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A Spanish exchange student will arrive this spring at Kennesaw State University as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was created between KSU and a Spanish University in 2014.

In Jan. 2014, President Daniel S. Papp signed the MOU with Rector D. Marcos Sacristán Represa and Vice-Rector of International Relations, D. José María Marbán Prieto from the University of Valladolid (UVa). Collaborations have been going on between KSU and UVa for about four years, according to a KSU news release.

Art education professor, April Munson, assistant professor in the Bagwell College of Education, Linda Evans and educational researcher, Iván Jorrín all worked together to create the MOU. Jorrín formerly worked at UVa and has joined KSU.

"The main goal of the MOU between KSU and UVa is to establish a cooperative agreement for the systematic exchange of academic and professional staff and students engaged in study, instruction, research, publication and other scholarly activities, with the intention of establishing linked degree programs and other mutually beneficial cooperative ventures between the institutions," Evans said in a press release. "If anyone has an idea for an exchange or collaboration with UVa, we want them to bring it to us, and we'll try to make it happen."

UVa is located in the city of

Valladolid, Spain, and is one of the oldest universities in the world. More information can be found on the school's website, <http://www.uva.es/export/sites/uva/>.

In May 2014, the Bagwell College of Education posted an update to their website explaining that the MOU had been signed into effect. Since then, more collaborations between KSU and UVa have taken place.

"The site visit to UVa took place from April 23 to May 2, 2014 with the purpose of providing UVa with a greater understanding of KSU's profile and student body, and exploring collaborative efforts and opportunities for students, staff and faculty," read the post. "UVa's Dr. Iván Jorrín Abellán facilitated the ever-expanding itinerary as more UVa faculty learned of the visit and requested meetings focused on the MOU, as well as Drs. Evans' and Munson's areas of expertise... April Munson and Linda Evans were invited to deliver a doctoral seminar based on their research in narrative inquiry."

According to the Bagwell College of Education, 15 UVa faculty members showed serious interest in being actively involved in the MOU. Munson said in a press release that 14 UVa faculty have signed up for a faculty exchange. In addition, "a KSU student study abroad program is planned for next summer," she said.

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KSU STUDENT TO COMPETE IN STATE PAGEANT



Sydney Sullivan rides through downtown Kennesaw.

Photo Courtesy of Sydney Sullivan

Anna Streetman News Editor

A junior from Kennesaw State will represent the city of Kennesaw at the 71st annual Miss Georgia Pageant in June.

Sydney Sullivan was crowned Miss Kennesaw 2015 at the Miss Kennesaw Pageant in November 2014. The Miss Kennesaw Pageant is a preliminary pageant to the Miss Georgia Pageant, which takes place June 17 through June 20. Sullivan will not compete again until the Miss Georgia Pageant in June.

The Miss Georgia Pageant is a preliminary to the Miss America Pageant, the leading scholarship program for women ages 17-24. The current Miss America is Kira Kazantsev of New York. Kazantsev's platform is domestic violence awareness, with the slogan "Love shouldn't hurt."

Sullivan is new to the pageant world, having competed in only two pageants so far. However, she says that her short time competing has taught her a lot.

"I've learned more in the past few months than I ever imagined," she said. "It teaches you not only to be well rounded in the arts, but you learn interview skills, how to speak in public, elegance, lifestyle and fitness, and most importantly, how to get involved in the

community and show what your passion is. Lastly, it gives me the chance of a lifetime to help continue my education."

Sullivan said that she entered the Miss Kennesaw Pageant because she was passionate about her hometown.

"I was born and raised in Kennesaw, and I go to Kennesaw State, so it just felt right to represent my hometown in the first ever Miss Kennesaw Pageant," she said. "I couldn't be happier respecting the wonderful city of my hometown, Kennesaw."

"Deciding to do pageants was one of the best decisions I ever made," Sullivan said. "Not only has it opened the door to so many opportunities, but it has taught me about life. I think it's great that the Miss America Organization inspired young women to achieve anything they want and to have their voices heard. I have met so many amazing women and I can't wait to continue my friendships with them."

Sullivan is a media studies major and plans to get her master's degree in meteorology to become a broadcast meteorologist. She loves traveling the world with her family, exercising, dancing, and being outdoors.

OWL EVENTS

Kaitlyn Lewis
News Editor

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7 Wednesday

- First day of classes

8 Thursday

- Von Grey performance with KSU Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble
Bailey Performance Center
8 p.m.-10 p.m.
- Geometric Aljama: A Cultural Transliteration
Zuckerman Museum of Art

10 Saturday

- Geometric Aljama Exhibit
Bailey Performance Center
11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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ASL CLUB FOUNDER DISCUSSES IMPACT AT KSU

James Sears Staff Writer

Kelly Hyder-Stockdale graduated from Kennesaw State University in December 2014.

She is the founder of KSU's OWL American Sign Language (ASL) Club and spoke with The Sentinel to discuss her impact at KSU as a deaf student and her plans as a graduate.

Hyder-Stockdale wrote that she is grateful for the administration, faculty and staff for helping her succeed in an academic environment as a deaf student.

"Education in this environment meant having the opportunity to rub shoulders with great professors who, themselves, were willing to learn from a deaf student," she said. "We learned from each other."

Hyder-Stockdale stressed that the greatest lesson she learned was about balance.

"This was a maturing process for me, a learning process, and an opportunity to learn

and apply advocacy with the right attitude while not compromising myself or my beliefs about what I needed to be successful as a deaf student at Kennesaw State University," she said.

She also said she set goals that pushed her ability to build skills and master new tools that defined her impact on the deaf academic community.

On her future plans, Hyder-Stockdale said she accepted an offer to join Georgia's Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

"Mental Health Services for the deaf have been marginalized," she said. "The state is addressing this need for services, and I am happy to have an opportunity to contribute in a place where my work will have a positive impact."

Hyder-Stockdale talked about the OWL ASL Club, saying the club will be a primary sponsor,

along with The Department of Foreign Languages, to bring a symposium to KSU's Prillaman Hall on Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. The symposium will address ASL as "a linguistic and cultural expression."

"The OWLS ASL Club cordially invites the greater KSU family to come and learn about American Sign Language and the deaf culture," Hyder-Stockdale said.

She asserted that the OWL ASL Club exists to address popular beliefs about ASL, such as that ASL is not English, but its own language entirely.

"Some state that ASL fails to meet the 'critical function' criteria for language – in that international affairs are not conducted nor are they interpreted by international governing bodies for public dissemination in ASL," Hyder-Stockdale said.

When asked about when she decided to tackle the ASL barrier on campus, Hyder-

Stockdale mentioned the lack of proper treatment. "The deaf are frequently denied proper mental health services due to a lack of ASL fluent counselors," she said. "Even credentialed teachers providing specialized deaf education in mainstreaming public education are not required to be fluent in ASL."

Hyder-Stockdale was born deaf, with 100 percent hearing loss in her left ear and

90 percent hearing loss in her right ear. She mentioned she suffers from "lip reading fatigue" in a non-ASL environment. "Lip reading is like playing Yahtzee, Scrabble, and Twister all at the same time," she said. She said going to class was mentally tiring because, instead of taking notes, digesting information and processing the relevancy, 100 percent of the effort went to gathering the information.

"Many assume that because I can lip-read close up and speak

well, I am fine," Hyder-Stockdale said. "Unfortunately, that just is not the case."

Part-time instructor of history Jerry Poole talked about Hyder-Stockdale's time as his student. "She sat on the front row in my class so as to more easily read my lips," Poole said. "She is both disciplined and enthusiastic. Students like her make teaching a wonderful vocation."

Hyder-Stockdale ended by summarizing her thoughts.

"My motto: uniqueness does not have to be viewed as an obstacle; it is, in fact, a stepping stone to fulfilling your true potential," she said. "I have been blessed and humbled by friends and students who have shared that my success has inspired them. I hope that I will be remembered as someone who worked to remove barriers, not for my own recognition, but to help create a sustainable path for others' future success."

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Jan

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 UV 5000 and ARC / 7:30a

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Jan

Feathers and Strokes
 UVC / 7:00p

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Jan

KSU's Got Talent
 Stillwell Theater / 8:00p

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Jan

Iron Chef KSU
 The Commons / 1:00p

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Jan

The Linus Project
 Suites Atrium / 8:00p

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Jan

The Laughing Owl
 ARC Multipurpose Room / 7:00p

YOU SAY YOU WANT A RESOLUTION?



Brittany Maher Editor in Chief

Resolutions often seem to be a hackneyed commitment we feel obligated to make at the beginning of every new year. Sure, it's a time to reflect on the changes we want to make in our lives and resolve to follow through with those changes. But to me, making a New Year's resolution is a lot like the free three-month trial on Netflix. We enter our credit card information and enjoy the benefits of our false allegiance, only to delete the account upon its first actual charge. It's not a real commitment, just something we do knowing we can break free from the chains of commitment as soon as things get real. Most of the time, resolutions come in the form of false promises. I'm all for making positive changes in life, but I don't want to make any false promises to myself this year. I just want to keep pushing forward.

After all, life doesn't have a "refresh button." The dawn of a new calendar date doesn't equate to a new life or a "new me." Our lives do not start anew upon January. Life is about keeping the momentum going and constantly working towards bettering ourselves year after year, not just the first three months of one. So, I propose that we ignore making resolutions filled with false hope and instead, continue to march onward.

This year I won't make any half-hearted decisions that don't mean anything to me. I plan to build on to the hard work I've put into my college career, including the work that goes into the continuous growth of The Sentinel. As

we move further into the age of information, my staff and I will to continue to keep the KSU community informed by building on to the progress we've made over the last few years. Whether that is through reporting on breaking news

stories, keeping our readers engaged through social media, or simply by giving a voice to KSU – I hope that The Sentinel only continues to evolve, even long after I graduate. As KSU becomes a larger, louder and more prominent part of the

community – I hope that The Sentinel will grow with it.

So who needs a New Years resolution? Let's keep the momentum going.



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NEW YEAR,

NEW CONVERSATIONS



Kaitlyn Lewis Opinion Editor

When I was the news editor last fall, I wrote stories about current events that I hoped would spark conversations on campus; and I have seen how important those conversations were to the KSU community. They

gave some students a voice and informed many others. Now, I'm thrilled to announce, I'll get to be a part of those conversations this spring as The Sentinel's new opinion editor.

This is an exciting change for me. I have been writing for The Sentinel for more than a year now, and I have always been passionate about writing and having meaningful conversations. The Sentinel has provided many great opportunities to meet new people and write interesting stories.

I have been writing for most of life, so I understand that words are a very powerful tool. Words shape ideas, relay pertinent information; and they can hurt and heal. I know I will always be accountable for my words, so I want them to have a positive impact. Yes, some conversations are messy. No one completely

agrees on every issue, but I believe it is still necessary that conversations take place in their own unique times.

I believe life consists of seasons and each season has its own conversation. Sometimes we have to say goodbye to one season in order for the next big thing to take place. Some seasons are dry, and some are fruitful. But much like our words, each come with meaning and power.

I have learned that the right thing to do is to make most out of every season of life. Don't let the dry, uneventful seasons steal your happiness; but take the opportunity to prepare for the eventful seasons. Don't let the eventful seasons pass you by either. Act when opportunities present themselves, because you may only get one chance.

The New Year is a season of change. It's a new chapter for me, The Sentinel and KSU. I'm excited for a new year, a new semester and a growing university.

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!)

"Brace yourselves. People are returning to campus."

"Is the common's open?"

"Stepping on Legos is the devils way of punishing you for not worshipping him"

"GPA as low as gas prices"

"If I had a dollar for every emergency vehicle that drives past Uclub, I would no longer need to attend KSU."

"I've been on hold for the financial aid office for almost 30 minutes "

"What's your major in college? Stress."

"All I did today was watch netflix."

"THE COMMONS IS OPEN. Stop asking."

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CES 2015 PREVIEW



Mike Strong Arts & Living Editor

The start of a new year also means the start of a new wave of technology. Each year, this new wave is introduced by a massive trade show in Las Vegas, known as the Consumer Electronics Show (CES). This event begins Jan. 6 and runs through Jan. 9. Here is a preview of some of the innovative technology that will be on display at the convention:

VEHICLES

As technology grows exponentially, so does its incorporation into all aspects of life. The concept of a "self-driving" car has become a reality over the past couple of years. Now that this technology has become more feasible, it is finding its way into consumer vehicles. Mercedes-Benz will be showing off a conceptual design for a car in which four passengers face each other, centered around a communal table. This design practically does away with all interior control, leaving it all up to the computer running the car.

PHONES

Because industry leaders like Apple and Samsung typically host their own events to make major flagship phone announcements, do not expect much from them in terms of big reveals. However, it is not entirely impossible that the Galaxy S6 could be shown during CES 2015. Other manufacturers such as Sony, LG, HTC and Microsoft will likely make an appearance at the show. With the current trend moving toward large, curved mobile devices - expect most new announcements to feature such designs. It is worth noting that there is a specialized event for mobile devices, called the Mobile World Congress, coming up in just a month. So, this may soften the number of large announcements at CES.

TELEVISION

With 3D fading out of consumers' attentions and 1080p HD becoming a standard, the focus for televisions has now shifted to 4K Ultra HD and curved displays. Now that 4K has been around for a few years, the only new thing to add to it is affordability. As it has been, it was nearly impossible to find a 4K television for under \$1000. Vizio has broken that trend with their P-Series 50" television, so it is not unlikely that other manufacturers will follow suit and help usher 4K in as a more standard format. LG has already announced that they will be showing off a new screen technology called "Quantum Dot." This technology uses what are called nanocrystal semiconductors within a liquid crystal display, which give the screen brighter, more vibrant colors.

VIRTUAL REALITY

VR headsets are finally becoming a reality for at-home use. With both Sony's Project Morpheus and the Oculus Rift set to be available for sale in 2015, consumers looking for immersive experiences have a lot to be excited for. Without the possibility to make it out to Vegas to give these devices a try, this doesn't really do much for those taking in the CES news online. What readers should really look forward to are possible release announcements. There is even the chance that a Microsoft VR headset is announced. Though it might seem like oversaturation of the VR market, having this many options is actually a great thing, as it is sure to drive the prices of these complex devices down.

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NETFLIX JANUARY UPDATE

Mike Strong Arts & Living Editor

Each month, Netflix updates its massive catalog with a variety of new movies and

T.V. shows. The dawn of a new year is a great time to tune in to

some new releases. . From cult classics to ground breaking documentaries -

there's something for everyone to enjoy. Here are this month's additions.

RELEASE DATE CALENDAR

- 101 DALMATIANS (1996)
- BAD BOYS II (2003)
- BATMAN & ROBIN (1997)
- BRUCE ALMIGHTY (2003)
- CAST AWAY (2003)
- DALLAS – SEASON 3
- GET LOW (2009)
- ELECTION (1999)
- FEAR & LOATHING IN LAS VEGAS (1998)
- FORT BLISS (2014)

- FRIENDS – THE COMPLETE SERIES
- JEEPERS CREEPERS 2 (2003)
- MEAN GIRLS (2004)
- SHALL WE DANCE? (2004)
- TO BE TAKEI (2014)
- THE FRENCH CONNECTION (1971)
- THE QUIET MAN (1952)
- THE WAR OF THE WORLDS (1953)
- WAYNE'S WORLD 2 (1993)

1

- JACK RYAN: SHADOW RECRUIT – 2014
- WHITE COLLAR – SEASON 5

3

- BRICK MANSIONS (2014)

7

- FRANK (2014)
- PSYCH – SEASON 8

8

- Z NATION – SEASON 1

9

- BEING HUMAN (US) – SEASON 4

13

- LA BARE (2014)

23

- SMALL TOWN SANTA (2013)

28

- WOLFBLOOD – SEASON 3

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- THE ADVENTURES OF PUSS IN BOOTS – SEASON 1
- SOLDIER, SPY (2011)

- THE FALL – SEASON 2
- TINKER, TAILOR, SOLDIER, SPY (2011)

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THE HOBBIT REVIEW

Jessica Fisher Staff Writer

The third film is titled "The Battle of the Five Armies"

Courtesy of New Line Cinema

(Spoilers follow) Readers of "The Hobbit" novel, viewers of Rankin and Bass's 1977 animated film, and fans of Peter Jackson's battle scenes have been waiting at least three years to see the conclusion to Jackson's Hobbit trilogy, "The Battle of the Five Armies." Those who have been waiting will not find themselves disappointed.

"The Battle of the Five Armies" started with some desolation on behalf of Smaug. Arguably, these scenes could have fit better in the previous movie, called "The Desolation of Smaug."

The Smaug scenes took about 20 minutes, tying in Lake Town chaos and various

character escapes. Ultimately, there seemed to be no reason why these scenes could not have been at the end of film two, save for the moneymaking cliffhanger of, "I am Fire. I am Death." Overall, it was a sour way to start the final film.

The movie climaxed in terms of enjoyment, with a scene in a dark fortress called Dol Guldur. The audience was able to see Galadriel, Elrond, Saruman, Radagast and Gandalf go toe-to-toe with Sauron. The scene is the best of the film in every way.

A large portion of the movie was taken up by side stories, none of which was necessary. Audience members spent roughly three to four hours investing into a love triangle

where literally no one won. A large amount of screen time was given to the Master of Laketown's assistant, Alfrid, who only served as a foil to the hero Bard.

With the grand way Jackson ties the Hobbit trilogy to the later trilogy – why did the kingdoms of Gondor and Rohan not deem it necessary to show up to the battle of five armies? Surely, Gandalf could have done some finagling to get them to be there.

Also, while the audience waited until the last minute for Thranduil to show any kind of basic decency and compassion for the humans and dwarves dying around him, it was sad to not see a reprisal of the

over powered trio of Sarumon-Elrond-Galadriel showing up to kick some orc-goblin-troll-bat butt.

Arguably one of the best scenes was when Dain's dwarven troops post up their shields at the start of the battle and the army of elves leaps over them to attack the orcs.

It was pretty cool when the women of Lake Town decided to take up arms and join in with their men in a suicidal attempt to keep their city in a battle where the humans were no more than caught in the cross-fire of dwarven craze for heritage and gold and evil's craze for a stronghold from which to end the age of the Elves.

Like many things in the second film and this movie, Thorin's dragon sickness seemed somewhat drawn out. The whole "breaking free" scene seemed rushed in comparison to the time spent dwelling on how angry, selfish and greedy Thorin was being.

The general takeaway from this film was that it was a little too drawn out. However, it was still a fitting conclusion to not only the Hobbit trilogy, but also to Peter Jackson's Middle Earth saga as a whole. It is well worth seeing in theaters if you have not already.

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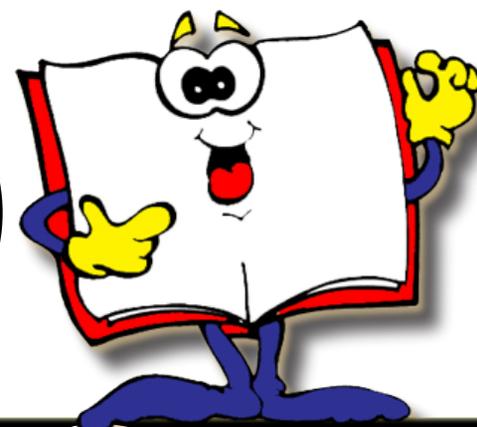
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THEME: FAMOUS TRIOS

ACROSS

- 1. "_____ End," retailer
- 6. Down Under bird
- 9. Obscenity
- 13. Hang around for
- 14. Bamboozle
- 15. Worn by some British soldiers on ceremonial occasions
- 16. Gang
- 17. Skirt's edge
- 18. Gung-ho
- 19. *_____, JosÈ and Luciano
- 21. *Athos, Porthos and _____

- 23. Bit of binary code
- 24. Again
- 25. Public health approver
- 28. To give approval in writing
- 30. African tree
- 35. Hurts
- 37. Kind of bean
- 39. *Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin meeting spot
- 40. Genealogist's work
- 41. Sign of cancer?
- 43. Unit of pressure named after Torricelli
- 44. Wife of Abraham
- 46. Muscle quality
- 47. _____-fry
- 48. Type of tax
- 50. *They officiated LeBron,

- Wade and Bosh's games
- 52. "I ___ with my naked eye"
- 53. Test choice
- 55. Denouement
- 57. *The Good, _____ and the Ugly
- 60. *Chico, Harpo and _____
- 64. Skyward
- 65. Female forest ruminant
- 67. Continental divide
- 68. Recorded
- 69. "... ___ he drove out of sight"
- 70. Piquant
- 71. "Joannie Loves Chachi" actress
- 72. * ___, blue and yellow
- 73. Earl of _____

DOWN

- 1. Nordic native
- 2. Military no-show
- 3. *Employer of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins
- 4. *The Bee Gees' most popular genre
- 5. Beer garden mugs
- 6. Reverberated sound
- 7. * ___, Curly and Larry
- 8. Unnerve
- 9. One who makes deceitful pretenses

- 10. *Gaspar, Balthasar and Melchior
- 11. Luau strings, pl.
- 12. Craggy peak
- 15. Marine trade route
- 20. Of or relating to deism
- 22. Johnny ___, nickname for a Confederate
- 24. Twisted Sister: "We're not gonna take it _____"
- 25. *_____, Stinky and Stretch
- 26. English physicist who studied quantum mechanics
- 27. Make aware
- 29. Caused by defects in uric acid metabolism
- 31. Cereals or grains
- 32. Ink stains
- 33. A vacation or _____
- 34. *Robin, Maurice and _____ Gibb
- 36. Scorch
- 38. Steak condiment
- 42. Send to a specialist, e.g.
- 45. Situation that is ideal for rapid development
- 49. ___ Gershwin
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- 59. Level
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Kristina Wells has a line of 12.3 PPG, 3.5 APG and 8.2 RPG through 14 games.

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Chris Raimondi Sports Editor

After finishing last season in eighth place with a 6-24 record, Kennesaw State's women's basketball team has rebounded dramatically into a 11-3 start to the 2014-15 campaign and will enter Atlantic Sun play with the second best record in the conference.

The Lady Owls are off to their best start to a season since the 2000-01 team, which was before the program was Division I. Junior transfers Karly Frye and Jasmine McAllister have given KSU a much needed offensive boost that helped the team grab victories over Mercer, Georgia Southern, Xavier and Georgia State.

Frye, point guard, is averaging 3.6 assists per game while engineering a Lady Owls' offense that is scoring nearly 65 points per game. McAllister stands as the tallest player on the team at 6-foot-1 and has established a reputation of a rugged post-player averaging 14.5 points per game, second best on the team, and 11.5 rebounds per game.

The newcomers have allowed senior Kristina Wells to play a more relaxed game, compared to last season in which Wells was forced to shoulder majority of the load on

offense. Wells is scoring 12 points while dishing out 3.5 assists and grabbing eight rebounds per game. The preseason All-Conference player has also had help from returning sophomore Deandrea Sawyers who is leading the team in scoring with 15.4 points per game.

The Lady Owls have already been on two separate winning streaks during their non-conference schedule, one of which lasted seven games and featured back-to-back game winning 3-pointers from Frye and Sawyers against Gardner-Webb and Xavier, respectively.

KSU has a perfect home record at 6-0 and a road record of 5-3. Improved road play will be key if the Lady Owls hope to eclipse their A-Sun preseason ranking of finishing seventh out of eight teams.

Florida Gulf Coast University is the only A-Sun team with a better record than KSU at 13-2. The Lady Owls will open conference play against USC Upstate Saturday Jan. 10 before returning to the Convocation Center for the team's home conference opener against Northern Kentucky Wednesday Jan. 14.

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Returning junior LF Alex Liquori hit .354 with 42 RBIs last season.

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BASEBALL PREPARED TO KEEP SOARING

Julien Benjamin Staff Writer

After what can only be described as a miraculous turnaround, which saw the Kennesaw State Owls baseball team reach the midway point of the season at 13-18, only to finish the year 40-24, head coach Mike Sansing will look to repeat some of last year's success.

Despite losing key players to the draft, namely Max Pentecost and Justin McCalvin, the Owls retain a large part of the nucleus that propelled the team to a Super Regional's appearance. KSU will return five of their eight everyday position starters, starting with two-year veteran shortstop Kal Simmons.

With the departure of Pentecost, the slick-fielding Simmons is now the new leader of the team, and he has the numbers to prove it. Simmons hit .272 for the season, en route to earning a selection to the All-Atlantic-Sun Conference Second Team.

Simmons' double play partner, sophomore Cornell Nixon also returns to solidify the middle of the infield defense for KSU. His strong performance in the stretch run of the season, as well as in the NCAA tournament helped to spotlight the potential he has long been touted of achieving.

Recently anointed captain, senior Chris McGowan, will yet again solidify first base and likely hit in the middle of the order again for KSU. He hit .272 last season, and finished second behind Pentecost in home runs and RBIs.

Brennan Morgan, who primarily DH'd last season, will catch a significant amount this season, and outfielders Alex Liquori and Jacob Bruce will return to their respective corner outfield spots. All three are now upperclassmen, and the

two outfielders are returning after posting strong performances in the Cape Cod League, a summer league that is a showcase for the best talent at the collegiate level.

The offense is not alone in returning the majority of their core. KSU's pitching staff, which finished third in the conference with a 3.47 ERA, returns their entire starting rotation, namely rising sophomores Gabe Friese, who finished sixth in the conference in ERA among qualifying pitchers at 3.19, and Chris Erwin, who posted a 3.16 ERA over 44 innings.

Kennesaw's bullpen will experience turnover from last season, having lost established closer and set-up men Justin McCalvin and James Connell to the MLB draft. The two relievers were the only consistent throwers for Coach Sansing out of the bullpen last year, and their loss will be significant. The most experienced relievers out of the bullpen will be senior Will Solomon and junior Cole McArthur, who had rather disappointing results in the 2014 season. Kennesaw added six freshmen pitchers, namely Logan Hutchinson, a four-year starter out of Lowndes High School in Valdosta, Georgia, who posted a 1.62 ERA, with 61 strikeouts in his final season.

Other newcomers include catcher Griffin Helms, who hit .343 with four home runs in his varsity career at Norcross High School. Grant Williams and Matt Mixon complete the new freshmen class, adding two new infield prospects that can compete for the third-base job.

Kennesaw State will open their 2015 season on Friday, February 13, facing Liberty University, home at Stillwell.

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Orlando Coleman leads the Owls in rebounding with 5.8 RPG.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL PREPARED TO 'MAKE NOISE' IN A-SUN

Chris Raimondi Sports Editor

Kennesaw State men's basketball team will begin Atlantic Sun Conference play with a 5-11 record, with its most recent contest ending in a 92-66 win over Thomas University.

The Owls have endured more highs and lows during non-conference play than most other teams ever come across over the course of an entire season. After starting off the season on a brutal cross-country road trip with stops in New York, California and North Dakota, KSU has powered through a series of crucial injuries to pull together five wins, more than any Owls team during non-conference play since the 2008-09 season.

"There are some games that I think we all wish we had back," KSU head coach Jimmy Lallathin said. "But these last few weeks have been an emotional time. We are going in [to conference play] with more wins than we have since I have been here. If we allow the

non-conference play to let us build I think we're going to move in the right direction."

Junior center Willy Kouassi and senior forward Nate Rucker have each dealt with hand and shoulder injuries, respectively, causing both players to miss at least four games each. Already a small lineup, the Owls have been searching for ways to score points without much of an inside presence. Redshirt freshman forward Jordan Jones has seen increased minutes recently and displayed moments of brilliance in the paint when he recorded four blocks and 10 rebounds against Youngstown State.

Junior guard Yonel Brown has shouldered most of the load on offense, averaging 15.1 points per game. Brown set a KSU record for most points in a single game when he scored 36 points against Thomas University. The team captain also scored 32 points against Tennessee-Chattanooga. Right behind Brown

is junior forward Nigel Pruitt averaging nearly 11 points per game.

The strongest wins for the Owls came during a three-game win streak which started against Alcorn State in a neutral site game in Fargo, North Dakota. After grabbing their first win, KSU returned to the Convocation Center for their first home stand against Samford and UT-Chattanooga. The Owls claimed victories over the Bulldogs and the Mocs in commanding fashion and completed the program's first three-game win streak since the 2010-11 season.

KSU followed the three-game win streak with a three-game losing streak until a road game with Youngstown State. The Owls were able to only play eight men against the Penguins, but the team managed to score their highest amount of points through the first 11 games, edging out a 90-84 victory. Following the gritty win,

KSU stumbled through its next four games, dropping decisions to UMBC, Elon, Illinois and Tennessee State. The Owls have yet to return to full strength, but Lallathin believes nearly everyone should be ready to go for the A-Sun conference opener Jan. 10 against USC Upstate.

"We are getting healthier," Lallathin said. "It's a big week of preparation and continuing to grow, and we will do that."

Upstate completed their non-conference schedule with the best record of all A-Sun teams at 11-4 with wins over big-name schools Georgia Tech and Mississippi State. Sitting behind the Spartans with the next best record is FGCU at 10-5. No other A-Sun teams have winning records after non-conference play.

The keys to the Owls' desired success through A-Sun play will be staying healthy and improved road play. KSU expects to enter

conference play at full strength when they open up on the road. Right now the Owls are 3-3 at home, but 1-8 on the road. Granted that five of their road losses were to Syracuse, Cal, Mercer, Butler and Illinois, but the team has yet to give anyone real trouble on the road outside of Youngstown State.

Small victories are undoubtedly pleasing, as KSU has won more games this season than any of the previous three seasons, but this team is not yet pleased with their performance.

"We have to make some noise," Yonel Brown said. "Going into conference each year we haven't been on a high like we are going into this conference season."

After playing USC Upstate Saturday Jan. 10, the Owls will head to Highland Heights Kentucky to take on Northern Kentucky Wednesday Jan. 14. KSU returns home to play the Lipscomb Bisons Saturday Jan. 17 at 2 p.m.



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