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Flashline Goes Dancing

Kent State men's basketball team holds the Mid-American Conference Championship trophy after beating Akron 70-65 at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio, on Saturday. Kent State punched its ticket to the NCAA Tournament.
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McKenzie Jean-Philippe  
Diversity Editor

Kent State students can expect to take to the streets in March to protest immigration bans. According to Kelly Cunningham, a Student Power Coalition (SPC) member, “the Kent State student population is aware of the harassment that is occurring” and “students are united in the cause.”

While many Kent State students are against the immigration ban, they have been met with opposition from fellow Trump supporters. Dalton did acknowledge that he and his colleagues expressed their views by virtue of free speech. “We’re here to support our president,” Cunningham said. “Our job is to make our opinions known, regardless of how most people feel about immigration.”

Kent State President Beverly Warren was met with opposition when she came to Kent to present a December 2016 speech about her plan for the university’s future. "The protesters, who were protesting the original march route changed. When she herself was born in the U.S., she cited that both of her parents are immigrants from Mexico. She said they understand the struggles that many Kent State students face. “I believe that Kent State should be a sanctuary campus,” Cunningham said. “I think that every student has the right to a safe space, has the right to legal representation and has the right to know that when they go visit their family they have a safe space to come back to and be educated.”

Opposition to many of President Donald Trump’s actions is the symptom. Capitalism is the disease. “Voters should be aware that without funding ... America Vote Act provided $4 billion to states, but that money is largely gone. With many state legislatures unwilling to allocate funding, election officials are left scrambling to make do.”

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States scramble for funding to upgrade aging voting machines

As Election Day approaches, states across the country are scrambling to upgrade their voting machines. With many states unable to afford new equipment, they are left to make do with the machines that are currently in use.

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President Donald Trump has reached his 90th day in office this past weekend. During these 90 days, he has taken many executive actions, including two attempts at implementing his very controversial travel ban. Last week, Republicans released their Trump-backed plan for an Affordable Care Act replacement, named the American Health Care Act — which has been heavily criticized by healthcare experts, doctors, nurses, hospital groups and lawmakers — inclusive — some people who believe it is a Obamacare-lite. If ACA passes, a shift in who gets to help others in paying for insurance—from an income-based system to an age-based one—will leave many low-income individuals with a greater financial burden for healthcare.

Also in ACA is the elimination of a tax that primarily targets wealthy people in the country. For Trump, that’s a victory. For Democrats, it’s a loss.
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Kent Roosevelt High School
Kent high school students like
event that would include all
organization to our students.”

Director of Academic Affairs

The director of academic affairs is responsible for student input into academic policy, according to the UGC bylaws. They must maintain a positive academic climate and ensure that the university takes advantage of that. Hüseyin also plans to appoint a diverse committee to review allocation requests and ensure that the university takes advantage of that.

What changes are you looking to enact?

“Working with the process and become more globally diverse board. I think Kent State takes advantage of that. I’m always

Director of Communications

The director of communications is responsible for maintaining communication between USG, the student body, and student organizations. This position also maintains public content through a newsroom social media, presence and reporting public opinion back to USG.

Matthew Grimmel
Director of Finance and Administration

Platform:

– Better collaboration between student organizations and USG, one of social media, use of USG’s PR

– Improved follower count on

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Director of Governmental Affairs

The director of governmental affairs is responsible for monitoring and informing the student body of governmental affairs, including legislation that may affect the student body. They also serve as a liaison between Kent State and legislative bodies.

Tommie Watral
Sophomore nursing major

Platform:

– Voter registration into P2P courses, unit campus, height of student political power, the focus on public policy.

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Director of Student Involvement

The director of student involvement is responsible for student participation in USG and USG programs. They maintain engagement between USG and the student body across all campuses.

Maddison Newingham
Sophomore political science major

Platform:

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Director of Student Advancement

The director of student advancement is responsible for overseeing programs and projects that benefit the student body. This includes committee that oversees campus constructs, the ability of students to vote, student centered events, and the Student Advisory Committee.

Curtis Semanski
Junior philosophy/economics major

Platform:

– Promoting and enhancing the judicial advocate program and building informal student and student centered events.

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College of the Arts

Chanil Grace
Sophomore biology and psychology major

Platform:

– Web design and development

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College of Business Administration

Nadia Dansani
Sophomore business administration major

Platform:

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College of Education, Health and Human Services

Samantha Scoszaro
Sophomore biology major

Platform:

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Senatorial ballot

Applied Engineering, Sustainability, and Technology

Jami Garrison

College of Arts and Sciences

Adriano Mangiyrous

Kevin Zezina

College of Business Administration

Joshua Gregory

College of Communication and Information

Kevin Clive

College of Education, Health, and Human Services

Samantha Scoszaro

The Honors College

Barbara Edwards

Marihah Kahiwa
Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark. "If they vote for this bill, they're going to the health care overhaul. He said the plan would never pass as is due to opposition from moderates. Health Secretary Tom Price said Republicans dismiss upcoming budget analysis of health plan.
Softball struggles over weekend

Kent State softball took a 10-7 run over the weekend, starting with a shutout over the College of St. Joseph (9-5) managed to secure two wins on Monday for the Flashes, as they fell to the No.15 University of Michigan (14-6-1) 5-0 shutout.

The second game of the weekend over the College of St. Joseph once again resulted in a win, 8-7 lead. Flashes’ starting pitcher Joey Terna finished 4-5 with innings to get the save. The third and final game of this past weekend as they dropped to 10-7. Flashes’ starting pitcher Zach Willeman gave up six runs in five innings of work on the mound, throwing five scoreless innings. The Flashes will be back in action next Friday when they travel to Ann Arbor for a double header.

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Sports

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St. Patrick’s Day comes to Kent early

Danielle Johnson
Jobs Reporter

On Saturday, students dressed head to toe in green while bars were decorated in shamrocks and leprechauns to celebrate Kent’s annual Fake Patty’s Day.

Many students were celebrating this holiday for the first time this year, including Carmella Slaughter, a junior psychology major.

“This is my first year celebrating Fake Patty’s Day, and it is so much fun,” Slaughter said. “We are starting at house parties, then making our way to the bars later.”

Not only Kent State students were celebrating this holiday. Jessica Boehringer, a junior nursing major at Marquette University traveled from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to take part in the fun.

“Luckily for me this holiday fell on my Spring break,” Boehringer said. “So I got to come celebrate with my best friend who goes to Kent State.”

Fake Patty’s Day is not like any other Saturday night at the bars, as students continue to celebrate from early in the morning until late at night.

“My friends and I started celebrating early this morning and we plan on continuing the celebration all day long,” Slaughter said. “For people who have not witnessed the fun at Fake Patty’s Day, it can be surprising how early the festivities start.”

Students take this Patty’s Day just as seriously as the real St. Patrick’s Day, hunting for green outfits to wear to avoid getting pinched.

“I have been to so many stores trying to find a cute green shirt,” Slaughter said. “It is a lot more difficult than you would think.”

Students are not the only ones having to prepare in time for Fake Patty’s Day. Bars also must make sure they are ready for the crowds of people wanting to celebrate with a tall Guinness.

“We put an extra server on every shift to prepare for the massive amount of people that are going to be in here today,” said John Rhodback, a bartender at Ray’s Place.

Rhodback said the morning is usually slower while people are celebrating outside.

“Around 4:30 p.m. is usually when it starts to get pretty hectic,” Rhodback said. “But with the cold weather this year, it might take a toll on the crowd.”

The cold weather did not seem to stop too many people from walking around in green top hats and fake orange beards. The streets were filled early in the morning with students eager to either celebrate their Irish heritage, or pretend they were Irish for the day.

“I’m Italian,” Boehringer said, “But what better day to fake being Irish than Fake Patty’s Day?”

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