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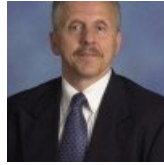
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... GROUNDBREAKING will be 10 a.m. Friday for a \$26 million student housing expansion at Kennesaw State University. The apartment-style housing complex will feature 451 bedrooms for upperclassmen and open in fall 2012, which coincidentally will mark the school's 10th anniversary as a residential campus. Featured speakers Friday will be President Dr. Dan Papp; Dean of Student Success Michael Sanseviro; KSU Foundation Chairman Norman Radow; and KSU Residence Hall Association president Gary Walker, a rising senior. ...

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With PMI below 50, manufacturing activity for September contracted

KENNESAW, Ga. (Oct. 4, 2011) – Manufacturing activity in Georgia fell to its lowest level since January 2010, amidst increasing volatility, according to the Econometric Center at Kennesaw State University's Coles College of Business.

Georgia's Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) – a reading of economic activity in the state's manufacturing sector – for September was 48.7, down 9.4 points from August. This is the third month in a four-month period that the PMI declines, dashing expectation that August's turnaround was sustainable. The losses in manufacturing were driven by declines in all underlying variables.

"September's losses more than offset the 7.4 points gained in August," said Don Sabbarese, professor of economics and director of the Econometric Center at the Coles College of Business. "The latest reading suggests the perceived soft spot in June and July may be more pervasive than we first thought. Manufacturing has been one of the few bright spots in the current recovery, but apparently it's not immune from the current slowdown in the broader economy."

Other highlights of the September PMI include:

- Production declined by 16.3 points, to 46.7
- New orders were down by 6.9, to 45
- Employment was down by 5.6, to 50

The Georgia PMI provides a snapshot of manufacturing activity in the state, just as the monthly PMI released by the Institute for Supply Management provides a picture of national manufacturing activity. A PMI reading above 50 indicates that manufacturing activity is expanding; a reading below 50 indicates it is contracting.

The Georgia PMI reading is a composite of five variables – new orders, production, employment, supply deliveries and finished inventory. A sixth variable, commodity prices, is compiled by the Coles College's Econometric Center but does not go into the PMI calculation.

The PMI, compiled from a monthly survey of manufacturers, is the earliest indicator of market conditions in the sector. Since manufacturing, which accounts for 11 percent of GDP, is sensitive to changes in the economy, it can also reveal changing macroeconomic trends.

The PMI's value is in its timeliness and sensitivity to variables such as interest rates, global markets and other economic changes. The Georgia PMI provides valuable data used by institutions such as the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta to assist in their analysis of current economic conditions, along with many other data sources, to get a picture of economic activity.

For a full report of the September PMI, or to speak with professor Sabbarese, please call 770-423-6094.

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Friday, [Kennesaw State University](#) conducted its first Lab Coat Ceremony for 25 minority undergraduate science students in the College of Science and Mathematics.

The students, who range from freshmen to seniors, are pursuing science degrees as part of the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines. Dean Ron Matson and Biology Professor Army Lester III presided over the ceremony.

The students include: Parris Tanksley, Chinelo Onyeka, Mahogany Morgan, Bianca Mondesir, Lauren Hutchinson, Ebonee Harris, Jaleesa Griner, Camery Green, Reesheda Gilbert, Chioma Enweano, Ariell Durden, Iesha Dawson, Brittani Brown, Rayana Braich, Deborah Adedeji, Cleonecia Forbes, Feiruz Atta, Cristian Acero, Ezigbo Umejiego, Raymond Akinnawo, Isatou Jawara, Lisley Garcia, Angle Foster, Akindele James Aluko and Vladimir Moricette.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Oct. 6, 2011) – The legal officer who helped guide *The New York Times* in publishing leaked confidential cables related to prisoners at the U.S detention camp in Guantanamo Bay will be the featured speaker at a digital media law conference at Kennesaw State University Oct. 22.

Who:

- David McCraw, vice president and assistant general counsel for The New York Times Company, is the featured speaker on a panel discussing the aftermath of the so- called “WikiLeaks” and the impact of government secrets on freedom of information in a democracy.
- Lucy Dalglish, executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, will moderate the discussion.

What:

“Media Law in the Digital Age” is an intensive day-long conference that features experts in the fields of law, digital media, Internet security, journalism and academia. The conference is designed for those producing online content, including journalists, bloggers and social media strategists. It is co-produced by the Center for Sustainable Journalism at Kennesaw State and the Citizen Media Law Project at Harvard University’s Berkman Center. Registration is required.

View a full list of conference topics, speakers and schedule at

<http://sustainablejournalism.org/mla11/agenda>

To register, go to https://epay.kennesaw.edu/C20923_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=1008

When:

Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; McCraw will appear on a panel from 9-10 a.m.

Where:

Social Sciences Bldg. (#22) on the KSU campus, 1000 Chastain Rd, Kennesaw, GA, 30144

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The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Georgia must re-assert itself into the global economy if it wants to grow jobs, former Gov. Sonny Perdue said Tuesday.

Perdue, who left office in January, has returned to his entrepreneurial roots since returning to private life. In March, he launched Perdue Partners, a global trading company that helps U.S. companies market and move goods in the international marketplace.

Speaking to Kennesaw State University's Coles College of Business, Perdue said his eight years as governor taught him that the smallest Georgia business owner can find success on a global scale.

"It is a race out there. It is a competitive global race," Perdue said in one of his first major speeches since leaving office.

As governor, Perdue personally promoted Georgia in 25 countries. That was quite an experience for someone who grew up on a Houston County farm, where the biggest competitor was in the neighboring county.

Later, while in college, he said he grew more "state-centric" and that it wasn't until he was in public office that he came to "grasp the big wide world we operate in." He was governor, elected in 2002, before he realized "the massive breadth and depth of the globe and all its people, how minuscule we are in that effort and you realize how wide and big the opportunities are out there."

That's why as governor, he said, he tried to focus on the state's strengths.

"We started seeking international opportunities," he said.

The state had established relationships in Europe, and his administration worked with those contacts, but looked farther east: Japan, Korea and, ultimately, China.

"In order to grow Georgia's strengths," he said. "We would sell our location, location, location."

Those strengths, he said, included the Savannah port, [Hartsfield-Jackson](#) International Airport, a road-and-rail network and a ready workforce.

But to continue to grow, he said, Georgia businesses must adapt to a changing global economy.

"You look at the consumption patterns and the graphs of this country and the consumerism of emerging economies, and you would be stunned," he said. "The lines crossed about 10 years ago, and I don't know they're going to reconvene together. The [International Monetary Fund] predicts the emerging economies will surpass developing countries in about three years."

Years ago, he said, the advice to new business owners was to "go big."

"My advice now, would be go global," Perdue said.

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Sonny Perdue Talks Global



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Former Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue challenged the business community to think global and look for business opportunities in emerging countries with a growing middle class during a talk to a Coles College of Business audience on Oct. 4.

“It is a race out there, a competitive global race,” Perdue told an audience of about 250 Coles College of Business faculty, administrators, alumni, graduate students and business partners gathered at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre in Atlanta. “There is a growing competitive world out there in places [whose names] we can’t even pronounce.”

Perdue, who is responsible for raising Georgia’s global profile during his tenure as governor from 2003 to January 2011, was the guest speaker at the Coles College of Business’ “20th Annual Tetley Distinguished Leader Lecture Series.” Earlier this year, Perdue founded Perdue Partners, LLC, a logistics and trading firm that helps small- and medium-sized businesses go global.

“We’ve got some great opportunities out there,” said Perdue, who hailed trade as the ultimate peacemaker. “Think big. Go global.”

Kathy Schwaig, interim dean of the Coles College of Business, said that choosing Perdue as speaker was “an obvious choice” because the business school is putting more energy and effort into revitalizing international business education. “The future economy is going to be an export economy,” she told the crowd.

Kennesaw State University president Daniel S. Papp touted the university’s commitment to internationalization. “The Coles College has been deeply involved in things international for a number of years,” he said. “We at Kennesaw State University are very proud of the things we do internationally. This is our ‘Year of Peru.’ ”

The Coles College of Business has had a long-standing partnership with ASEBUSS, one of the top business schools in Romania. In February, the Coles College launched a partnership with the India China America Institute, a well respected thought leader on economic and geopolitical issues involving the United States and the world’s largest emerging economies.

Perdue admitted that he did not always embrace a global view. Growing up in a farm in middle Georgia “my world was very narrow and very focused,” he said. It wasn’t until late in his career as a Georgia senator and later as governor that he expanded his worldview.

“You realize how minuscule we are and how big the world is out there,” he said. “There’s a better wide world out there and a bigger world than I was exposed to.”

Perdue, who went to veterinary school and practiced as a vet for three years before going back home to launch an agribusiness, challenged audience members to do what they love.

“You gotta do what you love in life,” Perdue said. “Be courageous enough to do what you love.”

Perdue said that Georgia should focus on its strengths to become globally competitive: its status as a coastal state with the fourth largest container port in the U.S., the busiest airport in the world and a highly educated work force. Because of its geography, Georgia, the ninth largest state, was destined to be “a trading center.” During his years as governor, Georgia pursued ties and sold itself all over the world.

“Location, location, location is what we were selling globally,” Perdue said.

Perdue encouraged Georgia businesses to seek out endless opportunities in emerging countries, which are seeing the emergence of an affluent middle class “that wants quality stuff.”

Perdue also challenged the audience members to build on their strengths. “Build on your strengths and don’t be afraid to get out of your comfort zone. You must get out of your comfort zone,” he said. “Be willing to stand alone if necessary. There’s nothing that compares to a clear conscience.”

KSU alum and professor Stella Xu, who currently serves as manager for China global commerce for the Georgia Department of Economic Development, was an intern in the governor’s office during Perdue’s tenure. Xu said that soon after she met her new boss she realized he would open doors between the state and China. Perdue ended up leading the state’s first mission to China and opened the first Georgia office in China. Georgia now hosts more than 40 Chinese companies, she said.

“Governor Perdue created a new page in the history that linked Georgia and China,” Xu said.

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By PAUL YATES/myfoxtatlanta

Georgia-based candidate Herman Cain is surging in the latest polls of the Republican presidential race, but questions linger about his long-term campaign prospects. Cain's star is rising. He has momentum now, but does he have the pieces in place to make the most of it?

His just-released book is selling briskly in Atlanta, and Cain is riding high in the latest voter surveys. He is close to front-runner Mitt Romney in a Quinnipiac poll, and even closer in others. That's providing an opportunity for Cain to contrast their campaigns.

"He's running his race top down," Cain said of Romney recently. "He's got a lot of money. I'm running my race bottom up. We don't have as much money."

That's been a continuing refrain for a candidate who rose from modest beginnings to become CEO of Godfather's Pizza, and later, an Atlanta radio talk show host. Now, the question is: can he organize and finance a top-shelf presidential campaign?

"Right now, the conservatives don't really have a candidate in the race and so right now, Herman Cain is reaping the benefits of that," said Kerwin Swint, political science professor at Kennesaw State University.

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The 207,500-square-foot apartment complex will add 451 beds to the adjacent University Place, a 700-bed development for upperclassmen, which opened in 2002.

“This latest addition to Kennesaw State’s campus provides an extremely attractive housing option for upperclass students to live in a dedicated residential community,” said Kennesaw State President Daniel S. Papp. “As enrollment at Kennesaw State continues to grow, more of our students are looking for the complete college experience, including the convenience of on-campus living.”

Each 1,282-square-foot apartment will feature four bedrooms with private bathrooms, a shared kitchen and living room, washer and dryer, balcony and Wi-Fi connectivity. The new four-story structures also will be equipped with elevators. The six-acre, garden-style complex will consist of three residential buildings, a large multipurpose room and outdoor amphitheater. It also features ample parking and green space as well as a promenade connecting to Kennesaw State University Road.

Once the addition is complete, the university will offer almost 3,500 beds. With the additional beds, nearly 15% of KSU’s 24,100 students will live on campus.

“This exciting, new development will fill the need for many upperclass students who normally would have been placed on the waiting list, which annually is closed when it exceeds 800 students,” said Michael Sanseviro, dean of student success. “Many students want the security and convenience of on-campus accommodations.”

The new facility, designed by HAPD Architects, will be developed by University Housing Services and built by Hardin Construction. The project is being financed by the KSU Foundation through bonds issued by the Development Authority of Cobb County.

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Businessman and GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain has been taking advantage of his recent rise to fame. Since he won the Florida straw poll late last month, he is everywhere: appearing on Sunday talk shows, promoting his new book and taking every opportunity to try to maintain his momentum.

People like the way he talks. His frank, motivational style has come out in GOP debates and in speeches.

"And the biggest crisis of all is a severe deficiency of leadership in Washington, D.C., and in the White House. Leadership. Deficiency," Cain said in a speech before the Florida straw poll.

Cain got a surprising 37 percent of the vote in that poll, and in another survey, the self-proclaimed problem solver is running neck and neck with former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and has shot ahead of Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

"I think Romney has an opportunity over the next couple of months to sort of close the sale, and I think Herman Cain is still gonna be in conversation because he's not going anywhere," says Kerwin Swint, a former GOP consultant and political scientist at Kennesaw State University. "And I think he can have an opportunity to play a role well into the primaries, maybe to the convention."

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The program is El ministro de Comercio Exterior, Jose Luis Silva Martinot, dijo que el Perú ha tenido el honor de ser escogido como el país que será estudiado durante todo el proximo año en Kennesaw State University. Se espera que esta iniciativa se extienda por todo el sureste de Estados Unidos, indico Silva Martinot, quien considero que esta medida promoverá el turismo al Perú. Por su parte, Ernesto Silva, docente de literatura y cine latinoamericano en Kennesaw State University, conto que la idea es que durante un año academico se presente al Perú desde diferentes tipos de ángulos y facetas. Asimismo, informo que en marzo del proximo año vendrán al país 15 profesores relacionados con la Universidad Catolica y la San Ignacio de Loyola para que realicen estudios y se contacten con otros docentes del país.

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Peruvian Feast



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The “Year of Peru Day” celebration at Kennesaw State on Oct. 5 presented a feast for the senses, engaging hundreds gathered in the Student Center’s University Rooms with the sounds, tastes, aromas and visual images of Peru.

The formal kick-off for the 2011-2012 annual country study featured an elaborate spread of more than 10 national dishes from Peru; nearly an hour of lively Andean and Afro-Peruvian music; a display of original art, indigenous masks, textiles and artifacts; and photographic images of the country’s cities, coast and diverse landscapes that beamed continuously from two giant screens.

The event is one of dozens of activities – lectures, special academic courses, study- abroad opportunities for students and faculty, films, performances, exhibits and weekly culinary features at the KSU Commons – being presented throughout the “Year of Peru.”

“I’ve been on many university campuses and I can assure you that this is unique,” said Interim Provost W. Ken Harmon. “[The scope of] this “Year of Peru” celebration reflects who we are at Kennesaw State. As a result of what we are doing today, a year from now, KSU and Peru will be closer neighbors and better friends.”

Peruvian Consul General Francisco Rivarola praised the university’s authorities for a “great choice” in presenting the “Year of Peru.” “The university has gone through great lengths to present this opportunity to travel through the history, culture and diversity of Peru, including the contributions of our great Nobel Prize author, Mario Vargas Llosa.”

KSU’s Chef de Cuisine Gary Coltek and visiting Peruvian master chefs Roger Arakakki of Sushi Ito and Luis Herrera of Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola presented a tasting of the country’s highly acclaimed cuisine – a major focus during the “Year of Peru.” Visiting chefs from Peru and staff at the KSU Commons Student Culinary Center will prepare and serve Peruvian dishes on Fridays throughout the year.

The food was a major draw for Jasmine Covarrubas, a KSU junior and sociology major who has vacationed twice in Peru. “I love the food because it’s familiar; it’s one of the closest [cuisines] to Mexican,” said the California native of Mexican descent who now lives in Powder Springs. “This kind of event teaches about other cultures and opens people up to learn more about the outside world.”

Cousins Teresa Kelly of Marietta and Linda Middleton of Woodstock followed the music to KSU’s “Year of Peru Day” as fans of Atlanta-based Apu Inka, who performed Andean compositions on ancient Incan wind instruments, an Andean Wankara drum and Spanish guitars. Members of the quartet also accompanied vocalist Wilma Cevallos, who performed songs reflecting Afro-Peruvian culture.

“I’d heard them perform and didn’t want to miss them,” Kelly said. “I like hearing different kinds of music.”

Flanking the performance stage were two KSU-owned original sculptures by Javier Sequeiros Lucana

of Cusco, Peru. The artist uses scrap metal and other forms of industrial wastes to depict indigenous religious themes — one invoking the children of Pachamama (Mother Earth) to care for her, and another reaffirming Incan identity through a prayer to the Sun Wiracocha God, the creator of the Inca people.

Ernesto Silva, assistant professor of Spanish and “Year of Peru” co-coordinator, also introduced a newly acquired painting by artist Teofilo Aquino Ipanque from Peru’s northern Catacaos District. Titled “Las Cosineras” (“The Cooks”), the painting was created especially for KSU and will be displayed along with the two sculptures at the KSU Commons.

Silva, a native of Peru, has made several trips there since planning for “Year of Peru” began more than a year ago. He has accompanied and facilitated arrangements for KSU administrators, faculty, staff and students traveling to the country.

KSU President Dan Papp, who had just returned from a week of meetings with academic, government and business leaders in Peru, thanked Silva for his invaluable efforts to establish relationships with the country and produce “an incredible celebration of an incredible county.”

“If you have not visited Peru, be sure to get it on your bucket list,” Papp urged the audience.

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Robert Lang, KSU's assistant vice president, Strategic Security and Safety; and Jeff Cooper, KSU's director of residence life, coordinated the dramatic demonstration, which took place during national Fire Prevention Week

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Statewide award recognizes professor's scholarly contributions to improving teaching practices and student learning

KENNESAW, Ga. (Oct. 12, 2011) --- Kennesaw State University professor Tom Pusateri has been tapped to receive a 2012 Board of Regents' award for his research and writings on effective teaching and student-learning practices. Pusateri is associate director of Kennesaw State's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) and a professor of psychology.

The Regents' Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award, one of two systemwide awards bestowed this year by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, honors the best teaching faculty at Georgia's 35 public colleges and universities. The award honors Pusateri's distinguished record of scholarship on the teaching of psychology and on measuring how well students learn.

"This award is a great honor for Kennesaw State," said KSU President Daniel S. Papp. "Dr. Pusateri's award is the latest in a long tradition of KSU being recognized by the Board of Regents for excellence in teaching and for the scholarship of teaching and learning."

Pusateri follows in the footsteps of Sabine Smith, an associate professor of German who won the Regents' Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2011. Since the awards were created in 1996, KSU has consistently won Board of Regents' awards for excellence in teaching and for the scholarship of teaching and learning.

The "scholarship of teaching and learning" refers to the presentation and publication of research findings on the art and science of teaching, or pedagogy.

"The latest Regents' award underscores KSU's emergence as a leader in the field of faculty development," said Michele DiPietro, executive director of KSU's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. "Kennesaw State hosted a major international conference on faculty development this summer, and this award is a testament to the fact that we are leading when it comes to preparing our faculty to be more effective teachers."

Pusateri, a psychology professor who teaches social psychology and theories of personality, has

served as CETL's associate director for the scholarship of teaching and learning since 2006.

"You are clearly a nationally recognized leader in your discipline and have held leadership roles in the Society for the Teaching of Psychology and been selected to participate in other national working groups," said the letter that Pusateri received from the Board of Regents

"I am truly honored to be one of a long list of colleagues at KSU who have won Regents' awards," Pusateri said. "I am particularly honored to receive this award for my role as associate director for the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, as it demonstrates how personnel in faculty development centers can be institutional leaders in assessment."

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ATLANTA -- Over the last 150 years, Civil War History has undergone a lot of revision.

There has always been one constant -- the number of dead.

We were all taught in school, 618,000 men died in battle.

New estimates based on census data indicate the toll was significantly more -- at least 850,000 men killed.

Under gray skies Wednesday afternoon at Oakland Cemetery, the Confederate Obelisk stands 65 feet above 6,900 soldier burials, 3,000 of whom are unknown. Sixteen are marked graves of Union soldiers buried alongside Confederate soldiers. For years, this was the tallest structure in Atlanta.

"I think it's changed because...record keeping was so spotty especially on the Confederate side," said Brian Wills.

Wills is a historian, author, UGA grad, and Director for Kennesaw State's [Center for the Study of the Civil War Era](#).

Like many historians, Wills is talking about a [New York Times piece](#) last month illustrating a recounting of the civil war dead, from 618,000 men to 850,000 men.

"The price paid is so much greater than what we reckoned with and came to understand," Wills said.

This is not the first time for a war dead recount. In his memoirs, President Grant thought the Confederacy's army was undercounted from the beginning.

"Keep in mind, memoirs are always a reflection of what you've had time to process and think about after and that can be good and bad," Willis said. "It can be good where you can put things in context but we have a tendency to clean things up when we put them into context."

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Journal focusing on emerging markets releases third issue



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KENNESAW, Ga. (Oct. 17, 2011) --- As America's weight on the global economy recedes, should the yuan and the euro share the stage with the dollar as the world's reserve currencies? Which macroeconomic factors determine innovation in emerging economies? What challenges do teachers teaching K-12 students at Native American reservations face?

These are some of the timely questions raised in an eclectic mix of 30 scholarly articles featured in the third issue of the interdisciplinary *Journal of Emerging Knowledge on Emerging Markets*. The journal is the official scholarly publication of the India China America Institute, a thought leader focusing on relations between the U.S. and the world's largest emerging economies housed at Kennesaw State University's Coles College of Business.

This edition, consisting of 581 pages, contains works by scholars from universities in the U.S., Germany, India, China, Japan, South Korea, the Netherlands and Tunisia.

"The problems and issues that the articles in this volume deal often do not educe simple answers or binary logic but elicit the creative tensions that come from scholarship," says Ashok Roy, Ph.D., assistant vice president for financial services and associate professor of Asian studies at Kennesaw State, and editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Emerging Knowledge on Emerging Markets*. "These articles are a fast-paced tour de force through an intriguing spectrum of topics in various academic disciplines. The articles are meant to entice readers intellectually."

The third edition of the journal, which becomes available online on Oct. 17, contains thought-provoking articles on a wide variety of topics. The journal's content appears in searches of the most popular and prestigious academic databases, including Digital Commons, Google Scholar, EBSCO and the Directory of Open Access Journals.

Journal highlights include:

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KSU Students Reflect on Homelessness

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It was a raw night last night as about 25 [Kennesaw State University](#) students and some of their family members braved the elements to see what it feels like to be homeless.

As part of its fourth annual [Homelessness Awareness Week](#), Kennesaw State University is holding the [sleep-out until noon on Saturday](#). Students constructed "tents" out of cardboard boxes and plastic garbage bags as the rains pounded down on them and soaked everything they tried to create.

"Even the experience of getting rained on shows us what the homeless population experiences," said Kaelinn Smith, a freshman sociology major at KSU from Smyrna. "I'm doing this because I've known homeless people and I wanted to experience what it's like to live in their shoes."

According to [the event website](#), students play the roles of homeless individuals who must find food and shelter while attempting to go to school. Teachers, faculty and other students play the roles of police, court personnel and social service workers. No electronics equipment is allowed.

Freshman Michael Farris of Vinings said his recent studies in sociology at KSU have changed his mind about today's homeless. "I used to look at them like trash—just a bunch of drunks who can't get a job," said Farris. "But now I have a new appreciation of how easy it is to become homeless."

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Growing Movement



Homelessness Awareness Week motivates students, public entities to act Kennesaw State University... Georgia (Oct 19, 2011) –

Homelessness Awareness Week motivates students, public entities to act

Kennesaw State University's annual, multi-faceted week of activities designed to increase the campus community's awareness of the realities of homelessness has inspired students and state and local governments to join in creating more public awareness about the issue.

During the recent 2011 Homelessness Awareness Week (HAW) at KSU, about 250 students and faculty attended an all-day conference; listened to speakers with first-hand experience of homelessness or who work on behalf of homeless individuals and families; and participated in the culminating two-day sleep out. Members of the KSU community donated two truckloads of clothing to be distributed by Gateway International.

Leading up to the university's fourth annual event, Gov. Nathan Deal, the Cobb County Commissioners and City of Kennesaw Mayor Mark Mathews each proclaimed October 10-15 "Homelessness Awareness Week."

The public proclamations acknowledged the university's leadership in promoting awareness about homelessness and underscored the urgency of addressing the needs of the growing population of the homeless in the state, county and city. The movement to enlist public entities in the awareness campaign was orchestrated by Evelyn Campbell, a 2011 KSU alumna and sociology major.

"There are an estimated 21,000 homeless men, women and children sleeping in their cars, on the streets and other locations not meant for human habitation," the city's proclamation notes. "...Ending homelessness is critical to the vitality of families, businesses and communities in the City of Kennesaw and the state of Georgia. ..."

On the opening night of KSU's HAW sleep out, which simulates the experience of living outside without permanent shelter, a small but committed group pitched tents, cardboard boxes and other makeshift shelter from the cool rain. Staff members from the local Salvation Army served hot meals from a mobile canteen. On the second night, participants endured an unexpected and reoccurring drenching from the timed water sprinklers in the quad near the Social Sciences building.

Even so, students were "all the way in it this year," according to Janese Thompson of KSU's Adult Learner Programs, who coordinated arrangements for the event.

"I fell in love with the sleep out after the first time," said Jay Gonsalves, a senior sociology major who was participating in his third annual sleep out. "I wouldn't miss it. I've come to know many homeless people, especially students. I started thinking about my life and how incredibly blessed I am."

Gonsalves said he hopes to study behavioral economics in graduate school, which would give him a chance to research how much money society would save by helping the homeless, especially providing permanent housing, compared to how much is spent on hospitals, shelters, law enforcement and other temporary initiatives.

About a dozen members of the Criminal Justice Club, trained especially for the sleep out, fanned out

among the crowd, issuing citations and making arrests for violations of event rules. They issued bench warrants and later held mock trials for individuals arrested for violations.

“This is very real training for students,” said Peter Fenton, assistant professor of criminal justice. “They’re trained in proper law enforcement tactics for dealing with homeless individuals, like how to ask for ID, what to do if a person does not have one and how to advise them of their rights. It’s pretty serious stuff.”

Lana Wachniak, KSU professor emeritus and event founder, expressed appreciation for the commitment of students, faculty and community partners to the ideals of Homelessness Awareness Week. “Homelessness awareness does not end in one week, though,” she cautioned. “I hope all the participants will carry forward the understanding and concerns about the needs of the growing ranks of those who are homeless and living in poverty.”

Wachniak, who recently was named 2011-2012 “Georgia Sociologist of the Year” by the Georgia Sociological Association, has contributed \$5,000 to establish an endowed scholarship at Kennesaw State for a student who is homeless or who has experienced homelessness in the past. She and husband, William H. Wallace Jr., hope to raise \$15,000 to fund the endowment. For information, contact them at 770-928-5722.

The annual HAW event is organized by KSU’s departments of Student Life, Adult Learner Programs, Public Safety and the Center for Student Leadership. It also is supported by the sociology and criminal justice departments and more than 20 non-profit community partners.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Oct. 19, 2011) – Kennesaw State University junior Travis Allen was selected by Google as one of 10 young people who are making a positive difference in the world.

Allen, a management major at Kennesaw State’s Coles College of Business, was a winner of Young Minds, a competition sponsored by Google for 18- to 24-year-olds who are doing amazing things to make the world a better place. Winners were selected from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. Allen was recognized for his efforts to revolutionize education in America through mobile learning.

The 10 winners attended Zeitgeist Americas 2011, an annual Google conference that featured more than 400 political figures and business leaders from around the world. Guest speakers included former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich; Arianna Huffington, president of the AOL Huffington Post Media Group; former ABC News anchor Ted Koppel; business magnate Sir Richard Branson; Mark Cuban, owner of the NBA Dallas Mavericks; and author Deepak Chopra.

A member of Kennesaw State’s Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), Allen formed a student-led nonprofit dedicated to revolutionizing our education system through innovative technology. Its mission is to inspire students to become lifelong digital learners in the information age by raising awareness of technology needs in the classroom and providing research on the use of this technology in the classroom.

“Imagine a school with no books, no paper, no copy machines,” Allen said. “Imagine being able to use tablets to store and track assignments, tests and grades, and to offer interactive school agendas that ensure complete teacher and student accountability. This technology has the potential to transform the current educational system by using a variety of “apps” – computer software applications designed to perform a specific task to enhance the device’s overall capabilities. That’s the future of American education.”

Coles College of Business Professor Gary Roberts, who advises the Kennesaw State SIFE team, said Allen’s efforts are going to positively change our education system and revitalize how business is done. “We are extremely proud of Allen’s selection as one of 10 students out of thousands of applicants,” Roberts said. “He represents a new breed of business major that has taken to the digital revolution with real passion.”

Allen described Zeitgeist Americas 2011, which was held in Paradise Valley, Ariz., in late September, as a life-changing experience.

“I had the privilege of networking with executives from Comcast, Sears, Salesforce.com and Motorola,” he said, “and that was just at breakfast. Later we met the speakers and other business leaders like skateboard guru Tony Hawk and Peter Vesterbacka, creator of the popular video game

Angry Birds.”

Allen said he left the conference reassured that his idea is on the cutting edge of what tomorrow’s world will look like.

“My goal is to continue moving forward in ways that will dramatically solve real-world problems as my fellow attendees have done,” he said. “Hopefully I will be back next year as a presenter at Google Zeitgeist 12.”

For more information on Young Minds, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/zeitgeistyoungminds/>

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Yes, thank you, we're more courteous than ever

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By John Lloyd

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"Rudeness is just as bad as racism": thus David Cameron, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, [when he was leader of the opposition in April 2007](#). It was a remark he should know better to make now: not because it is politically incorrect (usually a bad reason for doing, or not doing, anything) but because it's crass.

Rudeness is being uncivil. Racism can be murderous.

But there is some excuse for the future Prime Minister's confusion. The two are linked: the common denominator is respect. Racism is a radical lack of respect for an ethnicity which you have convinced yourself, or brought up, to despise. Rudeness is a milder lack of respect for others you meet in your journey through the day - or through life. Further link: one of the reasons why there's less rudeness is that, in the past couple of decades, casual racism has largely disappeared from public discourse in most advanced societies -- though some of that is because it has gone underground.

Less rudeness? Who says less? Don't we all know that what's the matter with kids today - and quite often, with their parents - is that they have no manners?

It doesn't seem that clear cut. In the UK, where unmannerly behavior - the blast of stereos, the jostling of the elderly on public transport, the drunkenness and worse of young women in city centers on a Friday night - is a daily moan, a new report says it's improving. It seems as counter intuitive as that other recent claim, by Steven Pinker of Harvard (in the 700-page *The Better Angels of our Nature*) that violence within and between societies has been falling for more than two millennia - and that we live in unprecedentedly peaceful times. Can we be living in unprecedentedly nice times? ...

Robert Desman, a Professor of Management at Kennesaw State University in Georgia - in a speech in Stockholm earlier this year - translated that to our times as "do not read or send text messages 1) when involved in a conversation, 2) in class, 3) during meetings, or 4) while driving." The sheer fascination of hand-held computers which can give you friendship, organization, entertainment and enlightenment demands new rules of civility: and so far, these are slow in coming (whatever the Young Foundation says). ...

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Henry Huckaby said he's amazed at the changes to the Kennesaw university.

[University System of Georgia](#) Chancellor Henry Huckaby spent Thursday morning touring [Kennesaw State University](#) with KSU President Daniel Papp, saying he was "very surprised at all the changes to this campus."

Huckaby said he knew KSU's first president, Dr. Horace Sturgis, and remembers when the college first began in the mid-1960s. Huckaby is touring all USG campuses to take a look at measures to cut costs while enhancing students' educations. He also toured [Southern Polytechnic State University](#) in Marietta today. The University System of Georgia oversees 35 colleges and universities in the state.

"We're looking at how to do education more efficiently and effectively, and we want to make sure our students have every opportunity we can provide," said Huckaby, who said he met with Papp to discuss many issues regarding the Kennesaw campus—including the fact that it is landlocked and needs more land to grow.

He said the original founders of the school 50 years ago probably never could have imagined the dynamic growth that would occur. "They (current administration) have identified land acquisitions, but the last thing we need to do is talk about real estate transactions right now." KSU is the third-largest university in Georgia, with more than 24,100 students.

Huckaby said the economic downturn in Georgia has hit the University System and its students hard. "Budget cuts have put a crimp in the plans of the University System, but I'm cautiously optimistic that our 2013 budget will be funded," said Huckaby, adding the General Assembly did not approve the System's proposed budget at last year's session.

Answering questions from KSU students at the event, Huckaby talked about the decrease in funding of the HOPE scholarship and how that has impacted the enrollments of Georgia's colleges and universities. He said one major concern of his is the growing student debt to pay for their education. "This is an issue we must give attention to," said Huckaby, adding he is looking into a program that offers a one-percent loan to students.

He ended his comments by applauding the administration and staff of KSU. "I'm not surprised things are going well here," said Huckaby, adding he has known Papp for many years. "But it's not yet what it should be in order to meet the needs of a growing student population."

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USG chancellor gives Kennesaw State high marks during visit



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Click [here](#) to view a video of the Chancellor's visit to KSU.

During his visit to Kennesaw State University this week, University System of Georgia Chancellor Henry "Hank" M. Huckaby reiterated his positive impression of the university's present momentum. In a half-daylong itinerary that concluded with a lunch meeting with students on the KSU campus, Huckaby met with President Daniel S. Papp and his cabinet and engaged in dialogues with faculty, staff and student leaders.

Huckaby, who was installed as chancellor earlier this year, said he was proud of the progress Kennesaw State has made during its nearly half century in existence. The chancellor complimented Papp and his administration on their leadership, and said he was impressed with KSU's trajectory over the past four years.

"It is amazing to visit the campus today and see what has happened over all these years," Huckaby said. "Not only has it grown in terms of the number of faculty and students, it has grown dramatically in terms of academic credibility and ranking. This school is doing great things."

As part of his commitment to visit all units in the University System, Huckaby spent several hours in various meetings on the Kennesaw State campus. The chancellor also made time in his schedule to answer questions from KSU students and have lunch with them in The Commons - Student Culinary Center, the university's state-of-the-art dining hall.

"Chancellor Huckaby brings a wealth of experience to his position, having served 40 years in higher education," said Papp. "I have had the privilege of serving with him during my tenure with the Board of Regents, and he is very well-positioned to understand the challenges and opportunities facing higher education in the foreseeable future."

One of the questions the chancellor was asked during a media conference dealt with the issue of adding collegiate football to the roster of men's sports. Kennesaw State students voted last fall in favor of funding a football program as early as 2014.

Huckaby said Kennesaw State's plan was well thought out and a "logical, multi-step plan," which would not detract from its academic mission. "I am confident, given what has happened here over the past four years the always growing upward trajectory of the quality of education here that the leadership and the faculty will not allow that to happen," he said.

In addition to meeting with the president's cabinet, Huckaby interacted with faculty representatives. Following a private meeting with them in the morning, the chancellor met with about 20 student representatives from various student organizations for lunch at the Commons. He solicited feedback from the students and discussed various topics, including HOPE scholarships, institutional fees, impact of budget cuts on campus resources and students' ability to pay costs, and financial aid, among others.

A former college professor at DeKalb College (now Georgia Perimeter College) and Emory University, Huckaby also has lectured at the University of Georgia and Young Harris College.

Huckaby has a deep understanding of the various issues facing higher education in the state honed from his service. Early in his career, Huckaby worked in the area of admissions at Georgia State University (1967-71) and Gordon College (1972-73). Later, he served as director of the Fiscal Research Program at Georgia State University (1995-97), director of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at UGA (1997-2000), senior vice president of Finance and Administration at UGA (2000-06) and a special assistant to the president at UGA on a part-time basis (2006-09).

In a career that goes beyond his long association with the University System, Huckaby has a long history of public service to the citizens of Georgia. His service in the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, first as a senior policy coordinator from 1973-75, and then as its director, from 1991-95 has provided extensive experience in state finance. During that time, Huckaby was responsible for overseeing the state budget on behalf of the governor. He also served as the interim chief financial officer for then Gov. Sonny Perdue during Perdue's transition period.

After earning an associate's degree in liberal arts from Young Harris College, Huckaby pursued his education at Georgia State University earning both a bachelor's degree in political science and an M.B.A. in international business. He continued his education through additional graduate studies at the University of Georgia.

His commitment to public service during his career led to Huckaby being tapped on two occasions to head other key state agencies. From 1977 to 1980, he was commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and from 1980 to 1991, he was the executive director of the Georgia Residential Finance Authority. During his tenure at both agencies, Huckaby was elected by his peers to serve as president of their respective national organizations.

Huckaby was sworn in this past January to represent Georgia House District 113 as a Republican. His legislative experience also includes a stint as the director of the Georgia State Senate Research Office from 1975-77.

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Turner Entertainment President Steve Koonin touts TBS/TNT successes to KSU students

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Georgia (Oct 24, 2011) — The man who helped transform TBS and TNT into the powerhouse networks they are today, Steve Koonin, gave Kennesaw State University students earlier this week a taste of how the networks got to where they are.

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He said a decade ago, after he arrived, the management team looked at TNT through the lens of psychographics. Those are categories of “typical” consumers of a particular product or brand. In the case of TV, he showed the students a pie chart broken into five general categories:

- 16% Cultural Highbrows (the types who watch documentaries and opera) “I don’t care much for these people,” Koonin said, semi-facetiously, since they aren’t the types who would watch TNT or TBS much.
- 20% TV worshippers (the types who watch 42 hours of TV a week and watch a variety of genres) “We love these people!” he said.
- 20% Competition lovers (mostly guys who watch sports. TBS airs baseball, TNT basketball.)
- 19% Drama lovers (“Television that makes you think and feel, that touches your heart and your mind,” he said.)
- 25% Comedy lovers (“They use comedy as a mood elevator, as their Prozac.”)

TNT, he said, chose to focus on the drama lovers, as well as competition lovers and TV worshippers. They ceded the other two categories.

The station’s focus and slogan “We know drama” worked. TNT, he noted, went from No. 6 to No. 1 among basic cable viewership, full day, where it has been tops for seven years. One risky move: the network sold off its No. 1 show WWE to WWF because it didn’t fit TNT’s brand anymore.

Koonin learned his branding skills at the Atlanta-based company that defines an enduring brand: Coca-Cola. Brands, he noted, need to be relevant, focused, consistent and first/unique. TNT pulled all that off.

He showed a trailer of TNT dramas, including the upcoming “Dallas,” “Southland,” “The Closer,” “Falling Skies” and “Rizzoli & Isles.” (I think I saw a scene of “Memphis Beat,” but that drama was just canceled.) He was especially enthused about “Dallas” and showed the students a trailer for the show, which comes to TNT next summer. Production of “Dallas” began this week. A pilot shot months ago was “our highest tested pilot in our history.”

He then moved on to TBS. That station was reconfigured in 2004. It had plenty of history as the nation’s first “super station,” courtesy of Ted Turner and had a reputation for the Atlanta Braves, wrestling and Andy Griffith. With TNT focused on drama, TBS became the comedy channel with the slogan “Very Funny.”

Koonin likes to gamble. He noted that 9 out of 10 shows fail. That's probably fair, especially on broadcast TV and if you count pilots, too.

TBS has relied heavily to date on a relatively safe gamble: repeats of broadcast network hits such as "Everybody Loves Raymond," "Friends," "Seinfeld," "Family Guy" and this fall, "The Big Bang Theory." It has worked well. The station pulls in solid numbers.

Koonin also took a major gamble with Tyler Perry in 2006. Perry offered to pay for ten episodes of "House of Payne" out of his own pocket. TBS tested it in about 10 markets. The comedy did extraordinarily well. The payoff: TBS committed to a whopping 100 episodes. Over five years, Perry has now given TBS more than 400 original episodes of "Payne" and "Meet the Browns." He has retired "Payne" and will start a new show "For Better or Worse" in November. It's been a good partnership. TBS has also done well with Ice Cube's companion show "Are We There Yet?" All three comedies fill a gap left by broadcast networks: sitcoms targeting African-American households.

Perry "is Forbes highest paid entertainer. We're happy to be a large contributor," Koonin said.

TBS's other efforts at original comedy have been spotty at best. In the early "Very Funny" years, TBS tackled reality programming with duds such as "The Real Gilligan's Island" and "Outback Jack." It has tried semi-improv ("10 Items or Less,"), relationships ("My Boys"), animation ("Neighbors From Hell") and family comedy ("The Bill Engvall Show"). None has stuck.

But Koonin made another huge gamble last year that he thinks has paid off handsomely: picking up Conan O'Brien for a talk show after NBC let him go from "The Tonight Show" last year. It's the network's biggest commitment to original programming to date. "He's the jewel and the centerpiece of TBS," Koonin told the students.

Though the show's ratings (typically 800,000 to 900,000 a night) is lower than what many outsiders expected, Koonin remains optimistic, noting Conan's young demographics (median age: 32) and his impact on the Web and social media. Conan is also working with TBS to develop scripted programming. TBS ordered a script from Conan this month of [a comedy called "Fat Chance."](#)

Koonin also talked about how Turner fosters a creative environment. "It's in our everyday work," he said, "everything we touch. Everything has creativity to it." He touched upon Springboard, a way for Turner employee ideas to get heard. He said they've considered more than 270 ideas. One that came from an employee: "TV in context." This is a database of scenes from TV and film that can be connected to advertisers. So if someone in a romantic comedy gets engaged, a jewelry store could buy ads that appear right after that scene. Koonin calls that "contextual advertising," something Google has been able to take advantage of in spades.

Koonin did acknowledge that even some of his ideas, which seem great at the time, didn't quite work the way he had envisioned. He cited promotions for George Clooney's "The Perfect Storm" a few years back for TNT. He would insert a fake FCC emergency call signal into a show and instead of a crawl saying there was a tornado coming your way, a promo for "The Perfect Storm" would go by. The FCC, he said, was not pleased. The government agency received 126,000 complaints. Then again, this wasn't really a failure per se, which is probably why he cited this example: ratings were huge.

He also talked about another cool idea the network recently launched called ["TV Everywhere."](#) Anyone who has a paid subscription to TBS and TNT can now tap shows from those networks on any device, be it an iPad or iPhone at no additional charge. So far, the app has been downloaded 1.5 million times over three weeks, he said.

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Coles College, India China America Institute to host 140 public administrators from India

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Georgia (Oct 27, 2011) – An elite group of 140 public administrators from India will be attending a training program from Nov. 6 -11 in Atlanta hosted by the India China America Institute and the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University. The Indian Revenue Service’s deputy commissioners -- selected through a rigorous process from a pool of 300,000 to 500,000 applicants annually -- will receive training in tax theory and policy, transfer pricing, cross-border taxation and US-India tax treaties. They will also be exposed to U.S. federal and state tax policies and procedures, whistle blower program, game theory and economics. Faculty will include academics from Kennesaw State’s Coles College of Business, corporate executives and government administrators.

“This is the first such program hosted by the India China America Institute and the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University,” said Govind Hariharan, executive director of the India China America Institute, which is housed at the Coles College of Business. “It is an honor to be chosen to train these officers, who are part of the select cadre that will lead implementation of tax policies in India. As we grow the institute, we expect to offer a variety of programs for corporate executives and civil servants from India, China and the U.S.”

The India China America Institute (www.icainstitute.org) is a well-respected thought leader on economic, business and geopolitical issues involving the United States and the world’s largest emerging economies -- India and China. The nonprofit institute’s primary focus is on the relationships between and among the new triad of power consisting of the U.S., China and India, the world’s most populous countries and largest markets. These three mammoth economies are expected to lead global economic growth in the 21st century and their interrelationships will bear on global prosperity.

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Vice president for advancement resigns after nearly a decade of service



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Wicker leaves on heels of successful completion of university's first comprehensive capital campaign

KENNESAW, Ga. (Oct. 27, 2011) –Wesley K. Wicker is stepping down as Kennesaw State University's vice president for advancement after 10 years of service. His last day is Oct. 31.

Wicker is credited with leading the university's first-ever comprehensive capital campaign. Launched in October 2007, the five-year capital campaign, "The New Faces of Kennesaw State," raised \$77 million, 15 months ahead of schedule. Several major campaign gifts received this summer -- including a \$500,000 scholarship pledge, and an anonymous gift of \$250,000 to the College of the Arts' theatre program -- all pushed the campaign beyond its \$75 million goal ahead of the initial October 2012 target date.

"While we are sad to see Wes go, he leaves behind the legacy of a very successful capital campaign that will benefit Kennesaw State University students, faculty and staff for many years to come," KSU President Daniel S. Papp said. "Campaign funds have enabled Kennesaw State to add numerous student scholarships, construct much-needed buildings and facilities, and fund research to record levels."

During the campaign, KSU raised the largest grant the university has received and the largest single private contribution (\$5 million from an anonymous donor). It also raised 14 gifts of at least \$1 million each.

"I've been here almost 10 years and it seemed like a good time to make a transition both professionally and personally," Wicker said. "Deciding to leave was difficult, but I felt like hitting the campaign goal was a milestone. I would have liked to see football happen during my time here, but to have had a part in impacting hundreds of students through the 89 new scholarships we've funded since 2007 is very rewarding.

Wicker cites the construction of the Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, the acquisition of the Athos Menaboni art collection, the campus installation of Spaceship Earth and the donation of

Corra Harris' property in Bartow County among the more unique gifts he's proud to have been a part of securing.

"At a university that's experiencing sustained growth, there are more funding needs than you'll ever be able to satisfy," Wicker said. "The trick is to match donor interests with the university's funding needs."

Former Kennesaw State President Betty Siegel recruited Wicker from the United Way of Metro Atlanta in 2002 as KSU's vice president of development, a role that expanded to include at various times during his tenure oversight of university relations, alumni affairs and the KSU Foundation.

"People in the fundraising world tend to move on every three to five years," he said, "but during my time at Kennesaw State, as the university evolved, the job changed. One of the things I've been fortunate to do in my career is not do the same thing twice."

When Wicker arrived at KSU, annual private fundraising was just hitting the \$2 million mark. By the time the university launched the capital campaign in 2007 that number had risen to \$6 million.

"Now we've just concluded the campaign, where we raised \$77 million across campus, so we've had a dramatic growth in fundraising that parallels the dramatic growth of the university," he said.

Wicker attributes part of that success to a "can-do" spirit on campus.

"There is a can-do spirit here that I think is unique on a college campus," he said. "I think that can-do spirit is contagious and invigorating."

Wicker said what he'll miss most is the people at Kennesaw State as he begins the next chapter. What will he miss the least? Committee meetings.

"I've had weeks where I was shuffling to eight or nine meetings a day, all week long, and then early morning breakfasts and evening events," Wicker said. "Some days, I had more committee meetings than hours in the day. But that's the nature of university administration.

"I'd like to be remembered as somebody who was friendly, someone who cared about students and staff, and someone who treated the staff that I worked with fairly," he continued. "And I hope my successor and the staff that come after me exemplify customer service because when it gets down to it, we're here to serve the community."

After Jan. 1, Wicker will be working with East Cobb fundraising firm Sinclair, Townes & Company.

A search committee for Wicker's successor has been named. Joseph D. Meeks, dean of KSU's College of the Arts, has been named interim vice president of advancement. Meeks will begin serving in the post on Nov. 1, and will serve jointly as dean of his college and in the interim role until a permanent vice president is named.

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Kennesaw State University joins statewide organization to increase minority STEM majors



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KENNESAW, Ga. (Oct. 28, 2011) — Kennesaw State University has taken another step toward increasing the number of minority students studying the STEM disciplines: science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The school becomes the latest to join a consortium of colleges and universities in Georgia comprising the Peach State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP).

The Peach State LSAMP is a collaborative effort to significantly increase the number of underrepresented minority students statewide who complete undergraduate degrees in the STEM fields.

“This country desperately needs more talented young men and women pursuing the STEM disciplines if we are going to successfully compete in the new global trade arena,” said Ron Matson, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics at Kennesaw State. “Membership in the Peach State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation helps us move closer toward accomplishing that goal.”

Under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation (NSF), LSAMP is undertaking the implementation of a comprehensive and integrated series of recruitment and retention initiatives that address key transition points from undergraduate recruitment through preparation for graduate school.

As a new LSAMP member, Kennesaw State recently conducted its first “Lab Coat Ceremony” for 25 undergraduate science and math students in the College of Science and Mathematics. The students, who ranged from freshmen to seniors, are pursuing science and math degrees as part of the STEM. Matson, biology professor Army Lester III and Peach State LSAMP Executive Director Angela Y. Birkes participated in the historic ceremony.

“We currently have more than two dozen students participating in LSAMP,” said Lester, one of the organizer’s behind the school’s recent membership. “That’s a good start, and we look forward to tripling that number in the very near future.”

Those participating in KSU’s “Lab Coat Ceremony” included: Cristian Acero, Deborah Adedeji, Raymond Akinnawo, Akindede Aluko, Feiruz Atta, Rayana Braich, Brittani Brown, Iesha Dawson, Ariell Durden, Chioma Enweano, Cleonecia Forbes, Angle Foster, Lisley Garcia, Reesheda Gilbert, Camery Green, Jaleesa Griner, Ebonee Harris, Lauren Hutchinson, Isatou Jawara, Bianca Mondesir, Mahogany Morgan, Valdimir Moricette, Chinelo Onyeka, Parris Tanksley and Ezigbo Umejiego.

In addition to Kennesaw State, the LSAMP alliance consists of seven institutions with the University of Georgia serving as the lead institution. Other members include: Ft. Valley State University, Georgia

Institute of Technology, Georgia Perimeter College, Savannah State University and Southern Polytechnic State University.

With a student focus in mind, each institution provides services that assist underrepresented minorities with the transition from high school to college, integrate them socially and academically into the university environment, and engage them in research and summer internship opportunities. In an effort to meet the needs and expectations of the underrepresented minorities in STEM, Peach State LSAMP provides services such as academic enrichment, financial support, peer and faculty mentoring, research opportunities and summer bridge programs.

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Team of three MBA students to compete at global idea-to-product competition in Sweden

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KSU's team is comprised of three Coles College of Business MBA students. It is being advised by Charles Hofer, Regents' professor of strategy and entrepreneurship at the Coles College of Business.

The Coles College of Business students -- Jay Brown, Joyce Bone and Nedko Hristov -- are developing a technology company, SoVerse, that creates websites targeted to the needs of small businesses with limited budgets. SoVerse's automated website development process can create hundreds of new, inexpensive, easy-to-use websites a day each with more features and greater reliability than the sites created by other website developers. SoVerse's market potential is huge since most of America's 29 million small- and medium-sized businesses do not have a current Web presence, the skills needed to develop a sophisticated website on their own or the money to hire some else to develop one for them.

The I2P Global Competition is an early-stage technology commercialization plan competition hosted by Sweden's Royal Institute of Technology. Teams compete for cash prizes and a chance to enter the University of Texas at Austin's Texas Venture Labs Investment Competition (formerly MootCorp). Participants get feedback from the entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, engineers and service providers on the judging panels.

For more information on the I2P Global Competition go to <http://www.ideatoproduct.org/global/>

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Nov. 1, 2011) — Manufacturing activity in Georgia fell sharply for the second consecutive month, according to the Econometric Center at Kennesaw State University's Coles College of Business.

Georgia's Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) — a reading of economic activity in the state's manufacturing sector — for October was 43.2, down 5.5 points from September. The PMI has continued to decline since June, only going up in August. Finished inventory declined 19.3 percent, to 29, with 48 percent of respondents reporting lower inventories.

“What was once believed to be a soft spot appears to be more pervasive,” said Don Sabbarese, professor of economics and director of the Econometric Center at the Coles College of Business. “The decline in inventories signals that inventories are being adjusted to match the substantial reduction in new orders and production. Georgia's relatively slower economic recovery may be responsible for these weaker manufacturing numbers.”

Other highlights of the October PMI include:

- New orders increased 3.4 points, to 48.4
- Production decreased 3.1 points, to 43.5
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The Georgia PMI provides a snapshot of manufacturing activity in the state, just as the monthly PMI released by the Institute for Supply Management provides a picture of national manufacturing activity. A PMI reading above 50 indicates that manufacturing activity is expanding; a reading below 50 indicates it is contracting. The national PMI has experienced a slowdown similar to Georgia's but was 7.6 points higher in October, at 50.8, than Georgia's.

The Georgia PMI reading is a composite of five variables — new orders, production, employment,

supply deliveries and finished inventory. A sixth variable, commodity prices, is compiled by the Coles College's Econometric Center but does not go into the PMI calculation.

The PMI, compiled from a monthly survey of manufacturers, is the earliest indicator of market conditions in the sector. Since manufacturing, which accounts for 11 percent of GDP, is sensitive to changes in the economy, it can also reveal changing macroeconomic trends.

The PMI's value is in its timeliness and sensitivity to variables such as interest rates, global markets and other economic changes. The Georgia PMI provides valuable data used by institutions such as the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta to assist in their analysis of current economic conditions, along with many other data sources, to get a picture of economic activity.

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History and holiday magic on display



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Former Gov. and Mrs. Roy Barnes open their Marietta home for launch of A.L. Burruss biography and tour of decked halls

More than 100 guests streaming through the Marietta home of Georgia's former first couple, Roy and Marie Barnes, on Nov. 4 got a double dose of good tidings.

Guests at the official book launch event had a chance to reflect and reminisce about A. L. Burruss, the successful Georgia statesman and entrepreneur whose life and work are captured in a newly published biography by Kennesaw State English professor Margaret Bennett Walters. The author signed copies of the book released last month by The Kennesaw State University Press.

For most, it also was the first chance to be immersed in the magic of the holiday season as created in the festively decorated four-story Barnes' home – replete with 17 uniquely adorned Christmas trees and splashes of holiday dazzle in every nook.

An A-list of Cobb County and state legislative officials, including Georgia State Sen. Steve Thompson, Rep. David Wilkerson and State Supreme Court Justice P. Harris Hines joined Kennesaw State President Daniel S. Papp and other top university administrators, family members, business associates and friends to celebrate Burruss' legacy and enjoy the Barnes' hospitality.

The book, titled "A.L. Burruss: The Life of a Georgia Politician and a Man to Trust," chronicles its namesake's rich family history, his success in the poultry and other businesses, and his influential career in politics, initially as member of the Cobb County Commission and eventually through nine terms in the Georgia General Assembly from 1969 until his death in 1986.

Especially noted was Burruss' success in garnering state funds to support a rapidly growing Cobb County and his support for higher education in Georgia. Burruss is enshrined at Kennesaw State in the A.L. Burruss Building, which houses the Coles College of Business, and the A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service and Research, which provides technical support and applied research services to nonprofit and government entities that serve the public.

It was the institute's former director, Carol Pierannunzi, and Laura Dabundo, a Kennesaw State English professor, who issued a call for book proposals on Burruss, author Walters said.

"I began researching him and he sounded like a fascinating man," said Walters, who took three years to complete the Burruss biography, her first book. "The more I found out the more I wished I had known him. He was successful in everything he worked at, yet he was someone who really just wanted to serve."

Barnes, described in the book as a close friend and longtime colleague in the General Assembly, said of Burruss: "Al is the epitome of the American Dream, someone who came from very humble beginnings, worked hard, was eternally optimistic and then decided to give back."

Burruss is described by many who knew him well as humble, even self-effacing, someone who never sought political office for personal gain or recognition.

Asked what she thought her husband of nearly 40 years at the time of his death would think about

his life's work captured in a new book and the array of people who turned out to commemorate him, Bobbi Burruss said, "He'd be humiliated. He never liked blowing his own horn. But I think deep down, he'd be very honored."

For more information on the A.L Burruss biography and other releases from The Kennesaw State University Press, please visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/ksupress/>

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Nov. 7, 2011) – President Daniel S. Papp has accepted an invitation for Kennesaw State University to join a select group of universities focused on shaping an agenda for American prosperity.

The Council on Competitiveness is a unique membership organization consisting exclusively of college and university presidents, corporate CEOs and national labor leaders, whose mission is to build a more competitive national economy.

"I am honored that Kennesaw State has been asked to join the Council on Competitiveness, and I look forward to working with this organization and doing our part to help stimulate the economy," Papp said. "Kennesaw State has a tradition of cultivating entrepreneurial spirit in our students, faculty and staff, and it is that spirit that will contribute greatly to our nation's economic recovery and development."

Kennesaw State joins an impressive list of members including Carnegie Mellon University, Georgetown University, The John Hopkins University, Merck & Co. Inc., General Electric Co. and Ford Motor Co. Closer to home, the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Lockheed Martin and the Georgia Research Alliance are also members.

"The council's success is due in part to our ability to forge strategic private and public partnerships, and academia plays a crucial role in this process," council President and CEO Deborah L. Wince-Smith said. "We provide colleges and universities with a strong platform to join CEOs and labor leaders in finding solutions to our nation's most difficult economic challenges in a unified and powerful voice that is heard by local, national and global leaders."

Founded in 1986, the Council on Competitiveness is setting an agenda to drive U.S. productivity and leadership in world markets and to raise the standard of living for all Americans. The council's flagship initiative, the U.S. Manufacturing Competitiveness Initiative, seeks to create comprehensive solutions that will result in more American jobs, economic growth and national security. The council comprises key leaders from business, labor and academia to create and advance policy recommendations that further U.S. competitiveness and enhances prosperity in a globalized economy.

During its national summit at the end of the year, the council will finalize recommendations from its steering committee for an agenda to enhance U.S. competitiveness, hasten a national recovery and set the nation on a path toward long-term revitalization.

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Kennesaw State University to Add Women's Lacrosse in 2013



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KENNESAW, Ga. (Nov. 7, 2012) - Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp and KSU Director of Athletics Vaughn Williams are proud to announce the addition of women's lacrosse as the university's 17th NCAA Division I championship sport, with intercollegiate competition beginning in the spring of 2013.

The Kennesaw State Owls women's lacrosse program will compete in the Atlantic Sun Conference, which will be sponsoring the sport for the first time beginning in 2013. The Owls have been members of the conference since the fall of 2005, with all 16 of Kennesaw State's existing varsity sports competing for A-Sun championships.

The addition of women's lacrosse at KSU fulfills a commitment made to the Atlantic Sun Conference when Kennesaw State joined the A-Sun in 2005, at which time KSU officials agreed to add a new sport to the Athletic Department's offerings. At the university's request, the A-Sun has granted KSU several delays, however now it is time for the university to begin launching the new sport.

"Lacrosse is a sport that is growing very quickly in the southeast, and it will be an excellent addition to our already-strong offering of intercollegiate athletics at Kennesaw State," Williams said. "In meeting our obligation to the Atlantic Sun Conference to add a sport, we are thankful that our options included women's lacrosse, which has the opportunity to flourish at Kennesaw State. This is consistent with the vision of our department and our university to strive for our students here to have the best collegiate experience possible."

With the addition of women's lacrosse, Kennesaw State will become the first NCAA Division I athletic program in the Atlanta metropolitan area to sponsor the sport, and along with Mercer will be one of just two Division I programs in the state of Georgia.

"We look forward to adding lacrosse here at Kennesaw State University and to working with Atlantic Sun Conference officials to take a leading role in positioning this sport here in Georgia," Papp said. "This is a major step in the enhancement of KSU's athletics program, and adds yet another exciting sport in which our female athletes can compete."

Joining the Owls in A-Sun lacrosse competition will be fellow conference members Jacksonville, Mercer and Stetson, with Longwood, Detroit Mercy and Howard competing as affiliate members. Though the conference will not immediately offer an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, the Owls will be eligible right away to qualify for an at-large bid to the postseason.

The search for a head coach to lead the Owls inaugural squad will begin during the late winter or early spring.

"Our goal is to find the best coach that we can, and one that will share our mission of being immediately competitive, both in the conference and nationally," Williams remarked. "Keeping in line

with the 16 sports that we currently have, from day one, our women's lacrosse program will aim to win championships in the classroom, in the community, and on the field of competition.”

The decision of Kennesaw State and the A-Sun to add women's lacrosse speaks to the exponential growth the sport has seen over the past several years. According to a U.S. Lacrosse Participation Study completed in 2010, the total number of high school student-athletes playing boys and girls lacrosse grew from 100,925 in 2001 to 255,314 in 2010, with 105,914 of those being girls. The popularity among youth under 15 years old is even more prevalent, with 122,946 girls participating as of 2010.

Lacrosse's growth in popularity at the youth and high-school levels has worked its way up to the collegiate ranks. As recently as 2004, just 77 NCAA Division I programs fielded women's lacrosse teams, while the 2011 season saw 91 teams participate, with more slated to begin competition in the near future.

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KENNESAW -- Kennesaw State University's ROTC cadets will honor America's veterans on Thursday, Nov. 10, with a keynote address by Col. John H. Hort, chief of plans, G-3, U.S. Army Forces Command, based at Fort McPherson, Ga. On Friday, Nov. 11, Kennesaw State joins campus and community volunteers across the nation to read the names of the 6,300 casualties of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, now called Operation New Dawn. Thursday's ceremony will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Campus Green, in front of KSU Hall. Friday's reading will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Legacy Gazebo Amphitheatre, next to Willingham Hall. The Legacy Gazebo grounds will be marked with 6,300 flags, and Friday's event will include a minute of silence at 2 p.m. All of the events are open to the public. ...

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Economics professor Govind Hariharan was named executive director of the India China America Institute, which is housed in Kennesaw State's Coles College of Business, in spring 2011. Previously, Hariharan served as chair of the Department of Economics, Finance and Quantitative Analysis at the Coles College of Business. He is also associate director of the college's Econometric Center.

Hariharan has consulted for numerous organizations, public and private, such as the World Bank, the Council for Quality Growth and M&T Bank. He has been a member of various state and local task forces on health care, especially in the areas of health information and transparency. Hariharan is involved in many academic and business organizations in India as well. His research papers are key citations in a wide range of fields, including health, personal finance, regulation, economic development, environment and law. He has previously held positions at SUNY-Buffalo (including co-director of the Center for Public Policy and Regulation) and West Virginia University.

The India China America Institute, which Hariharan heads, is a well-respected thought leader on economic and geopolitical issues involving the United States and the world's largest emerging economies -- India and China. The nonprofit's primary focus is on the relationships between and among the new triad of power. The India China America Institute was created to serve as a catalyst for harmonious relationships between business leaders and policymakers in order to generate economic growth through innovation, entrepreneurship, inclusiveness, trade and investment. It also conducts research and offers executive programs and webinars to businesses, policymakers and nonprofits.

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Rep. Tom Price discusses views on Congress at Kennesaw State forum



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U.S. Rep. Tom Price took off his jacket, rolled up his sleeves and appeared professorial at a Kennesaw State University forum Nov. 7 as he offered views on issues facing Congress and the nation.

Price, who represents Georgia's 6th Congressional district, spoke to about 50 political science majors, many of them students in a class on the U.S. Congress taught by adjunct instructor Donna Merrell, who hosted the forum.

During an hour-long talk, the Republican congressman gave an overview of his career, his motivations for seeking public office and the important function that the Congress plays in democratic governance.

Price is the fifth-ranking Republican in the House of Representatives and chairman of the Republican Policy Committee. He also serves on the House ways and means and budget committees. Before going to Washington, Price served four terms in the Georgia Senate — two as minority whip. He spent nearly 20 years in private practice as an orthopedic surgeon and served as an assistant professor at Emory University and medical director of the Orthopedic Clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital.

The four-term congressman, who represents a district that includes Cherokee, East Cobb and parts of North Fulton and DeKalb counties, addressed the tougher issue of the partisan impasse that seems to stifle Congress.

First, Price explained, it's important to consider the ideological swings in Congress over the past several elections leading up to 2010, which gave Republicans a majority in the House of Representatives. He noted that 89 of the 242 Republicans elected to the House were new to Congress, and 38 of the new members had never run for any public office before.

In addition, Price said, the majority and minority parties have completely different roles in Congress: The minority party's function is to hold the majority party accountable and provide contrasting views while the majority party's main role is to govern. Republicans now have a majority in the House and a minority in the Senate.

"What we have is something that feels a little schizophrenic," Price said. "We have this sort of yin-yang going on that looks very strange. ... One hopes that people will take their jobs seriously and represent their districts, but not in a way that stops us from getting things done."

Price cited the 24-hour news cycle for accentuating "every discrepancy and every difference" between Republicans and Democrats in Congress. He challenged the audience to find much reported about two recent bills approved by the House of Representatives with strong bipartisan support to

reduce regulatory burdens so small businesses can attract new sources of capital.

Students questioned Price about a range of issues, from the president's new plan for repaying student loans to term limits, tax reform, balancing the federal budget and the impact of the healthcare reform bill. They also sought the congressman's opinions on the Republican presidential primary candidates, the Republican proposals that are best for the nation, and the current "Occupy Wall Street" protests.

Highlights of Price's responses:

... On term limits:

The four-term congressman said he support term limits.

... On President Obama's new student loan reform plan:

"It doesn't make sense to me; it doesn't sound like a policy grounded in logic. It's not teaching the right kind of values about responsibility. ... We have to stick to the fundamental principle of not having the taxpayer on the line."

... On the "Occupy Wall Street" protests:

"All the discontent says that people have the same feeling that I do – that people are frustrated at the direction the country is moving in. However, I think the protesters are misdirected: They should be directing their anger and frustration at the government and not at Wall Street."

... On the impact of the health care reform bill:

"The bill can't stand. The courts will make that decision [on the bill's constitutionality]. What matters in health care is accessibility, affordability and quality, which I think will all decline under the bill. The American people won't stand for standing in line for health care."

... On getting a balanced budget amendment:

"I'm more hopeful that we have a balanced budget than a balanced budget amendment. But we can't get the budget under control without addressing Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security."

... On tax reform:

"I think the Congress will have to enact a tax code revision. We'll never get rid of the income tax but we can have a value-added sales tax. ... I think a fair tax is where we'll ultimately end up."

... On which Republican proposals are best for the nation:

"The federal government has become too intrusive [on business] to allow for job creation. The genius of American business is being stifled ... by taxes that are too high and over regulation – regulatory oppression. ... American businesses are taking jobs overseas to be more competitive.

When it comes to improving the tax situation for business, I'm a 0 percent tax guy."

... On whom he supports in the Republican primary:

Price said he believes only Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich have a chance at defeating President Obama. "I'm endorsing Newt: This is his old district and I've known him a long time. ... I've reminded him that he must be a visionary leader for the future."

Price urged students to stay engaged and involved with the process and to seek internships in the local offices of elected officials. Students like Kennesaw State junior Brigian Enser can make a difference, he said. Enser, a political science major who hopes to go into corporate law, interned in Price's Marietta office last summer. He facilitated the contact that brought Price to speak at Kennesaw State.

"I had a chance to answer phones and help respond to constituent mail," Enser said. "It was a great experience."

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Recovering Hope



Kennesaw State center responds to growing number of students battling addictions From the vantage...

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From the vantage point of Katherine Davidson's early teen years, graduating in 2011 from KSU with a bachelor's degree in psychology was even more far-fetched than living to her 18th birthday.

After several relapses during treatment for anorexia, the eating disorder she describes as an addiction that began when she was 12, Davidson said going to college "just didn't seem like something I could do." Persevering in her commitment to recovery, however, she finished Kennesaw Mountain High School and applied to only one college.

Choosing KSU turned out to be a milestone on Davidson's path to recovery, which in 2007 intersected with the university's newly established Collegiate Recovery Center, since renamed the Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery (CYAAR).

Based on a model program at Texas Tech University, KSU's center helps students struggling with and recovering from addiction. It provides education and prevention services for the campus community and collaborates with faculty, academic departments and community organizations to conduct research into young adult addiction, treatment and recovery. The center includes the Collegiate Recovery Community (CRC), which provides students in recovery from alcohol, drug, food and other addictions with individual attention, group meetings, academic advisement and support. The center's Alcohol and Other Drugs initiative provides evidence-based prevention education for those who are addicted and those at risk.

A week before moving into her residence hall, Davidson reached her goal weight, a condition of her therapy. Early in her freshman year, she attended a forum on eating disorders presented by CYAAR and the KSU Wellness Center, where she was surprised to see her therapist on the panel. She also met Teresa Johnston, the CYAAR's director and a licensed professional counselor.

Davidson worked with Johnston to start a campus chapter of ANAD, the national association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders. By spring semester, she was leading a weekly peer group session for KSU students struggling with eating disorders, and eventually became certified as a peer health educator. During her sophomore year, she continued recovery in weekly CRC group sessions and prevention activities and earned one of three scholarships funded by William S. and Betsey B. Duffey for KSU students in recovery.

KSU was prime to become the first higher education institution in the Southeast to establish a center devoted to young adult addiction and recovery because of the growing need on campus and surrounding community, according to Johnston, who also teaches a learning community for first-year students who either have a need or an interest in addiction and recovery.

Using calculations based on a national model, Johnston estimates that some 300 KSU students need recovery services. The CRC began with three students in 2008. During spring 2011, it served 46 students, one-half of whom said they attended KSU because it provides an addiction recovery

support program.

“We’re becoming a destination campus for local students in recovery, largely due to word-of-mouth and a very active therapeutic community in the Cobb County area,” Johnston said. “The center is an acknowledgement that culturally addiction is a big problem. We can address it by masking the problem and pretending that it doesn’t exist, but that doesn’t advance knowledge and help make it safe for students with addictions.”

For Katherine Davidson, now 23 and hoping to earn a master’s degree in social work from the University of Texas in Austin, the safety and support provided by the CRC allowed her to heal and thrive.

“When you have school work, studying, tests, working parttime, it’s very difficult to stay in recovery if you don’t have a regular support group,” she said. “It made all the difference in my recovery. I feel amazing.”

Supporting recovery

If the movement to firmly establish addiction recovery communities on college campuses were a relay race, Teresa Johnston, director of KSU’s Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery (CYAAR), would be among the front runners. Taking up the mantle from colleagues at the pioneering Texas Tech University’s Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery, Johnston has forged ahead in the race to promote addiction recovery and support for college students.

With the exponential growth of KSU’s collegiate recovery community and the addition of alcohol and drug education and intervention services, the CYAAR is poised to become a national model and a resource for research into young adult addiction and recovery.

Johnston also is a major contributor to an effort to institutionalize addiction and recovery services throughout higher education. In July, she co-facilitated the first meeting of the executive board of the Association for Recovery in Higher Education (ARHE), which supports addiction recovery communities at 20 campuses nationwide, with several more poised to open next year.

In addition, KSU will host more than 250 scholars, practitioners, administrators, staff and students at the 3rd annual National Collegiate Recovery and Relapse Prevention Conference in March 2012.

“There is a great momentum, even from the federal government, to make certain that young people with addictions get the services and support they need in an academic setting,” Johnston said. “KSU students in recovery are given the opportunity to build community, sustain their recovery and progress in their academics one semester at a time, one day at a time and one person at a time. It’s a race worth winning.”

-- Sabbaye McGriff

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Katherine Davidson, left, talks with Teresa Johnston, director of the Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery on the KSU campus.

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Comparative Economics



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Long before Michael Patrono went to college and majored in economics, he was well versed on the virtues of capitalism. When he was 13, Patrono read “Atlas Shrugged,” Ayn Rand’s voluminous paean to capitalism. Discussions with his father, who owned a small construction company, afforded Patrono appreciation for the good and the bad of being both a capitalist and a blue-collar worker.

“I grew up seeing both the owner’s and the worker’s sides,” says Patrono, an economics lecturer at the Coles College of Business. “Economic debates that tend to be purely abstract and academic became more concrete in my eyes.”

Patrono’s early immersion into laissez-faire economics led him to a successful career teaching college economics. A professor at KSU since 2001, Patrono was named Professor of the Year by the Georgia Association of Economics & Finance in spring 2011. He was recognized for revamping Economics 1100, a global economics course that most non-business majors take. (In fall 2010, more than 1,000 undergrads took the course).

Originally, Patrono says, the course blended principles of macro and microeconomics, but there was resistance from students because it was too technical for non-business majors. Five years ago, Patrono revised the course and refashioned it into a philosophical, comparative study of different economic systems.

Today, the class delves into the economies of prewar Germany, modern China and the former USSR, among others. In the course, Patrono goes back to 1917, when Russia turned communist and the cosmic “capitalism versus communism” debate originated. Communism, he says, was an attempt to solve the problems of capitalism, but it failed miserably.

“I want students to have a broad view of what’s possible in economics and to be able to make a reasoned judgment as to which kind of system they would prefer,” says Patrono, who has been teaching economics since 1989. “There are no perfect systems. Even capitalism has inherent flaws. As long as students can give a reasonable explanation of the pros and cons of the two systems, I feel I have done my job.”

-- Aixa Pascual

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For the Love of Sports



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Sports for the love of sports. That's how participants and administrators describe intercollegiate club sports, where there are no athletic scholarships, minimal university funding and little fanfare.

Billed as "for the students, by the students," club sports are organized more like mini-corporations than traditional varsity teams. There are presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries and treasurers just to name a few of the roles athletes play off the field.

Club sports athletes organize their own practice and game schedules, raise money for uniforms and game officials, decide who plays and who doesn't, schedule hotel and travel arrangements and manage the paperwork, including team budgets. During the 2009-2010 season, KSU club teams traveled more than 45,000 miles during seven months of competition and collected more than \$194,000 from dues, gate revenue, sponsorships, fundraising and special events.

"This isn't just about the sporting experience as much as it is about the opportunity to learn skills that are transferable to the workplace and to build friendships," collegiate club sports director Laura St. Onge said. "That they succeed is icing on the cake."

And succeed they do.

In 2011, six club sports teams — competitive cheer, paintball, women's rugby, fishing, softball and wrestling — attended national championship tournaments. The competitive cheer team is the two-time defending national champion, and in the last 16 months, the fishing team has raked in \$40,000 in tournament winnings. Half of the fishing team's prize money goes to the university to fund a scholarship for club sports athletes.

In addition, another six of the 25 club sports teams qualified for post-season regional play, including the baseball, swim, ultimate Frisbee, equestrian, men's lacrosse and men's roller hockey teams.

"These are talented athletes with great organizational abilities, who make sound financial decisions and play for the pure love of the game," St. Onge said.

Samer Kaddah is president of the men's soccer team. A former varsity soccer player at Georgia State University, Kaddah came to Kennesaw State following a knee injury.

"I was only going to come here for a semester while my knee healed, but I found club sports, fell in love with it and didn't want to leave," he said. "Club sports are a great opportunity to grow as a leader. You learn a lot of skills that can be used after college."

With its focus on student development, club sports fall under the domain of the Division of Student Success.

“Club sports provide a learning and leadership experience in that students self-administer and self-regulate these sports, as well as create their own sporting experience under the guidance of club sports administrators,” Division of Student Success vice president Jerome Ratchford said. “The club sports program also serves individual interests, which contribute to a student’s comfort level at KSU and increase the prospect of successfully matriculating and graduating. The program also expand students’ overall educational experiences in that it teaches leadership skills, team work and the importance of physical fitness among other attributes.”

In 2007, there was only one non-regulation intramural field on campus, a 1.45-acre tract that was shared by HPS , intramurals, club sports and other students. Since 2009, the 88-acre Sports & Recreation Park has opened, including two regulation synthetic turf fields, a training/warm-up area and the Owls Nest, a 16,000-square-foot indoor training facility, all dedicated to club sports and intramurals.

Although sometimes confused with intramural sports, where participants play against other KSU teams, club sports compete against other universities and adhere to national governing body requirements. An important difference, said men’s soccer team president Kaddah, for those who played competitive sports growing up.

“We want everybody to know, club sports is very competitive,” the junior sports management major said. “Sometimes people don’t understand the difference between club sports and intramurals. Club sports is an opportunity to still play competitively for those that want to.”

Competitive cheer squad wins fourth national championship

Kennesaw State’s competitive cheer squad brought home another national championship —the fourth since 2004. The Owls defeated nine teams to win the All-Girl Division I championship at the National Cheerleaders Association and National Dance Association (NCA/NDA) Collegiate Cheer and Dance Competition in Daytona Beach in April.

Jocilyn Yarnell, club president and a KSU senior majoring in exercise and health science, said the squad won with a routine choreographed by volunteer coach A.J. Lawrence.

One of 25 KSU club sports, the team provides much of its own budget and three-hour practice sessions three times a week are mandatory.

“Most of us work jobs as well as go to school full time,” Yarnell said. “We have to really manage our time well.”

“KSU is proud that our student-athletes can take part in a sport they enjoy, balance their academic and personal commitments and be truly competitive in a national competition like this,” said Laura St. Onge, collegiate club sports director. “This program has been around for 13 years, and it has been in the hands of many great alumnae. Our team strives to hold up the program, and we’re driven by the knowledge that we’re capable of winning national titles.”

-- Jennifer Hafer

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Below is the original release issued by Kennesaw State University after the passing of *Landrum*, the university's first athletic director.

KENNESAW, Ga. (Nov. 11, 2011) – The Kennesaw State University community is mourning the death of James "Spec" Landrum, the university's first athletic director. Landrum launched Kennesaw State's first intercollegiate athletics program in 1981.

Landrum, 94, served as athletic director at Kennesaw State from 1981 to 1987, after a distinguished career coaching football at the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech. He came back to Kennesaw State years later to help the university move from NCAA Division II to Division I.

"We are saddened by Spec's passing, and we extend our condolences to his family and friends," said Kennesaw State President Daniel S. Papp. "He left a legacy of excellence in athletics that still lives on. Spec built the foundation of what is now an NCAA Division I athletic program. We wouldn't be where we are today without his leadership in establishing KSU's athletics program."

Landrum was born in 1917 in Stephens County, Ga. He played football at South Georgia College and at Mercer University -- he was a tailback in the single wing -- and went on to coach at the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech after coaching at Canton High School and in the Atlanta school system. He started coaching in 1940.

Upon hearing of Landrum's passing, current Kennesaw State Director of Athletics Vaughn Williams stated, "The Owl Family mourns the loss of a man who was a true servant leader. He was a man with a great vision and passion for Kennesaw athletics. We extend our prayers and sympathy to Spec's widow, Dr. Mildred Landrum, and her family."

Senior Associate Athletic Director Scott Whitlock - who served on Landrum's staff at Kennesaw State during the early years said, "I'm just devastated. Our university lost a giant today, and I lost a man that I looked upon as a second dad. Coach Landrum was the first to believe in me. In fact, he took a chance on a lot of young coaches in the mid-80s including me - a 23 year old kid. Professionally and personally, I owe him so much. Coach Landrum will always live in my heart and Dr. Landrum and the Landrum family are in my prayers."

Landrum got his nickname, "Spec," when he was in the seventh grade and it stuck throughout his life. "I was as freckled as freckles can get on a person," Landrum said during an oral history recorded for Kennesaw State. "I just reached the point where nobody except my family [called me James], and half of them called me Spec. My mother never did. My oldest brother didn't. They called me James.

(But the name Spec) just stuck with me, so I gave up! ”

In his early years, Landrum was an all-around athlete. “I could play anything,” he said. “I was a pretty good football player in college.”

But he really wanted to coach, so he moved to Atlanta. “I got a job teaching at Roosevelt High School,” he recalled in the oral history. “The first year I went there as an assistant in football, assistant in basketball and head track coach, and full load teaching. The head coaching job at Grady High School opened. So anyway, I ended up at Grady High School, and then came to coaching at Georgia.”

Landrum coached football at Georgia from 1951 to 1954. Then he went on to coach at Georgia Tech for about 13 years. He went on to serve as president of the Georgia Conservancy before he was hired by KSU’s first president, Horace Sturgis, as coordinator of development and alumni relations. The university then was known as Kennesaw College, and enrolled only about 4,000 students at that time. When Betty Siegel became president in 1981, she wanted to start an athletics program and named Landrum the school’s first athletic director.

Retired KSU Athletic Director Dave Waples, who served for 23 years as Landrum’s successor (1987-2010), captured the sentiments of all who knew and were associated with the university’s first athletic director: “Spec was a legend,” Waples stated, “and he was and remains the foundation of the KSU athletic program.”

For more information, and to read a tribute to “Spec” Landrum, please visit the Kennesaw State Athletics website at: <http://www.ksuowls.com/>

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Kennesaw State University's efforts to promote global learning and engagement are featured in an eight-page profile in the November/December issue of *International Educator*.

The special edition, "Internationalizing the Campus: Profiles of Success at Colleges and Universities," includes profiles of the five 2011 Simon Award winners. The profile on Kennesaw State, titled "A Quest to Enhance Quality Spurs Global Learning," describes the university's strategic globalization and engagement initiatives, including study abroad, global certification program and partnerships, as well as individual student and faculty global engagement projects.

Kennesaw State received the Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization last spring. The award recognizes the broad diversity of approaches the university employs to internationalize its campus. It was among five universities named in the comprehensive category. Three institutions also were awarded Simon Spotlight Awards for a specific international program or initiative.

The Simon awards are named for the late Paul Simon, a long-term Illinois senator known for his support of international education and foreign language learning, in general, and specifically for his leadership in creating the National Security Education Program.

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The evening features new contemporary, modern and classical ballets For media inquiries:...

Georgia (Nov 15, 2011) —

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Nov. 15, 2011) — The Kennesaw State University Dance Company will present “Paquita+III,” Nov. 16-19 at 8 p.m. in the Howard Logan Stillwell Theater. In addition to the ballet classic, “Paquita,” staged by [Reiko Kimura](#), the performance will feature three original works by artist-in-residence [Lauri Stallings](#), assistant professor [Sandra Parks](#), and program director [Ivan Pulinkala](#).

Set in Napoleonic Spain, “Paquita” depicts the love story between a young gypsy girl and a dashing French officer. The first version of the ballet premiered in 1847 for the Paris Opera. The KSU Dance Company will be performing the 1881 version, which originally premiered at the Bolshoi Theatre in St. Petersburg. This re-staging is presented in collaboration with the Atlanta Ballet.

“The performance will showcase the versatility of our program, spanning a range of classical and contemporary repertoire,” explains Pulinkala, director of the [Program in Dance](#).

The evening will conclude with three new contemporary world premieres. Each work reflects the distinctive style of the choreographer – from modern dance to contemporary ballet. “My work this year is inspired by Chinese calligraphy and will incorporate video work,” explains Parks, who choreographed the modern dance performance. “The movements are also inspired by the energy of writing Chinese calligraphy.”

The KSU Program in Dance was started as a dance minor in 2005. In January 2009, the program launched the Bachelor of Arts degree in dance that currently enrolls more than 100 dance majors. The program has garnered a national reputation at the American College Dance Festival, and the KSU Dance Company has been invited to represent dance programs in the southeastern United States for two consecutive national years, performing in New York City in 2008 and at the Kennedy Center in 2010.

[Tickets](#) for the performance are \$20 for general admission and \$12 for KSU students. For more

information, visit the KSU [box office](#) or call 770-423-6650.

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The KSU College of the Arts is one of only four Georgia institutions to have achieved full national accreditation for all of its arts departments.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Nov. 11, 2011) – Emmy-winning Dateline NBC correspondent Chris Hansen will serve as the keynote speaker for the fifth annual “World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse” conference co-hosted by the Department of Social Work and Human Services at Kennesaw State University and Children’s Advocacy Centers of Georgia Nov. 18. Georgia First Lady Sandra Deal will deliver the welcoming address.

Who:

Chris Hansen, Emmy-winning Dateline NBC correspondent, is the featured speaker and author of a new book, “*To Catch a Predator: Protecting Your Kids from Online Enemies Already in Your Home.*” In the series “*To Catch a Predator,*” Hansen reports hidden camera investigations that expose adults who target children over the Internet. Renowned for his breakthrough investigative reporting, Hansen has reported dramatic hidden camera investigations that exposed more than 150 men who target young teenagers over the Internet.

What:

“World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse” is an enlightening summit that will bring together professionals involved in various phases of the child welfare process from investigation to prosecution. Children Advocacy Center staff, academia, law enforcement, prosecutors, child welfare experts and community leaders will share ideas, experiences and best practices in using a multi-disciplinary team approach to improving the lives of abused children.

When:

Friday, Nov. 18, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; First Lady Deal will give the welcoming address at 9:15 a.m. and Hansen will speak immediately afterwards.

Where:

KSU Center, 3333 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw, GA, 30144

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Linking the Past



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Evolutionary biologist Marcus C. Davis delves into the past with an eye on the future, knowing that his research will shed new light on birth defects and limb regeneration in humans.

An assistant professor of biology in KSU's College of Science and Mathematics, Davis spends summers digging for fossils in the Canadian Arctic where temperatures hover around freezing and the sun never sets.

Davis was among a group of researchers led by the University of Chicago's Neil Shubin, that made a key discovery while exploring 375 million-year-old fossilized streambeds 600 miles from the North Pole — the skeletons of well-preserved fossil fish.

They were searching for what Davis describes as a transitional organism between fish and land-living vertebrates, which possessed attributes of both fish and amphibians.

"What we found was a mosaic animal with long and muscular limbs like an amphibian, with a fish-like fin at the end for swimming," he said. "Unlike fish, it had a distinctive neck — a key attribute that allows land animals to move their head independently from their body."

The team named the "missing link" fossil *Tiktaalik* (pronounced tic-TAH'-lic) *roseae*, and nicknamed it the "fishapod," or fish with feet.

The New York Times quoted H. Richard Lane, director of paleobiology at the National Science Foundation, as saying, "These exciting discoveries are providing fossil Rosetta Stones for a deeper understanding of this evolutionary milestone — the link from fish to land-roaming tetrapods."

Davis said his current research explores the mechanisms of evolutionary change that underlie the origins of new animal body plans. "I integrate information from the fossil record with the investigation of developmental mechanisms in living vertebrates. I'm trying to determine whether fish have fingers, or something that became fingers in all of us 'land fish.'"

The patterns of limb evolution across hundreds of millions of years have allowed researchers like Davis to develop hypotheses about how limbs form and which genes are involved.

So, besides the evolutionary insights, these discoveries may lead to medical breakthroughs since many fish and amphibians can replace damaged or lost limbs.

Since these vertebrates and mammals, including humans, use mostly the same genes to build their limbs, researchers are confident it will one day be possible to regenerate lost digits and limbs in humans.

"Insights from our study also have allowed us to clarify the very confusing observations that have been made regarding birth defects in humans. Which is why, in polydactylism, one of the most common forms of birth defects, there are extra digits — six, seven or eight but never more than eight digits," Davis said.

Davis made a return trip to the Arctic this summer. “It is now time to open the next chapter in exploration and I have been invited back to play a role,” he said. “We are excited to explore some new exposures, on new islands, that we did not explore over the last decade.”

-- Robert Godlewski

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Some 131 tax officials visit Atlanta to learn about the U.S. tax system, global taxation issues

As India emerges as a global economic superpower, the country's revenue service officials need to be versed in international taxation and other transnational financial issues. So for five days in November, an elite group of 131 newly hired tax officials from the Indian Revenue Service came to Atlanta to learn more about the U.S. tax system, international tax treaties and corporate America.

At a training hosted by the India China America (ICA) Institute, housed in Kennesaw State University's Coles College of Business, the officials spent hours in sessions, visited the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and UPS headquarters, and toured the Kennesaw State campus.

"Cross-border transactions are increasing in India and a lot of multinational companies from the U.S. and Europe are doing business with India," said Ravichandran Ramasamy, a high-level Indian Revenue Service official who led the group. "They need to understand international taxation issues. The G-20 countries do business with India, and India is growing at 9 percent a year."

Program participants included engineers, doctors and social scientists from 23 states in India who are being trained as entry-level tax officials. In 20 or 30 years they will be leading the Indian Revenue Service. Participants were selected from a pool of hundreds of thousands of applicants who took a rigorous test for civil service positions last year. Those selected undergo a 16-month training, and this year, for the first time, the training included one week in the U.S., Ramasamy said.

The tax officials learned about game theory, global tax treaties, transfer pricing and the workings of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. They attended talks by tax experts from firms such as Habif, Arogeti & Wynne, Grant Thornton and Alston & Bird, Coles College of Business economics professors, an IRS officer and Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens, among others.

"This was the first time any Indian administrative officer trainees have been sent to the U.S. for a training stint," said Govind Hariharan, executive director of the ICA Institute. "It is an honor to be chosen to train these officers, who are part of the select cadre that will lead implementation of tax policies in India. As we grow the institute, we expect to offer a variety of programs for corporate executives and civil servants from India, China and the U.S."

The ICA Institute (www.icainstitute.org) is a thought leader on economic, business and geopolitical issues involving the United States and the world's largest emerging economies -- India and China. The nonprofit institute's primary focus is on the relationships between and among the new triad of power consisting of the U.S., China and India, the world's most populous countries and largest markets. These three mammoth economies are expected to lead global economic growth in the 21st century and their interrelationships will bear on global prosperity.

The Indian Revenue Service, the Ministry of Finance's entity in charge of collecting taxes, collects \$100 billion in income taxes a year. Increasingly, its officials have to learn about international taxation as India becomes a bigger global player and as Indian companies continue to buy U.S. companies.

"India is growing fast," said Jayasankar Neelakantan, a faculty member at the National Academy of Direct Taxes who traveled to Atlanta with the group. "Most Indian companies are exporters or are buying foreign companies."

Manveet Singh Sehgal, one of the visiting tax officials, said he learned how the Internal Revenue Service works and what best practices are. "The program was really wonderful," he said.

For his part, Narsingh Kumar Khalkho enjoyed immersing himself in game theory and learning how other countries collect taxes. "Game theory is the new theme I learned about," he said. "Game theory taught us the strategy for expanding the tax base."

The tax officials' visit left the door open for other groups of Indian Revenue Service officials to come train in Atlanta with the ICA Institute in the future.

"We would like to deepen the ties and broaden them," said Ramasamy. "We would like to continue the partnership."

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A delegation of 24 Kennesaw State officials and faculty members had a chance to witness state-of-the-art auto manufacturing on Nov. 4 during a tour of the \$1 billion Kia Motors plant that opened in West Point, Ga., in February 2010.

Representatives of Kennesaw State's College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Coles College of Business, Bagwell College of Education, Institute for Global Initiatives, Confucius Institute and India China America Institute observed plant operations that include state-of-the-art robots, assembly lines, and testing equipment. The tour was organized by the Asian Studies Program.

Barry Morris, vice provost for global engagement and strategic initiatives at Kennesaw State, said he anticipates a long-term partnership with Kia that will create study abroad, internship and scholarship opportunities for students with an interest in Asian Studies.

Keun Sik Kim, senior vice president of Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia, Inc., said the plant currently produces 59 vehicles per hour or 300,000 vehicles per year. A \$100 million upgrade will be completed in 2012 and is expected to bring the production capacity to 68 vehicles per hour or 360,000 vehicles per year with three shifts of workers operating 24 hours per day. The plant employs 3,700 workers, most of them from Georgia.

"It was a great honor for us to be invited by Kia officials to visit their manufacturing plant," said May Gao, associate professor of communication and Asian Studies coordinator. "We anticipate many Asian-owned companies in the U.S., such as Kia to provide support for our Asian Studies program as we educate KSU students to be more globally competitive, especially with regard to knowledge about Asia."

For more information about Kennesaw State's Asian Studies Program, please visit: <http://asianstudies.hss.kennesaw.edu/> For more information about Kia Motors' Georgia plant, please visit: <http://www.kmmgusa.com/>

-- Based on a report by Montye Edwards, graduate student, Master of Arts in Integrated Global Communication Program at Kennesaw State

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KSU's part-time and Executive MBAs recognized in Bloomberg Businessweek rankings



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KENNESAW, Ga. (Nov. 16, 2011) — Kennesaw State University's Executive MBA and part-time MBA ranked among the best in the nation in the 2011 Bloomberg Businessweek rankings released in November.

The Coles College of Business's part-time MBA ranked No. 29 in the U.S., up from No. 56 in 2009, and ranked No. 4 in the South, up from No. 8 in 2009. The Coles College of Business's Executive MBA is one of 27 programs in the U.S. that made it on the second tier in the latest rankings, up from 2009, when the program was not ranked. These rankings are released every two years.

"It is an honor for the Coles College of Business to have two of its MBA programs recognized in the Bloomberg Businessweek rankings," said Kat Schwaig, interim dean of the Coles College of Business. "In just two years, our Executive MBA and part-time MBA made tremendous strides. These rankings are a testament to the quality of our MBA programs."

In the part-time MBA category, Kennesaw State was one of only three Georgia schools that made it into the top 10 in the South. The biennial rankings are based on student surveys administered by Bloomberg Businessweek, as well as data such as admissions requirements.

"It is evident that students are increasingly satisfied with their part-time MBA experience in terms of *faculty quality, curriculum content, delivery and support from the graduate program office,*" said Sheb True, associate dean for graduate business and executive programs at the Coles College of Business. "Also, the *quality of the students* admitted into the part-time MBA program has steadily improved. All of these factors, working together, helped move our position in the rankings significantly.

The part-time MBA at the Coles College of Business enrolls nearly 350 students. The flexible program is self-paced through courses offered on evenings and weekends and a minimester program in May, August and December. The 18-month Executive MBA at the Coles College of Business enrolls approximately 100 students in three cohorts and meets one weekend a month. The curriculum, designed from a CEO's point of view, prepares students for strategic thinking and planning, executive level leadership and business on a global scale.

"KSU's Coles College of Business is committed to providing business education that is relevant to the challenges and opportunities in the global marketplace," True said. "The recent rankings released by Bloomberg Businessweek provide evidence of that commitment and to the quality of our students, faculty and MBA curriculum."

For more information on the Coles College's MBAs please visit <http://coles.kennesaw.edu/graduate/>

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Kennesaw State University Statement on Joel Hochmuth



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“News reports from Wisconsin media outlets have come to the attention of Kennesaw State University officials regarding a former instructor employed at the university from 2003-06, who has been charged with child pornography.

Joel W. Hochmuth, 52, presently resides in Waukesha, Wisconsin. The former employee has not been affiliated with the university since 2006.

KSU officials have not been contacted by law enforcement officials or by the media in connection with this case. However, we thought it appropriate to alert the campus community to these media reports.

During 2003 and 2004, Hochmuth worked at KSU as a part-time instructor in the Communications Department. He was appointed and served as a full-time temporary instructor in the same department for the 2005-2006 academic year. He was reappointed to that position for the 2006-2007 academic year, but resigned voluntarily from the university, effective December 31, 2006.

As with all KSU employees, Hochmuth underwent a background check prior to his initial 2003 employment. That background check indicated no criminal record.

No personnel issues were identified during Hochmuth’s association with the university. He resigned and departed in good standing.”

To view a copy of Provost Harmon’s official statement, click [here](#).

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Kennesaw State's College of Continuing and Professional Education Honors Harp



Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp (right) and the Board of Trustees honored...

Georgia (Nov 21, 2011) – Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp (right) and the Board of Trustees honored Richard J. “Dick” Harp with the Chairman’s Award for his outstanding service to Kennesaw State’s College of Continuing and Professional Education. Harp has raised \$4.2 million for the college with the majority of these gifts earmarked for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to support a program for students 55 and older. A reception and dinner honoring Harp was held at the Marietta Country Club in Kennesaw.

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Kennesaw State University Gears Up to Host 2011 Women's College Cup



NCAA Division I national championship finds home in the KSU Soccer Stadium KENNESAW, Ga. (...

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Nov. 22, 2011) – Kennesaw State University will host the 2011 NCAA Women's College Cup, the national championship of women's soccer, at the KSU Soccer Stadium Dec. 2 and Dec. 4.

Who:

The Women's College Cup will consist of the four teams remaining in the NCAA Women's Soccer Championship. The national quarterfinals will take place Friday, Nov. 25, at different sites around the country. The eight teams still competing for spots in the College Cup are Duke, Florida State, Wake Forest, Oklahoma State, Central Florida, Long Beach State, Virginia and Stanford.

What:

The NCAA Women's College Cup is the Final Four of women's soccer. The NCAA Women's Soccer Championship began with 64 teams, with regional rounds held at campus sites around the country to determine the field at the College Cup. The event consists of two semifinal matches, which will take place on Friday evening, Dec. 2, and a national championship, to be played on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 4. This event will be the first NCAA Division I national championship to be held in Cobb County.

When:

The first semifinal match will kick off Friday, Dec. 2, at 5 p.m., followed by the second match beginning at 7:30 p.m. The national championship will take place Sunday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m.

Where: Kennesaw State University's KSU Soccer Stadium, the world's largest women's soccer stadium, with a seating capacity of 8,300. Tickets for the event may be purchased through the NCAA at <http://www.ncaa.com/tickets>. An all-tournament ticket package, which includes admission to all three matches, starts at \$45. Groups of 15 or more may purchase packages for \$35 per person.

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Organizers of the Women's College Cup are expecting a sellout crowd when the semifinal and...

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Former Kennesaw State University vice president wins fundraising award



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KENNESAW, Ga. (Nov. 23, 2011) – Former Kennesaw State University Vice President for Advancement Wes Wicker was recently recognized as the "Fund Raising Executive of the Year" by the Georgia Education Advancement Council. Wicker was recognized for his efforts leading the university's first-ever comprehensive capital campaign.

Launched in October 2007, the five-year capital campaign, "The New Faces of Kennesaw State," raised \$77 million, 15 months ahead of schedule. Several major campaign gifts received this summer -- including a \$500,000 scholarship pledge and an anonymous gift of \$250,000 to the College of the Arts' theatre program -- all pushed the campaign beyond its \$75 million goal ahead of the initial October 2012 target date.

"We are extremely proud of the success of the capital campaign and Wes for his leadership in that success," Kennesaw State President Daniel S. Papp said. "This award is but the latest recognition of the university's growing prominence."

For his part, Wicker said the recognition was a crowning achievement for him personally, and a credit to his former staff professionally.

"To be recognized by my peers in the state of Georgia, advancement officers of both public universities and private colleges, it was a great honor," he said. "But, this is really an award for our staff. Although I was personally recognized, it was the development and alumni staff that made it possible. I've had the honor of working with some great people at KSU, and I treasure those people and my memories of our work together."

Wicker attended his first GEAC conference in 1984 and served as treasurer and a board member of the organization in the '80s when he "was a youngster with Georgia Southwestern University."

"I learned a great deal about university advancement there and have admired the careers of my colleagues at GEAC, so it is a rewarding honor," he said.

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Kennesaw State University provost search narrowed to three finalists

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Candidates to visit campus Nov. 29 – Dec.1

KENNESAW, Ga. (Nov. 23, 2011) – Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp and Provost Search Committee Chair Thomas H. Keene today announced the names of the three final candidates for the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The three finalists are David P. Cordle, dean, College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington; Michael A. Gealt, dean, College of Science and Mathematics at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; and W. Ken Harmon, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs and former dean of the Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State.

A pool of 81 applicants submitted the required materials to be considered for the university's chief academic officer position, with nine selected for round-one interviews, held on Nov. 17 and 18.

In the next phase of the process, the three finalists are slated to participate in a series of daylong meetings and interviews to be held next Tuesday, Nov. 29, through Thursday, Dec. 1, on the KSU campus. The candidates will take part in interview sessions and interact with students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni.

"We are pleased to move forward these three outstanding candidates for provost," Papp stated. "The search committee and the external search firm conducted a thorough national search and vetted a robust pool of applicants. We now have three high-caliber finalists, one of whom we will soon select to fill the provost's position here at Kennesaw State."

Keene, a KSU professor of history, chaired a 15-person search committee focused on identifying a leader that can help shape Kennesaw State's stature and positioning.

"The goal of the search committee has been to identify candidates for provost who can help lead this dynamic, rapidly growing university in meeting the demands of a 21st century institution of higher learning," Keene said. "We believe we have found three finalists with the potential to help the university achieve its goals of a delivering a world-class education and achieving national prominence for the outstanding work we're doing at Kennesaw State."

Cordle's visit to the university will take place on Nov. 29, and Gealt's is planned for Nov. 30. Harmon's campus meetings are scheduled for Dec. 1.

Cordle has served as dean of arts and sciences and professor of music at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington since 2005. He also was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Longwood University in Farmville, Va., from 1998-2005 and spent 10 years as chair of the music department at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. Cordle earned a Ph.D. in music from the Florida State University.

Gealt, a professor of biology, has served as University of Arkansas at Little Rock's math and sciences dean since 2006. He also has served in key academic posts, including interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean of the School of Engineering, Mathematics and Science at Purdue University Calumet in Hammond, Ind. Before joining Purdue's faculty in 2000, Gealt was a professor and academic administrator at Drexel University in Philadelphia. He holds a Ph.D. in microbiology

from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Harmon has served for the past year and a half as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs at Kennesaw State. He has served in increasingly responsible management roles since joining the university in 2006 as director of the School of Accountancy. He was named dean of the Coles College of Business in 2009 and Dinos Eminent Scholar of Entrepreneurial Management in 2010. He holds a Doctor of Business Administration in accounting, with a minor in computer science, from the University of Tennessee.

Kennesaw State's provost search committee was aided by Parker Executive Search.

President Papp expects to name the new provost in December. The selected candidate is expected to begin as early as possible in 2012.

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The Marietta Daily Journal *Buddy Darden, a former U.S. congressman and Marietta resident, wrote this review of the new book, "A.L. Burruss — The Life of a Georgia Politician and a Man to Trust," by Margaret Bennett Walters.*

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For those of us who knew and loved A.L. Burruss, this short history of his life is a valued and vivid reminder of this extraordinary man. His generosity, commitment and faith served as an example to all of us who have served in public life. His total dedication to public service and to the betterment of mankind is very vividly and accurately portrayed in this short but thorough and accurate book by Margaret Bennett Walters under the auspices of the A.L. Burruss Center at Kennesaw State University

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Nov. 30, 2011) – Kennesaw State University has been recognized with two Gold awards in the University System of Georgia Chancellor's Customer Service Excellence Award competition. One award is for *Customer Service Institution of the Year* and the other is for *Outstanding Customer Service Contact Center*.

The awards are given annually by the chancellor of the University System of Georgia to recognize outstanding customer service. This is the third time Kennesaw State has won the system-wide *Customer Service Institution of the Year* award. Previous wins came in 2007 and 2008.

"Everyone at Kennesaw State works hard to provide excellent customer service, and these two most recent awards are indicative of that effort," said Kennesaw State President Daniel S. Papp. "We are proud of the continuous leadership that Linda Lyons and her team provide in this area, and are excited about the positive recognition the IT service desk earned for its customer service."

The KSU Service Desk won the 2011 chancellor's Gold award for *Outstanding Customer Service Contact Center*. The unit, which is part of the Information Technology Services department, has consistently received excellent feedback on the team's quality customer service skills.

"Winning the Gold award for *Outstanding Customer Service Contact Center* recognizes an outstanding and innovative team effort," said Lectra Lawhorne, director of Information Technology Services.

"The KSU Service Desk developed an internal *wiki* for the service desk technicians, which led to more 'call first-contact call closures,' with 53% of all calls closed on first contact, and an average close time of about 11 minutes." She added, "The team also implemented an online method that enabled our customers to monitor their service requests using their same KSU login name and password customers use for all other electronic services."

Kennesaw State has a strong record of providing excellent customer service and continually strives to exceed previous successes. As noted in the listing below, Kennesaw State University has received institutional and individual recognition and awards in several categories from the chancellor's office for the past several years.

2007

Outstanding Customer Service Institution of the Year

Outstanding Customer Service Leadership Gold Award - Linda Lyons

Outstanding Customer Service Improvement Gold Award - Coles College of Business

Outstanding Customer Service Improvement Silver Award - New Hires Online Project

2008

Outstanding Customer Service Institution of the Year

Joseph Green Champion of the Year Award

Outstanding Customer Service Improvement Bronze Award - KSU Bookstore

Outstanding Customer Service Team Bronze Award - Enrollment Services Communication Center

2009

Outstanding Customer Leadership Award - Honorable Mention - Kim West, KSU Registrar

Outstanding Customer Service Team Gold Award - KSU's Customer Service Council

2010

Outstanding Customer Service Team Bronze Award - Student Development Team

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PMI increase is first in three months, says KSU economics professor

KENNESAW, Ga. (Dec. 1, 2011) – Manufacturing activity in Georgia was up for the first time in the last three months, according to the Econometric Center at Kennesaw State University’s Coles College of Business.

Georgia’s Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) – a reading of economic activity in the state’s manufacturing sector – for November was 52.4, the highest reading since July. Increases in new orders and production were primarily responsible for the sharp rebound. Finished inventory was up 21 points, which suggests manufacturers anticipate continued growth.

“New orders were at their highest level since June, when the index started to slump,” said Don Sabbarese, professor of economics and director of the Econometric Center at the Coles College of Business. “This may signal a turning point for Georgia manufacturers. New orders typically lead the other variables in the index, as was the case in November.”

Other highlights of the November PMI include:

- New orders increased 9.7 points, to 58.1
- Production increased 10.5 points, to 54.1
- Employment increased 3.2 points, to 50
- Supplier delivery time increased 1.6 points, to 50
- Commodity prices decreased 5.7 points, to 45.9

The Georgia PMI provides a snapshot of manufacturing activity in the state, just as the monthly PMI released by the Institute for Supply Management provides a picture of national manufacturing activity. A PMI reading above 50 indicates that manufacturing activity is expanding; a reading below 50 indicates it is contracting.

The Georgia PMI reading is a composite of five variables – new orders, production, employment,

supply deliveries and finished inventory. A sixth variable, commodity prices, is compiled by the Coles College's Econometric Center but does not go into the PMI calculation.

The PMI, compiled from a monthly survey of manufacturers, is the earliest indicator of market conditions in the sector. Since manufacturing, which accounts for 11 percent of GDP, is sensitive to changes in the economy, it can also reveal changing macroeconomic trends.

The PMI's value is in its timeliness and sensitivity to variables such as interest rates, global markets and other economic changes. The Georgia PMI provides valuable data used by institutions such as the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta to assist in their analysis of current economic conditions, along with many other data sources, to get a picture of economic activity.

For a full report of the November PMI, or to speak with professor Sabbarese, please call 770-423-6094.

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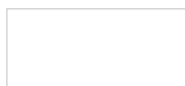
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The NCAA Women's College Cup, taking place this weekend at Kennesaw State, will be the first NCAA soccer championship held in Georgia since 1968. It is not an aberration. It might be followed by the third NCAA Division I wrestling championship to take place in the Southeast and a more unlikely NCAA title event, the men's lacrosse championship. "To get a [lacrosse] Final Four here would be pretty amazing," said Ken Chin, Atlanta Sports Council vice president of business development and events ... "We want the NCAA to realize we can do so much more with them, given all the other assets we have in the community," Chin said. Kennesaw State's year-old soccer stadium might be the best example. The 8,300-seat facility was built specifically for soccer, though it likely will be the home field for the KSU football team when it begins play, probably in 2014. When the stadium was under construction, Owls women's soccer coach Rob King suggested to then-athletic director Dave Waples that the school bid for the Women's College Cup, the soccer equivalent of the Final Four. "Nobody could find one good reason not to," said Scott Whitlock, senior associate athletics director. About 7,000 visitors, among them the participating Duke, Florida State, Stanford and Wake Forest teams, are expected to come through Cobb County for Friday's and Sunday's matches. Tickets are nearly sold out. The Cobb County Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates an economic impact of \$2.6 million. Kennesaw State is pursuing the tournament again for 2013. "We want to be able to showcase our facility, showcase our area, showcase our community," Whitlock said. The sports council will have representatives from the ACC at Kennesaw State as part of a pitch to bring that league's women's soccer tournament to Kennesaw. The ACC men's basketball tournament will take place at Philips Arena in March. The council intends to bid for the league's baseball tournament, which has openings in 2014-15, and bring it to Gwinnett's Coolray Field.

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By NICHOLAS SCHWARTZ

The 2011 College Cup, for many, will be a weekend filled with firsts. The women's soccer N.C.A.A. semifinal games take place Friday evening at the Kennesaw State University Soccer Stadium in Kennesaw, Ga. — and though the field is filled with the traditionally successful soccer programs, none of the four remaining teams has yet won a national championship.

That will change on Sunday, when one of the four No. 1 seeds in the tournament wins the title. The winners of Friday's game will play at 1 p.m. Sunday in the national final.

[Florida State \(18-6-1\) vs. Stanford \(23-0-1\), 5 p.m., Friday.](#)

The weekend's first matchup features two experienced sides that have both endured more than their fair share of heartbreak on college soccer's grandest stage. Florida State and Stanford both have impressive records in the N.C.A.A. tournament in years past, with nine trips to the College Cup between the two programs, but each has a losing record overall. The Seminoles' last appearance was in 2007, when Florida State made it to the final but fell 2-0 to Southern California. Stanford, meanwhile, is playing in its fourth consecutive College Cup, but lost in each of the last two national championship games.

Florida State's hallmark for years has been its team speed and athleticism, and the 2011 edition of Coach Mark Krikorian's squad is no different. Stanford's defense will be tested by standout striker Tiffany McCarty, the A.C.C. Offensive Player of the Year in 2009 who missed the entirety of the 2010 season to a knee injury, and senior midfielder Janice Cayman. The pair has combined to score 25 of Florida State's 55 goals this year, and McCarty ranks second in the A.C.C. in points (42), goals (18) and goals per game (.72).

Florida State enters Friday's game playing its best stretch of soccer all season long. After a midseason lull that saw the Seminoles succumb to the rigors of the A.C.C. — college soccer's most competitive conference with seven nationally ranked teams — Florida State has reeled off nine wins in its last 10 games, including a victory in the A.C.C. tournament final over Wake Forest.

Stanford comes to Kennesaw as the nation's lone undefeated team, with a scoreless draw in an away game against Maryland in August as the only blemish on what has thus far been a storybook season. The Cardinal feature two of the nation's best players in striker Lindsey Taylor and midfielder Teresa Noyola, and are anchored by an excellent defense that has allowed just nine goals all season.

None of this is new to Stanford head coach Paul Ratcliffe, who has guided the Cardinal to a .742 winning percentage over the course of his nine seasons in Palo Alto. His players have garnered nearly every award available to them — this season the Cardinal had eight players selected to the All-Pac-12 first team — but Ratcliffe's program has yet to end the season with a victory. Stanford may suffer from playing a softer schedule than any of the other three semifinalists, an unfortunate consequence of playing in the Pac-12. Regardless, Stanford plays this weekend as the favorite to win and the Cardinal will be expected to win the program's first national championship.

[Wake Forest \(18-3-4\) vs. Duke \(21-3-1\), 7:30 p.m., Friday](#)

If Stanford and Florida State represent the nation's old guard, Wake Forest and Duke are the young guns. Likely the A.C.C.'s two strongest teams this season, the Blue Devils and Demon Deacons are loaded with young, albeit inexperienced, talent.

Wake Forest will meet Duke for the third time this season Friday, having split the two previous matchups. In October, the Blue Devils visited Winston-Salem and dismantled the Demon Deacons, who played without star forward Katie Stengel, who was out due to injury. Two weeks later in the A.C.C. tournament semifinal, a full-strength Wake Forest squad exacted revenge on Duke, going up two goals and holding off a furious charge by the Blue Devils for a 2-1 win.

Wake Forest Coach Tony da Luz described that victory as a “Final Four-type of game,” and he’ll be hoping that his team can replicate the performance Friday, when the stakes are much higher. The Demon Deacons rely on what may be the best attacking duo left in the N.C.A.A. tournament in sophomores Katie Stengel and Rachel Nuzzolese, who have scored 19 and 11 goals this season, respectively.

Duke has enjoyed a dominant year in the A.C.C., cruising to the regular season title behind a stifling defense and multifaceted attack. The Blue Devils possess the best offense of any team remaining, and scored more goals than any other team in the N.C.A.A. tournament (10), except for Oklahoma State.

Duke is led by freshman Kelly Cobb, a sensational center forward who commands double marking by opposing defenses. Though Cobb has only managed to score once in the tournament, her presence on the field allocates space for the rest of Duke’s attackers, and attacking midfielder Kaitlyn Kerr has flourished as a result, scoring five goals in the last four games.

With a team featuring a heavy mix of juniors and sophomores, perhaps the biggest challenge for the Blue Devils will be to play confident and focused soccer from the opening whistle Friday. Against quarterfinal opponent Long Beach State, Duke played an uncharacteristically nervous brand of soccer for the opening 45 minutes before establishing its dominance over the Panthers in the second half. That was with a College Cup spot on the line, but the pressure will be even greater in Kennesaw, and the Blue Devils cannot afford to start slowly against the opportunistic Demon Deacons.

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Dec. 5, 2011) – After a nationwide search that attracted 81 applicants, Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp today announced the selection of W. Ken Harmon as the institution's new provost and vice president for academic affairs, effective immediately.

Harmon, professor of accounting and the Tony and Jack Dinos Eminent Scholar Chair of Entrepreneurial Management at KSU, has served as the university's interim provost and vice president for academic affairs since July 2010. Previously, Harmon held top administrative posts at several business schools in the Southeast, including at Kennesaw State where he was named dean of the Coles College of Business in 2009.

"Since joining Kennesaw State, Ken Harmon has demonstrated that he is an excellent leader who is committed to helping guide KSU on its path toward national prominence," Papp stated. "During his interim appointment, Ken has been highly engaged both on campus and in the community, and he has established a very strong and positive reputation. It's clear to me that he is definitely the right person for this important position at this critical stage in the university's transformation."

Since his appointment as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, Harmon has been instrumental in elevating Kennesaw State's profile and stature through the development of new undergraduate and graduate degree programs. He also has refined processes, developed community partnerships and worked with faculty and staff to support initiatives that have strengthened key programs.

Harmon joined KSU in 2006 as head of the university's accounting program. After being named dean of the Coles College, Harmon collaborated closely with Atlanta-area companies and helped to raise the profile of the college, now regarded as one of the top business schools in the Southeast.

Prior to joining Kennesaw State, Harmon served as dean of the Else School of Management at

Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., and chair of the accounting departments at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Middle Tennessee State University, and Arizona State University's West Campus. He also served on the accounting faculties of the University of Missouri and Drexel University.

Harmon holds a Doctor of Business Administration in accounting, with a minor in computer science, from the University of Tennessee.

"First, I want to thank Dr. Papp, the search committee and the entire KSU community for their vote of confidence in naming me to this post," Harmon stated. "When I first came to Kennesaw State, the energy and excitement was palpable. This university has an entrepreneurial spirit like no other and I feel as if I have truly found a home here. I welcome the opportunity to use my experience and enthusiasm to help shape KSU's future and to help catapult the university to the next level."

The provost and vice president for academic affairs is the university's chief academic officer and reports to the president. The provost serves as a senior member of the president's leadership team, chairs the university's Deans' Council and leads the faculty in their efforts to strengthen academic programs and foster a culture of academic excellence and community.

In naming Harmon, Papp also expressed gratitude to the members of the search committee for their dedicated work throughout the search process.

"I truly appreciate the dedication and hard work of the entire search committee who represented every aspect of the KSU community," Papp said. "I would especially like to recognize Dr. Tom Keene, professor of history and chair of the search committee, for his leadership."

The search process for the new provost began in August 2010, when Papp appointed the 15-member provost search committee. The search was conducted to fill the vacancy formed by the departure of KSU's former provost, Lendley C. Black, who stepped down in July 2010 after being named chancellor of the University of Minnesota-Duluth. The committee was comprised of KSU faculty, staff and students, as well as a member of the KSU Foundation board of trustees.

A pool of 81 applicants submitted the required materials to be considered for Kennesaw State's chief academic officer position. That pool was narrowed down to nine candidates during the first round and on November 23, three finalists were announced. Last week, the finalists participated in a series of day-long meetings and interviews with students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni at Kennesaw State.

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100 Years and Counting



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Photos of Peru's famed Incan ruins on display at KSU through Dec. 14

More than 40 original photographs capturing the discovery and excavation of the majestic 15th-century Incan city of Machu Picchu by explorer Hiram Bingham 100 years ago will be on display at Kennesaw State University through Dec. 14.

The National Geographic exhibit features rare photos – many of them taken by Bingham himself – of the explorer's South American expeditions from 1911 to 1915. They represent the world's first view of the pre-Columbian mountaintop refuge considered one of the world's most important archaeological finds.

The Kennesaw State showing is the first Southeastern stop for the exhibit, which is sponsored locally by the Consulate General of Peru in Atlanta, in conjunction with the university's "Year of Peru."

Bingham, then a 35-year-old Latin American history professor at Yale University, cleared, mapped and photographed the so called "lost Incan city" during three expeditions to Peru that were funded by National Geographic and Yale. The KSU exhibit presents a sampling of Bingham's panoramic black and white photographs of the intricate stonework, portraits of workmen and scenes along the route to Machu Picchu.

The exhibit is located at The Commons, 2nd floor. Admission is free. However, guests who do not wish to dine in The Commons can join the free evening tour Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m. KSU graduate students Sean Fleming and Juan Trejo will meet tour participants each evening in The Commons' foyer.

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Audit Uncovers “K-Cash” Theft, President Orders Comprehensive Audit of Auxiliary Enterprises



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The audit findings, which cited a lack of adequate internal controls of KSU’s K-Cash processes prior to calendar year 2011, have led Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp to order a comprehensive audit of all university auxiliary enterprises, which is now underway. In addition, KSU Police are conducting an investigation, and appropriate disciplinary actions have been taken to address the lack of appropriate fiscal oversight in the impacted operating unit.

The University’s Auxiliary Services and Programs (ASaP) unit is comprised of vending services, copy and print services, culinary and hospitality services, the Department of Parking & Transportation, and the KSU Bookstore. Prior to December 2010, ASaP was a department within the university’s Financial Services Office. KSU Vice President For Operations Dr. Randy Hinds began supervising ASaP in December 2010, and he asked the university’s auditor to audit the K-Cash operation due to concerns regarding loose protocols.

The University’s K-Cash program allows KSU faculty, staff and students to access nine terminal locations throughout the campus where they can deposit money into machines to create fund balances on their KSU ID cards. Eight machines accept cash only, and one machine accepts both cash and credit card deposits. The funds can be applied to two different accounts: A General Declining Balance Account, which can be used by faculty, staff and students to make meal and service purchases on campus; and a Food Restricted Account, which can be used only by students to purchase food at campus venues. No faculty, staff or students who deposited funds into either account lost any funds or balance credits. The missing money involved the collection of cash after the monies were deposited into the K-Cash terminals and were properly credited to the respective purchasers’ accounts.

“I was extremely disturbed by the initial concerns which led to this audit,” Hinds stated, “and I commend the auditors for the thorough review that they conducted of the K-Cash operations. The improved processes and tightened controls that have been and will be implemented are giant steps in the right direction. Meanwhile, I look forward to the results of the comprehensive audit to determine if additional improvements are needed. We must and will ensure that all auxiliary enterprises are functioning appropriately with effective internal controls.”

The K-Cash audit covered the period from February through October 2010. The audit addressed the adequacy, integrity, and effectiveness of K-Cash internal controls; and the level of compliance with Kennesaw State University and Board of Regents’ policies, procedures, and regulations. In particular, the review focused on: identifying material control weaknesses that were inherent in the K-Cash collection and deposit processes prior to calendar year 2011; identifying control weaknesses within

the current K-Cash collection and deposit processes; and making recommendations for improvement.

The audit report put forward eight recommendations to address its findings and to tighten internal controls, all of which the management team has implemented or will implement, with a specific timeline cited for the implementation of each recommendation. A copy of the full audit report, including the findings and management responses, can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

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Fall commencement features 85-year-old student earning master's degree

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Among the graduates will be Arthur Harris, 85, who is getting a Master of Arts in Professional Writing. Harris, founder of Spa Sydell, completed his bachelor's degree at Kennesaw State in 2007.

WHO/WHEN:

Speakers for each ceremony are

- Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m. College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Speaker: Karen Robinson, associate professor, Department of Theatre, Performance Studies and Dance

- Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Graduate College

Speaker: Reynold Jennings, president and CEO, WellStar Health System

- Wednesday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. Coles College of Business, Bagwell College of Education

Speaker: Tommy Bagwell, Kennesaw State University Foundation trustee

- Wednesday, Dec. 14, 3 p.m. College of the Arts, WellStar College of Health and Human Services, College of Science and Mathematics, University College

Speaker: Milton Little, president, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta

WHERE:

Convocation Center, KSU, 1000 Chastain Road, Kennesaw, GA. 30144

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KENNESAW, Ga. (Dec. 12, 2011) Enrollment at Kennesaw State University grew by 3.1 percent to a record 24,175 students in fall 2011, outpacing overall growth in the University System of Georgia.

USG enrollment grew by 2.1 percent to 318,027 students in fall 2011, according to the system's recently released Semester Enrollment Report. Among 21 USG institutions classified as research, regional and state universities and two-year colleges, only five institutions reported growth of 3 percent or higher.

"The continued enrollment growth at Kennesaw State reflects how students are responding to our positioning of the university as a destination campus with outstanding academic programs and an inviting, supportive environment," said KSU President Daniel S. Papp. "We are not only attracting more students, we are attracting a higher caliber of students from a broader geographic area."

Increases in enrollment and the academic qualifications of entering Kennesaw State freshmen are reflected in five-year trends for the university. Enrollment, for example, increased 22 percent from fall 2006 to fall 2011. In addition, SAT scores for first-time freshmen increased from 1,064 in fall 2006 to 1,078 in fall 2011, higher than the state and national averages. The average high school grade-point average for first-time freshmen at KSU was a record 3.21 in fall 2011.

Kennesaw State officials credit the university's continued growth to a number of factors, including the expansion of academic programs and on-campus housing, as well as targeted recruiting efforts.

"Despite economic uncertainty and new guidelines for the HOPE scholarship impacting students' options, Kennesaw State's reputation and name continue to be draws," said Kim West, KSU's associate vice president for enrollment services and registrar. "We have been very aggressive in recruiting and promoting the KSU name and quality, and that continues to pay off in enrollment growth."

Increases in SAT scores and GPAs for entering freshmen are partially a result of programs designed to attract high-achieving high school and first-year students, according to West.

KSU's dual-enrollment honors program for high-performing high school juniors and seniors who are simultaneously enrolled in college grew to 200 in fall 2011. About one-third of dually-enrolled high school students typically enroll at KSU when they graduate.

In addition, Kennesaw State has created rigorous academic honors and leadership programs like the President's Emerging Global Scholars and The Admissions Scholars' Great Books program, which is open to the top 5 percent of the freshmen class..

The growth in on-campus housing capacity at Kennesaw State to 3,500 beds has led to enrollment population shifts over the past five years. The university has experienced a 5 percent decline in the number of Cobb County residents and triple-digit increases in the percentage of students from counties not adjacent to Cobb County.

Counties with rapidly increasing enrollment growth rates from fall 2005 to fall 2011 include Henry (256 percent increase), Coweta (212 percent increase), Walton (334 percent increase), Muscogee (280 percent increase) and Rockdale (125 percent increase) counties. During that same period, enrollment also increased from Fulton (40 percent); Gwinnett (125 percent) and DeKalb (79 percent) counties.

The rise in the number of graduate programs at Kennesaw State also is contributing to increased enrollment. *In fall 2011, KSU added two new graduate programs — a Master of Science in Criminal*

Justice and a Master of Arts in Integrated Global Communications. Since 2007, the university launched five doctoral programs in business, education, nursing and a Ph.D. in international conflict management. KSU now offers 28 graduate degree programs.

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