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Jimmy Lallathin addresses his team during a timeout against Stetson Jan. 23.

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LALLATHIN PROMOTED TO HEAD COACH?

Preston, Scutero out of men's basketball program

Chris Raimondi Staff Writer, Daniel Miller Staff Writer, Mike Foster Sports Editor

After going 10-80 on the floor over the last three seasons, KSU's men's basketball program will have a new face in charge, though the face is still familiar.

Director of athletics Vaughn Williams chose to look no further than the confines of the Convocation Center offices to pick the leader of the struggling program. Jimmy Lallathin, who served as KSU's interim head coach after former head coach Lewis Preston took a leave of absence on Jan 2., was promoted to the same position Thursday.

"I am humbled and grateful that Vaughn Williams and president Dan Papp have afforded me this great opportunity to become the head coach at Kennesaw State University," Lallathin said. "KSU is a great institution with a tremendous faculty and student body, and deserves a men's basketball program that matches that level of excellence."

"I am very enthusiastic about entrusting the men's basketball program to Jimmy Lallathin," Williams said. "He has been a part of Owls basketball for the last three years and understands the culture that we are establishing here at Kennesaw State. He is

the right fit at this time."

The news came less than a day after the department sent a release saying that Preston and Williams, who hired the first-time head coach in 2011, made a "mutual agreement" to part ways. Preston was 9-67 with the program. The changes come just over a week after The Sentinel was told by Williams that Preston would be back as the head coach "unless something crazy happens."

"I think I'm going to have to be more involved and on top of [Preston] more than I might want to," Williams said in an interview with The Sentinel on March 13. "I've got to make sure he is fit to lead. I'm going to have to pay close attention."

According to a report by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Doug Roberson, Preston's attorney, Jim Zeszutek, referenced undisclosed personality issues attributed to the separation of the two parties. Roberson's report also stated that the agreement involved a buyout of Preston's contract. Preston's salary for the 2013-14 season was \$175,000. He had three more years on his contract, which included pay increases.

Preston was brought to KSU as Williams' first-ever coaching hire. The duo replaced former

director of athletics Dave Waples and men's basketball coach Tony Ingle, who was fired in 2011 in the wake of academic sanctions. According to Williams, Preston helped the team raise its academic performances. Preston's first recruit to the team, junior guard Delbert Love, has led the Owls in scoring in those three years. Love was named an Atlantic Sun Conference all-freshman team member in 2012, as well as an A-Sun academic all-conference performer this past year.

"I want to personally thank Lewis for his hard work and dedication as head men's basketball coach during the last three years," Williams said in a statement released Wednesday evening.

"During my three years at Kennesaw State, I received tremendous support from administration, faculty and staff, and I feel privileged to have coached a great group of young men," Preston said in the statement.

After Preston left the team mid-season, Lallathin helped the Owls to three conference victories as interim head coach—one more than Preston had in just over two seasons (2-36 A-Sun). KSU beat USC Upstate, Stetson and Northern Kentucky with Lallathin leading

the huddles, while also coming close against Mercer and Florida Gulf Coast in its second meetings with the respective A-Sun powerhouses.

Lallathin spent four seasons at Miami (OH) as an assistant coach, director of basketball operations and administrative assistant.

It was also made apparent Saturday that assistant coach Mike Scutero was let go by the team. Scutero, who was hired as an assistant on Nov. 25, was hired while Preston was still serving as the team's head coach.

Columbia State Community College (Tenn.) coach Brian Collins Tweeted Saturday, "I can't believe Kennesaw got rid of @thecoachscot One of the hardest working D-1 assistants I know. I'm sure he will bounce back. #respect."

The account @thecoachscot, titled as 'Mike Scutero', responded shortly after with, "thanks [Collins]...Appreciate your kind words. We will be in touch..."

Scutero spent nine seasons coaching at the collegiate level before arriving under Preston seven games into the 2013 season.

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NEWS

A MIRACULOUS RECOVERY

Kaitlyn Lewis Staff Writer



KSU student Brittany Decker was severely injured in a rock climbing accident.

Courtesy of Brittany Decker

Senior political science major Brittany Decker came close to death when she fell approximately 50 feet while rock climbing near Chattanooga, Tenn. Fox News reported that she fractured three of her vertebrae and her skull, but she is now making an amazing recovery.

Decker fell and landed on a boulder in Chattanooga Feb. 22, 2014. She explained that the climbing route she had chosen did not have many groves for her to firmly place her feet, and so she slipped. In addition, the gear she was wearing did not fit her well. She said it was a massive boulder that stopped her fall.

Decker's first responders were two of her friends who kept her calm and stabilized until the rescuers came. She said she does not remember exactly what happened in Chattanooga due to memory loss from her injuries. Fox News reported, "Doctors in Chattanooga performed emergency surgery to fuse her spine, hoping to prevent permanent paralysis."

Recovery has been difficult for Decker, but she has learned to keep a positive mindset.

"I've just been reminding myself even though this situation kinda sucks, some good things come out of it... Even though I got pretty injured [and] broke my back, I'm much better off than what it could have been," she said. This situation has allowed for her to get an online job and for her friends to come together.

Decker said she is thankful for all the support of her friends and family.

In the aftermath of the accident, Decker explained that "[She] would wake up in the morning feeling happy to be alive, then by midday I was pretty upset about the whole situation."

"Life is relative... Things are what they are—it's not necessarily a good or a bad situation. If you compare it to what it could be, then things are kind of harmless... I just look on the bright side [and] keep reminding myself I could be dead right now very easily. So I'm just happy to be alive."

Decker said she had been rock climbing for the past three years and she hopes to continue after her full recovery.



Decker is passionate about rock climbing and the outdoors.

Courtesy of Brittany Decker

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Daniel Lumpkin
News Editor

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Wednesday

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- **Chinese Language and Culture Club - Taji Lessons**
Social Sciences Bldg SO3028 (56) Classroom
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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- **Sell Solo Performance**
J.M.Wilson Bldg. WB138 (20) Studio Theater Room
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Friday

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- **Atlanta Science Festival**
Clendinin Bldg. Room 1008
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Saturday

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- **Philosophy Student Assoc - North GA Student Philosophy Conference**
Student Center Addition STA181 (123)
University Room A
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday

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- **KSU High School Dance Festival**
J.M.Wilson Bldg. WB225 (25) Classroom
8:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Monday

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- **Nigerian Students**
Social Sciences Bldg SO3032 (20) Seminar Room
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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

WANTED

On the morning of Friday, Feb. 28, Officer Putnam initiated a traffic stop with a white Chevrolet truck for an un-flagged load and for having a tail light out on Chastain Road at Frey Road. The officer met with the male driver and two male passengers. One of the passengers appeared very nervous and was unable to sit still. That passenger began to eat dry ramen noodles straight out of the packet.

The officer checked all identifications through KSU dispatch and was advised that the nervous passenger was wanted out of Hall County for a traffic offense. The officer placed the wanted man under arrest and placed him in the patrol vehicle. The officer gave the driver a verbal warning for the traffic offenses and transported the wanted passenger to Cobb ADC.

HOLDING AND NOT WEARING SEATBELTS.

The afternoon of March 2, Officer Putnam observed a black Chevrolet Impala with both driver and passenger not wearing safety belts, and initiated a traffic stop. The officer met with the driver and while standing at the driver's side window, the officer detected the odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. The officer called for backup in order to conduct a vehicle search. The officer checked both driver and passenger for warrants through dispatch, and they both came back clean. Officer Hammond arrived as backup and the officers had both occupants step back to the rear of Officer Putnam's patrol vehicle while Officer Putnam conducted a search. The officer located a burnt suspected synthetic marijuana cigarette between the driver's seat and the

center console situated in such a way that the burnt part was not touching the seat. The officer also located two partially burned marijuana cigarettes in the ash tray in the center console. The officer collected the drug evidence. The driver said that her boyfriend, the registered owner of the vehicle, and not the passenger, smokes marijuana and that the drugs belonged to him. The officer placed the driver under arrest for possession of marijuana less than one ounce. The officer issued the passenger a citation for safety belt violation and released the vehicle to him so that it would not be towed. Officer Putnam transported the driver to Cobb ADC and issued citations for safety belt violation and possession of marijuana less than one ounce.

SGA BEAT

Kaitlyn Lewis Staff Writer

The great debate for Spring elections took place at Prillaman Hall on Thursday, with our candidates looking to incite excitement in the student body and prepare for the future. The debate featured our President and Vice President candidates. Candidates for President are Alex Templeton, Eric Johnson, Kensley Fields, and current Vice President Khy Chestnut. Vice Presidential candidates are Tkeyah Duke, Je'Nell Hubbard, and Jessica McLeod.

Each candidate had their moment to share their agenda with those who attended, most

of them focusing on the future of Kennesaw State and a desire to make our mark known as a more prominent university with the upcoming upgrades to the school. Later on, there were general questions regarding hot topic issues going on in the here and now that each candidate prepared an answer.

The first question was about the Board of Regents voting to create a policy to prohibit the use all tobacco products in the possession of the University System of Georgia and whether they were for or against it and what they would propose to

administration about the policy. Most of the candidates opposed the bill in favor of giving students the right to smoke and use tobacco products. There was also the issue on the opposition of creating safer environments to smoke and the health rights of other students that may be sensitive to the smoke.

The second question was what to do about the consolidation with Southern Polytechnic in which the goal is to make them feel welcome and to have more pride as a school before welcoming

in newcomers. Because of the negative reaction to the consolidation and the differences in campus culture, there is a desire to create a unity between the two schools.

The final question was about the football team and the new events surrounding the coming of the new teams and the role SGA will play in the new program. There is a lot of excitement about the start of the program and dealing with ticket allocations. The goal is to make sure all students are able to attend, as well as alumni.

UP IN SMOKE

Board of Regents 'just says no' to tobacco use on campus

Kaitlyn Lewis Staff Writer

The Board of Regents approved a complete ban on tobacco products on all University System of Georgia campuses on Wednesday, March 19 that will go into effect on Oct. 1, 2014.

In the press release by the USG, Marion Fedrick, vice chancellor for Human Resources, addresses the idea behind the ban.

"Our aim with this policy is to preserve and improve the health, comfort and environment of employees and any persons occupying USG facilities."

According to the meeting agenda, a tobacco product is "defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipes, all forms of smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes and

any other smoking devices that use tobacco such as hookahs or simulate the use of tobacco such as electronic cigarettes."

The ban includes all indoor and outdoor areas on properties owned, leased, or rented by USG as well as events held by or on behalf of USG. It covers students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors, and extends to include the inside of one's car. The agenda states "the use of tobacco products is prohibited in all vehicles – private or public vehicles – located on USG property."

John Millsaps, associate vice chancellor for media relations, says the ban proposal did not experience any significant opposition.

"It's been received extremely

well," Millsaps said. "The policy passed with no dissenting votes by the Board."

Some students, however, feel differently. Heath Worrell, a junior studying computer science, uses electronic cigarettes on campus and does not agree with the ban.

"I feel it's a bit overkill," Worrell said. "I personally do think that, as long as the [designated smoking] areas are decently located so that you aren't forced to walk through them in order to get to a class or a building, you know, I feel like that's fair."

Other campuses do not have the feature of designated smoking areas, though.

According to Millsaps, it was not considered to implement this idea at all colleges in the

system.

"The idea was to be consistent across the system," Millsaps said, "to do a total ban of tobacco products on all our campuses. This is not a halfway measure; this is a complete ban."

Worrell does not believe it will be effective in its goal to stop people from using tobacco.

"If people want to, they're going to," Worrell said. "That's just the way it is. I think it's probably going to cut down on it happening on campus, but if they're trying to encourage or help people to quit, I don't think it will be effective for any significant portion of the population."

Chris Laurent, a sophomore finance major, does not smoke or use tobacco, but he is not a supporter of the ban either.

"I think it's their choice," Laurent said. "If they want to do it, then they can do it, but it's smart to do it in designated

areas, like, to make that a thing here I think most people will either just go somewhere off campus or they'll try to get around doing it on campus."

Amy Scott, a freshman English major on campus, is a smoker who believes the ban sends a mixed message.

"Yes, you're adults now and we expect you to be responsible," Scott said, "but we're still going to treat you like high school students. It's exchanging one set of parents for another."

She does, however, understand the intentions.

"I can appreciate the fact that there is a genuine concern for people's health and well-being at the core of this policy."

Regardless of the popular opinion on the matter, though, the ban is set to go into effect on Oct. 1, 2014 across all campuses in the University System of Georgia.

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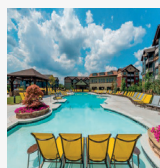
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KSU students will soon have to put out their cigarettes on campus due to a new smoking ban.

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"I don't think e-cigs should be banned. I think there should be smoking sections. I don't think it should be completely banned..."

-Brandon Schweitzer, Chemistry Major

"I think it's silly to include vaporizers and smokeless tobacco because my use of those items don't adversely affect those around me..."

-Business Management Major

"I really wish they would stop trying to dictate my life (with the non-smoking ban)..."

-Roger Mahler, Computer Science Major

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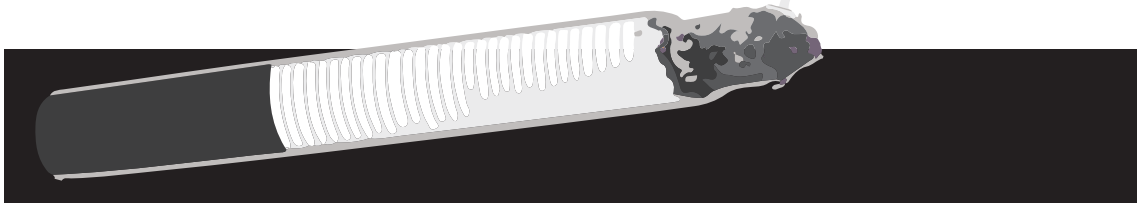
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KENNESAW MAYOR UNSURE of another term

Roderic Graham Staff Writer

"If the election were this year, I would not be running," said the Mayor of Kennesaw during a recent visit to Kennesaw State University. Harmful criticism fueled the campaigns for the previous year's Mayoral election for the city of Kennesaw.

After experiencing the harsh reality of politics, Kennesaw Mayor Mark Matthews is reconsidering running for a second term in next year's election. In spring of 2013 Matthews was accused of mismanaging left over campaign funds by Kennesaw Planning Commission member Debra Williams. Ironically, Williams worked with the mayor on his last campaign.

"It makes you wonder why anyone would run, why

anybody would put their families or themselves through the abuse that people throw out by hiding behind the keyboard," Matthews said.

Despite dealing with an uncooperative commission board, the mayor expressed how much he cares about the city. In fact, blossoming projects that he has been working on since serving on the city commission is a source of motivation for the mayor to run for a second term.

Balancing the tax digest to enhance commercial growth and annexation are a primary focus for the mayor. Kennesaw's newest annexation of retail and residential property is the removal of the Castle Lake mobile home park. Whole Foods and other retail stores

will occupy the 54,000 sq. ft. land in place of the mobile homes.

"The current owner of the mobile parks is doing everything he can do to keep the tenants and the cash flow coming in as long as possible," Matthews said. "What he's doing is border line, in my opinion, unethical. He is telling his managers to tell his tenants it's not sold."

Although the mayor is not supervising the current annexation, he is doing everything he can to assist the residents of the Castle Lake mobile home park, who found out they had to move from an article published in the Marietta Daily Journal. According to Matthews, residents are upset because "they are being lied

to by the management of the complex."

Matthews wants to create an environment where the "youth wants to move back" and create a more family oriented environment. The average age of the Kennesaw residents is decreasing due to the amount of younger families moving in.

"Our developments are made to attract younger generation", Matthews said.

One thing, Mayor Mark Matthews plans to focus on positive aspects for the rest of his term and will continue "to build relationships with outside agencies" for the further development of the city.

"If something good happens in Cobb County, that's good for all of us", said Matthews.

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Mayor Mark Matthews visited KSU and spoke with students on careers in politics.

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THANK YOU FOR NOT SMOKING

Ellen Eldridge Staff writer

Student and faculty smokers who grumbled at designated smoking areas will feel further inconvenienced by the campus-wide smoking ban approved Tuesday by the Georgia Board of Regents in a statement that shows progress in deterring a health-damaging practice.

Universities stand for higher education and, as such, the academic atmosphere should reflect rational decision-making and a movement toward the best practices for healthy living and informed minds.

The ban, set to take effect Oct. 1, shows that Georgia accepts individual's rights to choose what to eat, drink or smoke but will not condone self-destructive and addictive behavior. The approved policy prohibits the use of all tobacco products—including

the increasingly popular e-cigarettes on University System of Georgia property and applies not only to registered students but also to faculty, staff and visitors.

"I'm excited," Cole Ross, a sophomore education major, said. "It needed to be done. I'm tired of walking through smoke clouds on my way to class."

Ross said that he believes KSU will enforce the ban, and a DPS security officer who requested anonymity confirmed that currently when someone is found smoking outside the designated areas, a report is made from the individual's ID and information. If a second infraction occurs, the smoker goes before judiciary. Ross and the security officer said they would not be surprised to see citations and financial penalties attached to breaking the ban, though no citations are

currently in place.

Students like Sam Carlson, a smoker who is an adult nontraditional student taking advantage of the G.I. Bill, will have to find a new way to socialize on campus. Carlson said he opposes the ban because the smoking area outside the Social Science Building is what he calls his "social area."

"This is where I meet people and if [smoking] were banned I would just go from class to class to car. I wouldn't meet anyone," he said.

The anti-smoking movement's strength is growing in the United States, and America leads the way in taking steps to better the quality of life for its citizens over other countries where smoking is more prevalent.

Nonsmokers let out a sigh of relief when retailer CVS chose

public health over profits when it announced plans to pull cigarettes off store shelves.

According to The New York Times Feb. 5 issue, CVS expects to lose about \$2 billion in sales from its decision to no longer sell tobacco. The revenue loss includes a projected decrease in smoking-related products such as lighters, gum and breath mints that smokers typically purchase.

Deborah Duarte, a junior international affairs major and a nonsmoker, said universities should remain institutions of academia and not necessarily the place to indulge one's vices. Duarte said the ban is a great idea. "I don't feel like school is the place to be smoking," she said, adding that she doesn't believe the ban will stop smokers on campus. "I still see smoking in restricted areas and I don't think the ban would

change anything," Duarte said.

Any huffing and puffing from angered smokers should be met with the simple fact that everyone knows smoking is unhealthy. Smokers and nonsmokers alike agree that the practice comes from addiction and is as deadly as other dangerous addictions. According to SurgeonGeneral.gov, the last 50 years have provided people with 31 Surgeon General's Reports that "have increased understanding of the devastating health and financial burdens caused by tobacco use."

Students don't need to pay for an expensive education to learn that, as the website says, "smoking causes a host of cancers and other illnesses and is still the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, killing 443,000 people each year."





FOOTBALL FEVER

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Danielle Ryan Staff writer

For several years now, the southern states in the U.S. have been the place to go when it comes to "good" college football.

The Southeastern Conference (SEC) is an increasingly popular division and last season gained more teams from the Midwest such as the University of Missouri and Texas A&M.

What about the forgotten conferences that are located in the same region? Sure, everyone knows Georgia Tech and Clemson as having decent football teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), but no one has paid much attention to schools that fall within the Atlantic Sun Conference (A-Sun) like Kennesaw State University or our rivals, Mercer.

However, because Kennesaw State is adding football to its menagerie of sports teams, it's being talked about. When I tell people that I go to KSU, they nod and say, "Oh yeah, you guys are getting a new football team in 2015, right? Good for y'all!"

I politely smile and tell them I'm excited for KSU to have a football team, but I really don't care much about sports.

It is interesting the first thing people think of my school is that it's a "good thing" we're getting a football team. No one mentions that we have an excellent nursing program or that our softball team is doing well, not only in the conference, but also in overall standing. In fact, our Lady Owls have a 5-1 record in the A-Sun. But of course, no one cares about that because there are no guys in shoulderpads and helmets tackling each other to the ground. If it's not a high-contact sport, it's just not fun to watch, am I right?

If you watch one episode of Sports Center on ESPN, you will realize the majority of news they deliver revolves around America's favorite sport, football. Basketball is the second most mentioned sport, but only because they have hot shot NBA teams like

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the Miami Heat and the Los Angeles Lakers, and the college season going on now known as March Madness. But those only get coverage about twenty-five percent of the time. Even when it isn't football season, the commentators discuss draft picks, signings and trades as if it were the most crucial thing in sports. They even try to make their own predictions for how the next season will turn out after the current season has ended.

As if we Americans weren't obsessed enough over football, there are programs on ESPN dedicated solely to the NFL. You know, in case viewers didn't get enough information out of Sports Center. To top it all off, the SEC is getting its own channel called The SEC Network in August 2014. Even though the network plans to cover basketball and baseball in addition to football, the reality is the network will likely fall into the same rut as ESPN.

So when small, lesser-known

universities, like Kennesaw State, announce they're getting a football team, suddenly everyone takes notice. The topic of football at KSU seems to be ever-present, and continues to be brought up when updates (however minor) are announced to the media. Recently, head football coach Brian Bohannon informed students that tryouts would be held for current KSU students to be apart of our first-ever football team. The tryouts were held on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

According to the Ledger-Inquirer before the tryouts were held, "KSU officials expect more than 100 hopefuls at the school's ports and ecreation ark for tryouts." Needless to say, Kennesaw already has fallen into the national phenomenon of what I'm calling "football fever." I can already see football overshadowing other sports at KSU even though our team's first game is not scheduled until September 2015.

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gets spoofy for "A Haunted House 2"

Roderic Graham Staff Writer

The smoking hot dumb blonde, horny couple, the jock or the one black character all meet their demise very early on in most horror movies.

Scary movies have the tendency to be a little predictable. The same predictability in horror movies that annoys most movies buffs, serves as comedic gold for Actor/Director Marlon Wayans in his "A Haunted House" spoof film series.

The supernatural occurrences from the popular horror documentary "Paranormal Activity" serve as Wayans' latest inspiration for his upcoming spoof movie, "A Haunted House 2." Malcolm Johnson,

played by Wayans, is focusing on re-establishing his life after surviving a previous supernatural encounter caused by now ex-girlfriend, Kisha Davis, played by Essence Atkins. Everything seems to be working out for Johnson, until his ex-girlfriend moves across the street and brings more paranormal activity into his life.

"In the Paranormal franchise, nothing real happens and they tease you", said Wayans. "I always find something funny in horror and ["A Haunted House 2"] is more grounded in the story telling and we took a chance at being more grounded instead of trying to force the

laugh out of the audience."

"A Haunted House 2" has more diverse characters, played by a cast of comedic all-stars. Robert Iglesias, Affion Crockett and Cedric the Entertainer are a few of the comedians who team up to add the hilarity to Wayans' spoof version of "Paranormal Activity."

"I need someone to play off of as far as comedy; and Jamie and Essence are strong comedic anchors who understand how to play a situation," Wayans said. "When you put a bunch of people in a movie that people like and want to see; you put together a formula that can be successful."

Wayans produced, wrote and starred in his latest situation comedy. He is no stranger to writing and directing horror spoof movies. He wrote, starred and directed the first two "slasher" spoofs, "Scary Movie," alongside several members of the Wayans family. He also worked with family members in the spoof industry from the "Scary Movie" series on "A Haunted House 2."

"Nightmare on Elm Street" is another movie Wayans sought for inspiration, which also happens to be his favorite horror movie. Wayans loved how Freddy Krueger had a "sense of humor." According to

Wayans, "A Haunted House 2" should have taken 10 weeks to film, but only ended up taking 21 days.

"We missed things visually in the first one and it was hard putting a cast together for 21 days filming in only one location," Wayans said.

There are currently talks for "A Haunted House 3," but right now Wayans is prepping for his comedic reality show "Funniest Wins," set to premiere on TBS. "A Haunted House 2" will premiere in theaters on April 18, 2014.



Wayans, who also wrote and produced the film, is joined by comedian Robert Iglesias.

Courtesy of EPK.TV

“MIND OVER MATTER”

Review: Does the change matter?

James Sears Staff Writer

“Young the Giant” have been around since 2004 as an alternative indie-rock band.

Formed in Irvine, California, their self-titled first album released in 2010 and has sparked so much success in the music industry that the term, “indy,” has become redundant. Now, four years later, they have released their highly anticipated second studio-album, “Mind Over Matter.”

With their larger audience and the ever-changing trends in music, “Young the Giant” focused on ways to appeal

to their newer fans while maintaining their original style. Here, the main difference between both albums is in “Mind Over Matter.” The audio quality is modified for a more electronic sound than the previous album, which had more of a resonating sound for every track.

“Mind Over Matter” opens with a short overture entitled “Slow Dive,” which is comparable to what is heard when an orchestra prepares before a concert. After that, it seamlessly transitions into the

second track, “Anagram,” which begins with a combination of an electronic pluck and a guitar. With the title, “Anagram” carries the message that life is one big riddle; nothing is certain, and many people, specifically those with immense pride, are fake. This is an energetic song that includes a combination of rock and the familiar orchestral strings. This track sounds more like classic “Young the Giant,” but as one delves deeper, the album

integrates newer elements.

One such example is the title track, “Mind Over Matter.” Immediately after the track starts, the listener is greeted with buzzing and futuristic sounds along with strings. It is not until a little after the beginning when the rest of the ensemble comes in. The song holds the thought of travelling the world, though not without forgetting that special someone who was left behind. As the title track, this could be the style “Young the Giant” is aiming to work with in the future. Regardless, it is a solid track that is probably the best of their newer style.

Another example of the newer style is the final track, “Paralysis.” Here, the lyrics are a lot grimmer. It speaks of a man who is paralyzed, wondering when death will approach while “[giving] up to the fire.” The man also speaks of someone

who is “calling consistently,” but has not always “come up from the water,” which is considered pure. This could imply that this person is toxic, or the opposite of water – fire. This is a coarse sounding track that has more mechanic sounds, but also blends the older style with the newer style, giving something for older and newer fans to enjoy.

The main question here is does this album successfully integrate both older and newer styles to appeal to the entire fan base? That is subjective to answer, but overall I am satisfied with “Mind Over Matter,” as I think it manages to alter the style enough without losing the true essence of “Young the Giant.” You can purchase “Mind Over Matter” on iTunes. You can also learn more about “Young the Giant” on their website: <http://www.youngthegiant.com>.

“Mind Over Matter” - the band’s second album since forming in 2004.

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AWARD-WINNING PLAY "RUINED" COMES TO KSU

Kim Renner Staff Writer

Think of your worst day.

What happens on this day? Do you get a bad grade on a homework assignment, embarrass yourself by tripping, or maybe have a bad breakup? Maybe all of these things happen and more, but think about how you handle these bad days. Then put yourself in the shoes of the oppressed women of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Pulitzer Prize winning play, "Ruined" debuted during Kennesaw State's Pan-Africa week. The play is about the sexual violence and oppression of those women. They face tyranny by soldiers who are obstructive to anyone that crosses their path. Many of the characters had been violently raped by multiple men and all at once lost everything they loved.

In their culture, the families of these poor women are forced to turn them away

once something so horrid has happened to them. The women are thought to have been "disonored" by the experiences they were forced through. They are considered "ruined." They are left to the streets to fend for themselves and are otherwise abandoned and neglected.

When this happens to someone, they expect, need and depend on loving rehabilitation and being surrounded by family to help them recuperate from the tragedy. They are broken down and want nothing more than to cry in their husband or mother's arms in sorrow. But these women "got the back of their hand."

One woman's story in the play is told with more intense detail than the others and it is absolutely heart breaking. This is depicted spectacularly in the performance. Her name is Salina. She was working on the plants in her front lawn with

her infant child nearby when a group of soldiers came up to her and attacked her, raping her so many times that her husband refused her. She was "ruined."

The worst part of this story is that her child began crying during the incident. She explained that she never cried and was "a good baby." But that day she cried loudly, so one of the men killed her right in front of her eyes as she continued to be tortured.

Salina, a girl named Sophie, and eight other girls live in a warehouse run by Mama Nadi. For many of them this is a much better situation than the alternative. We find out toward the end of the play that Mama Nadi was "ruined" as well. The main characters often have flashbacks of the incidents they endured that changed their lives forever.

After being shunned from their villages, Mama Nadi apparently pitied them and

took them in, giving them food and shelter in exchange for their 'services' to the soldiers that came into her establishment. Another main character named Christian came into the house often to visit Mama and his niece Sophie, who he brought there in the beginning of the play.

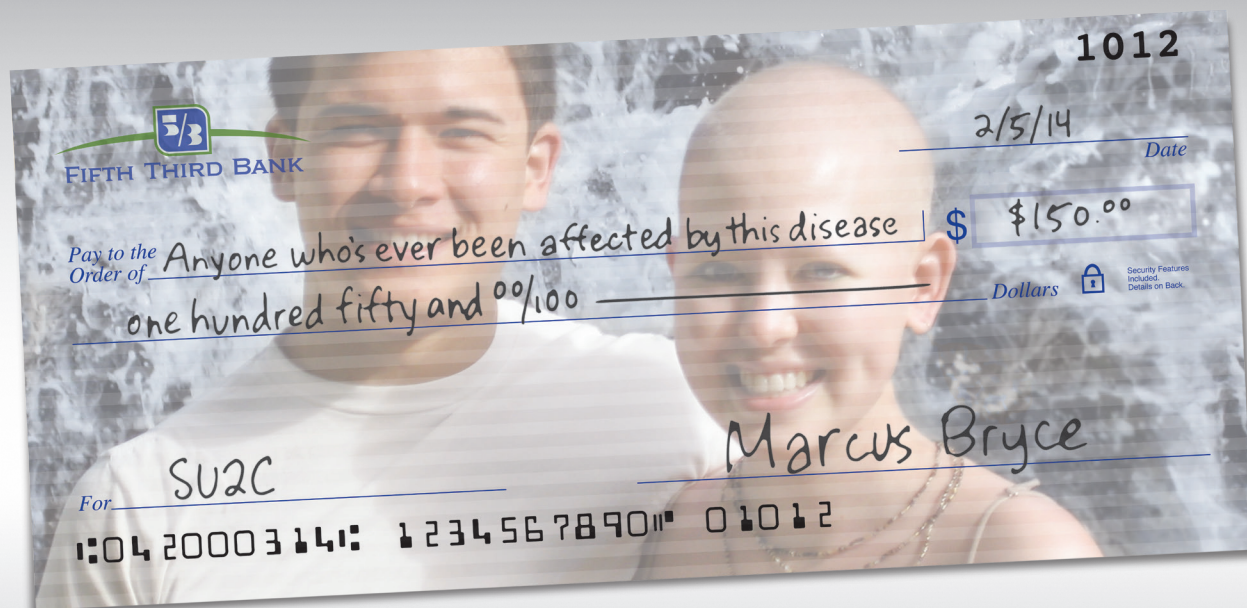
Because Mama is a good friend of Christian's, she agrees to keep Sophie from having to pleasure the men. This happens anyway at one point because a man who holds power within the war decides he wants Sophie, forcing Mama to make her do whatever he wants because she fears for their safety and the existence of her establishment.

Later on, Salina dies from a bad miscarriage. She was impregnated by one of the visiting men. This is not before her husband, Fortune, comes looking for her, regretting what he had done. He tries to take

her home, but Salina refuses to see him because of how he treated her.

In the end, they lost Salina, but Mama Nadi learns to love again and finally let go of her anguish. She ends up with Christian and learns to be happy and accept of his affection. These women become amazingly strong spirited, simply because they are forced to be. They continue struggling and surviving in an impossible world that has all odds against them.

When you have a bad day, think of these miraculous women who endured. Most of us do not know pain like this. Learning about and familiarizing ourselves with other cultures like this one could humble us all. Be thankful for your blessings because these characters were hopeful when they had every reason to be broken. Instead, they survived.



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WEEK IN REVIEW: 'DARK SOULS II'

Drake Mayhew Staff Writer



Some early locations feature gorgeous vistas alongside the deadly creatures.

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"Dark Souls II" exists in a world of games with linear progression and waypoint markers. A world full of interactive experiences designed to hold the players hand, guiding them along each step of the way. "Dark Souls II" takes these elements of games and rejects them. But fans of both the original game and its predecessor "Demon's Souls" know that that is what makes the game so appealing. The feelings of adventure, discovery

and triumph that come from taking on this game's challenge are incomparable.

"Dark Souls II" is a third-person fantasy RPG that drops the player into a mysterious world with no direction on where to start exploring. The game contains obstacles that can feel insurmountable, but with enough patience, even the greatest challenge can be overcome. Conquering the world of "Dark Souls II" offers a great feeling of

accomplishment.

The game takes place in Drangleic, a land that has descended into madness from a powerful curse. Those afflicted by the curse turn undead and slowly lose their sanity until they turn into hollows, at which point the cursed have no hope of returning to human. The only way to slow the curse is to seek souls. The player is afflicted by this curse, which means that every time the player dies, he or she loses a bit of their humanity.

This translates to an ever-decreasing health bar, which is a change from the first game that puts that much more emphasis on avoiding death. Each death depletes a small percentage of your health bar until it reaches 50 percent. Recovering your health requires using a human effigy, a physical representation of your former human self. While at first this feels like a cheap way of adding difficulty, once you begin to explore the various ways to counteract this curse, an interesting dynamic is added to the experience.

Death is common in Drangleic. Enemies are swift to inflict massive damage whenever the player becomes careless or overconfident. Boss enemies carry massive weapons and are exponentially larger than the player themselves. Dying returns the player to the last bonfire rested at. Bonfires act as checkpoints throughout the game and are fast travel points, allowing warping between the bonfires.

Souls are the all-encompassing currency in Drangleic. They are used to level up your character, upgrade

weapons and purchase items and spells. Souls are collected by defeating enemies and are lost by dying in battle. After each death, a bloodstain is placed on the ground containing your lost souls. If the player manages to reach the bloodstain during their next life, those souls are recovered. If they fail, the souls are lost forever. This is a mechanic that has always been core to the "Souls" franchise and, like before, creates an incredibly tense feeling of focus when you have to make it back to a massive collection of unspent souls. Specifically, the intensity of carrying around a large stash of souls earned from a difficult boss battle makes arriving at a checkpoint that much more satisfying. In fact, despite the soul crushing difficulty of the series, satisfaction is the name of the game here.

Enemies are not the only threat. The areas of "Dark Souls II" pose their own set of challenges. Steep ledges, bottomless pits, poison clouds and booby traps will send you back to the last bonfire. The game makes sure the player

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Some of the more ominous areas are full of poisonous mist that can defeat even the most prepared player.

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never feels safe.

"Dark Souls II" offers a wide variety of combat options to attempt to conquer the world of Drangleic. The mix of medieval melee weapons, bows and magic allows the player to experiment with what play style works best for them. The combat itself is never dull. Each encounter with an enemy needs to be treated as possibly your last. Studying an enemy's moves and observing your surroundings is crucial to victory.

Attacking an enemy from behind initiates a unique backstab move that delivers significantly more damage than a regular attack. Small shields can parry some enemy's attacks, opening them up for a brutal counterattack.

Every action during combat drains a stamina bar, and when it is depleted, the player is staggered and defenseless. The game requires balance and timing between attacking, blocking and dodging. Recovering health is also no easy task. Using a healing item takes precious seconds, and your health bar slowly fills after each use. Healing items are scarce in Drangleic; use them carefully.

If the challenge feels too great, players can summon other players into their world for assistance. Players can also hinder progress by invading your world with the intention to kill. The online interactions add a sense randomness and surprise to the journey. While in the first game, players had to be in a "human" state to be invaded by other malicious players; here a player can be invaded at any point in time. This is a wise change, as it removes the confusing incentive to not play in the "human" state, which should be the preferred form of existence.

"Dark Souls II" offers a unique and taxing adventure for all who dare enter. The sense of adventure is omnipresent, always pushing you around the next corner. Even though the whole world of Drangleic is terrifying, it is hard to pull yourself out of it. The atmosphere sticks with you well after you stop playing. The game offers a change of pace from the majority of games made today and should not be feared. "Dark Souls II" is available now on Xbox 360 and PS3.



SGA 2014 ELECTIONS

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Presidential Candidates [CHOOSE ONE]



**Vice-President
Khyllil Chestnut**

My name is Khy Chestnut and I'm running for President of the Student Government Association at Kennesaw State University. The moment I stepped on campus, I was in love. That moment sparked my dedication to building and developing the KSU community. I got involved with SGA, first as an aide, then I was appointed to a senator and then I successfully ran for Vice President last year. My platform is based around raising our weaknesses and turning them into strengths. It all starts with our culture; due to our youth as a university, we have not been able to cultivate a unique culture that is Kennesaw and as President, I would make that my main priority. By engaging with the local and state community, together we can discover what it means to be an owl we can change the inaccurate perception that people have of Kennesaw. We are a regional comprehensive university and we need to show everyone that it can only happen if it starts with us. As President, I would see to it that SGA further reaches out to hear what the students have to say. I believe that with all the hands in the pot: students, administration, and community members we can RISE KSU to the best university in the state. My experience on SGA and my passion for KSU and serving the public is unparalleled, so on March 24th-26th; I hope you vote Chestnut for SGA President. This is our university and our owl is on the rise. So join me and let's rise together.



**Senator
Eric Johnson**

The next year will be the most important year in Kennesaw State University's history to date. With consolidation and football on the horizon, the next SGA President needs to be prepared to deal with all the changes coming. I believe that I am the best suited for this job seeing that I am on consolidation committees, interim chairman of the football ticketing committee, and the football fan experience committee. One of my top plans is to begin the process of building a new student center. We have already surpassed 100% of reservable room space. As students, you pay fees to be able to use room space and the fact that you can't use but still have to pay for it is troublesome. The new student center should have an auditorium along with much more reservable room space than we have now. My next plan is to create a mentor program for our NCAA athletes that would pair them up with members of the Braves, Falcons, and Hawks so that they would have a professional to help them throughout their time here at KSU. This would also be an opening for Sports Management majors. I also would like to start a program called "Paint the Town Black and Gold." This would be a community partnership that would enhance our relationship with the city of Kennesaw. I would also like to see an expansion of the Wellstar clinic to assist our growing veteran population and to welcome them back home.



**Senator
Alex Templeton**

My name is Alex Templeton and I'm running for President of the Student Government Association (SGA) of Kennesaw State University. This past year I have served as a Senator for the Student Body at Large and began to facilitate and establish a greater sense of school pride and spirit throughout KSU. By continuing to cultivate tradition and increasing the accessibility of resources surrounding student life I have had the opportunity to instill in the hearts of each KSU Owl a feeling of infatuation towards their University.

Considering the consolidation with Southern Poly and our new football team coming to town, SGA will face challenges that no previous administration has seen before. Therefore, it is imperative that we elect an SGA Executive Board who has a history of teamwork, taking action, and getting results. Jessica McLeod, Matthew Prater, and I have this very history. We bring to the table a unique set of skills that no other single candidate can offer. By working cohesively with the KSU administration and reaching out to every student organization, we will provide a sustained effort to advance our goal for a more integrated University.

I believe in a bright future for Kennesaw State University and see the exciting yet also challenging road ahead. It will take all of us, little by little, and in great strides when needed to finally reach our full potential. If you vote for our team of dedicated individuals who have made the commitment to act as one, the sky will be the limit.



**Senator
Kensley Fields**

My name is Kensley Fields and I am currently a senator for the Coles College of Business. I truly believe that anyone's dream can be realized with hard work and dedication. These are my values that have led me to run to be YOUR NEXT SGA PRESIDENT. I believe that the students of Kennesaw State can truly make a difference. Involvement. Community. Engagement. (ICE) are the 3 pillars of my administration. The students of Kennesaw State can be more involved in our community and our school. We the students can build a community fully of traditions and long lasting bonds. We the students can become engaged with issues of diversity and innovation. I believe strongly in investing in the students that attend this school; therefore, my goal as president would be to create a scholarship fund for struggling students. To show my dedication to the program I will donate \$500 of my own stipend money, because I truly believe in this cause. The (ICE) platform is essential in allowing the students to get back their voice. I am confident, that we as KSU owls can move towards establishing a new Kennesaw State University. I am also confident, that we are the candidate that can bring this change to our school. My fellow students, I believe in you! Now I am asking you to believe in me! Vote Kensley Fields for SGA President!

Secretarial Candidates [CHOOSE ONE]



**Senator
Amanda Goncalves**



**Senator
Matthew Prater**



**Senator
Landon Faber**

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Vice-Presidential Candidates [CHOOSE ONE]



**Senator
Jessica McLeod**

My name is Jessica McLeod and I am running for Vice President of the Student Government Association (SGA) of Kennesaw State University. This is my second semester on SGA and I am currently the Senator for the Coles College of Business. As much as I love my position and love working towards bettering the business school, my aspirations have spread beyond my current confinements. In my time on SGA I have noticed that our University lacks a sense of community – the key part of that word being unity. I want to mend the broken bridge between different groups on campus to create a sense of family and pride in our university. I want to build a sense of tradition by instilling new annual events and by working alongside with Alex Templeton as president to help and promote events and ideas that he knows will create a greater sense of tradition among Kennesaw State students. I not only want to implement these events on the social level, but on the academic level as well. I want to see colleges work with colleges. I want to see people who are proud to be a student of the Coles College of Business or the Bagwell College of Education. Soon we will be welcoming the students of SPSU into our University. Let's welcome them with a united front. In the words of Abraham Lincoln, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Kennesaw State is our home, so let us as students stand as one.



**Senator
Tkeyah Duke**

As your Vice President, I will make Kennesaw State students' safety and happiness my primary responsibility. I promise to be the voice for Kennesaw State students in times of need, and to be active and visible throughout the campus. I will provide effective governance and respond to Senators' and students' concerns in a timely manner. I will also make sure that students' fees are being spent responsibly and cut any unnecessary spending within the SGA budget. As we move forward with the consolidation with Southern Polytechnic State University, I will make sure that your student fees and tuition are put to use fairly and efficiently. I intend to promote the transformation of the culture of Kennesaw State University from its beginnings as a junior commuter college to the full, comprehensive university that it has become today. With the addition of our new recreation center, full art museum, and football team it is time for our students to begin making lasting traditions for future KSU generations! Working with the students, faculty, and organizations, I plan to foster a more integrated student community. It takes all of us as students to make Kennesaw not only big in numbers but big in impact. I believe with the right leader, both individual students and the student body at large can accomplish great things. I propose that we come together as students and transform KSU.



**Senator
Je'neil Hubbard**

Senator Je'neil Hubbard

My name is Je'neil Hubbard. I serve as a senator of the college of Science and Mathematics. I want to become Vice President of the SGA of Kennesaw state University. With this position, I will be able to carry out the job of serving the students on a higher level. I will serve as a voice for the students. In addition, I want to become an advocate for not only the students of KSU to the administration, but also between the senators of SGA and its executive board. Right now, KSU is making history. I want every single student to see progress and have their voice be heard. I want the prestigious school of Kennesaw State University to not only be known for its top notch academics, but also be known for its outstanding school spirit. Voting for me as your new Vice President will be promising for your involvement, community, and engagement. This is the beginning of a new day, a new year, and the beginning of a legacy that will be made in history!

Senatorial Candidates [ALL UNCONTESTED]

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SPORTS



Brian Bohannon speaks to students who tried out for the varsity football program Saturday morning.

Courtesy of KSU Athletics

85 COMPETE IN KSU'S FIRST FOOTBALL TRYOUT

AJ Howard Staff Writer

With one emphatic blow through a whistle at 8:43 a.m. Saturday morning, KSU's football program took one step closer to the budding reality of fielding a full team.

85 students, who filled out and submitted their paperwork to participate in the tryout in January, showed up bright and early at the Perch athletic fields for the event. Not all of them will make the team, but for Bohannon, every individual was part of something they should remember for the rest of their lives.

"You are this team" Bohannon said to the participants.

"I told this group of kids that they made history just by being here today," Bohannon said. "This is the first-ever football tryout in Kennesaw State history.

I was pleasantly surprised by the talent level that was out here today. I wasn't really sure what to expect going into this, but was surprised and excited by what I saw, and the work ethic and seriousness that they showed. They came here to impress."

The prospective athletes were asked to perform a broad jump, run a 40-yard dash, dart back and dart back and forth in an

agility shuttle before moving on to position-specific drills.

Attention was plentiful at the event as well, further signaling the growing scope that KSU's football program has brought to the school. Former Atlanta Falcons Brian Jordan and Dave Archer were in attendance. Many of KSU's first 29 football signees, who signed their letters of intent last month, also showed up to see who their teammates might be in the near future. Defensive back Will Cape and linebacker Dez Billingslea were among the incoming freshman in attendance.

"I think it tells you about

what's going on here," Bohannon said. "These kids are bought into Kennesaw State. These kids are bought into the vision."

The tryout was also a great opportunity for the coaching staff to work together with athletes on the field. Prior to the tryout, KSU's coaches had been limited to 7-on-7 camps. For Bohannon, who spent 17 years as an assistant under Georgia Tech head coach Paul Johnson, the experience was new but exciting.

"I wouldn't trade anything," Bohannon said. "It's just different than what I've done for

20 years."

The coaches planned to email the tryout performers with their results on Monday.

"Some of you may want [your time], some of you may not want it," Bohannon said.

Participants who make the team will join the incoming freshman signees and practice this coming fall, despite not having a 2014 schedule. All players who practice in the fall will redshirt to extend their eligibility into the team's first season.

KSU is set to kickoff against East Tennessee State in Johnson City, Tenn., on Sept. 3, 2015.

HOME COOKING

Without on-campus court, men's tennis team puts on show for community

Mike Foster Sports Editor

When Eduardo Rincon took over KSU's men's tennis program before the 2013 season, not having an on-campus facility might have seemed like a negative.

Now he has no reason to think it's an issue. In fact, Rincon has taken full advantage of the situation so far this year.

KSU blanked Bradley in a 4-0 victory Saturday at the Paces Club in Acworth, improving its record to 8-5. More importantly, it was the Owls' fifth consecutive win and fourth in a row on one of their designated home sites. The winning streak is also a program record. The Owls went 0-8 at home last season.

"There's something special

about the way we are competing, and I couldn't be more proud of our team," Rincon said. "We are trying to get people to our matches. We're trying to be more visible if you will on and off campus.

"Atlanta is a great tennis area and I want to be able to recruit around here, so it means a lot that we are using different venues to our advantage. It just works out since we don't have a facility on campus that we can use other facilities—that's not a bad thing, to be able to play at different places."

In its first match at Paces Club, the Owls set the tone with a hard-fought effort in the doubles. Jore Wilton and

Maksim Yorsh won 8-6 at No 1 doubles, followed by an 8-5 victory by Simon Pritchard and Louis Theodor. After clinching the doubles point, the team rode the momentum in singles play.

"We got off to a very good start against Bradley," Rincon said. "Once the singles started, that momentum kind of kept us going and we were able to secure three points. Overall I'm really happy with the way the team is competing. We are slowly developing a no-quit mentality and culture that pays attention to details."

Theodor clinched the shutout with a 6-3, 6-4 win in the fourth singles slot, while Pritchard won

6-1, 6-2 and Jake Bouchillon won 6-0, 6-2.

With a head of steam coming out of successful matches in Cobb Co., Rincon's team will see if it can meet another goal by competing in conference road matches with Florida Gulf Coast and Stetson this weekend.

"Florida schools are always pretty tough, but we are looking forward to going down there and see where we are against good teams."

Despite the newfound success that Rincon has helped bring in his first year, the coach wants the players to understand that the numbers in the win column aren't all-important.

"The players are learning to

leave everything on the court," Rincon said. "We want to make sure that every time we step off the court that we are winners, regardless of the results of the match. That's something I'm trying to stress all season, and as a result I think we are competing very well."

KSU will try to keep the streak alive against the Eagles Friday at 11 a.m., before turning around to face the Hatters Saturday at 2 p.m. KSU has two more matches at the Fair Oaks Tennis Center in Marietta, April 2 against Mercer and April 4 against North Florida.

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HENDERSON HOLDS STRONG as Owls fight back for victory

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A day after KSU's softball team was essentially shut down by an anemic offense and crucial errors, the Owls went into Sunday's rematch against visiting Lipscomb looking to avoid a four game losing streak and a series sweep at the hands of the Bisons.

They ended up getting more than they bargained for, as the Owls (16-14, 6-3 A-Sun) took advantage of a rejuvenated offense and timely miscues to engineer a 8-7 come-from-behind walk-off victory at Bailey Park on Sunday.

"It makes a big difference when you put the ball in play," head coach Wes Holly Jr. said. "You make pitches and get timely hits. That's we had tonight, some back-to-back-to-back hits, coming through in the clutch situations. We have to

be more consistent on a week in and week out basis."

After being behind for most of the game, the Owls finally knotted it up in the bottom of the seventh. With pinch runner Rachel Dennis at third, Courtney Sutter drove a single to center field, giving KSU a walk-off victory over their conference rival.

"That's my favorite time to be up to bat," Sutter said. "You can't really think of it as anything different than the at-bat before, it's just another at-bat. You've got to be there for your teammates, you've got to have that equal equation.

KSU didn't start the contest off on the right foot, allowing three singles and a double while committing one error in the first inning to help the Bisons grab an early 4-0 advantage. The Owls began to chip away

at Lipscomb's lead in the bottom half of the inning. With a double from Natalie Rhodes, an infield hit by Taylor Denton and another double from Angie Dascoli, KSU cut the deficit to 4-2.

Things stayed relatively quiet until the third, when the Owls took advantage of another Denton single, a stolen base and a Bison error to make it a 4-3 game.

After Lipscomb grabbed three insurance runs in the fourth to take a 7-3 lead, KSU answered in the bottom of the frame. After Sutter walked to lead off the inning, a groundout moved

her over to third before Kara Chambers doubled to drive her in. An infield single from Rhodes then scored Chambers to tighten the score to 7-5.

Still down two runs in the final inning, the Owls had to rally. Rhodes led off the inning with a single before a bloop single to left from Denton put runners on first and second with no outs. Dascoli then delivered her second double of the game to score Rhodes before a sacrifice fly from Denton evened the score at seven. Later, Sutter cracked the decisive walk-off hit that gave the Owls a much needed win.

Amanda Henderson took to the circle for KSU, pitching her eighth complete game of the year while compiling her 600th career strikeout. She was happy about the accomplishment, but is looking forward in her last season.

"It's been a long journey over the past four years," Henderson said. "It feels great. It's a huge mile marker. We still have a lot of season left. There's a lot of ball to be played; there's a lot of conference ball to be played."


The Owls will return to Bailey Park on Tuesday night for a rematch against Georgia State.




Kara Chambers holds off on a pitch Sunday at Bailey Park.

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CLEARING THE POND

France-native carries international torch for diverse golf team

Mike Foster Sports Editor

Ines Lescudier was two weeks from moving to her new home at Tulane University in New Orleans, La., when she found out the man who recruited her to the states wasn't going to be around. John Thomas Horton, who led the Green Wave to two consecutive NCAA Championship appearances in 2009 and 2010, left the program for Clemson University on Aug. 19 of 2011.

That move left Lescudier feeling lost. Long drives from campus to the team's facility and her unfamiliarity with the new coaching staff were wearing down the freshman.

After playing three tournaments for the Green Wave, Lescudier found an outlet when her best friend—fellow France native Lea Charpier—contacted her about another school to play for. Charpier was in her freshman season at KSU.

"I was feeling a little homesick," Lescudier, who reigns from Marseille, France, said. "I had to find a school pretty quick and my best friend [Lea Charpier] was on this team at the time. She asked me to get in touch with coach [Brinsmead] and we get along pretty well. I visited Thanksgiving of my freshman year and signed directly after that."

International flavor has been a key ingredient of KSU's women's golf team's success since head coach Rhyll Brinsmead, from Melbrouen, Australia, took over the program in 2007, and Lescudier has, since her move to Georgia, only bolstered that reputation.

Brinsmead sees KSU's international student organization and proximity to Hartsfield Jackson Airport as lures for recruits from other countries who want to fit in in a new environment.

"We've been really fortunate in the international recruiting here that we do have great facilities close to campus," Brinsmead said. "We've got the Atlanta airport 30 minutes away. Players can get to and from home very easily, so Kennesaw State is a great school for international players because we have a lot of the assests they need to be successful."

Lescudier has followed in the footsteps of former standout Ket Preamchuen, who came to KSU from Thailand and helped lead the program to an Atlantic Sun Conference championship two seasons ago. The team fell short last year, but Lescudier and Ket's sister, Kaew, are leading a team composed of six international student athletes on a seven-player roster. Aside from Lescudier and Preamchuen, the current roster is made up by Hayley Clinning (New Zealand), Laura Estefenn (Columbia), Mette Kryger Pederson (Denmark), Dulcie Sverdloff (Essex) and the lone American in Brittany Jarrett, who played at Tift County High School in Tift, Ga.

"It's actually really funny because we all have different accents, different cultures, different ways to eat and sleep," Lescudier laughed. "It's a really good thing for us and we all have different golf games as well."

On March 11, Lescudier led

the Owls by earning a first-place individual finish at the Dr. Donniss Thompson Invitational in Kaneohe, O'ahu, beating the entire playing roster for No. 35 ranked Mississippi State, which won the tournament. Lescudier became the first Owls golfer to record multiple individual titles, with her first coming in last year's Atlantic Sun Conference Championships. She's been named an A-Sun Conference Golfer of the Week four times, with her most recent honoration on March 12.

Lescudier has represented the French national team since she was 16 years old, but insists that her experiences on the international level and at a humble school like KSU aren't much different.

"Obviously people recognize France more than they recognize Kennesaw State, but I don't mind," Lescudier said. "I'm just playing golf for me and my team. Whenever and whatever I'm doing, I just want to play my best game, so it doesn't matter whether it's a huge tournament or not."

Brinsmead sees the international brand of KSU's team as an asset as well as a necessity.

"Obviously we have players from all over the world," Brinsmead said. "Recruiting is interesting in women's golf because it is an international sport. Some of the best golf at the women's level is played internationally. So when you are trying to be competitive in the south, going against SEC programs and ACC programs, you really have to look beyond what's in your backyard to be

successful.

And what a player like Ines does for us is what a player like Ket [Preamchuen] did for us, which is build a foundation for the next players. As I recruit Europe, I drop Ines' name. Obviously there's a lot of junior golfers at home who know who she is, so it's all about development and using the schedule and the current players and our success to keep building and moving forward."

Not only is KSU's internationally-flavored team competing with bigger programs, but—possibly, even ironically—it's spreading the brand of KSU around the United States.

"We don't have home events. But, when we go out to the West Coast and play, it's providing exposure for Kennesaw State. We're playing against Michigan and Nebraska and Florida and these big time programs and we're beating them, so it's really interesting because I think it provides exposure to Kennesaw State that we don't get in other sports," Brinsmead said.

Lescudier will lead the Owls to the John Kirk Panther Invitational, hosted by Georgia State in Atlanta March 30-April 1, before the team makes a trip to Oxford, Miss., on April 4-5. The A-Sun Conference Championships are April 14-16 in Jekyll Island, and Lescudier thinks the team is prepared to make another run.

"I think we have a better team than two years ago when we won conference, so I'm pretty confident about it," Lescudier said. "Dulcie is a really good player. Kaew has been playing really good as well. I know this team is ready for the next few tournaments and I know I'm going to play the best I can as well."

For a full transcript of our interview with Lescudier and Brinsmead, visit ksusentinel.com and click on the sports blog.



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ERRORS PROVE COSTLY AGAIN as Bisons sweep KSU

Julien Benjamin Staff Writer

KSU's baseball team played a low-scoring game in its series finale against the Lipscomb Bisons, but ultimately lost by a 2-1 final score Sunday at Stillwell Stadium. A crucial error by second baseman Dylan Ivey in the eighth inning erased a potential double play, leading instead to the Bisons scoring the final, and winning run of the game.

The Owls (12-15, 1-5 A-Sun) committed three errors in the game, along with poor hitting, to overshadow a strong outing from the pitching staff, who did not allow a single earned run in the contest. Starter Jordan Hillyer threw 7.1 innings, recording seven strikeouts, while allowing two unearned runs. A throwing error by Hillyer in the fourth when fielding a bunt led to the first Bisons run, giving the visitors a 1-0 lead. Hillyer was able to work out the inning without further trouble, despite there being two runners in scoring position. Both sides continued to toss zeros until the bottom of the seventh, when the Owls scored the only earned

run of the game as pinch-hitter Colin Bennett singled home Chris McGowan from second, amid a two-out rally for the Owls.

"He hit it solid up the middle," head coach Mike Sansing said. "We haven't done a good job of pinch-hitting this year, so it was good to see someone do it."

KSU headed to the top of the eighth tied at one, but starter Jordan Hillyer was quickly in trouble. Sansing quickly replaced him, and three other relievers, with the Owls using five pitchers in the frame.

Bisons catcher Tyler Bethune came to the plate with two runners on, and one out, facing Owls closer James Connell. Connell forced a routine ground ball to the second baseman Dylan Ivey, who committed his second error of the afternoon when he allowed himself to get played by a ball hop.

Instead of continuing with a tie game, the Owls found themselves down one in a game where hits were at a premium. Despite Max Pentecost hitting a triple in in the eighth, KSU was unable to mount a serious rally

against Lipscomb, ultimately falling in the ninth.

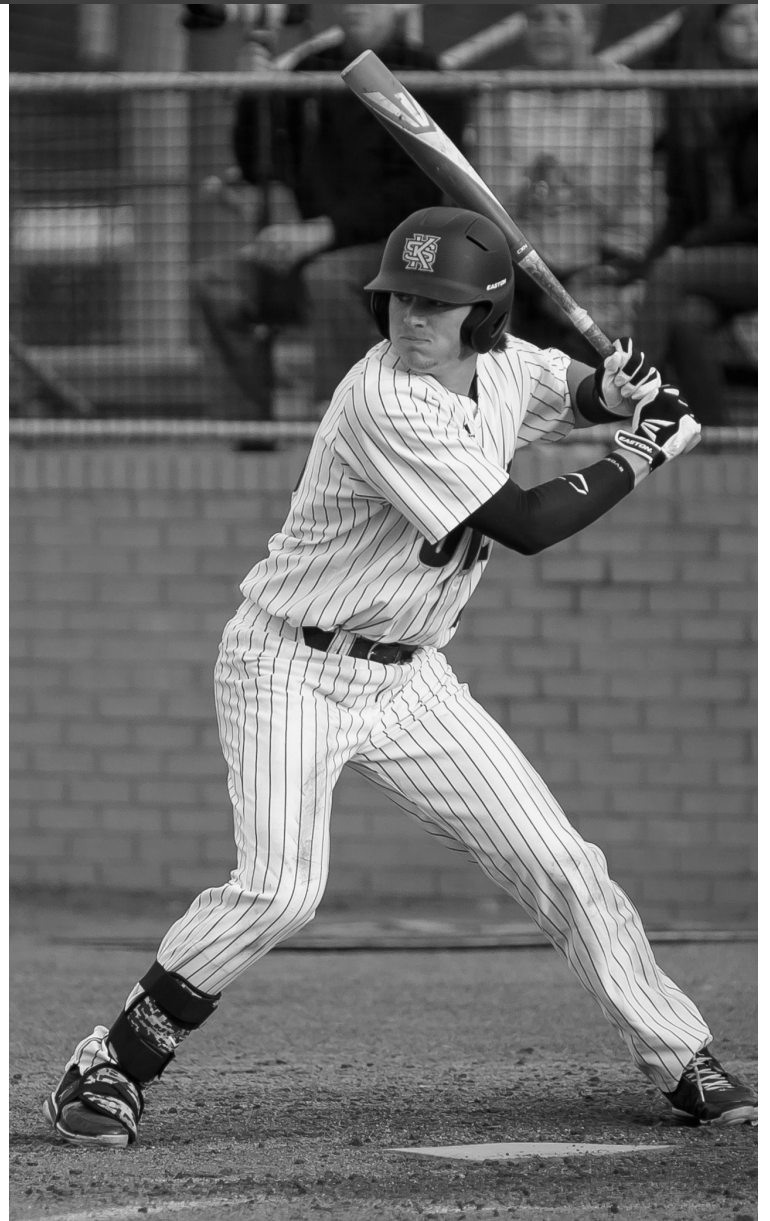
"I don't feel like one play dictates anything", Sansing said. "Lipscomb played really well and had some timely hits."

Hillyer received the tough loss, dropping to 2-1 on the season despite improving his ERA to 1.90.

"(Hillyer) pitched extremely well," Sansing said. "I thought he did a great job today". The staff picked up nine strikeouts on the afternoon, improving their league-leading mark to 220 punch-outs for the season.

The six game slide has become worrisome for a team that started the season on a 4-2 run. Errors and offensive slump from many of the team's hitters have been the primary culprits during this stretch.

"I've been concerned for a while", Sansing said after the game. "Offensively, we've swung it well at times, just didn't take advantage. We're having (problems) in a lot of phases of the game right now. We need to mentally understand what's going on in the games, how important each play is, and try



KSU's offense struggled to score runs Sunday, scoring one run.

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Freshman Cornell Nixon (pictured) tries to record an out against Lipscomb Friday. The Owls infielders have struggled in the past few series.

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