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Hoodie. Male. Black.

University alert sparks racial profiling debate

McKenna Corson Diversity Reporter

On Feb. 24 at around 8:26 p.m., Kent State students, faculty and staff subscribed to Flash ALERTS received a text warning of a robbery on Summit Street near the Kent State Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

Instead of the actual robbery catching people's attention, the description of the suspect angered members of the community.

Within the text message, the suspect $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$ was described as a "black male mid-20s in hoody/jeans.

No other information was released via Flash ALERTS on the appearance of the suspect.

The description caused some to believe it to be racial profiling, while others only saw it as a way to identify the suspect.

Devon Childress, a freshman digital sciences major and public relations manager for Male Empowerment Network (M.E.N.), felt directly affected by the description.

"I was wearing a hoodie that day, so it could have been me that might have been stopped to be checked," Childress said. "I didn't even know what the situation was. I just saw the profiling."

Childress thought that a description, like the one in the Flash ALERT, didn't deserve to be sent out.

"If you don't have a clear description, then there's no point in putting

... we didn't see the person, so the witness or victim that saw the person would be the ones giving us the description."

Tricia Knoles

Kent State Police Department Community Resource Officer

one out because it's ineffective because it's so vague," Childress said. "It alienates groups of people when you need the community to respond to that alert."

Ben Smith, a senior applied conflict management major, took to Twitter to express his frustration, responding to Kent State's tweet about the robbery with "racial profiling is not helpful

Smith was upset to see something he perceived as vague serve as the only clue in the robbery.

"It wasn't descriptive in any way that was beneficial to finding a suspect," Smith said. "It was technically a description. However, the only identifiable characteristic was their race. That is inherently racial profiling."

Smith said he believed the Flash ALERT caused more issues than it was

trying to solve.
"The information was a 'mid-20s black male wearing a hoody and jeans.' It was like 50 degrees in Ohio; literally everyone was wearing a hoody and jeans," he said.

Ile-Ife Okantah, a senior journalism major and co-chair of public relations for Black United Students (BUS), was also disappointed to see the description.

"They pretty much just said a black man in clothes," Okantah said.

Okantah said she believed it to be racial profiling as well.

"I don't want to put it on the (police) department to say that it was intentional, but a lot of times many microaggressions we deal with are unintentional. I think it was a lack of sensitivity and that it does fall under the category of racial profiling

because we are a minority on campus. I

think their intent was to narrow it down,

but they did it in a way that can be construed as racist," she said. However, according to Kent State Police Department Community Resource Officer Tricia Knoles, it's not the police department that determines

the description of the suspect. "We have to go by the descriptions that the victims or witnesses give us," Knoles said. "We can't make up the descriptions because we didn't see the person, so the witness or victim that saw the person would be the ones giving us the description."

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KENT STATE BASKETBALL POSTSEASON COVERAGE





Kent State senior guard Larissa Lurken drives on Toledo sophomore forward Sarah St-Fort during the quarterfinals of the MAC Tournament at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. Kent State lost, 67-63.

Women's basketball to play **WNIT** game at Michigan

Henry Palattella

Sports Editor

Following one of his practices in mid-February, Kent State women's basketball coach Todd Starkey said his team shouldn't want to have a spring break since that would mean they wouldn't be put into a postseason tournament.

Starkey got his wish Monday night as his team received a bid to play in the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

The Flashes will travel to the University of Michigan Thursday to take on the Wolverines at 7 p.m.

Kent State's team is 0-3 all time against Michigan, with their last loss coming in 2010 in a WNIT contest. The Flashes are one of five

teams from the Mid-American

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Conference to receive a bid.

Kent's (19-12, 13-5 MAC) season ended this past weekend when they lost to No. 6 seed University of Toledo in the first round of the MAC Tournament. Michigan's (22-9, 11-5 Big Ten) run through the Big 10 Tournament ended in the first round at the hands of rival Michigan State, who beat the Wolverines

The Flashes last played in a WNIT game in 2011 when they lost at Duquesne 64-56.

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Faculty Senate discusses Kent State United pledge, graduation ceremony

Megan Ayscue

Fill out your NCAA

Tournament bracket

Administration Reporter

The Faculty Senate had its second meeting of the spring semester Monday to discuss updates on the Kent State United pledge, the upcoming graduation ceremony and changes within departments on campus.

After tabling the decision last meeting, the Faculty Senate unanimously endorsed the revised Kent State United pledge. After President Beverly Warren and Senate Chair Deborah Smith talked to student groups — such as the Student Power Coalition — revisions were made to the pledge to include "stronger" language.

Warren said she will wait for her office to receive the official endorsement from the Faculty Senate before moving forward. She said she foresees meeting with more student groups to discuss the changes.

The senate also voted for the name of the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology be revised to the College of Aeronautics and Engineering.

Aeronautics majors comprise 50 percent of students in CAEST and the college wanted to place more of a focus on "unique" and "pure" engineering programs, said Robert Sines, the dean of CAEST. The name change will take place beginning the upcoming fall semester.

The Faculty Senate also passed

the motion to advance athletic training from a bachelor's to a master's degree. Pending state and accreditor approval, this will be effective this upcoming fall as well.

Beginning in Spring 2018, the Office of Global Education passed the motion to establish a university-wide English proficiency policy for the admission of international students, including requiring base proficiency scores for admission.

"We currently have no guiding policy related to English language proficiency requirement," said Melody Tankersley, the senior associate provost and dean of Graduate Studies. "With this proposal, we seek to create a policy to ensure all students applying with international credentials are adequately prepared for academic instruction in English at

This will clarify and update current requirements already held by Kent State.

Lashonda Taylor, director of University Ceremonies, gave clarification during the meeting about the upcoming spring graduation ceremony. The advanced degree ceremony changed from previous years and will be held in the Field House on May 12 at 6 p.m. to accommodate a larger number of graduates.

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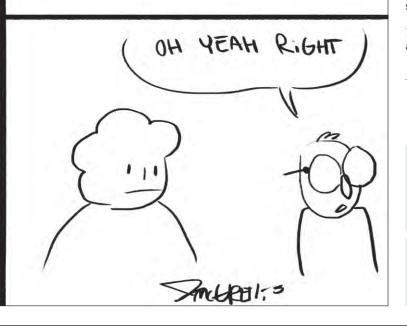
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Women's golf finishes first at Entrada Classic

Erik Svensson

Sports Reporter

The Kent State women's golf team placed first in the BYU at Entrada Classic.

Kent State finished two strokes above par — 13 strokes ahead of host Brigham Young University.

Four of Kent State's five players placed in the top 10, including freshman Karoline Stormo in first place and freshman Pimnipa Panthong tied for second.

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Cheers Jeers

Cheers to ... the start of the NCAA Tournament. The First Four started on Tuesday and the Round of 64 tips off on Thursday.

Jeers to ... an Oregon man who managed to steal a street sweeper, subsequently leading police on a 10-mile chase.

Fighting for the kids

Jeffrey Hord Guest Columnist

There are many opportunities in college to learn a variety of life lessons, including the importance of community service. As stated by the French-German theologian, philosopher and physician Albert Schweitzer, "The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others." The young men and women organizing and participating in the Kent State's Flashathon have certainly learned this. The 5th annual Flashathon is a dance marathon taking place on April 8 in the Kent State Student Wellness and Recreation Center. The participants serve children and families in our region who are battling childhood cancer by raising funds and supporting adopted "miracle families."

Childhood cancer is rare — affecting only about 15,000 individuals in the U.S. annually; Once the disease is diagnosed, the lives of the effected child and his or her family change forever. As a parent, it is hard to imagine moving beyond the fear of losing your child, let alone doing so while being thrown into a strange world of hospitals, doctors, nurses, unfamiliar medical terms, invasive procedures and intense treatments with a frightening list of potential side effects.

Along with confronting these fears, there is significant disruption to family life and additional financial stressors. Parents who may already be struggling financially may no longer be able to work due to the time needed to care for their child. The financial burden increases not only due to medical expenses but also the cost of transportation to the hospital, childcare for siblings and the usual household expenses such as rent and utilities.

Additionally, the social lives of the patient, parents and siblings are put on hold. Siblings may not see their parents for extended periods and could be restricted from participating in extracurricular activities. They may have mixed feelings that fluctuate back-and-forth from fearing their brother or sister may die to resenting them for getting so much attention.

Within the cancer program at Akron Children's Hospital, approximately 90 children from northern Ohio and western Pennsylvania are diagnosed with cancer each year and about 225 children receive treatment for cancer at any time. Fortunately, the medical outlook for these patients has never been brighter, as more than 80 percent of those diagnosed today will be long-term survivors. However, the journey to get to that positive outcome is difficult, and these infants, children, teens, and young adults along with their families need community support.

The professionals at Akron Children's Hospital witness families fighting these battles and encountering stressors every day. The staff assists families as much as possible, but the degree to which we can help is dependent upon the generosity of individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the region.

I encourage all students to get involved with this year's Flashathon and make it a campus-wide Kent State event. As seen in other area of the country, a dance marathon like Flashathon has the potential to become ingrained in the culture of Kent State and reach goals far beyond what has been achieved thus far. By participating, you will have great fun and learn the value that service to others can have in your own life.

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Five reasons why Kent State will beat UCLA



Matt Poe *Columnist*

Ah, March Madness.

Its arrival is a signal of many things, primarily that spring is upon us and I really need to do a better job monitoring my gambling habits. I usually write about the tournament every year as a reminder that March Madness remains one of the last great, unpredictable variables in all of sports.

What do I mean by that? In the NFL and NBA especially, there's realistically only a handful of teams who can win their respective championships. That handful tends to grow a little larger with the MLB and NHL, but you usually can still pinpoint who will be standing at the end of the season.

But March Madness? It's anyone's tournament, baby. That's what makes it so damn special, and — would you look at that — little ol' Kent State is back in the tournament this year! Yes, our Flashes have returned to the tournament, for the first time since 2008, after a thrilling run that saw them capture the MAC championship.

The committee wasn't too generous, anointing them a 14 seed, but hey, the motto is "Get into the tournament, anything can happen."

With that being said, here are five reasons why Kent State can pull off the upset against traditional powerhouse UCLA:

1) It's the 15-year anniversary of Kent State's magical run to the Elite Eight back in 2002. That team was led by Kent State legend Antonio Gates, who wound up being one of the best tight ends in the NFL in the last 20 years. To ensure that a little good fortune from that past team rubbed off on the current team, I visited an old woman to cast a positive enchantment on this team. She eventually did so after accidentally hexing me, which resulted in me puking frogs and losing control of my bowels. But hey, I'll do anything for my school.

2) The hopes of Kent State playing its games locally were dashed after the selection committee placed them in the South Region of the bracket. The game is being played out in Sacramento Friday night around 10 p.m. local time.

Now, you might think this benefits UCLA because they're based out of California. Wrong (Trump voice). It actually benefits Kent State because they'll have some extra sleep and time to prepare. What proof do I have of this? None, but I feel it in my gut

(along with indigestion).

3) Senior forward Jimmy Hall has been the team's best player for the last two seasons, and the dude is averaging roughly 19 points and 10 rebounds a game. As he goes, so goes the team. I'm predicting him to rise up to the moment and have a big game because, frankly, he has no choice.

Also, I met him one time at Water Street Tavern, and he seemed like a decent guy. What does that have to do with anything? Nothing. But dammit Hall, we need a big game out of you, so call for the rock!

4) If you're a college basketball or sports fan of any kind, you likely know the name Lonzo Ball. He's an extremely talented freshman at UCLA who can do it all and will likely be a very high pick in the coming NBA draft. The team needs to slow him down to have any chance of winning.

Alas, that's not why I bring him up. I do so because his dad, LaVar Ball, has been an outspoken voice for Lonzo Ball to the media on how he's better than Steph Curry and that the Lakers should undoubtedly draft him. He's your stereotypical overbearing sports dad who's unabashedly stealing the spotlight from his son. I predict his nagging will be so egregious that Lonzo Ball will walk off the court and just call it a day; She doesn't want to hear that crap, and neither do we.

5) It's been a great season for the Flashes, and winning this game would be some major icing on an already tasty cake (I want cake now). Let's be frank: There's not much pressure on them to win this game, and an overwhelming majority of people are picking UCLA. But (this is the part where I contradict the last thing I said — veteran columnist move on my part) that actually plays into Kent State's favor. These guys aren't expected to win and don't have the insurmountable pressure that a team like UCLA has. In short, there's no reason for them to play timid or nervous; Instead, I want to see a balls-to-thewall mentality and for them to come out and play with nothing to lose.

Because, quite frankly, they have nothing to lose. Well, except the game. Don't lose the game, guys. That would be upsetting.

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Senior guard Deon Edwin starts a fastbreak against Mississippi Valley State on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016. Kent State won, 93-63. Clint Datchuk / The Kent Stater



Start asking questions

In a day and age when the United States is one of the wealthiest nations on Earth, why aren't we being afforded what this wealth could easily bring us?

Healthcare, education and housing should be a right in the U.S., but we accept a status quo that says we do not deserve these things. The sad thing is if we simply took some money out of our massively bloated defense budget, we could afford our citizens these benefits that would undoubtedly make life better for ourselves.

In 2014, public colleges collected \$58 billion in tuition. This year, President Donald Trump is looking to increase our military budget by \$54 billion.

Of course, Trump and his Republicancontrolled Congress are cutting spending in nearly every other facet of government to pay for this increase, including the healthcare sector where Speaker of the House Paul Ryan's new plan would leave 24 million people uninsured, while delivering a tax break to the extremely wealthy.

In a world where our military already spends more money than the next seven top spenders combined, why should there be any increase at all? Why are we delivering tax breaks to the wealthiest people in this nation when so many are hungry, uninsured or homeless? Why can we not use this money to improve our citizen's quality of life?

In my mind, America is all about asking questions. It's time to start asking our representatives these questions, from the local all the way to the federal level. Go to town hall meetings, go to public forums, call your representative's office and start asking: Why can't we have health care for all? Why can't we have tuition free college? We, as United States citizens deserve these rights, and it is time we start acting like it.

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The road to a golden victory



Redshirt sophomore center Adonis De La Rosa looks to the coaching staff during a crucial timeout late in the game against Wright State University at the M.A.C. Center on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016. The Flashes would falter down the stretch and lose, 68-63. **Clint Datchuk / Kent State University**



The Kent State men's basketball team walks off the court after losing to Central Michigan University 105-98 in overtime at the M.A.C. Center on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017. Nate Manley / The Kent Stater

KENT STATE BASKETBALL POSTSEASON COVERAGE



Clint Datchuk Photo Editor

ntil this past week, the Kent State men's basketball team hadn't won a Mid-American Conference championship since nearly a decade ago when then-coach Jim Christian led the Flashes to a 28-7 record in his final season at the helm of the program.

At the start of this season, it certainly didn't look like the team was set for a return to the glory days. In his sixth season as coach, Rob Senderoff was expected to struggle with leading a young team featuring only three seniors returning for the 2016-17 season and 10 players new to the program.

The team was coming off a disappointing year in which they were eliminated in the first round of the MAC Tournament. Starting guard Kellon Thomas' departure from the team in

the offseason didn't help the Flashes' chances of a successful season either, not to mention the team's star player, senior guard Jimmy Hall, declaring for the NBA Draft. Luckily, Hall eventually opted to return to Kent State for one more year.

This past Saturday vindicated Hall's decision to stay put and erased the doubts fans had going into the new season. A number of players stepped up to make the Flashes into a contender, including sophomore guard Jaylin Walker, whose clutch play secured the MAC Championship against their rival, The University of Akron.

The Flashes are now at the doorstep of the NCAA Tournament and the national stage that it represents.

On Friday, they play No. 3 UCLA in Sacramento, California, and hope to shock the world.

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Redshirt sophomore center Adonis De La Rosa and sophomore guard Jalen Avery shake hands during introductions before the game against Grambling State University at the M.A.C. Center on Friday, Dec. 2, 2016. Clint Datchuk / Kent State University



Kent State sophomore guard Jaylin Walker claps after hitting a shot in the first half against Akron at the M.A.C. Center on Friday, March 3, 2017. Kent State lost 66-56. Nate Manley / The Kent Stater



Kent State sophomore guard Jalen Avery and junior guard Kevin Zabo celebrate after beating Ohio University 68-66 in the semi-finals of the MAC Tournament at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland on Friday. Nate Manley / The Kent Stater

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Behind the jersey: Jimmy Hall

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Contributor

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If you weren't sure what senior forward Jimmy Hall has meant to the Kent State men's basketball program the past four years, senior night may have given you some type of indication. As he held up his framed jersey before the crowd of the sold-out M.A.C. Center, you would be hard-pressed to find a single person not on their feet while applauding.

It was nearly all for naught.

Nearly four-and-a-half years ago, Hall had his own jumpsuit, but not one you wear during pre-game warm-ups. It had his own personal number written on it, but it wasn't his trademark 35. And it wasn't blue and gold, but rather orange; he was a jail inmate. Hall's once-promising college basketball career was in serious jeopardy.

The New York metropolitan area, to most, will bring thoughts of a city that never sleeps: the Statue of Liberty, Broadway, Wall Street and more pizza eateries than one can count. But there's something else New York is surely known for — basketball. Jimmy Maurice Hall Jr. was raised 20 minutes outside of New York City in the apartments on East 51st and Winthrop in Brooklyn, New York.

Hall's mother, Noreen Stallings, valued education. She wanted her boy in a safe but also diverse environment and felt private school would best suit her wishes; she chose the Little Red School House in New York.

"It was a very diverse community where he could mix and mingle with kids from all different kinds of backgrounds," Stallings said. "He really found his place at the Little Red School House."

Throughout elementary, school he ran cross-country, swam on the swim team and played goalie for the school's soccer team. But basketball seemed to be most fitting to Jimmy's attributes; he had an attribute that you couldn't teach: size.

Stallings began shopping in the men's department for her son when he was just eight years old. It was apparent early that Hall was not going to be your average-statured man. As his elementary years progressed,

Hall knew if approached with the passion and commitment necessary, hoops could be his ticket to college. His mother felt the same. The Little Red School House offered a K-12 education, but Hall's mother felt he needed bigger opportunities to develop and showcase his emerging talent.

Jimmy's uncle, Anthony Stallings, was a high school basketball coach in Mississippi.

"One day I got a call from my older brother telling me (Hall)'s academics were sound," Stallings said. "He told me, 'If you want him to play basketball and to do well in it, you need to get him to Coach Bob Hurley

Hurley worked in the rugged streets of Jersey City as a probation officer for 35 years before retiring in 2008. He is also the head basketball coach at St. Anthony High School in Jersey City, New Jersey, and

Known for his bone-chilling intensity, ultra-high standards and jagged tough love, Hurley has coached well over 150 players that have gone on to play Division I basketball on full scholarship. Five players have gone on to be NBA first-round picks. They have won 26 state championships and 4 national championships, and no other high school in the United States can claim more basketball state titles to their name. A senior class at St. Anthony has never gone four years without winning at least one state title. In 2010, Hurley was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball

If you were imagining St. Anthony to be a school of glitz and glamour, you would be painting the wrong picture. In 2010, Kevin Shaw produced a documentary



Redshirt senior forward Jimmy Hall, Jr. waits at the free throw line during the game against Wright State University on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2016. Clint Datchuk / The Kent Stater

called "The Street Stops Here." The documentary is centered around Hurley and his kids in the basketball program at St. Anthony while also chronicling the struggles the school faces.

The building was built in the early 1900s and is in dire need of renovations. Some classes are held in trailers outside of the building. They have their own small, make-shift weight room in the basement of the school and the team must rent out gym time at the local recreation center to practice because they do not have their own gym. The school is also in a desperate financial situation and has been for quite some time. Every season could be the school's last. It will reportedly take a "miracle" to keep doors open in 2017. Despite the many disadvantages faced every day at St. Anthony High School, it hasn't stopped Hurley from building a dynasty.

As a freshman, Hall enrolled at St. Anthony High School. Every day, Hall would make the hour trip to school from his hometown of Brooklyn, New York, to Jersey City via bus and two separate trains. When class and practice finished, he made the hour-long trip back

During his first year, Hall competed with the freshman basketball team. The following year, Hall split time between junior varsity and varsity. Finally, as a

junior, he played every game on the varsity team. "He demands a lot," Hall said. "He doesn't accept any kind of excuses at all; He'll send you home real quick."

The 2010-11 St. Anthony Friars basketball team was riddled with talent. Eight kids in total from that year's roster played Division I basketball after high school. Kyle Anderson was the most notable name, as he later starred at UCLA and is now a member of the San Antonio Spurs. Hall showed up late to practice one day. Instead of making Hall run or sending him home,

Hurly handled the situation the way only he could: He forced Hall to sit in the corner of the gymnasium, facing the wall, while the rest of his teammates had to run sprints for his actions.

Nevertheless, Hall became a prominent role player on the team. He grew to 6'7" with lanky arms built for snatching rebounds and altering opposing player's shots. The Friars won the state and national championship that year, boasting a perfect 33-0 record.

Plenty of Division I programs noticed Hall's size and skill set. As his junior year came to an end, Hall had his options set.

Before the start of his senior campaign at St. Anthony High School, Hall trimmed his offer list down to five schools: Penn State University, Temple University, George Washington University, Siena College and Hofstra University. Hall chose where he felt most comfort-

"Jimmy came into the kitchen and said, 'Hofstra University has done something that the other schools haven't done. They made me feel like I'm part of their family," Stallings said.

Early during his senior year of high school, Hall elected to stay close to home at Hofstra University in Long Island, New York. He and the St. Anthony Friars figured to have another spectacular season on the hardwood chasing back-to-back state titles.

The Friars defended their state championship and completed another unblemished season, but Hall wasn't there for the entire journey: Two-thirds of the way through the season, Hall and some friends were caught shoplifting at a local supermarket. Hurley removed Hall from the team, though Hofstra still welcomed him with open arms.

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Defense

UCLA also has the highest team field goal percentage in the country.

Kent State is the second best offensive rebounding team in the country at 12.9 per game. The Flashes will try to create extra possessions for themselves and not allow UCLA to get second chance points. The Bruins grab 8.6 offensive rebounds per game. They also average 28.5 defensive rebounds per game, which is the fourth best in the country.

is 244th in the country. The Flashes are 14th in the nation in field goal attempts to go along with 75.9 PPG. The Flashes will need to improve their 42.6 field goal percentage to take advantage of the Bruins' poor defense.

Analyzing matchups for KSU's first-round game against UCLA

Scott Lendak

Sports Reporter

Kent State men's basketball team's (22-13, 10-8 Mid-American Conference) season will continue this Friday when

they take on UCLA (29-4, 15-3 PAC-12).

While the Bruins may present some serious matchup problems for Kent State, the Flashes will look to pull off the upset by playing on some of their strengths and exposing the Bruins' weaknesses.



UCLA forward TJ Leaf (22) boxes out Arizona forward Lauri Markkanen (10) during the semifinal game of the Pac-12 Tournament between the UCLA Bruins and the Arizona Wildcats on Friday, at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada

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How they got here

Kent State received a No. 14 seed in the South Region of the NCAA Tournament and will face off with No. 3 UCLA Friday in Sacramento.

The Flashes will be in the NCAA Tournament for the sixth time in school history and first time since 2008. The Bruins are favored for the 32nd time this season. As the favored team, they have a 27-4 record. The Flashes are coming off a 70-65

title game against Akron. Kent State enters the tournament with a 9-1 record in its last 10 games. The Bruins also enter the tournament with a 9-1 record in their last 10

victory in the MAC Championship

games. They have a 6-4 record against teams in the NCAA tournament, while the Flashes haven't faced a tournament team.

Personnel

The Bruins' backcourt consists of freshman guard Lonzo Ball and senior guard Bryce Alford. Ball, who is on track to be a top pick in the upcoming NBA draft, averages 14.6 points and 7.7 assists per game.

Alongside Ball and Alford, freshman forward TJ Leaf leads the team in scoring and averages 16.2 points per game (PPG) and 8.3 rebounds per game (RPG). Senior guard Isaac Hamilton averages 14.1 PPG, and junior center Thomas Welsh averages 10.7 PPG and 8.8 RPG. The Bruins have six double-digit scorers Sophomore guard Aaron Holiday

comes off the bench for Bruins averaging 12.3 points in 26 minutes per game. Kent State counters the Bruins with Hall, a 6'8" senior averaging 18.5 PPG

and 10.5 RPG. Sophomore guard Jalen Walker — the MAC Tournament MVP – leads the way on the perimeter with Senior guard Deon Edwin adds 13.0 PPG and 5.6 RPG to the Flashes starting lineup. The Flashes have bench depth, as 11 players average

double-digit minutes per game. Soph-

omore point guard Jalen Avery plays

24.2 minutes per game and will set the

tempo for the Flashes. Tempo

The Bruins are the best scoring offensive team in the country, averaging 90.4 PPG. A key for the Flashes will be to use up the shot clock and control the tempo. Kent State can neutralize the Bruins' offense by slowing it down and getting Hall touches in the paint. The Flashes' defense allows 59.1 field goal attempts per game, while the Bruins attempt 65 field goals

The Flashes will try to force the Bruins to make tough shots. In the final three games of the MAC Tournament, the Flashes gave up an average of 65.3 PPG. The Bruins average 86.3 PPG in away/neutral site games. Rebounding

Take good shots The Bruins give up 75.3 PPG, which

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Faculty Senate discusses ...

On May 13 at 10 a.m., students of all degrees from Kent State's campuses will be at Dix Stadium - the first time Kent State will hold one large commencement cer-

"Faculty will still be able to participate in all of these ceremonies," Taylor said.

So far, 2,243 students confirmed attendance, with 492 of those students receiving an advanced degree and almost 100 students from the regional campuses.

In the case of poor weather, the commencement may be delayed, shortened or canceled, Taylor said.

Warren said she will be at the university commencement and will attempt to attend as many individual college ceremonies as possible.

Students will still get six tickets for family and friends to attend the ceremony. If a student does not have a need for all six, they can donate the tickets back into a general pool, which will give students the opportunity to request an extra two possible tickets, Taylor said.

"The reason we didn't just say 'You can have as many as you want' is (because) we need to still measure how many people are attending," Taylor said.

The Faculty Senate also elected Cynthia Kristof to be the senate representative for the Faculty Ethics Committee. Kristof is currently the head of Copyright and Document Services of the University Libraries.

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Senior Reporter

The repeated banging of a gavel rang in a forum for Undergraduate Student Government Tuesday night in Bowman Hall.

"I think it's really important for students to be informed on what's going on in student government elections because this actually affects us in a very specific way," said College Democrats president

The College Democrats hosted the forum, first held in room 208 and then moved to a larger room



Daniel Oswald, USG president candidate, speaks to students at the USG forum hosted by the College Deomcrats at Bowman Hall on Tuesday. Angelo Angel / The Kent Stater

to accommodate the full attendance. The forum allowed each participating USG candidate to communicate with the student attendees. Every candidate was allowed five minutes to explain their platform and then given additional time for questions from both the assembled audience and the College Democrats' executive board.

"I actually got the idea from the College Republicans. I'd be remiss if I didn't give them credit for doing this first, and so I asked the election commissioner if I could host a similar event, and they were really great in helping us," Erhardt said.

Director of Academic Affairs candidate Haley Foster presented her platform first as the uncontested candidates spoke before those running against someone else. Foster's platform included communication increases, tolerance among groups on campus and mental health advocacy.

Not every candidate RSVP'd to the forum, and, as such, some of the candidates participated without the presence of their opponents – such as Curtis Semanski, a candidate for Director of Student Advancement, who highlighted an alumni mentorship program and an update to the student organization listings and USG outreach.

"I really want to settle the dispute throughout both sides," Semanski said, referring to an incident last Friday in which there was a disagreement during the "No Ban, No Wall" protest. "What I'd do is have my board and I listen ... to the entire thing and be an unbiased source so we can get the full sense of the problem."

The contested debates began with Director of Business and Finance candidates Brian Brown and Cody Crippen. Brown advocated for increased transparency in communication about USG as well as a diverse allocations board. Crippen, taking the podium directly afterwards, highlighted his current position on the allocations board and matched Brown's emphasis on diversity for the board.

One audience question for the candidates mentioned the alleged discrimination of allocations among student organizations such as SALSA.

"I think that all just goes into picking a diverse allocations committee, so with that being said, I've definitely heard the complaints being a minority here on campus, I've definitley heard the complaints the minority groups on campus have as far as the allocations committee," Brown said. "With that being said, I would definitely go into my position letting my allocation committee know that that's something that our population have a problem with, that way so moving forward they can work to change that.'

Three candidates spoke for the College of Arts and Sciences senator spot: Logan Hannum, who discussed improvement of advising; Pooyan Mirjalili, who emphasized scholarship allocation and Adriano Mangiryous — each was gaveled down when they approached their shorter 30-second limit for platform presentation and answered audience questions standing next to their opponents.

Finally, the debate for president rounded out the forum with candidate Logan Pringle's platform revolving around students as the driving force behind changes at Kent State, senator transparency to students and guidance to students and organizations.

'USG is a non-partisan organization," Pringle said, "but I do believe that with our power and with the voice that we do have we should be reaching out to students of many diversities, anyone that needs help or believes that they are not being heard."

Daniel Oswald, Pringle's opponent, outlined his history within USG and outlined two main platform

"There's a clear issue between minority organizations and I've come and I've heard it all," Oswald said. ... students themselves have said it, administration ... they're all aware of it, but it's getting that information to the right people from our student representatives."

A recurring theme in the forum was the increased branding of USG and awareness and involvement of the student body within USG - including transparency and outreach from USG to the community.

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PROFILE

Hoodie. Male. Black.

The Clery Act requires colleges and universities to inform the community of crime occurring in the area in a reasonable amount of time. Before the warning can be made, police must check multiple factors to make sure the alleged crime happened.

After the victim or witness makes the first call to the dispatcher, an officer goes to the scene and speaks with whoever saw the suspect. The officer asks the witness what they remember and then makes sure the suspect isn't still in the area, Knoles said.

Information that victims have on a suspect vary, especially after a serious crime that could have shocked them. Knoles said she believes this is a reason behind vague descriptions of suspects.

Victims may or may not remember everything because they just experienced a traumatic event, so sometimes their process is fragmented. Whatever they can remember, the officer lets the dispatcher know that this is all the victim can remember for the description, and they put that out," Knoles said.

Valerie Callanan, a sociology professor who studied the effects of race, crime and media for over 20 years, does not see the Flash ALERT as targeting a specific race.

"When somebody creates a description like that and the police put it out - it's a very vague description — but I wouldn't call that racial profiling because someone saw someone who was black," Callanan said. "Racial profiling is when police pull people over who fit a certain demographic they have a suspect for. This is not an example of racial profiling insofar that what they did was publish a description.

Callanan used to perform an experiment on her classes where she would have a graduate assistant of hers randomly interrupt her class, shout an obscenity and run away. She would then have her class describe what the interrupter was wearing or looked like.

"I'd see huge variations. The reality is that we're not paying too much attention to what the person is wearing and more attention to what's happening," she said.

"As human beings, we're notoriously awful at describing what somebody looks like when there's this kind of moment. This is exactly the same for victims. You have less time to formulate what that person looks like in your mind because you're reacting to the event more and trying to figure out how to survive whatever the fear is," she said.

David Kessler, associate professor of sociology, said he believes that, despite the apparent rush of racially-charged cases within the past few years there hasn't been an actual increase of these instances.

"What we saw, we didn't always talk about," Kessler said. "There were a lot of things we saw but never hit the newspapers until now."

"You're seeing more people detecting it and documenting it with video, so we think it's going up, but no, we're just exposing what has been there for a long time," he said.

On April 2, 2014, the Kent State main campus went under lockdown after someone reportedly fired a shot near Bowman Hall and then fled the

The description of the suspect was

similar to the description of the suspect in the Feb. 24 alert: a black man wearing gym shorts and carrying a silver handgun.

Traci Easley Williams, senior lecturer of journalism and pan-African studies, recalled the moment the warning was sent out.

'I was with students, and I personally dropped them off at their homes because they were scared to walk on this campus, and that's ridiculous," Williams said. "I will always remember the look on my African-American students' faces when they were so terrified to walk out of the building they're taking classes in just to walk to their dorms.'

Williams was out of town when the Feb. 24 alert was sent, but she was upset to hear that a similar event to 2014 happened again.

"I immediately saw my students" faces, and I felt it in my stomach," she said. "Especially since I have a son, and I'm thinking to myself, 'Wow, am I going to send my son to a place where he does not feel safe with the people who are supposed to protect

Williams doesn't necessarily

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believe the descriptions to have been intentionally insensitive, but that they were "descriptions of ignorance put out by people not understanding basic cultural competence."

While she doesn't approve of the

current methods of alerting the Kent State community, Williams does believe there are ways for it to be done correctly and safely. 'We have to protect our students. If there is a crime on this campus, yes,

we should be notified. But we should be careful with how to notify people because in the racial climate that we're in today, things are not getting better,' she said. In response to those who believe

the description of the robbery suspect was racial profiling, Knoles said: "We put out information as we

receive it for the safety of our community. Regardless of what the witness or victim says: black male, white male, female - they give us the description.'

'We are more concerned with the safety of our community. We want to make sure that our community is safe, so we are going to put that description out," she said.

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