from high school, Atlanta can potentially be known as a hub for higher learning.

KSU should be happy to merge with a school that has such a rich history. SPSU was born out of necessity and used to benefit the surrounding community. According to SPSU's web page the institution was "founded in 1948 as a two-year division of Georgia Institute of Technology, SPSU was

established at the request of Georgia business and industry."

In recent Georgia history other universities have merged to form a new body. Augusta State University and Georgia Health Sciences University merged to form Georgia Regents University in 2012. GRU said the university is a \$1 billion dollar enterprise with statewide and national influence. A degree from GRU represents immeasurable advances to the state and is nationally respectable.

SPSU students do have a right to be upset. The associated press said, "The consolidated school will keep Kennesaw State's name, and its president, Dan Papp, will serve as president of the consolidated school." At face value, this appears to be a hostile takeover but this an opportunity to build a nationally renowned university. However, it would be fair if a new campus was built and a new name for the university was approved.

I personally want to welcome

SPSU students to our KSU family. The two schools coming together will be a tall task but it ultimately has the potential to become a major institution in our country similar to GRU. It will not be an easy transition and many students will be disgruntled, but we have to come together to make it work.

Brandon White, Junior Communication Major

FROM THE SHADOWS

Randy Brown Jr. Contributor

And all became still. It's all wrong. How do we go on?

These were the initial thoughts that ran through my head as Dr. Rossbacher, the president of Sothern Polytechnic State University, informed a number of students, faculty, staff and administrators about the proposed merger between SPSU and KSU.

The first few hours were difficult. I am a student leader at SPSU. In my mind, all that I have worked hard to see come to fruition may be absorbed in a potential merger. I did not care about who wrote the proposal. I did not care for details; my beloved university was about to dissipate.

As in any situation, my voice of reason fought through to remind me of my position. I am editor-in-chief of The Sting, SPSU's student

newspaper. This means that I have a responsibility to deliver information and breaking news of any kind. Though most information surrounding any merger is at arm's reach, I had to fish for answers. No one would have given me information if I pressed on with a bias opinion.

That being said, I announced to the SPSU student body that I had to remain neutral.

Remaining neutral (playing the fence) is tough when those who work around you may lose their jobs, when your publication (65 years old) may be absorbed. Nonetheless, I placed my feelings aside and did what I do best, help the student body.

I am so proud of the staff that I have here at The Sting. They were on top of every event, every lead, anything that was considered important

“IF ATTENDING SPSU HAS TAUGHT ME ANYTHING IT IS THIS: CHANGE IS INEVITABLE; LEARN & APPLY.”

information. We have a monthly publication which does not allow us to print breaking news. My staff made up for this, publishing news as it unfolded via Youtube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and on our website.

I do not want the students of SPSU to believe that my neutral stance means I do not care; I do. As it stands now, no one knows what's going to happen in the upcoming months; I may lose everything.

It is my hope that we can preserve what makes SPSU, SPSU. Traditions such as Goat Night and the Bathtub Races, and monuments such as The Rock, and our beloved Globe are just some of the many things that the implementation teams should keep in consideration.

It is also my hope that we all remember that colors, traditions

and monuments do not make universities; students do. What makes a university is its student body and the presence that they establish on campus. This place means more than the material things or spaces that we inhabit here; it means the ones we love and coexist with from admission till the parade across that stage.

Let's all take the same energy that we put into building this place and strengthening the relationships we have with one another and press forward to make the best out of what many here consider to be a bad situation. If attending SPSU has taught me anything it is this: Change is inevitable; learn and apply.

Randy Brown Jr.
Editor-in-Chief
SPSU's The Sting

CONTRASTING perspectives

Shannon Hames Contributor

At SPSU, our teachers constantly assign work for us to do in teams with our classmates.

The idea is to learn to work with others, to contribute ideas and to solve problems together. In doing so, the team develops an identity as they become strengthened and continue to excel, much like a sports team does as they practice together.

Corporate America, we are told, demands a workforce that can become unified in its vision, show team loyalty and work with others toward a common goal. Instead of an authoritarian form of leadership where a big, powerful person orders people around, teams bring balance, boost productivity, increase workplace satisfaction and

deliver a sense of loyalty. After all, nobody wants to leave their teammates behind to join a competing team.

Right now, we are less competitive than the rest of the global workforce because as a nation, we are very individualistic. Companies need people who can be a part of teams that work from many parts of the world. They want colleges to develop in students the ability to be good teammates so that there isn't apathy, individualism and disloyalty.

The next time that Corporate America complains about how hard it is to find employees who can be team players, please think about what has just happened here.

A powerful entity came in and announced (without warning, discussion or proof of problem solving) that our healthy and productive university was being taken over in a year. Our name will disappear, our identity has been cast into the trash, and we were not even afforded the respect of an e-mail. Most students and professors heard about it on Facebook.

(Keepin' it classy.)

What we learned these past two weeks from strangers who control our lives is this:

1. Money is all that matters.
2. It makes no difference if you are able to support your claim of saving money or how much it will cost to merge, just force your will upon others and count on their apathy.

3. All teams are temporal so don't invest yourself too deeply.

4. Don't show any loyalty because loyalty doesn't exist if money is involved.

5. When you have an agenda to push, do it quickly and without input from the people who will be affected by it.

6. Avoid rational thought and polite discourse (which should be hallmarks of our education) because you won't be able to force your will upon others if you have to answer questions about hard facts, dates and numbers that reveal your hidden agenda.

7. When you are in a position of power, you can bully people who have very little power.

I am disgusted by the shameful way this hostile

takeover was handled. The students were demoralized and had no voice. A large bully school that wanted to compete in football with Tech and State just jumped us and stole our lunch money to make that happen. I can only take solace in the fact that I am one of the lucky few who will graduate before the merger and will not have the shame of displaying a degree from such an underhanded institution.

Enjoy your football.

Shannon Hames
Features Editor
SPSU's The Sting



Mark Leszczynski Staff Writer

Consolidating Colleges, Strengthening Education

Just a little more than two years ago, I returned to the U.S. after serving 27 months in South America as a Peace Corps volunteer. During that time, this country was in the middle of the largest recession since the Great Depression. I knew I could either enter the workforce as an underemployed, underpaid subordinate, or go back to school, further my education, and do my best to avoid those limitations. As a result, I applied to both Southern Polytechnic State University and Kennesaw State University. Both fit my geographic requirements and both were offering the degree I was after. Weeks later, I was accepted to both, but I did not know which school I favored. So I did what any rational person in my situation would do: I looked at my options holistically and weighted the pros and cons of each university.

SPSU has many, many appealing collegiate amenities

that I took into consideration when deciding. First and foremost, I was impressed by the structure and quality of the academic programs. For example, SPSU's school of architectural construction management emulates California Polytechnic State University of San Luis Obispo's curriculum (my alma mater), and I know firsthand that San Luis Obispo's architectural program is rated top five in the nation. By this fact alone, one can see the ambitions SPSU has for providing their students with the best educational experience available—even if that means going outside of the college for inspiration. Secondly, I was drawn to the small, tightly woven student body. Currently, SPSU has just more than 6,000 students (a small increase from two years ago) and a fully functional, thriving student government. Overall, I knew SPSU could provide me with a top-notch

education, many extracurricular activities, and a strong social community. Though I am unable to enumerate all the positive amenities, I can say that what the college offers is impressive.

And then there is KSU. The first thing that took me by surprise was the enormity of the student body. With enrollment reaching nearly 25,000 students, I felt overwhelmed at first, but I began to think about the positive effects a large student body might offer compared to a smaller one. First, I concluded that more students equals more money for the school, and the more money a school has . . . well, the more opportunity there is for growth, modernization, and resources. Currently, KSU is the third largest university in Georgia. The college recently announced a football team that will be part of the Big South Conference. These facts, just rumors then, started to convert

me away from the benefits of a smaller school because I had a realization: step outside the state of Georgia and it will be hard to find someone who has heard of either KSU or SPSU; however, mention a larger school such as Georgia Tech or Georgia State, and almost everyone will nod his or her head in recognition. Plain and simple, when I go to look for a job, I will have a better chance of getting the job if the employer has heard of the college I attended. Right now, SPSU and KSU, in my opinion, receive roughly equal acknowledgement; however, due to KSU's exponentially growing reputation, I started to think I would have a leg up. Of course, I didn't neglect to consider scholastic standing or extra-curricular activities offered by KSU either. Though SPSU's curriculum is more technical based for a reason, I couldn't help but notice the spectrum of programs offered by KSU and

the recognition their programs were gaining. The WellStar nursing program at KSU is the largest in Georgia, and the Michael J. Coles College of Business MBA program is near the top 20 in the nation among public universities. Even though the program I was enrolling in was not as acclaimed as some of the others, I thought that maybe if my program of study was surrounded by the more recognized and acclaimed programs, then I could benefit from their success by association alone.

Ultimately, I chose to enroll at KSU because of the college's growing potential. As I walk around campus today, I can't help but notice the once foreseen potential taking shape in the form of new buildings such as the Bernard A. Zuckerman Museum of Art and the Student Recreation and Activities Center, academic expansions including new undergraduate programs and graduate programs, and I also notice an evolving sense of pride amongst the student body with every collegiate addition. The college is becoming better, and I hope with the SPSU and KSU merger, both colleges will excel as a single entity by embracing each other's strengths and potentials.

Mark Leszczynski, Senior English Major

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Paul Rudd and Steve Carell are joined by previous cast members Will Ferrell and David Koechner to play a 24-hour news team.

Courtesy of Allied Media

BREAKING NEWS:

Steve Carell and Paul Rudd discuss Anchor Man 2

Devon Zawko Staff Writer

Steve Carell and Paul Rudd recently discussed their upcoming film, "Anchor Man 2: The Legend Continues."

Ron Burgundy returns with his news team to launch a 24-hour news network. The nitwit weatherman Brick Tamland (Carell) and pompous field reporter Brian Fantana (Rudd) are cherished members of the sophomoric news team.

The sequel, filmed partially in Atlanta, comes after a decade-long hiatus. Rudd believed the first movie was so successful because it "felt like a very small kind of quirky comedy that [the actors] thought was funny [and] did not seem particularly commercial." Often times sequels do not live up to audience's expectations, but Rudd believes that the "spirit still existed this time around even though there were more eyes on [them]."

Carell's character is loved for his impressively unnatural and daft way of speaking. In the first movie, Brick claimed, "I love lamp." Fortunately, this time around, he develops a romantic interest that is seemingly

reciprocated by Kristen Wiig's character.

"Brick has trouble putting a sentence together around anything, regardless of their sex," Carell said.

When it comes to women, Rudd's character is also no Romeo.

"As far as Brian goes, I think I like his musky sexualized idiocy," Rudd said.

Carell and Rudd felt that a decade did not make it anymore difficult to get back into character. Carell believed that if anything, a decade hiatus actually helped him jump back into character. "The more lost I felt, the better that served me. The more out of sorts I felt, in general, the better I think that played into Brick," Carell said.

During filming, one-minute scenes would turn into 10-minute scenes as actors piled joke on top of joke. Writer and director Adam McKay influenced a lot of the improvisation. "He sits at the monitor in his little tent with a microphone and just throws out ideas... everything that he says is kind of golden," Carell said.

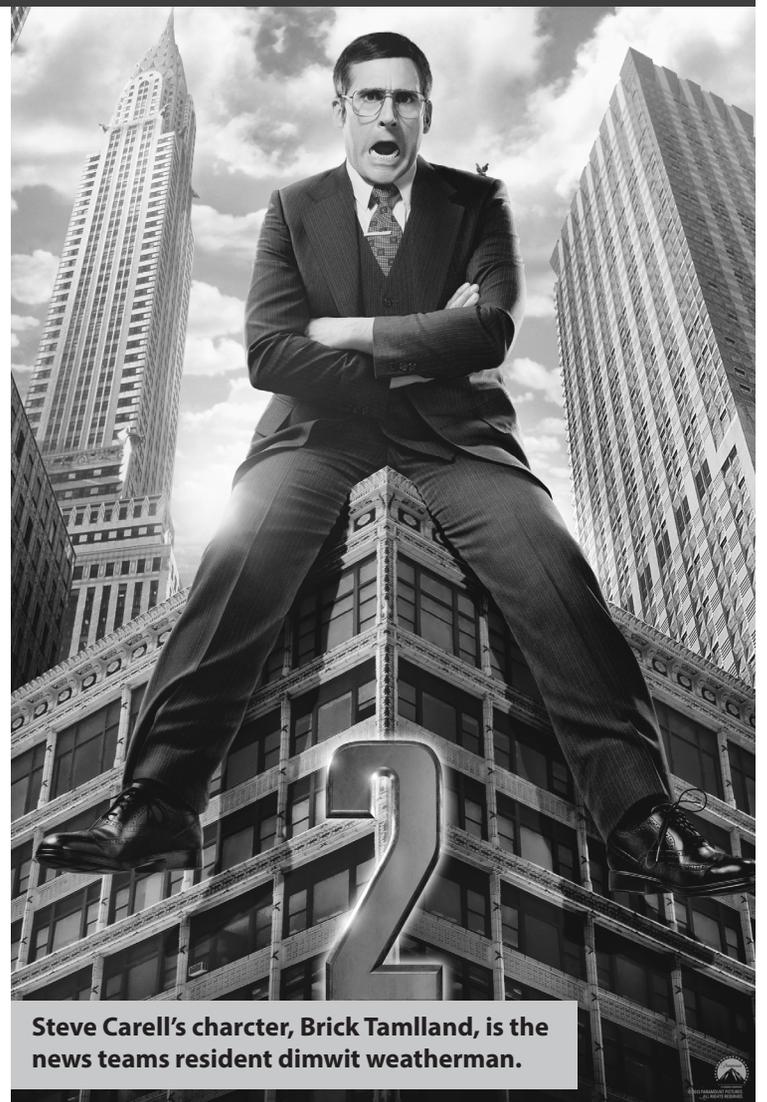
For a long time, it did not look like "Anchor Man 2" would ever start filming. During this period, rumors started that the original "Anchor Man" would hit the stage as a musical. "That was the part I was excited about: The fact that at any given moment, the characters could just break into song," Carell said.

The musical never came to fruition but Carell, true to Brick form, believed his character would have sung a song called "Gravy."

Many may find the silly portrayal of a news team a far stretch from reality, but Rudd feels in some ways they hit the mark. "Sometimes I watch news anchors and I think they are portraying themselves in a very silly way, much sillier than we could ever do," Rudd said.

If fans enjoy the movie as much as Carell and Rudd enjoyed filming it, the sequel is bound to be a hit. "Even if there was no film and any camera, we would have come back and done it, because it's so much fun," Carell said.

The fun starts when the movie hits theatres Dec. 20.



Steve Carell's character, Brick Tamland, is the news team's resident dimwit weatherman.

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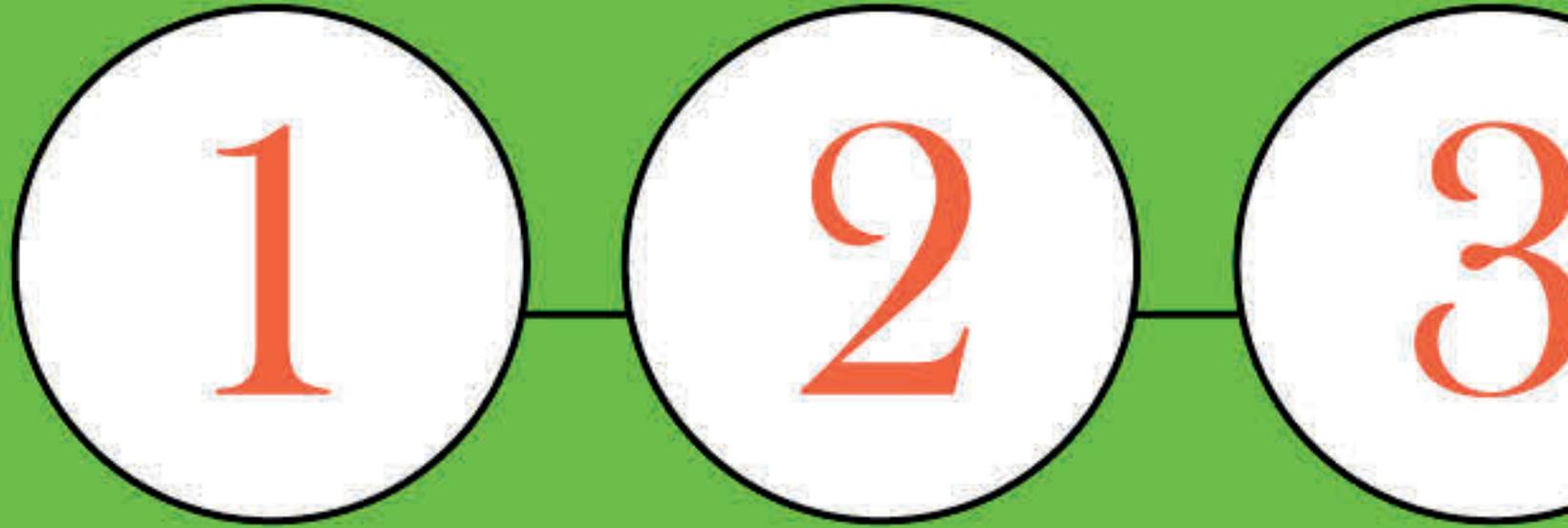
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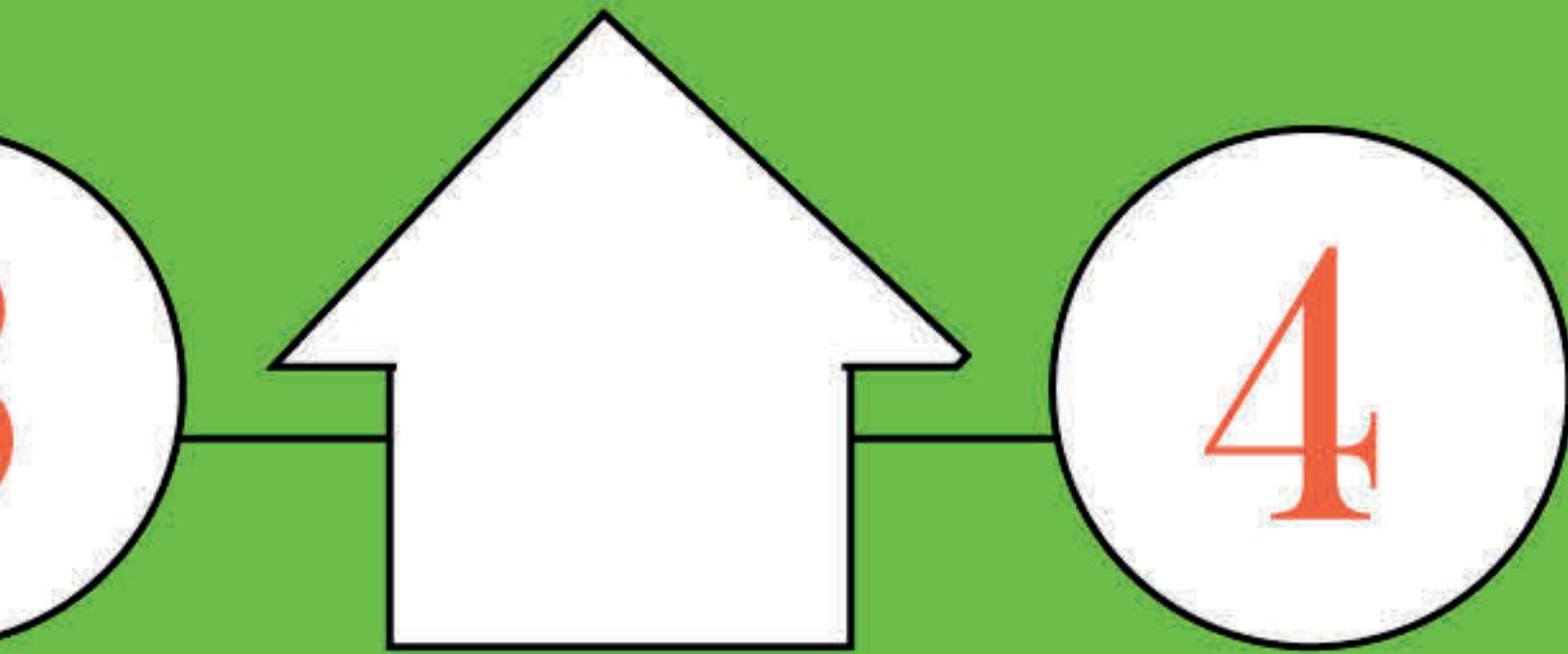
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THANK GOODNESS IT'S BLACK FRIDAY

Brandon Comer Contributor

We have all heard of it: Black Friday. It is an American tradition where billions and billions of dollars are spent in a span of less than 24 hours.

Where did this name come from, though?

It was coined in the '60s because this was the time when the department stores went from being in the red (net loss) to the black (positive net income) because of millions of parents dropping loads of money to make Christmas the best one yet.

It has been a fun tradition for me, personally: full of huge cups of coffee, long lines and eventually giving up around 4 a.m. due to too many crazy mothers fighting over the last Madden game. We have seen on the news all of the dangers that come with Black Friday shopping: people getting trampled and fights over the last item.

Stores are really teasing shoppers with incredible deals like Walmart's deal on an iPad Mini with a \$100 gift card for \$299 and 40 other pages of incredible steals. We just have to come at 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving.

Many will still be recovering from a food coma, but thanks to Walmart, they can join the race whenever they would like and steer clear of Walmart's chaos. If you would rather sleep

well Thursday night and not have to face the monstrosity known as Black Friday, you can always wait for "Cyber Monday," where, according to Adobe, an estimated \$2.27 billion will be spent by Internet users likely snuggled up in a blanket enjoying hot chocolate. It is quite appealing to drop the Black Friday drama for a much calmer, more relaxing experience. Amazon Prime accounts give students with an ".edu" email address the chance to try it out for a few months. An added bonus of having a Prime account is free two-day shipping.

Amazon is definitely not the only company with outrageous online sales that day. In fact, Google search "Black Friday 2013" or "Cyber Monday 2013" and you will find a plethora of deals waiting to be looked at by countless companies competing for your cash. One word of advice: map out your shopping adventure. Shoot for the more important deals to you first, and then go blow your cash on half-off jackets at Old Navy.

Good luck on getting those fantastic deals, KSU students. Be safe and come back to final exams in one piece. No television is worth being trampled over.

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CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta led the discussion between four esteemed humanitarian panelists.

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CNN DIALOGUES EXAMINE WORLD HUNGER

Fernanda Perez Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, the ninth iteration of CNN Dialogue was held at Spelman College in Atlanta, moderated by CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta. A CNN Dialogue is a community forum where diverse perspectives and ideas are highlighted, discussing the most important issues and events that shape our society.

This CNN Dialogue was called "Hungry for Change: America's Struggle to Eliminate Food Deserts." The discussion focused on the 49 million Americans, or nearly one-in-six, that lack access to enough food to live

healthy and active lifestyles.

There were four panelists: Hugh Acheson, a chef, restaurateur, author and sustainability advocate; Maura Daly, the chief communication and development officer for Feeding America; K. Rachid Nuri, the founder of Truly Living Well Center; and Monica White, an assistant professor of environmental justice at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Their discussions revolved around issues of food security and food deserts in the U.S.. They conversed about what

works, what does not work, and what should be done to put more healthy foods in the hands of more Americans.

One of the interesting topics they talked about is how many people relate obesity with laziness and over-consumption; when the truth is that many simply cannot afford healthy food. They are stuck with having to make ends meet with cutting back on food expenses.

"Junk food" in the U.S. is a lot cheaper to purchase than healthy food. It is also a lot easier to obtain.

Fast Food restaurants and

ice cream shops seem to be in every corner, they are extremely easy to access since the drive-thru can be used, but when it comes to healthy produce, it changes to a more expensive and time-consuming reality.

This does not only affect adults as nearly 16 million children spend their days and nights hungry.

For the first time in two centuries, children in America may live up to five years less than their parents if left unchecked, due to the rapid rise in childhood obesity.

There are many solutions that

were named at the discussion such as persuading more Americans to grow their own produce, as well as educating them about the harms of eating unhealthy.

"You can pay me now or pay the doctor later," said K. Rashid Nuri, who was one of the four panelists and founder of the Truly Living Well Center.

This is a big issue that can be fixed, but it is going to take some time to get there.

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The Rockettes will be performing at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center through Nov. 23.

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THE ROCKETTES KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY'S IN ATLANTA

Devon Zawko Staff Writer

The theater lights dim as dancing snowflakes light up the walls, the ceiling and the eager crowd. The audience holds its breath with anticipation as the curtain rises. Instead of 36 long and slender legs, the curtain lifts to reveal 36 dancing reindeer hooves. The Radio City Christmas Spectacular has begun.

The magic begins the moment an usher, decked in Christmas attire, takes your ticket and says, "welcome to the show." Christmas lights and decorations adorn the lobby of the Cobb Energy and Performing Arts Center. Little children holding Rockette dolls sit on Santa's chair beneath a large Christmas tree and get their picture taken. An excited crowd strolls through the lobby sipping hot chocolate and inspecting the souvenirs.

As the Rockettes take the stage, glimmering reindeer antlers atop long prancing legs enchant the audience. The dancers sing and perform their signature line kick to cheers and applause. A jolly Santa enters in on his sleigh welcoming one and all to the show.

There is something for everyone to see at The Radio City Show. Children enjoy watching the Nutcracker's Clara dance with bears dressed as ballerinas and nutcrackers. This dance is all the more impressive considering each costume can

weigh 30 to 60 pounds.

The show does not ignore the main reason for the season. The momentum builds to a magnificent nativity scene. The three kings traverse the stage to songs like "Noel," "We Three Kings," and a variety of traditional Christmas tunes.

Finally, for those who have always wanted to experience a New York City Christmas, a bus tours the avenues of New York including the huge tree at Rockefeller Center and the Radio City Music Hall.

"The Parade of Wooden Soldiers" receives roars from the crowd. The soldiers march with mesmerizing precision. Not a single hat tilts, or leg bends as they move robotically across the stage. By far the most impressive sight is when a cannon firing causes the soldiers to slowly fall backwards upon one another.

Santa really shows off in "Here Comes Santa Claus." Dozens of Santas hit the stage, dancing in unison. They even run through the crowd. The audience goes wild when hundreds more dancing Santas appear on the big screen performing in unison with the dancers on stage.

A video history of the Rockettes provides a break from the dancing and singing. The movie begins with their founding in 1925. It is fascinating to see that the precision of the Rockettes'

dancing has remained popular with audiences for decades.

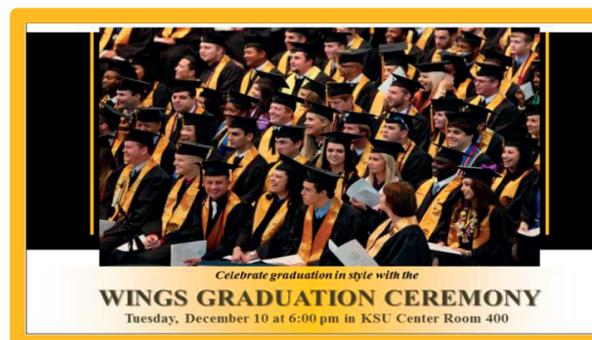
The costumes are one of the more spectacular aspects of the show. The changing color of the lighting creates varying dazzling effects on the dancer's costumes. Glistening candy cane outfits are every

little girl's dream. The Nativity scene costumes are a high kick above the rest. As the kings follow the star of Bethlehem, their costumes are as vibrant as the star itself. Billowing into the air, the kings' robes are breathtakingly beautiful with deep vibrant colors.

The Rockettes' magic continues as the crowd exits the theatre. Smiling families once again fill the lobby and little girls practice their high kicks. The Radio City Christmas Spectacular runs through Nov. 23.

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Sony's Playstation 4 has sold more than one million units since its release Friday.

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SONY'S PS4 LAUNCH A SUCCESS

Drake Mayhew Staff Writer

Seven years after the PlayStation 3 was released, Sony finally ushered in the next generation of video game consoles with the PlayStation 4 on Friday.

Unveiled back in February, the PlayStation 4 promised gamers

a revolutionary experience with improved graphics, new online features and integrated social media. The PlayStation 4 released on Nov. 15 for \$399 with much anticipation, and the system is ready to be judged out in the wild.

Sony has been saying since the beginning that the PlayStation 4 is focused on games. The PlayStation 4 currently has 22 games available with a wide variety between them. The games range from blockbuster first-

person shooters such as "Call of Duty: Ghosts" and "Killzone: Shadowfall" to family-friendly adventures in "Knack" and "Lego Marvel Super Heroes." The PlayStation 4 has games that are completely free-to-play and smaller titles that are cheaper than the typical \$60 asking price for new games.

Sony says 33 games will be available by the end of the year, and more than 180 games are currently in development for the PlayStation 4. Sony has several exclusive titles to be released next year, which include "Infamous: Second Son," "The Order 1886," "DriveClub" and "MLB 14: The Show."

Interacting with the PlayStation 4 is a breath of fresh air compared to the current generation of game consoles. Waiting for a game to download an update or install to the hard drive is nonexistent; all of downloads, updates and installations are handled in the background by a dedicated chip inside the PlayStation 4. With a press of a button, the PlayStation 4 instantly suspends your game, allowing the user to browse the web, watch a video or chat with friends.

The social features of the PlayStation 4 allow users to easily share their gameplay footage. Players can upload their last 15 minutes of gameplay to Facebook by pressing the Share button on the DualShock 4 controller. Pressing the button also takes a screenshot that can be

uploaded to Facebook and Twitter. The PlayStation 4 can live stream gameplay footage to Twitch or Ustream, and with the optional PlayStation Camera, players can include footage of themselves playing the game.

Unlike the PlayStation 3, a \$50 annual PlayStation Plus subscription is required to play certain online multiplayer games on the PlayStation 4. PlayStation Plus subscribers have access to the Instant Games Collection, allowing them to download select games for free. "Resogun," a side-scrolling arcade shooter, and "Contrast," a 3-D puzzle platform game, are the two free games available at launch. New games are added to the Instant Games Collection each month. PlayStation Plus features automatic uploads of game saves to the cloud and exclusive access to game demos and beta tests.

Every PlayStation 4 game with the exception of games requiring the PlayStation Camera supports Remote Play. Remote Play uses the PlayStation Vita to interact the PlayStation 4. With Remote Play, the PlayStation Vita can play PlayStation 4 games anywhere over Wi-Fi. The PlayStation Vita can turn on the PlayStation 4 and begin playing games in minutes. So now, the numerous visually astounding games available on your big screen through Sony's PlayStation 4 can be taken on the go.

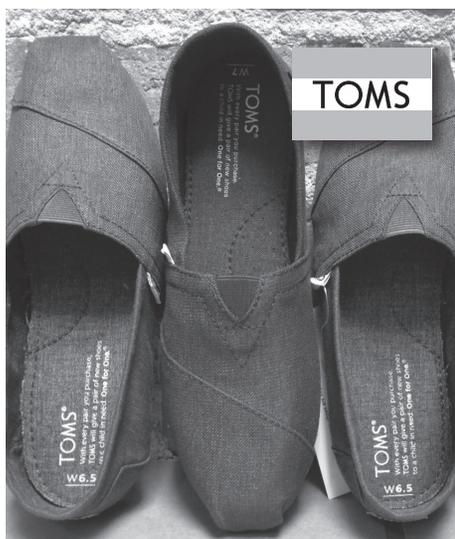
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Yonel Brown had a career high 15 points in KSU's loss in Starkville

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OWLS'

second half woes continue in loss to Bulldogs

Chris Raimondi Staff Writer

KSU's men's basketball team proved to be a formidable challenger against SEC opponent Mississippi State Thursday despite a 78-55 loss.

It was the tale of two halves for KSU, as the Owls came out early in the game going shot-for-shot with the SEC giants by making 54 percent of their shots from the field. Led by sophomore Yonel Brown, KSU established a four point lead with 11:28 remaining in the first half. Brown sunk three 3-pointers while going 5-9 from the field, finishing with a team and career-high 15 points. He would also record seven assists, a block and a steal.

The Owls defense stayed busy early on, holding the Bulldogs to only 40 percent from the field in the first half and came down with 13 defensive boards.

The Bulldogs would regain the lead with 8:33 left in the half but were only able to establish a seven point difference as their largest lead. After a 3-pointer by Brown with 28 seconds left, the Owls entered halftime down by four at 35-31.

The second half proved to be KSU's demise as the Bulldogs forced 14 turnovers and held the Owls to 35 percent from the field. MSU only coughed up the ball six times and shot

54 percent. "In the second we came out more stagnant and had too many turnovers," Head Coach Lewis Preston said. "It doesn't matter if you're at home or on the road, 26 turnovers is not going to put you in position to win. That put them in position to get us in transition and finish baskets."

KSU stuck around as long as they could in the second half as MSU didn't reach a double-digit lead until the 11:07 mark. After a Delbert Love 3-pointer and a Kris Drees jumper in the paint KSU cut the lead to eight with 10 minutes to go.

The Bulldogs then poured it on offensively with Fred Thomas leading the way scoring with 17 points and Colin Borchert with 15. MSU would finish with five players in double-digits. The contest would finish 78-55.

KSU was tied in the rebound category with MSU at 33. The Owls have yet to be out-rebounded in a game this season while facing steep competition, perhaps a silver lining in the tough loss. KSU also had 14 assists on 20 buckets; however they only attempted 17 free throws compared to MSU's 25 attempted. The bench provided 15 points for KSU and the team finished with 24 points in the paint.

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KSU's temporary football facilities were shown to the media last week. The offices are located across Chastain Road.

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FOOTBALL FACILITIES UNVEILED ACROSS FROM CAMPUS

Andrew Howard Staff Writer

Until the coaching staff moved into KSU's new football facility on October 16th, most of the program's developments were only theoretical.

Coaches, a corporate sponsor, and a football-only membership in the Big South were all announced since football was officially approved in February. Those are all vital steps, but none had the physical presence of giving the long-anticipated KSU football program a personal home.

Taking advantage of Cobb County's abundance of nondescript office parks, the area's most impressive natural resource, KSU converted warehouse and office space into its first physical facility. Offices, exercise space, and meeting rooms are all located in the new building, which took just over two months to complete.

Media and invited guests were allowed into the 29,500-square-foot space for a special KSU unveil on November 13th, a month after head coach Brian Bohannon and the seven other members of the football staff moved in. Bohannon and KSU athletic director Vaughan Williams showed the enthusiasm that has become

expected of the two faces of KSU football.

"We want to do it right," Williams said in his opening statement. "We want to do it first class."

"This is an unbelievable step in what's going on at Kennesaw State University and with the football program right now," Bohannon added during his turn.

Exploring his new playhouse, the first-time head coach appeared to have the same mixture of excitement and duty that a new college freshman would have while guiding his family around campus. Yes, he's ecstatic to live away from home for the first time, but does he really have to show grandpa the student center?

The tour began in a meeting room with capabilities to divide into thirds, and we headed toward the strength and conditioning portion of the facility. A 4,300-square-foot weight room is the centerpiece of that branch, with an office and also an adjoining turf field for speed and agility work.

Bohannon says that it will remain empty until the first of the year, when the head coach expects to announce a strength coach who will make layout and

equipment decisions.

We pass offices for the offensive coaches and the director of football, Jay Bailey. Quarterbacks and B-backs coach Brett Gilliland is on the phone and someone assumes he is hard at work. He very well could just be ordering a pizza or buying a juicer from QVC, but for now he has most of us fooled. The offensive coaches are all clustered in a section of the building, leading back to Bohannon's own office like it is the final room of a footballing Pokémon gym.

Leather seats, family pictures, a gigantic TV for film study (or Netflix)—the head coach's office is everything you'd expect from the ethos of a college football figure. There are KSU graphics and "Win the Day" slogans all over the place, but Bohannon is insistent on the interlocking "KS" logo.

"That 'KS' has got to one day be the 'G' and 'GT,'" he said, invoking the two flagship football programs in the state.

If it sounds like the former Georgia Tech assistant is recruiting us through the building, it makes sense: with practice not starting until the fall of 2014, KSU football's new home is really just a base camp

for the pursuit of the prospects that will make up the Owls' first team. Every salesperson needs his or her showroom, and now that Bohannon has his, the habit of recruiting is tough to break.

On KSU basketball's Flight Night, the football staff hosted 60 recruits and their families in the new facility. Bohannon was asked Wednesday about how recruits reacted, and since he cannot directly comment on individual recruits per NCAA rules, he had to somewhat avoid the question.

"Some good things that I can't technically talk about have happened since then," Bohannon said. "But it's been really, really positive."

He was, in a roundabout way, talking about receiving commitments from the class of 2014. KSUOwlHowl.com, a fan site that closely tracks recruiting, lists 11 players already committed for a class that Bohannon says he expects to reach 25-30 members when they sign in February.

While the coaches in the new facility are at work building a foundation for the program, Williams reinforces the fact that it is only temporary. As committed as he says the school

is to the objective of football, he insists the new building is more of a catalyst to what the program could be.

"We look at it as a short-term situation," Williams said. "This is not something we're going to be in for 30 years. This is something that we need to get the program started."

After the tour ended, Williams spent extensive time detailing his hopes for everything from the future press box to game day atmosphere, using the large visualization of a football edition of Fifth Third Bank Stadium that hangs on the wall. The optimistic athletic director's mind seemed like it could have gone on for hours as he listed possibilities like streaming games on big screens outside the stadium, or having fans walk on closed streets to the stadium.

For now, though, simply existing will have to do. A hopeful trophy case in the hallway emphasized the triumph of even having this football building. Encased in the glass was a simple memento that represents both a victory and a beginning: the golden helmet, with Brian Bohannon's preferred 'KS'.

Kristina Wells couldn't lift her Owls to an upset win over Florida in KSU's home opener over the weekend.

Joshua Fedoruk | The Sentinel



SWAMPED

Gators take care of business as KSU drops marquee opener

Julien Benjamin Contributor

KSU's women's basketball team lost their first home game of the season as they fell to Florida by 21 points in an 83-62 loss on Sunday. The team played well for the most part, but unfortunately the toughness of the Gators proved to be too much for the young Owls team.

KSU played Florida extremely well for the first 12 minutes of the game, as they were down by just four points with 7:53 to go in the first half, despite at one point allowing UF to go on a 12-2 run. At that point the Owls were shooting 38.1 percent from the field, and were out-rebounding Florida 16 to 7.

It quickly went downhill from here, however. The Owls turned the ball over 15 times in the rest of the game, and were outscored 60-43. The team's defense struggled all game against the taller, more experienced Gators, as

it recorded just 3 steals and allowed Florida to score 45 points in the first half as they shot 57% from the field. As coach Nitra Perry said, "We couldn't get any stops, and there was a deficiency in the post."

Offensively, the Owls were led by Kristina Wells, who scored 16 points, and also contributed 11 rebounds and a steal. Aareon Smith was the only other Owl to score double digits, with 14 points, six rebounds, a steal of her own.

In the second half the defense played slightly better, but still allowed 38 points to Florida, who took out most of their starters towards the end, and the offense was slightly worse against these backups, scoring 30, vs the 32 they scored in the 1st.

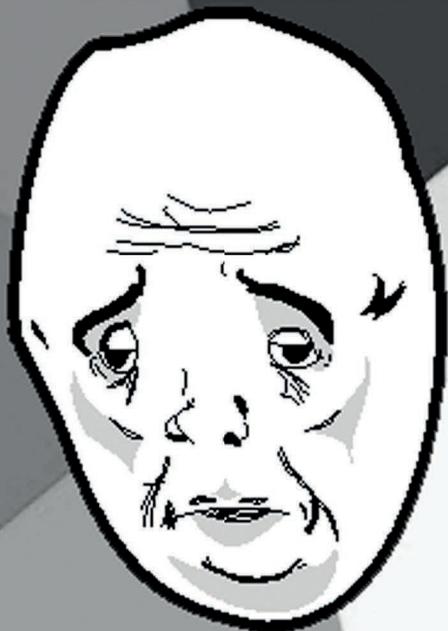
Coach Perry said the goal was to create a post presence today. (include quote about

til midway in first here). The Owls attempted 13 shots from beyond the arc (of which they only completed two), but shot 59 times from inside the arc, 35 times in the first half alone. In the 2nd half, the Owls did a good job of forcing fouls on UF, leading to 15 free throws. The team converted 76.2 percent of their free throws on the day, but poor defense and field goal shooting ultimately doomed the team.

Coach Perry saw this game as a point from which the team can learn from as they go on to later conference matchups. "I'd put them up against anybody and I was proud of how they fought. We challenged and competed for the most part, and that's all I could ask of my kids."

The Owls will next play the Jacksonville State Gamecocks on the road, Wednesday night.

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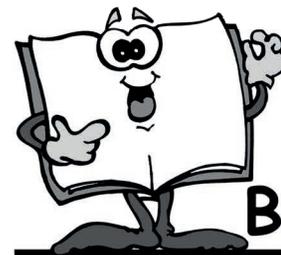
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OWLS VS. BUCCANEERS

KSU's first football game scheduled

KSU will play at East Tennessee State in its first ever football game, according to an announcement from Director of Athletics Vaughn Williams and head coach Brian Bohannon at a press conference in Johnson City, TN., on Friday night.

ETSU president Dr. Brian Noland, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Dr. Richard Sander and head coach Carl Torbush hosted the announcement.

"Today is another momentous occasion for the Kennesaw State University community and all of Owl Nation," Williams said. "We have continued to make great strides throughout the process of building a football program that will enhance the student experience and continue to build upon the sense of community that exists throughout the surrounding areas."

The game is set for 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 3, 2015. ETSU, who's

restarting its program after it was shut down in 2003, will host the first game at Steve Spurrier Field at Kermit Tipton Stadium.

"I know it will be a great game with two new programs meeting for the first time and the excitement on both campuses is going to continue to build between now and kickoff. The game atmosphere is going to be unbelievable," Bohannon said. "I know coach Torbush will have his team ready to play and our players and coaches will come out with great enthusiasm, intensity and passion."

The home and away series will come back to Kennesaw on Sept. 3, 2016 at Fifth Third Bank Stadium.

KSU announced in September that it will begin play as an associate member of the Big South conference. ETSU will become a member of the Southern Conference, joining KSU's rival Mercer, next season.

Seniors Camille Pedraza, Sara Metroka and Emily Bean were honored on Senior Night, where the Owls later defeated rival Mercer.

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OWLS DOWN MERCER | Focus shifts to hosting A-Sun

KSU's seniors came through Saturday, helping the Owls volleyball team to wrap its season with a hard-fought, 3-2, win over rival Mercer and clinch a spot in the Atlantic Sun Tournament, which will be hosted by KSU this weekend.

Emily Bean registered a double-double (14 kills, 10 digs), Camille Pedraza had 29 digs and Sara Metroka registered 54 assists in the contest.

The Owls (13-15, 8-10 A-Sun) were taken to five sets by a scrappy Mercer squad that was looking for its first conference victory.

"It's really exciting," Pedraza said. "They're our rivals, so we don't like playing them, but we like beating them. It was a fun and good way to go out."

KSU will face Lipscomb at 7:30 on Thursday in the Convocation Center for its opening match in the postseason.

"We're going to do the same thing we always do: keep practicing hard and focus on our side of the net," Metroka said. "We will think about the other team, but our focus will be on us getting better and continue improving."

KSU will face current A-Sun member, ETSU, in its first game. KSU and ETSU will start their programs in 2015.



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