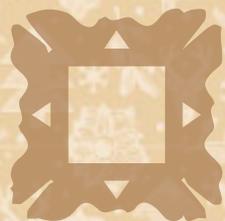




HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



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NEWS

WORKING DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Kaitlyn Lewis News Editor

For many college students who work in retail stores and restaurants, the holiday season is one of the most stressful times of the year. While preparing for finals, these

students take a stressful work load at their jobs, and some have to work longer hours.

The challenge for working students is finding the balance between their school

and work lives.

"I usually ask for time off from work or I just deal with it," said senior Political Science major, Joel James. "[I] stay up later, drink lots of drinks—red bull,

stay up late [and] study."

James currently works at a liquor store. He said the holiday rush began around Halloween this year and he will expect another major rush around Christmas and Thanksgiving.

"But those are never bad. They're more spread out," James added.

"It's just kind of annoying to work on holidays," said sophomore international business major, Madeline Forman, who has worked at a Kroger in Dallas for almost two years, "but it's something you have to do as a student who has a part-time job on the side. Just trying to balance it all—that gets kind of stressful."

Forman is a cashier at Kroger. She said her job is stressful because she doesn't know what her schedule is until the week of.

"I set my availability, you know," Forman said. "So they're pretty good at not scheduling me on days I have school. But during the holidays, they know you're off school, so they don't really care."

Kroger closes on Christmas but stays open during the rest of the holiday season.

"Since Kroger's only closed Christmas Day, I may have to work Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve, so that's kind of a bummer," Forman said.

According to stastista.com, retailers in the United States have hired 800,000 more employees for the holiday

season in 2014 than in 2010. In 2013, the retail industry made about \$3.08 trillion in the U.S.

Freshman communication major Daniel Riggs works at the front counter and drive thru at Chick-fil-A in Canton, Georgia. He said his Chick-fil-A gets a lot of business around the holidays because it is located in a shopping center. Chick-fil-A is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas, but stays open on Black Friday for holiday shoppers.

"Other than that, we're pretty much closed on the holidays, but the holiday season is still full-force," Riggs said. "Even though it's busy, I do like it because, especially at night time, it gives you something to do and instead of just standing around."

Junior Biotechnology major Ana Corriolo also will also be working at a fast food restaurant during the holidays this year. An international KSU student, Corriolo said she would not be able to spend the holidays with her family in Mexico.

Corriolo works at the Wendy's on Chastain Road, which she said is the busiest and most successful Wendy's in Georgia. She said when people call out it gets bad.

Somehow, Corriolo is able to manage her schoolwork and job life at the same time.

"Sometimes I go to Wendy's

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Junior information systems major, Wesam Ayoub, scans groceries on a busy afternoon at the Kroger on Canton Road.

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to use their Wi-Fi, so I have to be there early," Corrilo said. "It's doable; you just have to be willing to do it."

"I'm a little more patient when it comes to drive thru and customer service on the receiving end," said junior art education major, Sheba Lee.

Lee currently works at Starbucks and has also worked at WalMart in the past. She said she started working at Walmart one October and only had a few months to be trained before the holiday rush.

"I was just kinda just thrown into that situation," Lee said. "And it was pretty horrific."

It was also Lee's first time working on layaway at Walmart. She said customers were impatient and often got upset easily.

"I mean, when the system isn't as accident-proof as it should be, then stuff happens

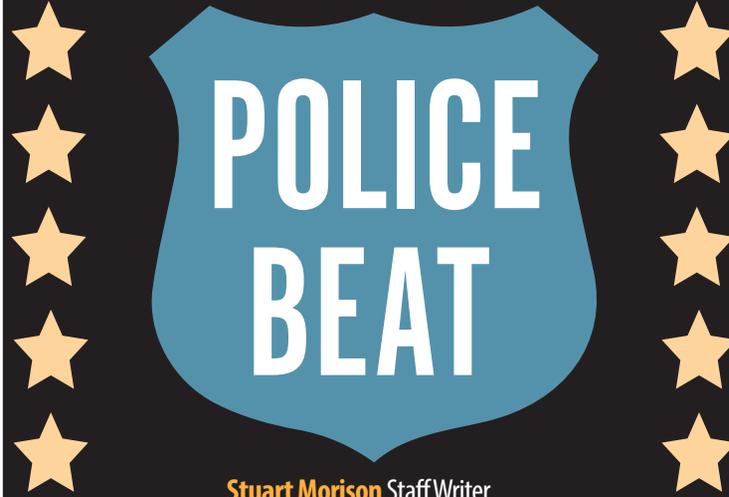
or stuff gets lost," Lee said. Now she has more patient when she is a customer herself.

Starbucks will be open on Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day this year. Employees have to choose to work during three out of the five holidays previously listed. Lee chose Thanksgiving, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Many students like Lee will have to plan their family visits around their work schedule this holiday.

"My home is four hours away in Valdosta," Lee said. "I'm working so I don't really get to go [home]. [My family is] supposed to come here for Thanksgiving, and the plan is to go home for Christmas. But we'll see how it works."

"It's just different at Starbucks," Lee said. "Everyone wants their coffee and they want to go to work... People want their coffee, right?"



Stuart Morison Staff Writer

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

CREEPY BATHROOM RECORDING

Officer Lane was dispatched to the Social Sciences Building on the afternoon of Nov. 4 in reference to a suspicious male recording video in the second floor men's bathroom. Upon arrival, the officer checked both the men's and women's bathroom, but found nothing.

Officer Lane met then with the person who reported the suspicious male, whom had appeared to be holding his phone through the cracks of the bathroom stall and recording people while they were using the facilities.

The person who reported the incident said he yelled at the suspicious male, left the stall and waited outside. He then confronted the suspicious male once he came out of the restroom, demanding to see

his phone.

The suspicious male showed him pictures on his phone, and but did not initially show the videos. When asked to show the videos on his phone, the suspicious male suddenly became very nervous and began deleting the videos once he pulled them up.

Meanwhile, there was an Emerson Police Officer in the restroom who heard what was going on and identified himself as an officer. When asked later, the officer said that he had identified himself in order to keep the confrontation from becoming physical, and observed the other male deleting files from his phone. The compliant said that he had not reported the event earlier because he didn't want to get anyone in trouble.

OWL EVENTS

Kaitlyn Lewis
News Editor

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

Tuesday

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- **ISA Event, Breaking Barriers: The Emperor's Pot**
12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Student Center:
University Rooms
- **Career Services: Career Conversation**
3 p.m.- 5p.m.
Clendenin Building
Room 1009

Wednesday

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- **Swing Dance Lessons**
5 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Student Center
Conference Room
- **Wind Ensemble Performance**
8 p.m.- 10 p.m.
Bailey Performance
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Thursday

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- **ISA Event: Mr. KSU**
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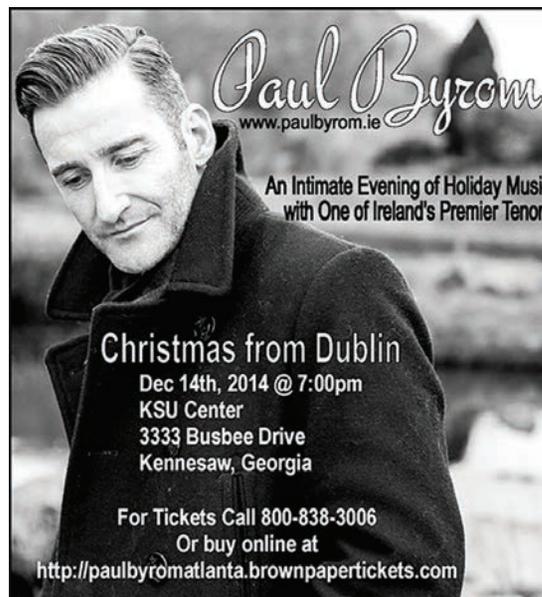
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Members from the anti-abortion group, Justice for All, talk to students about abortion on the Campus Green.

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ABORTION IMAGES SPARK DISCUSSION

James Sears Staff Writer

An anti-abortion organization visited Kennesaw State University Nov. 11 and set up a display on the Campus Green.

Members from Ratio Christi, a Christian apologetics organization at KSU, sponsored the event.

The anti-abortion group, called Justice for All (JFA), showed photos of abortion on display boards, which also contained information about abortion. A poll table allowed people to vote if they believed abortion should remain legal and why. There

were also handouts containing information about abortion. JFA mentor, Jon Wagner, said the event was meant to be a peaceful outing that aimed to promote abortion as unthinkable, not through debate, but through dialogue. "I want to challenge

pro-choice people – in a compassionate way – to reconsider their position on abortion," Wagner said. "Another goal would be to bring awareness to people who haven't considered the issue a lot." Wager also said he wants to motivate pro-life people towards non-violent and peaceful action on behalf of the unborn.

The graphic displays were meant to grab the attention of passers-by. Then mentors and volunteers talked to visitors about abortion. Volunteer Mark Harding spoke of conversing about abortion. "I think it's a matter of science, but also a matter of heart and compassion," said Harding. "We're definitely not here to argue; we're here to have a conversation."

While JFA encouraged peaceful discussion about abortion, visitors commented on JFA's intentions. Sophomore veterinary medicine major Taylor Franklin, who is pro-choice, talks about JFA's presence on the Campus Green.

"I feel like when they're here, they may be approaching compassionately, but they're still trying to convince individuals to make the choice they want them to make," Franklin said. She explained that she is pro-choice because she believes people should have a choice to stop something if it wasn't planned. "Whether mentally, physically, or financially, I feel like you should have the option to cease

something from occurring if it could throw everything off."

Logistics coordinator Rebecca Haschke told why she is pro-life. "Even as a woman, I believe the unborn is a human being," Haschke said. "That human being deserves the same equal treatment." In regards to JFA's event, Haschke said that a conversation about abortion sometimes turns into a debate. "We want to turn that into a dialogue, not a monologue," Haschke said.

Some students had opinions on JFA's question about whether or not abortion should remain legal, such as freshman exercise science major Steven Wechsler. "I don't think you should ask whether it should be illegal or illegal," Wechsler said. He went on to say that JFA's event was a good event to develop the mind. "I think this is a good event to develop your mind and expand your horizons."

Freshman international business major Christopher Dancy talked about the difficulty with evaluating abortion. "Everyone thinks that life starts at different points, so it's hard to decide whether or not it should be okay; it's so much of a gray area," Dancy said. "I feel like aborting is not good but I also know other people have different ideas."

Wagner said that he believes there were mixed emotions, but despite the graphic exhibition, he reported that visitors were generally respectful. "People have been very respectful, even if they disagree," Wagner said.

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KSU'S EBLOLA PLAN

Tyler Taylor Contributor

The Center for Disease Control has reported 14,098 cases of Ebola in 2014, which have caused 5,160 deaths worldwide including one in the United States.

As awareness for Ebola is growing in the United States, many institutions including Kennesaw State University has been preparing for the worst. KSU has posted an Ebola advisory page on its website. The page includes cautionary instructions for travelers leaving from and returning to

KSU campus.

KSU's Ebola Advisory webpage states that KSU will not approve any "educational or business-related travel to countries with a CDC Level 3 Warning." These countries include Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. The advisory also states that any KSU student or employee traveling to CDC Level one and two countries, Democratic Republic of Congo and Nigeria, must complete an extensive health evaluation as indicated in the "Physician's

Risk Exposure Assessment," to include a 21 day health monitoring, before returning to normal activities at KSU.

The Associate Vice President of Operations, Maria Britt, is the chairman of KSU's Public Dean of Student Success, Dr. Michael Sanseviro, commented the Public Health Advisory Team.

He said it is "comprised of experts from across campus representing various key departments and functions ensure the university is being

proactive whenever any potential public health concern arises."

After all KSU is just a short 45 minute drive to Hartsfield-Jackson International, the busiest airport in the world with over 94 million passengers last year. Sanseviro said that there "is no reason to believe there is any serious threat to KSU" and says we should all "focus on facts, not fear."

Sanseviro also went on say it is important for students to "personal health and

wellness." However, should any student or faculty member suspect infection they should immediately contact KSU Student Health Services at (470) 578-6644.

In the end, there were only four confirmed cases of Ebola in the United States to date and of those four none of the cases reported were in Georgia or the surrounding states. In the past the fatality rate for Ebola has been as high as 90 percent, but the United States has suffered only one fatality.

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OPINION

LET YOURSELF ♥ KSU



Mike Foster Opinion Editor

Like many Kennesaw State University students, I grew up just on the outskirts of campus. I can't speak for everyone else, but being an Owl was not a part of my post-high school plans.

Now, being an Owl is a reflection of my growth. It's a watermark on everything that I'll do from this point on.

I'll never forget my first day of classes. I had just left tiny Reinhardt College in Waleska, Ga., a place I thought was more preferable for me—small, almost like a summer camp with classrooms. Coming to KSU via bus, I remember walking along the sidewalk toward the Social Sciences building, staring into the centipede line of cars trying to enter the west deck, and thinking, "This reminds me a lot like mornings in high school."

My outlook at that time was to move from a school I couldn't afford to a school close to home until I could work up the resume to transfer to Athens. After all, I grew up in a household with three University of Georgia graduates.

Boy, I'm glad that plan failed. Through my own imperfections, I had to go with Plan C, which was, "Heck. Stay at KSU."

I now walk around the campus buildings wishing it wasn't all coming to an end. After spending four amazing years as an Owl, I can claim with all of my heart that the little commuter school nestled in the shadow of Kennesaw Mountain has become the center of my universe, and will be for the rest of my life.

My education at KSU

transcends my degree. In fact, it will make that slip of paper moot in a wake of valuable experiences, friendships, and opportunities that are priceless in the commons of my soul (Yes, let that be a Commons pun if you wish).

Despite being at one of the most rapidly growing schools in the country, I've always felt like a useful part of the institution. Professors would still call me out for being a slack. I can't thank them enough for that. I have been lucky enough to grow my journalism career from a humble staff writer position I began with The Sentinel three and a half years ago. From there, I got to live my dream of running a sports section for a school newspaper—and while those around the country may not pay attention, for me it was all about having those clips so that one day, when KSU moves on to even bigger and better things, I can point to a few humble stories hanging in my office and say, "I was a part of that beginning."

It has, certainly, felt like that. When I started here you saw more UGA and Georgia Tech sweaters than anything else. Now, you stick out like a sore thumb if you're not wearing black or gold. A few years ago, saying "I go to KSU" meant you didn't want to leave home after high school, or your grades sucked.

Now we have football players committing here because they simply cannot get over how amazing our campus is, and I concur.

I've felt a part of something; a part of the growth of KSU from a small, commuter college into

a true destination school. But, most importantly, I know for a fact that my education through experience with great teachers and the school newspaper couldn't have been made better anywhere else. It was a perfect fit.

The KSU that I applied to in 2010 was one I was almost not even interested in stepping foot on. I never took a campus tour.

The KSU I'm leaving in a month is one that I hope I can continue to be a part of for the rest of my life. No matter who you are and what you do, there is a place for you at KSU. Find it. Keep searching until you find it. And give everything you've got to this place.

You are in control of your own college experience. This campus will become as great as the attitudes of the individuals within it. Be that great attitude.

Thank you to those who've endured my bantering on my radio show, The Benchwarmers. Thank you to my adviser and capstone professor Joshua Azriel for holding me to the quality of my work. Thank you Ed Bonza for making KSU Student Media an incredible family of ambitious minds. Thank you to everyone in Student Media who has not only been a great co-worker, but an even better friend.

If you're reading this right now, you have taken the time to pick up our student newspaper. For that, I thank you the most.

You are all what makes me proud to be an Owl.

P.S. Beat Mercer. Always and forever.

OWL YAKS



Owl Yak is a compilation of The Sentinel's favorite student comments from the anonymous Yik Yak app. Check each week to see if you made it (Just don't tell anyone!)

"Only 15 minutes left until there's only 30 minutes left until class is over!"

"Ways to meet a cute girl on a rainy day: 'accidentally' hit umbrellas."

"Anyone really excited for KSU baseball to start up?"

"The never ending story: Finding a parking spot in central."

"Success is spelled with two Cs therefore I'm allowed to have two Cs."

"Me and cupid need to talk."

"Being a water bender would come in handy right now."

"This wifi is horridly slow."

A GUIDE TO A HAPPY HOLIDAY FOR INTROVERTS



Ashli Howell Staff Writer

For introverts, like myself, the holidays can bring a lot more than joy and togetherness. They can also bring anxiety. I know I'm not the only one that feels this way. According to Susan Cain, author of "Quiet", one-third to half of all people are introverted. It is important to note that introversion is not synonymous with shyness. Shyness has to do with fear of social judgment, while introversion is more closely related to the effect that stimulation has.

During the holidays, it is common for introverts to feel overwhelmed by all of the social stimulation. That's because, unlike extroverts, introverts do not crave large amounts of stimulation. Instead, according to Cain, introverts feel most comfortable, alive, and capable when they are alone in quieter, less stimulating settings.

In anticipation of the holidays, I frequently begin to feel anxious and irritated knowing that for an extended period of time there will be a seemingly never ending cycle of social interaction, stimulation, and small talk. There's Thanksgiving, holiday shopping, Chriamahankwanzakah, and New Year's Eve parties.

In these situations, introverts, as has been my own experience, feel a great deal of pressure to be extroverted; To be alive and full of energy in situations where there are a great deal of people and lots of different things going on, all while Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas" is blasting in the background. I'm here to tell you you don't have to be an extrovert to enjoy the holidays. I've compiled the following list of helpful ways to enjoy the holidays as an introvert:

1. Set a balance: According

to Marti Olsen Laney, author of "The Introvert Advantage: How to Thrive in an Extrovert World", "For introverts who have a high level of internal activity, anything coming from the outside raises their intensity level index quickly. It's kind of like being tickled—the sensation goes from feeling good and fun to 'too much' and uncomfortable in a split second."

During the holidays, it is important to find the level of stimulation and social interaction you're comfortable with. The holidays can be demanding. You take your final bite of pie at your third Thanksgiving dinner and then you're headed out to go shopping where a mob of people trying to find the perfect gift for someone awaits you. Finding a balance between social interaction, stimulation and solitude that is right for you is crucial. Schedule time for yourself to just be alone; maybe read a book, go to the gym or

somewhere else you can find solitude.

2. Small talk: The phrase small talk is enough to activate my gag reflex. Introverts typically dislike small talk not because they hate people, but because it feels disingenuous. Laurie Helgoe, author of "Introvert Power: Why Your Inner Life is Your Hidden Strength", sums up my feeling about small talk quite nicely; "We hate small talk because we hate the barrier it creates between people." To avoid too much small talk, instead of working the room, have conversations with a few people. This way, you can get past the small talk with a few people and progress into more meaningful and genuine conversation.

3. Stop the negative self-talk: On the way to social functions, I frequently find that what I intended to be a pep talk turns into something much uglier. It starts out as, "You're going to

be fine and this is going to be fun," and turns into, "Don't be an awkward weirdo." Negative self-talk only causes my anxiety to go from manageable to crippling at warp speed. When you find yourself doing this, focus on your strengths. I can be awkward in social situations, yes, but I can also be funny, kind, and make a mean pecan pie. Find those strengths and when your pep talk turns negative, remember them.

Everyone is different and everyone will have different mechanisms for coping with the stress that the holidays bring. As an introvert, this can be especially difficult, but it can be done. Find what works for you and have a holiday season filled with joy and togetherness and a little less anxiety.

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Brandon Comer Staff Writer

Being a newly-married man, I am constantly looking for different ways to cut costs. That being said, the time of year where millions of Americans reach for their wallets is upon us. Oh, come all ye with cash. Christmas season has been turned into an overly commercialized time where people are fighting for the last Turbo Man on the shelves instead of focusing on the real reason for the season (which will have to wait for another article). So when considering what my wife and I were going

to do for our family and loved ones, our budget did not agree with our plans. This is when I caved and joined Pinterest. Men, there's nothing wrong with having a Pinterest. I actually owe it to them for teaching me how to tie a Double Windsor knot. After a month of planning and pinning, we have a plethora of ideas customized for each person that all cost 8 dollars or less. Seeing as I don't have a ton of space to give you all of my ideas, here's a simple way to add a personal touch while also warming

people's hearts: a hand-made ornament. All you need is a fine tip black permanent marker, a gold permanent marker, some old Christmas tree rings cut from the bottoms of fresh Christmas (they're free, just ask and anybody working at your local hardware store will lead you to a bucket of them) and some imagination. Begin by choosing a quote or something else creative. If you need help with that, you can Google it. Once you have your quote chosen, begin by

tracing the outline of the letters (you can begin by lightly using pencil). Once that is complete, fill in the letters with the gold marker and your personalized ornament is almost there. If you're an over-achiever, gloss over the ornament with a coat of clear paint. You can find many different ways to hang it on the tree. I prefer using small hooks that can be screwed into the top of the ornament. Add some red ribbon and there you have it; a token of your love and appreciation that they cannot return because it was the

"wrong color." Frugal living has taught me how to be creative in ways that stretch my penny further. It has also showed me that as a result of living in an overly-commercialized society, we don't have a grip on what the true meaning of the season . Living on a dime has presented me with the opportunity to really experience the reason of the season: Love. And Pinterest.

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WORLD OF BEER BRINGS OVER 500 TYPES OF BEER TO KENNESAW

Anna Streetman Senior Staff Writer

A bar with over 500 types of beer had its grand opening Monday, Nov 10.

The bar is called World of Beer and is home to 530 different types of beer, both draft and bottled. World of Beer is located off of Chastain Road. Its new Kennesaw location marks the third World of Beer opened in Georgia.

In addition to beer, the bar also offers traditional bar food, which it calls "tavern fare." Some of the menu offerings include

giant pretzels, chicken wings, flatbreads, soup and salad, burgers and sandwiches, and some seafood.

World of Beer also has spirits, offering various cocktails and wine. The cocktails are varied, and use everything from vodka to gin to tequila. Specialty shots are also available for purchase.

The bar also has a loyalty program. Loyalty members will get points for every different beer they buy at World of Beer. The rewards include gift cards,

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Ryan Bayliss is the general

manager of the Kennesaw location and has worked in the hospitality business for many years. He says that of all the companies he has worked for, World of Beer is by far the greatest. "The passion for the customer shows in their ability to provide local options, admit their shortcomings, and the way they take care of their employees," Bayliss said.

World of Beer also has special events almost every night of the week. On Tuesday nights, World of Beer hosts trivia. The bar also has live music Wednesday through Friday.

"World of Beer will be a great social interaction location for

all Kennesaw residents, not just students," Bayliss said. "We pride ourselves on providing a safe location to truly relax, let your guard down and be entertained, which is something I think all students can appreciate!"

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CRUSH THE CRAM

A STUDENT GUIDE TO STUDYING FOR FINALS

Brittany Reynolds Staff Writer

Every final and midterm starts with the same mindset: "This semester I am going to do better." However, it's more as if we did a better job of torturing ourselves than we did preparing. As we near the end of fall semester, finals are coming up and we have two options: either stick to your same old routine, and end up having to tape your eyes open just to stay awake through the final or we can Crush the Cram and prove ourselves right.

Here are some tips that can help you avoid cramming to remember the material:

Begin with writing down everything you need to do. If you think you can remember everything you need to do, you

cannot and you will not. Start by writing on a sheet of paper the dates of your finals. Look at your syllabi to know what information will be on the finals. Afterward, write down the remainder of your homework assignments.

You cannot afford to lose points when it comes finals time. It never hurts to have a bit of cushion room. Complete your assignments on time. Turn in all homework assignments. Even if you are unsure of an assignment, turn all of them in. Some credit is always better than no credit.

Take advantage of FLRC (Foreign Language Resource Center), Writing Lab, and all of the science and math

tutoring centers. It is technically free, paid for by student fees. Moreover, the Writing Lab gives out free coffee, so there is always an incentive to getting your papers edited.

When it comes down to the last week or so before finals, it may be hard, but you are going to need to say no to those parties and all night movie nights with your friends. Discipline is a key factor to being successful in college and even more so in the workforce. Schedule study periods for yourself and stick to them. Tell your friends and family that those specific times are your time to prevent unnecessary distractions. Treating school like a job can prepare you for a

less stressful semester. Putting in the time and effort can help you reap the most from an education you are paying for.

Try turning your phone off or putting it on airplane mode so that you do not get any interruptions. Create a checklist to keep a record of everything you need to do and everything you have finished. The less time wasted the better.

Treat yourself throughout those study periods. Try putting a piece of candy at the end of each paragraph when reading, or allowing yourself a 15 minute break for every hour and a half of undistracted work. If you get distracted easily, try tuning everyone out by listening to music or

isolating yourself. If you work better in groups, try studying in well-lit public places. Avoid study groups in dim lighting or places that are too comfortable. In class, students perform better because of the setting. Regardless of a study group or individual studying, try to recreate the feeling so that you can focus better.

Studying does not have to be hard. Trying different methods can really help you properly prepare. Not every person is the same and neither are their study habits. Just remember that when picking a process, pick one that is tailored for you. Your friends will be there when finals are over.

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A TALE OF TWO ASSASSINS: Unity and Rogue review



The addition of co-op makes the assassin brotherhood feel like a real organization.

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Mike Strong Arts & Living Editor

Assassin's Creed has finally made the jump to new-gen platforms with Assassin's Creed Unity. Available only on PS4, Xbox One and PC, Unity leaves behind its Xbox 360 and PS3 roots. But rather than abandon those who have not made the new-gen leap, Ubisoft has also released a last-gen only Assassin's Creed game known as Rogue. The two games could not be more different, but they still complement one another in a way that makes playing both a much better experience than just sneaking your way through one of them.

Rogue acts as bridge between the series' recent history and what the series becomes in Unity. Since Rogue takes place between the events of Assassin's Creed IV and III, many familiar faces, locations and gameplay elements return from those games. The story follows a new assassin named Shay Patrick Cormack, who, in a fascinating turn of events, abandons his assassin brothers and joins up with their Templar rivals. This leads to one of the most engaging individual stories in the series thus far. Even

though it does not advance the overarching storyline in any major way and it clocks in at a disappointingly short length, the story made me empathize with Shay more so than I have with any other Assassin.

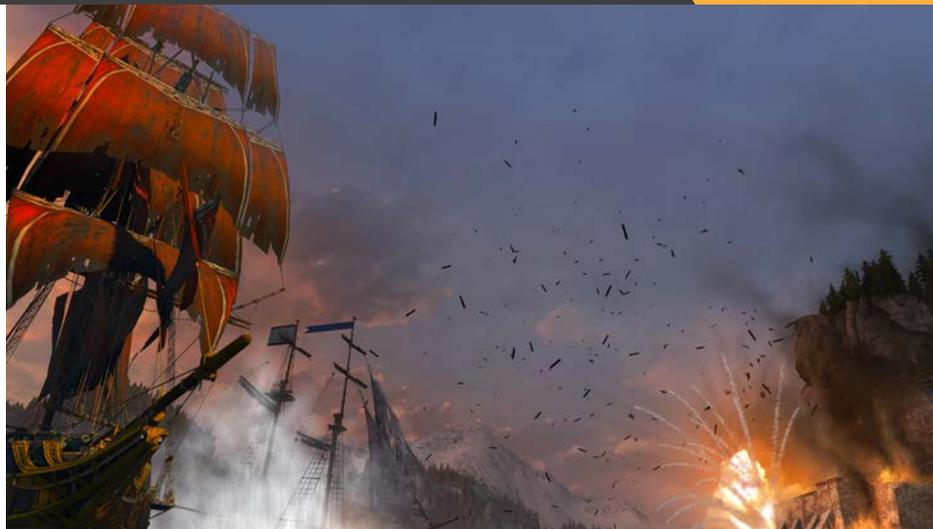
The gameplay of Rogue will be incredibly familiar to those who played AC IV. Once again, it is centered on ship exploration and combat. But in this outing, much more time is spent on land-based missions. This is a welcome change of pace after spending countless hours grinding for ship upgrades in AC IV. Useful additions to your ship's arsenal make combat much easier and enjoyable for those who can't keep up with the ever increasing difficulty of the ship-based story missions. I hit a frustratingly large amount of points in AC IV that told me to upgrade my ship to start a mission. Rogue allowed me to progress with ease and I never hit a point where I felt underpowered.

Rather than exploring the open seas of the Caribbean, Rogue takes Shay to the icy waters of the North Atlantic and the bustling city of New York. It



Many familiar faces from both AC 3 and 4 show up throughout Rogue.

Courtesy of Ubisoft



Ship combat returns in Rogue, with a new icy settings.

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was nice to have a large central city to collect items in after AC IV forced players to clear out numerous small islands. It felt like a perfect blend between the large cities of past games and the fun of ship exploration in AC IV.

The new Templar-driven story is much more than a simple cosmetic change. It comes with a fun new gameplay mechanic to make Shay feel like both an Assassin hunter and prey. When on land, Shay can be stalked by enemies who use stealth to their advantage in the same way that players can. While I enjoyed tracking down these hidden predators, some areas were a bit excessive with the amount of Assassins on the prowl. Having to deal with assassin after assassin cheapened the powerful feeling that comes from taking them out before they find you.

Rogue is a fantastic game for those who are accustomed to the way Assassin's Creed has felt and operated for the past two years. On the other hand, Unity moves the franchise forward in ways that are accentuated by experiencing both of this year's offerings.

Unity puts players in the shoes of Assassin Arno Dorian during the French Revolution. Technical advances allowed by the new consoles help this setting to truly come to life. From the incredibly dense crowds of disgruntled French citizens to the stunning lighting system, Unity has the most well-realized setting of any AC game yet. Each district has its own unique flavor, whether it be of the bourgeois French elite or the lowly slum-dwelling citizens.

Unity brings multiple new features to the series that lead to some of the most

enjoyable moments I have had in an AC game ever. The new co-op missions create a very interesting dynamic between players. With benefits for both aiding your partners and for maintaining stealth, a dilemma often arose where I had to choose between reviving my partner or not breaking stealth in order to get a higher payout after the mission is over.

Another welcome addition is the ability to quickly descend buildings rather than slowly climb down the way you came. By simply holding a button, Arno leaps down onto balconies and ledges to get from roof to ground in a matter of seconds.

Arno might not be the most interesting playable character in the series, especially compared to Rogue's Shay, but this was likely done to allow the player to use him as a blank slate in much the same way as faceless first-person shooters do. Players have an unparalleled level of control over Arno's appearance. Nearly every part of his outfit can be changed up thanks to a massive selection of styles. These styles do more than make Arno look cooler, though. Each piece of clothing has its own stats that affect stealth and combat abilities. The only disappointment with this is that many of the most desirable outfits can only be obtained by using separate services such as a companion app or an online websites called initiates. This breaks the immersion of Arno earning his upgrades and is especially frustrating when those services don't work properly.

The game itself is also plagued with performance issues that break the immersion that the beautiful city of Paris works so hard to create. Most notable is the frame rate issues.

Both the Xbox One and PS4 versions suffer from choppy performance, with frame rate frequently dipping below the industry standard 30 frames per second. With the already finicky parkour mechanics, this can lead to frustrating moments where Arno ruins his cover or goes the opposite direction the player desires. Other minor issues can surely be ironed out in updates, but this is a systemic issue that will likely mire the gameplay for everyone who picks up Unity.



The combat in Unity is the toughest in the series, making upgrade necessary.

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- 15. Show contempt
- 16. At right angle to a ship
- 17. Actress ____ Michele of "Glee"
- 18. These lips sink ships
- 19. *Reason to celebrate Thanksgiving
- 21. *Pilgrim helper
- 23. "C' ____ la vie!"
- 24. Chopped fish bait
- 25. "Casablanca" pianist
- 28. Maui dance
- 30. Horrify
- 35. All over again
- 37. Oily freshwater fish, native to Asia and Europe
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- 40. Beehive State
- 41. Aussie "bear"
- 43. *Baste the turkey or set the table, e.g.
- 44. *Cornucopia's shape
- 46. Ill-gotten gains

- 47. Yemeni port
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- 52. European Nuclear Society
- 53. Very curious
- 55. To nail, as in criminal
- 57. *Distinctly orange fruit
- 61. Product-selling scheme
- 65. Sleeping noise
- 66. "____ to Joy"
- 68. Rome's Colosseum
- 69. Step
- 70. Galley tool
- 71. Vertebrae cushions
- 72. Secret association of Chinese
- 73. Flammable toxic derivative of toluene
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- 5. Catch in a net
- 6. Airhead
- 7. Bonanza find
- 8. " ____ into Me" by Dave Matthews Band
- 9. Dwarf buffalo
- 10. * ____ Lett's famous Thanksgiving football blunder
- 11. Reason to cram
- 12. Three-layer cookie
- 15. Sinks into a couch, e.g.
- 20. Between rock and a hard place?
- 22. In so far as, conjunction
- 24. Popular rye bread addition
- 25. *Cranberry ____
- 26. Playwright Chekhov
- 27. Had in mind
- 29. Cambodia's neighbor
- 31. Falafel bread
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Tyler Duke Staff Writer

HOOPING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

For most students, going home for the holidays is an event they look forward to for most of the semester.

Once the weather starts getting cold and the tests start getting harder, students begin to anticipate the holiday break to get time off and spend some extra time with family and friends. It is usually a nice period of relaxation after a

semester of hard work.

For many student-athletes, that is not the case at all – especially for basketball players.

College basketball is played right in the heart of the holiday season. Over the years, more and more tournaments have been created during Thanksgiving and even leading up to Christmas. One would think that the NCAA would try to avoid playing games right

around Thanksgiving and the winter holidays, but this is the NCAA. Why would the NCAA pass up televising marquee matchups when millions of people are together during the holidays looking for something to watch on TV?

The NCAA has made it apparent over the years that their main focus is to make money even though they advertise that their mission is

to “safeguard the well-being of student-athletes.” The well-being of a student-athlete would likely be better if they were permitted to be home with their family over the holidays, but that is rarely the case with basketball players.

The schedule for NCAA basketball seems as brutal as ever for the holidays this year. There are multiple tournaments being played right around Thanksgiving that dozens of teams will be apart of. There will be 18 Division I men’s basketball games played on Thanksgiving this year – including the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets playing in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

That means 36 teams will be playing in games on Thanksgiving. Fourteen of those games are played at a neutral site, which means that only four of the 36 teams playing are actually playing at home. There will also be two NCAA Division I football games on Thanksgiving. One will be broadcasted on Fox Sports, and the other will be broadcasted on ESPN – money, money, money.

The NCAA does at least prohibit basketball games being played on Dec. 24, 25 and 26. But wait, there’s five college football bowl games being played on the 24th and 26th. With that being said, there are still 35 Division I men’s basketball games being played on Dec. 23 and 26 games being played on Dec. 27.

The Kennesaw State men’s team will be playing at Illinois Dec. 27. I don’t know the details of the trip, but I cannot

imagine the team will be leaving any later than early on the morning of the 26, if not sooner. For players who don’t live close to Kennesaw, that makes it almost impossible to be home for Christmas, if they celebrate.

While the KSU men’s team will be home for the week of Thanksgiving, the women’s team will not be. They will be playing in New Jersey Nov. 26 and in New York Nov. 29.

Student-athletes aren’t forced to play college sports. I understand this. To be fair, I am not necessarily for paying college athletes. It is a complicated situation that could be hard to instate into college sports.

The point is that they are not being paid to do it. Many student-athletes are playing college sports and receiving scholarships to get through college and to obtain a degree. Their respective sport isn’t their job. It isn’t what they do for a living. Since that is the case, I don’t believe it is ethical to force college athletes to play games that restrict the players’ opportunity to go home for the holidays.

If every other student gets that opportunity, it should be the student-athletes’ right to have that opportunity as well. Scheduling games around a few days on two weeks of the season wouldn’t be very hard.

We get it. Games on Thanksgiving get good ratings.

Well, that is too bad, NCAA. Until you start rewarding financial benefits to student-athletes, you shouldn’t be able to reap financial rewards for their play every chance you get.

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MEN'S HOOPS START SLOW AGAINST SYRACUSE, CAL

Chris Raimondi Sports Editor



Nigel Pruitt totaled 27 points and nine rebounds during the opening weekend road trip at Syracuse and Cal.

Matt Boggs | The Sentinel

The 2014-15 season got off to a rough start for the Kennesaw State men's basketball team, as the team dropped its first two games on opening weekend.

After falling to No. 23 ranked Syracuse in the Carrier Dome 89-42 Friday night, the Owls lost 93-59 to Cal Sunday night.

With the weekend drubbing, a handful of newcomers saw their first action of college basketball and recorded their first points as an Owl.

KSU competed through the first few minutes of Friday's contest against the Orange, trailing only 9-7 after a jumper in the lane by Memphis transfer Damien Wilson cut the early deficit to two. The Owls came away with a rebound on the Orange's next possession, but a missed layup by KSU resulted in a Syracuse dunk on the other end. "That sort of sent us in a whirl," KSU head coach Jimmy Lallathin said.

The Syracuse 2-3 zone gave the Owls problems all night, forcing 25 KSU turnovers and 15 steals for the game.

"Their (Syracuse) length is like a sludge hammer," Lallathin said. "As much as we work in practice against the zone, there is no way to simulate their length. It kind of hit our guys hard at first, but in the first half, we guarded very well."

KSU only managed to put in 16 points in the first half, but

the undersized Owl defense was able to hold Syracuse to 36 points. Coming out of intermission KSU's offense began to pick up steam.

Nigel Pruitt sunk three 3-pointers and led the Owls with 11 points. KSU scored 26 points in the second half and recorded nine assists.

Junior Willy Kouassi had seven rebounds, four points and a blocked shot, but early foul trouble forced the 6-foot-10 center to sit out most of the first half. With Kouassi on the bench, the Owls had trouble matching with the Orange's significantly taller roster.

KSU's two true freshmen Nick Masterson and Justin Diecker got their first taste of college basketball against the nationally ranked Orange. Masterson was part of the Owls' starting five, along with Yonel Bown, Wilson, Coleman and Kouassi. "Our freshmen got baptized by one of the best defenses in the country," Lallathin said.

KSU left New York after losing 89-42 only to fly across the country to take on the California Golden Bears for a Sunday night game. Coach Lallathin was not on hand for the contest as part of a one-game suspension; instead associate head coach David Rivers headed the Owls against the Bears.

The first half indicated a sequel to Friday's blow out, after the Owls only managed to put

15 points on the board while surrendering 41. However, KSU came out in the second half determined to win the final 20 minutes.

Pruitt stole a Cal pass on their first possession of the half and took it the other way for a layup and foul, converting the 3-point play to give the Owls a boost. KSU went on to score 44 second-half points, which saw nine different Owls score.

Pruitt finished the game with 16 points and five rebounds, while Diecker and Alijah Bennett scored their first points in their KSU careers. Love, Brown and Coleman all had nine points and Bernard Morena recorded seven points and seven boards. Despite a strong second half, the contest finished with a large margin of victory for the Golden Bears, 93-59.

The Owls return to the Peach State briefly to take on former Atlantic Sun Conference foe and rival Mercer Wednesday night in Macon at 7 p.m. "I don't think we're going to look like we were going to look in A-Sun play because everything is new," Lallathin said. "But we will play someone who looks more like us. When we break out and we truly get it, we're going to be there and I don't care who is on the other side of the floor."

The Owls then head to Fargo, North Dakota to play North Dakota State Friday Nov. 21.

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HOCKEY SWEEPS FLORIDA STATE

Julien Benjamin Staff Writer

Kennesaw State's club ice hockey team continued its strong play over the weekend, defeating the Florida State Seminoles to extend its winning streak to six games.

The Owls (12-3-1) and the Seminoles faced off Friday in Kennesaw and Saturday in Columbus, Georgia. KSU won Friday's match 9-3 and Saturday's by a score of 8-5.

The Owls started fast in Friday's matchup, scoring four goals in the first period. The scoring started with a goal by Jarod Dible, less than three

minutes after the puck drop.

"We were doing a good job pressuring them," Kennesaw head coach Sean Bernhardt said. "We were putting pucks to the net."

KSU allowed a goal to FSU late in the first period to bring the score to 3-1, but the Owls then scored five straight unanswered goals from Devan Bousquet and Paul Arnout Kalmeijer in the second period. Larry Adegoke completed his hat trick in the second as well, scoring the eighth KSU goal of the night.

"He's (Larry) been one of our top contributors all year, so it's pretty much expected at this point," Bernhardt said. "We got off to a good start, got to our forecheck early. We're starting to come along. We have got to get pucks deep, bang bodies and be physical."

KSU would go on to score their final goal more than halfway through the third period, bringing the score to 9-2. At this point, the Owls pulled their starters off the ice, and FSU was able to trim the deficit to six with a goal scored

off a fast break, leaving the final score in favor of Kennesaw, 9-3.

Less than 16 hours after the conclusion of game one, KSU was back in action against FSU, this time from Columbus, Georgia. The team started slow in the second matchup, but they soon took control.

"The travel threw us off a little bit, we definitely got started a little slow," Bernhardt said. "Nobody had legs. The forecheck was non-existent for us in the first half, and guys weren't doing their jobs. We were down most of the first two

periods; we came back, figured it out, and took the lead."

Despite this being the tougher of the two games for KSU, they held a lead at the end of each period over the weekend, finally claiming an 8-5 victory over FSU on Saturday afternoon.

One game remains for KSU during the fall portion of their schedule, and Bernhardt wants his team to finish strong against Life University on Nov. 22. "We want to improve our forecheck, and clean things up defensively in that game."

CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BOUND



The club football team will play Columbus State Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. for the conference championship.

Courtesy of KSU Club Football

Chris Raimondi Sports Editor

While all the hype has been around Kennesaw State's new Division I football team, KSU's club football team has been playing games that count—and winning.

After going 0-6 in 2012 and 1-5 last season, the club football team has drastically turned its fortunes around, compiling a 5-1 record this season. The Owls will play for the conference championship Saturday, Nov. 22, at The Perch.

"Leadership," head coach Joseph Courson said when asked about his team's biggest

difference this season. "We were able to go out and get new officers. There was no leadership, no continuity. We got new officers who are guys that have something invested into it."

The team operates using officers, which are also players, who are responsible for everything from setting up the field, to equipment management, to balancing the budget and hiring officials. After losing four players to KSU's varsity team during open tryouts, the club squad pulled

together to have its best season in program history.

"One of my philosophies as a coach is to teach family," Courson said. "These guys realize that the guy beside them is their family member. We have guys out there that are playing for the love of the game."

Perhaps the Owls' biggest obstacle this season has been being able to field a team. Courson and his coaching staff have not had more than 19 players on roster in any game this season. KSU faced a Columbus State team with

over 48 players earlier this season. The Owls proceeded to defeat the Cougars 21-7 with 19 players dressed, two of which were kickers.

Courson attributed his team's success to the strong play of running back Gerald Gipson, quarterback Zach Cummins, wide receiver Adrian Quinones and the defense led by club president Dylan Walden.

"We have an unbelievable defense," Courson said. "After you play Kennesaw State's club football defense, you're going to go home bruised. Our defense is

by far the heart of our team.

After defeating Columbus State earlier this season, KSU will face the Cougars again in the conference championship Saturday Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. This time it will be a home game for the Owls at the Perch. "We're going to put our chinstraps on and go at them," Courson said. "We're not holding anything back. We have one more thing to do to accomplish our goals this year and that is to take it to Columbus State."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Taylor Blackmon Staff Writer

Kennesaw State's women's basketball team opened their 2014-15 campaign by defeating the College of Charleston 68-61.

"It was an exciting game," KSU head coach Nitra Perry said. "It was a huge win for our program in getting the win at the start of the season. The College of Charleston was a really athletic team. They were a big team, so I am really proud of how our girls played and how tough they were tonight."

From the tip off, this game proved it wasn't going to be an easy one. The referee tossed the ball in the air and immediately a scramble incurred. After the ball fumbled between hands and players dived on the floor, the Cougars finally came up with the tip and scored the first two points of the game.

A few minutes into the first half, the Owls went on a quick 5-0 run giving them the lead at 9-4.

Just before the first media timeout, the Cougars scored again closing the gap and bringing a burst of energy to the team. Charleston came out

of the media timeout with fire. A 10-3 run brought them to a four point lead as the Owls remained stagnant in scoring. With 7:36 left in the first half, the Cougars led by ten, their largest lead of the game.

With less than eight minutes to go, Owls' guard Kelly Dulkoski checked in the game. She hit a crucial three pointer, giving KSU a boost.

As the half drew near, guard Deandrea Sawyers came up with a steal, which resulted in a Sawyers layup, sending the Owls into the locker room down one at the half, 30-29.

The second half opened with both teams battling and seemingly scoring on each possession.

The intensity rose after senior guard Kristina Wells blocked a shot on a Cougar drive to the baskets.

The game remained close until the final minutes when KSU was able to pull away.

With 1:05 remaining, Sawyers went coast to coast after grabbing a defensive rebound and scoring a layup to bring the Owls lead to 64-58.

After a Cougar three-pointer brought the game to 64-61 with 43 seconds remaining, KSU iced the 68-61 win with a driving layup from Wells, followed by a pair of free throws from Frye.

Mosley finished with a game high of 19 points and a perfect 7-7 from the free throw line. Wells was the second leading scorer with 14 point to go along with 8 rebounds and Sawyers had a career high 9 rebounds to go along with 12 points. Starters McAllister and Frye finished with 11 and 9 points.

The Owls will go on a six game road trip starting with Tennessee State on Nov. 17 at 7 P.M.

WINS SEASON OPENER

Junior Karly Fyre recorded nine points and four assists against College of Charleston.

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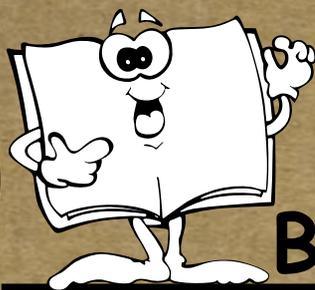
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