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## The Shocking Art of Kissing heats up campus



Anna Woods | The Sentinel



The Kennesaw Activities Board (KAB) presented "The Shocking Art of Kissing" on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Students crowded into the University Rooms in the Student Center to hear William Cane, author of the bestselling book "The Art of Kissing," discuss the ins and outs of tonsil hockey. Cane's book has been translated into nineteen foreign languages, and Cane has lectured at hundreds of colleges and universities across the nation.

Under his instruction, four KSU student couples demonstrated various kissing techniques for the audience throughout the evening. The program covered topics such as the technical aspects of the French kiss, the importance of avoiding bad breath and where to place one's hands during a kiss.

"Warning: This event is explicit and potentially offensive," read posters advertising the event. For more information about Cane and "The Art of Kissing," visit [www.kissing.com](http://www.kissing.com).

## Painters relieved of services

ANDY NELSON  
STAFF WRITER

KSU's painter unit is being relieved.

One of the longest-serving sets of employees at the school, this unit consisted of four painters, all of which were considered full-time employees at the university.

According to Arlethia Perry-Johnson, special assistant to the president for external affairs, as well as the representative of the president's perspective, this decision was made by the administration at the Cabinet level a year and a half ago and was passed down to John Anderson, director of the Facilities Department.

The Office of Business and Finance Web site states, "the Facilities mission is to provide effective and efficient support services to the academic community by maintaining an attractive, safe learning environment at minimal costs to the university."

As such, Perry-Johnson stated that the painters are being relieved of their services due to a re-engineering process, which will allow the university to operate in a more efficient and costly manner. Taking their place will be a new unit of contract painters, which will not be affiliated with KSU.

According to Perry-Johnson, the painter unit worked Monday - Friday during the same hours as the other faculty members at the university. Moving to a contract company will allow the new painters to work off-hours as well as during breaks. There is also hope that the savings that will result from this transition will help to alleviate the budget crisis the university is currently facing.

"It's always sad when we have to do any kind of reduction. They've done a very valuable service to the university," said Perry-Johnson.

The four painters have worked for the university for thirty years, fifteen years, five years, and one year, respectively. The thirty-year and fifteen-year employees are eligible for retirement, while the other two will be relieved from employment.

Perry-Johnson emphasized that this decision was made a year and a half ago and has nothing to do with the current state of the economy. She said she would also like the painters to know that they were valuable members of the KSU family.

"We would like to express thanks and compassion to the entire unit. We know this comes at a difficult time," she said.

At this time, there are no further plans to downsize employment.

## New parking hangtags to be distributed

HEATHER COOK  
STAFF WRITER

New parking hangtags will soon be distributed to commuter students.

Distribution will begin Monday, Feb. 23 and will continue until Tuesday, March 2. Hangtags will be distributed at various locations on campus.

These hangtags are only for commuter students; residential students should not pick up a new hangtag until the next phase of distribution begins.

To pick up a hangtag, a student must be able to provide a license plate number; state of issuance; and year, make, model and color of his or her vehicle.

The hangtags are a new concept

this year, developed by KSU's parking services. They are designed to restrict certain groups of people to certain areas of parking. For example, the green stripes in the parking decks are for faculty only, and the North Deck is only open for resident students. The hangtags are going to ensure that the right people are parking in the right places.

"The purpose of the new hangtags is to protect specific parking areas for specific user groups (visitors, resident students, commuter students, and faculty/staff). Once the gates go into operation, only people who are authorized to park in a certain area will be allowed access to that area, via their

proximity hangtag. This will be useful in helping to eliminate unauthorized vehicles from taking up valuable student spaces," said Beth Tindel, assistant director of Parking Operations.

The gates Tindel refers to are in the front of all the parking decks. Once they are in use, students will scan their hangtags to gain entry into the deck. This does not apply to the North Deck.

"It is likely that there will be some impact on entry time when people are not ready with the hangtag and have to fumble around to get it out and activate the gate. However, after a hopefully short learning period the delay should be minimal," said Tindel.

Tindel said that a test run of the

system has gone fairly smoothly.

"We put the gates at the [Central Parking Deck] into automatic open operation to get a feel for how much this would slow down entering and exiting traffic and there has been no discernable slowing, once everyone became used to the gates being down. This educational period took about three days. As with anything new, there will of course be a period of novelty, but when we put the gates into operation for the first time, we will have attendants placed strategically to help with any user error or equipment malfunction. The gates will also be

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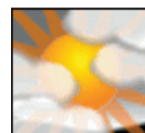
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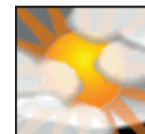
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SATURDAY  
HIGH 55°  
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HIGH 58°  
LOW 37°



MONDAY  
HIGH 57°  
LOW 40°

## Around campus

What: OWL Radio's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Date a DJ" event  
When: Thurs. Feb. 12, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Where: Lobby, Social Science Building  
Details: "Play the 'Dating Game' and see if you'll win a date with one of the OWL Radio DJs!"

What: CONDOmpletion: Sexual Responsibility Week  
When: Through Thurs. Feb. 12, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. daily  
Where: Student Center Atrium, First Floor  
Details: Free giveaways

What: 3D: The Down & Dirty on Dating

When: Thurs. Feb. 12, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
Where: Room 130, Wellness Center  
Details: Free lunch to first 50 registered; call 770-423-6394

What: The Labor of Love  
When: Thurs. Feb. 12, 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.  
Where: 3007, Social Science Building  
Details: Speeches and chocolate; presented by the Gender and Women's Studies Program & Student Association

What: Date Auction  
When: Fri. Feb. 13, 4 p.m.  
Where: University Room A, Student Center  
Details: Sponsored by International Students Association

Free forecast for Feb:

- 2/10: Build-a-Bear\* (12pm, Atrium)
- 2/11: Chocolate-Covered Fruit\* (12pm, Atrium)
- 2/11: "76 Days in Solitary Confinement" (7pm, Univ. Rms)
- 2/12: Sweetheart's Ball\* (9pm, Univ. Rms)
- 2/19, 2/26: "Get Involved!" Meeting (12:30, Univ. Rms)

\*free sweet treats for first to arrive with KSU ID!



# New Regents' test policies may increase failure rate

CLARK BARROW  
STAFF WRITER

New policies enacted by the Board of Regents will require all students to take the Regents' test earlier, and a more intensive remediation program has been instituted for those who fail it.

The changes, which went into effect during Fall 2009, will require all freshmen students and transfer students to register for the Regents' during their first semester at KSU.

According to Dr. Ralph Rascati, associate vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of University College, the new policies will also institute an updated grading scale, with two different failing grades, titled "fail" and "low fail." If a student receives a "fail" on his or her test, he or she will be allowed to retake the test once before he or she is required to enroll in a remediation class, while a "low fail" score will require a student to take a remediation class before he or she can sign up for the test again.

Rascati, along with fellow faculty members, has questioned why the Board of Regents is requiring students to take the test so early when the test was originally designed for students to take after completion of English 1101 and 1102.

"I'm concerned that the fail rate may increase," said Rascati. "I don't know that it will but it's certainly a possibility given that it's being administered so early."

Assistant Registrar Michael Redd said the Board of Regents has implemented the changes because students were getting close to graduating without having passed the test and in some cases it kept them from graduating. Redd said the Board of Regents is constantly looking at different ways to administer the test in a more effective way.

Paula Almond, assistant director of Student Success Services and an administrator of the Regents' test, said 45 percent of students who sign up to take the test do not show up and as a result receive a failing grade. Almond said students who show up late will not be allowed to take the exam and will also receive a failing grade. She

stressed the need for students to arrive at least 15 minutes before the test time.

"I would hope the new changes in remediation would allow students who need help with basic skills to get help before they get too far along into their academics," said Almond.

According to Regents' Remediation Coordinator and Assistant Professor of English Dr. Julia Morrissey, the writing remediation program will have two different levels, both a class and individualized tutoring for those who have been remediated twice and still have not passed the test.

For students who have trouble with the reading portion of the test, there are three different levels of remediation: a class that provides a broad overview of the reading portion of the test, a smaller class that directly applies passages that will appear on the test, and individual tutoring for those who have still failed the test after taking the other two remediation classes.

Changes to the Regents' test administration also require entering students to sign up immediately for the test. After a student is accepted to KSU, a registration hold will be placed on their transcript until they register to take the Regents' test. During orientation, students will have an opportunity to sign up for the exam, after which the hold will be lifted, allowing them to register for classes.

Morrissey said the new policies allow for students to pass the test long before they graduate and also gives students time to complete remediation classes before their graduation date.

While the changes may increase the failure rate for students taking the test, Morrissey said they give students more time to complete remediation before their graduation date.

"By having the different tiers of instruction, we can give the basic instruction we have been giving, but give a more individualized instruction as it becomes clear what the students' specific needs are," said Morrissey.

A sample Regents' test and information on exemptions for the test can be found on the KSU Registrar's Web site at [www.kennesaw.edu/registrar](http://www.kennesaw.edu/registrar).

# POLICE BEAT

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ASST. PHOTO EDITOR

## Slow your roll

A vehicle was pulled over on Marietta Drive on Sunday, Jan. 25, for speeding, going 15 mph in an area with a posted limit of five mph. The windows on the car also appeared to be darker than the legal level. While the officer was talking to the driver, he noticed the smell of marijuana covered by a large amount of air freshener.

The driver stated he had not been smoking marijuana, but that he and his passenger smoked a Black & Mild cigar. While searching the vehicle, the officer found a silver skull-shaped marijuana seed sorter that contained the residue of a green leafy substance that smelled and looked like marijuana. There was also a small marijuana hand-rolled cigarette on the floor. The officer then unlocked the glove box, finding a semi-automatic handgun containing five rounds, a revolver, four loose rounds of ammunition and nine small bags containing a green leafy substance of about one gram each. The officers were advised that the revolver was reported stolen out of Atlanta. Both subjects admitted to knowing about the guns but not the marijuana and were handcuffed and arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of a firearm in a school safety zone.

## They're gettin' pricey

During the morning of Thursday, Jan. 29, the

General Bookstore reported a stolen book. An employee of the store stated that he saw a customer in the store walk out with the book clearly hidden inside a binder. The book was valued at \$77. The employee was able to give an accurate description and the license plate of the suspect's car. His name was found with this information and his photo was identified through a Facebook photo as well as his KSU photo ID.

## Forgetting something?

A student contacted KSU Police Saturday afternoon about a stolen jacket. He stated that the previous Wednesday he left his room in the Science Building and left his Marmot sports jacket. The student stated that he returned the next day and the jacket was not there. The jacket could also not be found in the Lost and Found of the Science Building.

## With friends like these...

On Saturday, Jan. 31, police were dispatched to KSU Place early in the morning in response to a noise complaint and suspected smell of marijuana. The officer entered the apartment and smelled a strong odor of marijuana. The occupants of the apartment stated that they had not smoked marijuana but they had friends over that were smoking hookah in their living room. The officers told the occupants to be more careful of who they allowed in their apartment, issued judicaries, and disposed of the hookah.

## Don't drink and drive

Early Saturday morning a vehicle was pulled over on Frey Road for not maintaining its lane of travel. The officer immediately smelled the odor of alcohol coming from the driver. The driver complied with taking voluntary field evaluations and also submitted to an Alco-sensor test. The Alco-sensor showed positive for alcohol and the driver then admitted to drinking. The driver failed all field evaluations, including nine-step walk-and-turn and the one-leg stand. The driver was arrested for underage consumption, D.U.I., and failure to maintain lanes.

## Cool mom

KSU Police were dispatched to University Place Apartments in reference to possible marijuana use on Sunday, Feb. 1. Two students contacted their RA saying they knew their roommate had marijuana in her room. The officer confronted the suspected marijuana user and the suspect stated that she just had a joint and had also smoked with her son earlier in the day. The subject also had a jar in her pocket that she produced that contained a small burnt marijuana cigarette in it. Inside the suspect's room, the officer found a bag of marijuana weighing 8.5 grams. The student was arrested and issued a citation for VGCSA less than one ounce and her son was told he wasn't allowed to stay on the property.

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# Officials find funds for new VP of Research

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Four candidates are being interviewed for Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School.

A search committee composed of individuals from all of the colleges, graduate admissions, and sponsored programs has been in place since early last fall. A national search was conducted and the committee chose eight to be personally interviewed for the position from a large pool of applicants. From that group, four candidates were invited to campus for campus-wide interviews.

At the end of January and beginning of February, the candidates visited the KSU campus. Students had the opportunity to interact with the candidates and provide feedback to the search committee.

The campus-wide interviews featured candidates' presentations, Q&A sessions with faculty, staff and search committee members and meetings with President Papp, the deans, search committee members and other KSU officials.

Vice President for Research is not a newly created position at KSU; Dr. Teresa Joyce held the position until she was appointed associate provost last year. Rather, the position is being redesigned.

"The position of VP of Research and Dean of the Graduate School is a re-conceptualization and expansion of the position held by Dr. Joyce to add to the responsibilities for facilitating the increase of research success of the faculty and the extramural funds coming to KSU," said Dr. Richard Sowell, dean of WellStar College of Health & Human Services and Chair of the search committee.

According to the Office of Academic Affairs Web site, "This position entails working with the Council of Academic Deans and the university's senior administrative team to provide leadership for re-

search and external funding and to enhance a university environment that enables the faculty to excel in these areas."

Sowell stressed the importance of adding a position that will better facilitate research at KSU.

"The VP for Research and Dean of Graduate Programs acknowledges the relationship between graduate education and research and will allow KSU to better integrate research in developing and implementing our graduate programs. Additionally, many educators see basic research knowledge as an essential component of undergraduate education. In its simplest form, research is systematic problem solving. With a strong emphasis on the quality of a KSU education, we continue to strive to improve the education obtained at KSU and prepare students fully to pursue graduate education if that is their goal," said Sowell.

Sowell said that while the new position may raise a few eyebrows in light of KSU's current budget crunch, funding for research will come partly from grants.

"A significant part of research is grantsmanship that brings external funds to KSU. Most grants bring in indirect funds that are above and beyond the funds to do the actual research. These indirect funds come to the university to support the infrastructure of the university. At a time when the state budget is being cut and less money is available to support university activities, the question becomes not if we can afford a VP to increase external funding but can KSU afford not to have such an individual."

The search committee will meet and review feedback from each of the candidates' visits on campus. A recommendation will then be made, and the Provost, with President Papp's approval, will make the final decision. This decision should be made within the next few months, with the hope that the individual will start work in July 2009.

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equipped with a phone to contact a live person at any time," said Tindel.

The hangtags will also be used to collect statistical data to keep track of the number of cars in the decks. This is done through the ScanNet system.

In response to the new hangtags, Caleb Darnell, a junior majoring in business, said, "I think they are annoying, and I'm always late to class so I don't have time to look for a hanger to put on my mirror. I like the sticker."

To improve parking in general, Tindel offers the following tips:

- If you see a long line for the West Deck, go somewhere else. There are also another 50 vehicles queued up inside

looking for spaces. You'll be late.

- Get here early. Maybe grab a snack or stop by the library and study a bit.
- Go where there is the most parking: the Central Deck. It's not really a long walk; from the Central Deck to the Science Building (the longest walk you can take) it's less than half a mile.
- Don't drive down Paulding Avenue during class breaks; there is already traffic and with students crossing the road in a steady stream, you can get held up for quite a while.

The Central Parking Deck will close for Spring Break at 5:30 p.m. on March 6 and will not re-open until 6:30 a.m. on March 16. Any vehicles left in the deck

will be locked in until after Spring Break.

Additionally, the Central Parking Deck is closed during the weekend, a change implemented this semester in order to save energy and money. The deck costs \$9,000 a month to operate, and with it being closed on the weekends, KSU saves roughly 33 percent annually.

"Unfortunately, I doubt we will be able to continue closing the CPD every weekend once the Dining Hall and HSB are open," said Tindel.

Questions about parking can be directed to parking@kennesaw.edu or 770-423-6506. For up-to-date parking information, visit www.kennesaw.edu/parking.

**Hangtag distribution schedule: Feb. 23 - March 3**

	Monday, February 23, 2009	Tuesday, February 24, 2009	Wednesday, February 25, 2009	Thursday, February 26, 2009	Friday, February 27, 2009	Monday, March 2, 2009	Tuesday, March 3, 2009
Card Services	7:30 AM - 6:30 PM	7:30 AM - 6:30 PM	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	7:30 AM - 2:00 PM	7:30 AM - 6:30 PM	7:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Convocation Center, Concessions	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM		9:00 AM - 5:00 PM		9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	
Burruss Atrium, 1st Floor		9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM		9:00 AM - 5:00 PM		9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Social Sciences Atrium	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM		9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM		9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	
Welcome Center	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

**High School Gospel Goes to College**  
*Gospel choir collaborates for upcoming concert*

SUSAN CLOUGH  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Students from local high schools will take part in a workshop hosted by and the KSU music department's Gospel Choir this weekend.

The High School Gospel Goes to College Festival concert, happening Sunday, will feature a performance by the combined Gospel Choirs of several Cobb county high schools and the KSU Gospel Choir under the direction of Dr. Moses, who is also a voice professor in KSU's music department. The concert will be held at Orange Hill Baptist Church in Austell at 5 p.m. Feb. 15.

Participation in high school gospel choirs in has increased in the last few years, and Dr. Moses designed the workshop to provide an opportunity for local high school students to connect to KSU while honing their musical skills.

"About 100 high school kids will be on campus Saturday [Feb. 14]," said Dr. Moses. "They come to campus for a day and meet students in our Gospel Choir. It gives them a chance to sing

with college students during a time when they are deciding where they will go after graduation."

John White, a senior music major and president of the Gospel Choir, said that the joint concert gives high school students, as well as parents and those attending the concert, a positive impression of KSU as a university.

White is also excited about the event for other reasons.

"Many people don't know a lot about gospel music," White said. "It brings more diversity to our campus."

Dr. Moses' students, whether singing for credit or for fun, bring more than just diversity to the KSU community; and for junior music major Stephen Black, Gospel Choir is not just an outlet for making music.

"I love to minister [to others] through song," said Black. "Gospel Choir gives me an avenue to do that."

Anyone in the Student Center on the last Thursday of every month knows what he means.

In what he considers to be a hit-and-run sort of concert, Dr. Moses conducts a "Moment of Meditation" in front of the Leaning Man once a

month; students, faculty and other members of the KSU community gather to experience the energetic and uplifting sound of the choir's singing. The "Moment of Meditation," which consists of two songs performed by the choir, as well as the Gospel Choir itself, is a fairly recent addition to the life of KSU's campus.

"The [Gospel Choir] has been here since 2000," said Moses. "It started first as part of our diversity program as a one-hour elective class. Now it's a formal KSU organization and students have the option of participating in the club or taking the class."

Moses said he and his students look forward to the monthly performances as a way to reach out to others through their music.

Orange Hill Baptist Church is located at 4293 Austell Rd., and though the concert is free, a suggested five dollar donation at the door will benefit the patients of Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb County. Further information regarding the Gospel Choir can be found on the music department's Web site at kennesaw.edu/music.

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# OPINIONS & EDITORIALS

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## An invitation to be heard Student media needs students to participate

Tony Sarrecchia here. I am the editor of the Viewpoints section of the Sentinel, and I want to send you an invitation to participate in the ongoing discussion that is our editorial page.

It's been pointed out, via our letters section, that some of you believe that Viewpoints slants to the right. A few of you have accused our writers of being "dittoheads" and Sean Hannity wannabes. While I disagree with that characterization, I do agree that our editorial pages lean towards right thinking centrists. As of this moment, we have the moderate Republican and small "I" Libertarian-right opinions covered. We also have a democrat and a liberal who also publish on a regular basis.

If, however, you feel that Viewpoints under-represents your particular flavor of politics, policy or predisposition, feel free to put

pen to paper, or pixels to screen, and send in a guest column. I would enjoy adding a few left-wing writers to our editorial team as well as some far-right scribes.

I am also extending an invitation to the political and social organizations on campus to send in an editorial column representing their stance on a particular issue from time to time. The student media is just that, media run by students—the key is that you have to participate in the process. If I only have columns from Kevin, Justin, Gage and Berlin, they are the writers whose voices are heard. You have to write if you want to be represented—not just complain that your voice isn't being represented.

If you are planning to write as a guest columnist, here are some guidelines to keep in mind:

- Columns should be between 600–750 words

- Columns must be spelling-error free and grammatically correct
- Columns must be clear and to the point
- Columns must take a stand
- Columns are usually selected based on: campus concerns, local Kennesaw/Cobb County issues, Georgia issues, national and world issues. If it is something you are thinking about, others at KSU are probably also thinking about it.
- Quality of the writing

I recommend that you spellcheck your work (but remember the computer is okay with "they're," "there" and "their") and read the piece out loud. Those two steps fix the vast majority of writing problems. All guest columns must be sent to me (tony@ksuradio.com) by 5 p.m. on Thursday for consideration in the following week's newspaper. Please keep in mind these guidelines are for the guest column; you

can still send a letter to the editor and participate in the Viewpoints online.

If you are interested in becoming a regular columnist, please feel free to fill out an application at ksusentinel.com.

While we are on the subject of student media, we also have a radio station (KSURadio.com) which has a number of talk shows where you can voice your opinion. I host one of those shows (Tuesday nights 9:00–11:00 p.m.)—you are always welcome to call in and join in the conversation.

Student media needs students to participate. That the majority of the columnists who choose to write consistently for the paper are moderate to conservative says more about the desire of the writers that partake in the process than the views of the paper itself. As Viewpoints Editor, I encourage your involvement.



TONY SARRECCHIA  
VIEWPOINTS EDITOR

Tony is a communication major who expects to graduate in 2011. He is the editor of the Viewpoints page and host of the T-Files (Tuesdays at 9:00-11:00 p.m.) on ksuradio.com. You can reach him at Tony@ksumedia.com

## An Ode to West Deckers

It was only a year and a half ago that I was able to come to school at almost any time of the day and find a spot in the West Deck without a second thought. I didn't care about its location to my classes as much as its exit point being close to where I lived. If it was ever full I would just park at the lot or the church just down the hill.

Now parking on the west side of campus is an almost futile endeavor. Getting stuck in the West Deck is a death sentence to getting to class on time. Even leaving can be incredibly frustrating.

Luckily the Central Deck has provided a new place to park without any issue. The East Deck is also pretty much a sure thing for parking, but can take longer to park than Central.

But there are still those who enter the fray that is the West Deck every day, knowing full well that parking will be a nightmare. They sit idle in line trying to get to the second or top floor with engines running, tensions rising and eyes sharp for an open spot. Like vultures, they creep behind those walking to their car, hoping that person will be their golden ticket.

The fact that they have to stalk people walking to their cars should be enough for most rational people to draw the line and realize that trying to park in that deck isn't worth it. Especially when people walk to their cars only to get something out and not to leave. The amount of anger and frustration seen in the drivers of the West Deck alone is enough to



KEVIN SCHMIDT  
SENIOR COLUMNIST

keep me away.

The only reason I think people would go through the agony of trying to park in the West Deck is that they are too lazy to walk to class from the other decks. Why on earth would they waste their gas and time, endure the stress, and pollute the air if that wasn't the case?

So here's a piece of advice for you lazy West Deckers: Park in either the Central or East Deck. The amount of time waiting for a space in West is usually more than that of walking to class. You won't get stressed out from having to watch the clock tick without seeing any progress towards getting a space. You'll use less gas from not having to idle in your car and the air will be cleaner as a result (who can argue against cleaner air?). You will get some much-needed exercise to combat your lazy, good-for-nothing ways. You're welcome.

So here's to you, West Deck-parking, gas-guzzling, air-polluting, too lazy to walk, person-stalking KSU student. Your achievements are only rivaled by those who sit in the parking lot by the Mack Wilson Theatre building with their engines on for thirty minutes.

## The 8 most annoying classmates at KSU

Either you're one of these or you know who I'm talking about. You ready?

1) **The Know-It-All.** You know this guy, right? He's the one who never takes notes, preferring to gangsta-lean in his seat, challenging everything your patient professor is trying to teach. He loves the sound of his own voice and has mastered the awful art of taking over the class, six minutes at a time. He never asks questions, opting to make irrelevant observations that end up in tangents that suck the potency of the lecture right out of your (expensive) education. With no idea of how much you hate him, he spins around in his desk to answer a question you asked the professor, ignoring the fact that you're mean-mugging him while he bestows his genius upon you. At first, it was harmless and you even appreciated it. Halfway through the semester, all you can think is "stfu" when you hear him yammer in response to rhetorical questions. His GPA? Two point something.

2) **Bad-Taste-in-Perfume Lady.** Few things rival being stuck in an elevator/classroom with a woman who broke a bottle of Elizabeth Taylor's White Diamonds over her own head like a 30-dollar beer bottle. If you're reading this now and you're wearing some, do us a favor: spread this paper on the floor, lie on top of it, grab the edges, and roll. Wrap yourself up nice and tight until class is over. Listen--just as technology upgrades itself, so does the ever-evolving art of scent. Some of the components in that decades-old bouquet have that "cheap" reek that most people nowadays hop off the sidewalk and into oncoming traffic to avoid. It's not just White Diamonds. Perfumes and colognes crafted before the new millennium seldom make today's cut. Liz Taylor

clearly endorsed that egg-poot during the tail-end of a Xanax bender. This category also applies to anyone wearing too much perfume/cologne of any variety. Just. Chill.

3) **Facebook Girl.** It's amazing just how ignorant you are of what's going on around you. Seriously. In case you haven't noticed, the reason no one is stopping the fevered typing at their computer to answer your "what're we supposed to be doing?" question is because they're not interested in holding your hand to guide you out of Facebook/MySpace World. We all have to fight the urge to mess around online and we've gotten pretty good at it. Why/how? Because we're at a university, paying for an education. Sorry, but don't ask me to go over the assignment for you. It usually leads to questions like, "What does he mean by that?" which robs me of precious minutes out of the few I have to finish. However, I can totally see why you were so absorbed: those pictures of your new lower-back tat are so superior to the older pics of the lopsided zodiac sign on your ankle, it's a total loss for anyone to not pay attention to the screen you keep swiveling around ostentatiously. Where are our priorities, right?

4) **Too-Many-Questions Guy.** Alright, dude. You realize we've got an hour and fifteen minutes to listen to a professional summation of 40 pages worth of textbook, right? OK. And you, like the rest of us, realize the importance of asking questions when you're stumped or you feel that a bit of reiterating is in order. Rock. So do you mind saving the stupid, impertinent questions until after class is over? For instance, when the (long, complex) breakdown of our relationship with the Middle East is being given to us as briskly as possible, is it necessary for you to stop the lec-



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ture to ask if the prof. would like to see a book you've got on the subject, only to give a four-minute breakdown of the author's life and go, "Yeah, it's amazing. Should I bring it next class?" Or when we're going over a practice test in math, must you stop the slow, merciful explanations to ask if our teacher can has ever encountered a box of X over Y at Kroger? C'mon--enough with the questions!

Man, I'm sure the list could go into the hundreds. For the sake of your sanity, I won't stick around long. I'd like to hear suggestions for the next four, as this is a two-part article. Feel free to email me suggestions for the last four at berlinvallencourt@gmail.com. Let's call this mess out together, shall we?

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# The march to socialism

## Washington hurls U.S. to massive government

Comrades! Can you hear the crescendo of stomping boots as they make their way through the city square? The Red Army Choir is singing the National Anthem. No, I am not talking about the U.S.S.R. Although I exaggerate the imagery, I feel that many of the policies proposed in Washington are hurling us down a road to socialism at an alarming rate. And with the recent petition featured in popular newspapers, you can see it's not just my "pals" at the CATO Institute who share these concerns.

It seems that socialism has morphed from a word depicting horror, mass murders, famine and suffering to one with bunnies and rainbows. "Yay! Everyone's equal and happy. Isn't this wonderful!" With the media and the rest of the world decrying capitalism as a failed ideology, socialism has risen from the ashes as a viable experiment. How quickly we forget our history. Every country where socialism has been practiced has failed. Why do we think that it will magically work here?

I know I am a dittohead and all, but I am not crazy. With every passing day, Washington seems to be pushing more legislation that is rooted in Marxist philosophy. And this doesn't

just fall on democrats. Republicans made room for this insanity when they controlled our government and failed to enact sound fiscal and economic policies.

Let's go through the headlines and see why I make these *outlandish* claims.

### The Stimulus Package.

Not only is this stimulus package sucking money out of the private sector from those evil rich people to pay for insane spending proposals, increased unemployment benefits, and welfare policies, but it's providing an excuse to increase the taxes on the wealthy in the future. The politicians will say that, in order to make up for the massive spending of the stimulus package, the government must raise taxes on the privileged classes because they can afford it. Economic irresponsibility aside, redistribution of wealth is the stamp of Marxism and the enemy of private property and the principles of freedom.

### Obama caps executive pay tied to the bailout money.

In order to keep these evil capitalists in line, Obama has made sure that they cannot gain from the financial

rescue package by capping their pay to \$500,000. Now I don't want these executives to make money for bad management either, but capping their salaries won't keep them from repeating their mistakes. If we wanted to keep these guys accountable, we should have let them fail in the first place. But in the socialist system, no one fails! Everyone must be kept equal by the state.

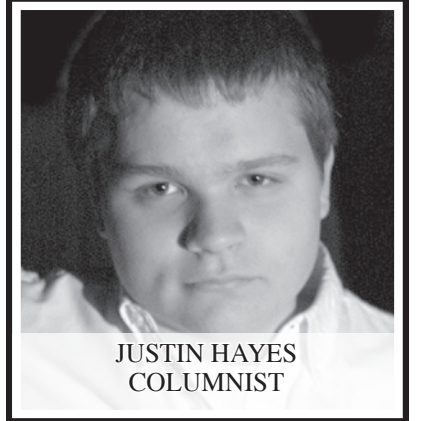
### Workers marching for unions.

On the western front, workers from California to Washington are beginning to march in support of the Employee Free Choice Act. This proposal will eliminate secret ballots and give workers the power to unionize with just a majority of workers' approval, without any input from employers. If the firm doesn't want to unionize, its only option is to close down and go out of business. Although workers should have the right to come together without government interference, unions generally decrease productivity and lead to losses (See American Automakers). Marx dreamed of a state run by the proletariat, and with the Employee Free Choice Act, unions would be controlling our economy.

### Obama sings SCHIP expansion bill.

Upon signing, President Obama said, "I am confident that [...] we can finally achieve what generations of Americans have fought for and fulfill the promise of health care in our time." This promise of healthcare, to Obama, is socialized medicine. Contrary to popular belief, our current healthcare system is not a free-market. Yes, people are having trouble affording health coverage, but prices have increased due to insane government interventions and regulations in the healthcare system. When the government can control our healthcare, they can control our lives by dictating more "responsible" lifestyles. If we refuse to live the way the politicians want, we lose our coverage.

This is not all, of course. There have even been discussions of nationalizing our banks increasing the government's control over energy, as well as the economy killing policy of Cap and Trade. These socialistic policies dramatically increase the size of government and sacrifice our freedom for the "greater good." I am not trying to "fear-monger" anyone, although many will accuse me of it. I am trying to make you aware of the signs and take



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a step back from the Obamamania for a second. We need to look at the past mistakes that we and other countries made and avoid repeating them today. Unfortunately, that seems to be where we are headed.

## Surprise! Georgia State legislator does not get it

### This should be surprising, but it isn't.

According to the "Atlanta Journal Constitution," Georgia State Rep. Calvin Hill (R-Canton), eager to make cuts to the budget wherever he can, has taken aim at Georgia State University's Sociology department. His problem with the department is that, "Georgia State's 2009 Experts Guide identifies senior sociology lecturer Mindy Stompler as an expert in oral sex and faculty member Kirk Elifson as an expert in male prostitution." The knee jerk reaction here is to wonder why these things might require experts on the staff of a major university, but both of these issues deserve more attention and study.

Sociology is the study of society and oral sex and male prostitution are a part of society, whether you like it or not. You can stick your head in the sand and bury yourself up to your ears if you like, but that doesn't change the fact that both of these issues are social concerns we must deal with.

Rep. Hill: As a republican I realize you don't like either of these issues. You probably think these people do the work of the devil, but the study of these issues is not the same as engaging in them. You don't seem to understand the difference.

Now I know our legislators are sometimes rivaled in intellectual capacity by garden implements; I'm willing to give you the benefit of the doubt and assume you just didn't think about the consequences of your actions. Allow me to spell it out for you:

Let's say you're some kind of legislator (a stretch, right?) and let's say you want to pass a bill that provides money for programs designed to reduce instances of oral sex in teenagers or raise awareness about how easy it is to spread STDs. Who do you go to? Well, there used to be this expert on the subject at Georgia State University named Mindy Stompler, but guess what? You just got her fired by reducing the university's budget. I think anyone would consider that a victory; be sure to put that on your resume. Now you can write an uninformed and ignorant law and watch as the funding is spent frivolously. I can barely contain my joy.

I wish I could say that this kind of thing is out of character for our part-time state legislature, but it isn't. Our legislature is comprised primarily of intellectually-bankrupt hypocrites. As a consequence, we have laws that say you



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can't buy alcohol at a liquor store on Sunday because it is "immoral," but that think it is just fine for you to get in your car, drive to a bar, and buy and consume the liquor there. You could cut the hypocrisy here with a butter knife.

What we really need this group of idiots to do is to fund our universities and then let the people who staff those universities do what they want with the money. They are clearly the ones qualified to make judgment calls in this situation. I seriously wonder how some of our legislators manage to tie their shoes in the morning without assistance. If they so desperately want to cut something from the budget maybe they should start with their own salary. I certainly have no interest in my tax dollars going there.

## Iran: showdown or new diplomatic opportunity

America is not the only country changing presidents in 2009. The Islamic theocracy, and founding member of the "Axis-of-Evil," Iran, is set to have elections in June. Incumbent president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the man whose name republicans seem to have a hard time pronouncing, will have to run against a familiar face. Recently announcing his candidacy is Ahmadinejad predecessor, Mohammed Khatami.

When Khatami became president in 1997, many hoped that his moderate government would bring the Iranian government out of the Dark Ages and adapt to a modernizing Iranian society. This seems like a reasonable goal for many Iranians to hope for. While cultural relativism may have its place, I believe that Iran's government has some catching up to do in many areas, such as women's rights. Khatami did attempt to make reforms in Iran's government where possible. Women in Iran now have much more freedom about where they can work and who they can marry. Obviously, the application of Islamic law has come a long way since the time when the prophet Mohammed married his favorite wife, Aisha, when she was just six years of age. In the era of globalization, it isn't always such a great idea to base all government policy on the divine revelations of a pedophile who

lived over a millenium ago. Of course, Khatami had his hands tied in policy making. The real power in Iran's theocracy lies not with elected presidents or parliament members, but with the Supreme Leader, a figure whose job it is to make sure Iran's government stays Islamic enough for the clerics.

President Ahmadinejad's electoral victory in 2005 has been a setback in Iran's inevitable path toward modernization, but his unpopularity with the Iranian people may indicate that the times may be changing soon. Recent pro-Khatami demonstrations promised that modernization will be appreciated. If the moderates gain a victory in June, and the demands for modernization continue to spread throughout the Iranian populace, then not even the Supreme Leader will be able to resist the call for change.

This is a pivotal moment for U.S.-Iranian relations. Since 1979, the U.S. has had an official regime change policy toward Iran. This may have been a good policy in the early 80s, but the Iranian government is well-entrenched by now and isn't going anywhere anytime soon. It is time for America to accept that reality and try a more diplomatic approach with Iran. Diplomacy with Iran was one of the promises made by Obama. Joe Biden recently told European allies that he is committed to opening dialogue with Iran



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over their nuclear program and support for terrorism. Could this be the perfect time for another "Grand Bargain"?

In 2003, the Khatami administration sent a fax to the White House via the Swiss embassy in Tehran. This was a proposal now known as the "Grand Bargain," Iran put everything on the table in this bargain. They offered to end their support for terrorist groups like Hamas and Hezbollah, abandon their nuclear program and end hostility towards Israel. In return they asked that the U.S. abandon this outdated regime change policy and normalize relations. This could have been a "Nixon in China" moment for U.S.-Iran relations, but the Bush administration rejected this offer, even after Iran assisted the US in the military invasion of Afghanistan. If Khatami wins the U.S. is presented with such an offer again, and I hope Obama will make the right choice.

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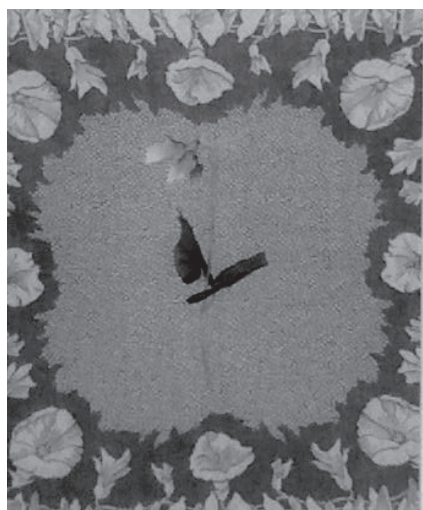
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## On-campus art show exhibits talent from previous semester

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locks of students and teachers swarmed the basement halls of the Sturgis Library at the reception for KSU's Annual Faculty and Staff Art Exhibition on Jan. 27.

Refreshments were served and people enjoyed their food while they admired the art.

When asked why he came to the reception, Jeff Brown, a senior majoring in art, said, "They are my professors; I like to see their work."

This Exhibition features works of art from many of KSU's own artists. Faculty and staff who are showing their work include Addison Will, Piper West, Chris Dziejowski, Diana Gregory, Roberta Griffin, Linda Hightwoer, Will Hipps, Cathryn Miles, Robert Sherer, Phillip Webb, Jeanne Sperry, Daniel Sachs, and Edward Smucygz.

"Students can learn by seeing, especially visual arts' students. It also helps current or prospective students choose instructors they wish to study with. Students can select courses that are taught by faculty whose art excites them and is consistent with the students' goals. Or students may decide to challenge themselves by taking a course from a faculty member whose artwork is challenging," said Will Hipps, director of the art galleries and museums.

Some of the most provocative works include a giant wooden and copper roach by Chris Dziejowski, beautiful floral photographs by Addison Will, and a dyed stencil of a dragon on silk by Mary Gill. The King of Clubs, Queen of Hearts, and Ace of Spades that were painted by Edward Smucygz also made an appearance.

"I found one of the really exciting and humorous pieces this year to be one created by an artist who also spends a lot of time assisting the faculty and students in sculpture," said Hipps. "Chris Dziejowski's huge cockroach on the wall is crafted in wood with superb skill and scale — and also a lot of fun!"

Elena Kibraeva, an art assistant at the Sturgis Art Gallery, said that her favorite work of art was the destroyed series, which are a grouping of pictures of different war ships. She said she especially enjoyed the "incredibly beautiful watercolor."

The faculty and staff exhibit features works of art of all types. They

range from watercolor to oil paintings, wooden to metallic sculptures, and black and white to color photography.

The Faculty and Staff Art Exhibition is being held from Jan. 27–March 16. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. and Saturday from 1 p.m.–4 p.m. The gallery is also open Wednesday and Thursday nights from 7–9 p.m. Viewing the gallery is free.

### STUDENT ART

The 26th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition is also available for the KSU community to enjoy. Works of art from your peers are accessible at the Joe Mack Wilson Building now until March 3. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7 p.m.–9 p.m.

The gallery is sponsored by KSU's student art organization VISIONS, the KSU Visual Arts Committee, and the Visual Arts Department. The Student Art Exhibit also has a special guest juror come in every year to judge the pieces. This year, KSU is privileged to have well-known sculptor Martin Dawe judge the art. "The exciting thing about having a different outside professional artist as juror every time is that they come with different views and perspectives," said Hipps.

This year, there is a wide assortment of art ranging from a wedding cake and floral arrangements made from condoms to a dress made of gauze, pills and rubber gloves, and from sculptures of foxes to artistic books.

Artists this year include Lindsey Adkison, Aaron Artrip, J. Morgan Booker, Jenny Brewer, Jared Campanella, Kyle Howser, Casey Deming, Kelly McKernan, Aaron Mercer, Natalie Osten, Kristel Nubla, Emily Pellegrino, Nicole Starz, and Tzu-Hui Tu.

The art is judged in eight different categories: ceramics, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture, printmaking, drawing and graphic design.

For each category, a prize of \$100 is awarded, and a \$200 Best in Show prize is also presented. This year, J. Morgan Booker won the exhibit's Best in Show. Category winners include Ashley Mitchell for ceramics, Anna Clemens for drawing, Kacie Kamins for photography, Aaron Mercer for graphics design, Nicole Starz for sculpture, Sarah Thornhill for mixed media,

and Jessica Killpack for painting.

Last year, April Marten, a junior majoring in art, won KSU's Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition's Best in Show. "Since my win I have continued to develop a series of artists books related to theme of my winning piece," said Marten. "Winning Best in Show in 2008 at the KSU Juried Student Art Exhibition has not changed the way I make art, but it has changed the way I think about myself as an artist. Since the win I have grown to believe in myself more as an artist, knowing that my work is valid, relevant and competent."

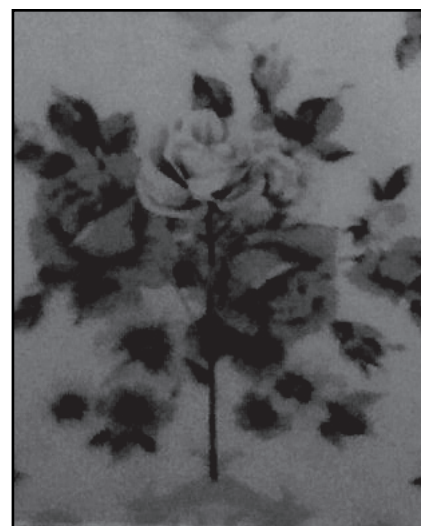
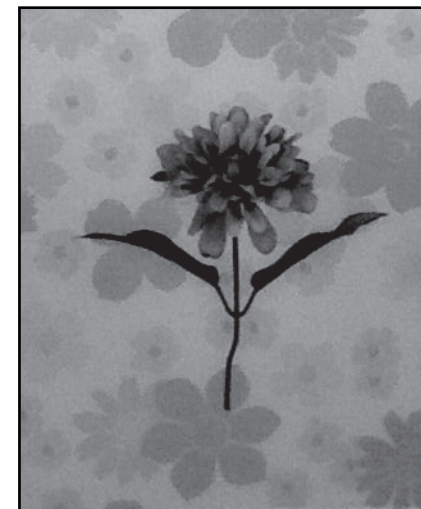
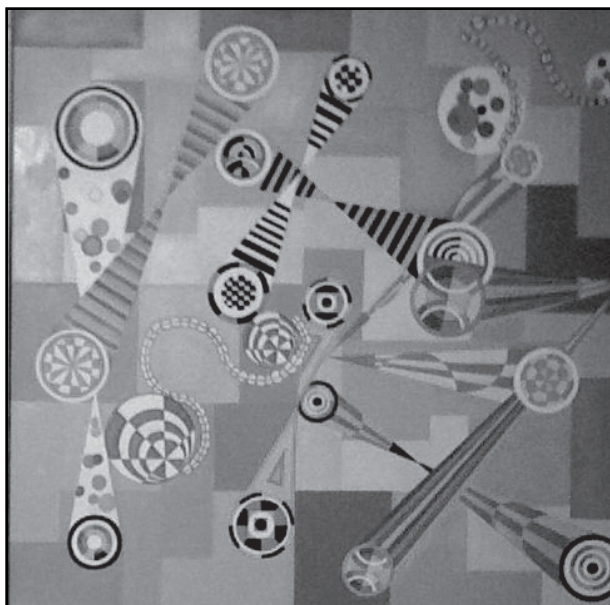
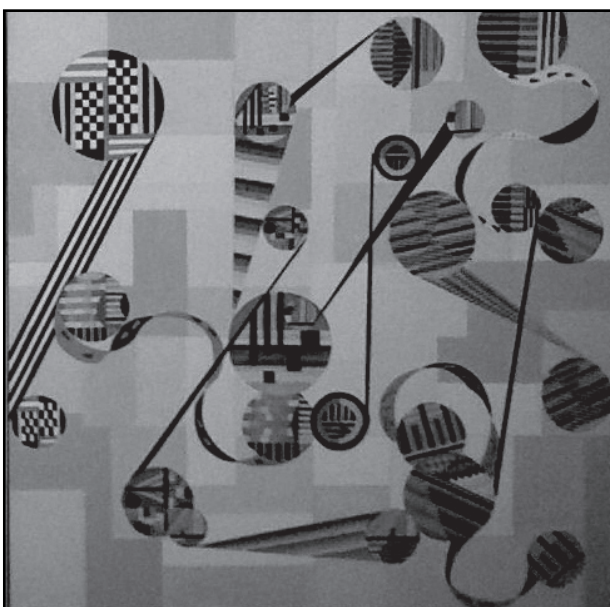
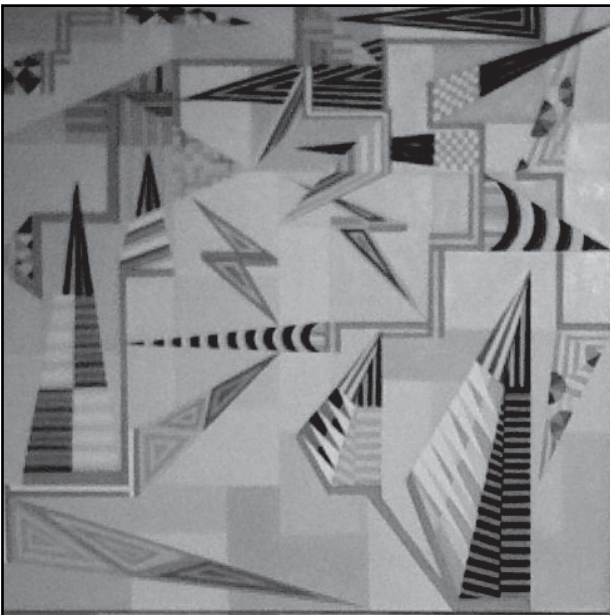
Once the art is submitted, the artists may then determine the selling price. Some artists choose not to sell their art, but those who do can charge a hefty price. At this year's exhibit, one work is priced at \$2,000. Prices start at \$35 and there is a 30% contribution that is included in the price of the artwork. This contribution is directed toward KSU's Gallery Program.

"A strong benefit is just being willing to participate in this student exhibition, to have the experience of putting your work forward. There is the element of taking a chance in entering your work knowing that it may not be selected. You will know how it feels, you may not like it, but it is an important real world experience. And a very important learning experience about the trials and tribulations of being an artist," said Hipps.

If you are interested in submitting work for next year's exhibition, there are a few requirements. You have to be enrolled at KSU for at least one semester and the work has to be your own. The work must be less than two years old. Additionally, there are submission fees. For VISIONS members, the first three submissions are free. For every submission after that, the cost is \$5. For non-VISIONS members, the cost is \$10 for the first three submissions and \$5 for each additional submission. Also, members of VISIONS get to decide how the gallery is going to be organized.

"What I have heard from other students is that they wish the exhibition was better organized. My answer to that is that more of us students need to get involved with VISIONS, the student art organization that organizes the event. The more volunteers we have, the better organized we'll be!" said Marten.

Visit the College of the Arts Web site at [kennesaw.edu/arts/](http://kennesaw.edu/arts/) for more information on art exhibitions at KSU.



# Real chemistry has everything to do with love

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According to the History Channel's Web site, 188 million cards are sent on a certain day in February, and over 50% of those cards are purchased less than a week before the day. On annual average, 2.2 million marriages take place on this day. On top of that, \$397 million are spent on flowers. This day, of course, is Valentine's Day.

For those of you who don't know, Valentine's Day is actually named after a real person, St. Valentine. It is rumored that when Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage, St. Valentine continued to wed people in secret. Like the endings of most good stories, when Claudius found out about the defiance, St. Valentine was sentenced to death.

It is also rumored that St. Valentine sent the first Valentine's card while he was in jail. Apparently, Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter, and before he died, he sent her a letter with the words, "From your Valentine," written at the bottom. Those same words swarm millions of Valentine's cards even today.

Valentine's Day originally did not represent chocolate, roses and jewelry but love and courtship. You may be thinking that courtship only occurred during the times of King Arthur and his knights, but courtship is still around today. It has taken on a new name: dating.

"Dating is important because it allows you to find a long-term mate and future parent of your offspring," said Beth Kirsner, assistant professor of psychology here at KSU. "It allows you to explore the characteristics you like and do not like in a person."

Mike Butcher, a junior majoring in biotechnology, said his favorite dating experience was "my second date with my girlfriend sitting in my car looking over Sarasota Bay under the bridge. We had a romantic Italian dinner. She is the one." In contrast, he also said his worst dating experience was when his "car broke down" and he "stepped in dog crap."

Molly Gilmartin, a freshman theatre major, said, "Last Valentine's Day I had to work, but the day after, me and my boyfriend at the time went to the Atlanta Zoo and to see a play. The weather was perfect and the play was exceptionally good."

"When I was a freshman in college, I had a boyfriend who I wanted to break up with. We'd been going out for a couple of years, and he came to visit me at school. When he arrived, I told him that I wanted to break up, and he said, 'You can't because I got your Valentine's present engraved, and I can't take it back!' I laughed so hard I couldn't break up with him!" said Kirsner. "This story is particularly funny for my students because we discussed recently that a sense of humor is something desirable and attractive. A sense of humor not only attracts partners, but helps you keep them."

Psychologists have determined that it takes between 90 seconds to four minutes for someone to decide if he or she is attracted to another person. In that short amount of time, more than half of the initial attraction is determined by body language. In other words, it's not really about what you say. So for those of you who say the wrong thing in front of the one you're attracted to, don't stress about it too much.

What exactly makes you lovesick for another person? It's really all a matter of the brain. Scientists have discovered that the neurotransmitters (special chemicals in the brain) responsible are serotonin, dopamine and adrenaline. Serotonin is what makes you infatuated with the person. For example, while you're in business law class, the only thing you can think about is that special someone.

Dopamine is associated with a system of desire and reward. Helen Fisher, a professor at Rutgers University and the author of "Why We Love: The Nature and Chemistry of Romantic Love," found that new couples had high levels of dopamine. Adrenaline should be familiar because it is the same chemical that is involved in the body's fight or flight response. Adrenaline is what makes your hands sweaty around that certain person.

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This is closely connected to this hooking up culture, which is relatively modern. For example, a lot of women try to persuade themselves that that's what they want and then persuade men that that's what they want. You can think you are happy with getting into something short term, but the neurotransmitters in the brain make you become emotionally connected."

In addition, the media does not help us out at all. They portray women and men unrealistically, and that is bound to cause problems. "Even though the media loves to advertise the sex differences, when it comes love, sex and dating, there are a lot more commonalities between men and women than there are differences," said Kirsner. "In my class, I like to illustrate it with overlapping bell curves that show that the distributions of men's and women's desires mostly overlap. It is true that men on average would like to have more sex partners than women, but the distribution of number of partners desired in men versus women overlaps quite substantially. This means that most men and women can find people whose desires are closely related to their own. Saying that men and women are different is what sells newspapers and magazines. Saying that they are relatively similar would simply not sell."

Take this Valentine's Day to consider what you really want. Be honest with your crushes, and try to keep your neurotransmitters firing at a reasonable rate.

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## The Reader

How am I going to review "The Reader?" I don't want to fall back on clichés. I don't want to call it "sappy" and "sentimental," or say that it "stinks like a Lifetime Original movie." But dear God, what else can I say about something that uses the moral ambiguity surrounding Germany's role in the Holocaust as a springboard for soap opera sex? Alright, enough talk. Here I go. The movie has three parts. The first part is one of those steamy sex epics that show up in Lifesti... um, the cheap romance books sold at Wal-Mart.

The plot barely exists. In West Germany circa 1958, a teenager named Michael meets a mysterious older woman on the street, follows her home and makes sweet love to her. Over and over and over again. Then again. I'm not lying, guys; this movie has more sex than a hooker. But don't worry, all you sensitive types who can't take steam with sweetness, they stuffed in a bunch of scenes where he reads Chekhov to her.

Alright, the plot sucks and Michael is the same naïve hero we've seen in a thousand bad romances, but the movie isn't *hopelessly* cheap and sleazy because the older woman, Hanna, keeps us guessing. Who is she? Why is she "teaching" Michael? Boredom? Loneliness? The movie never says. Flash forward six years. Michael is studying law, and his teacher asks him to watch a war crimes trial. Apparently six SS women let 300 Jews burn to death when the prison caught fire. Now, Michael hasn't seen Hanna since their affair ended, so imagine his surprise when he walks into court and sees her sitting at the bench.

And here's where the movie finally grows a brain. We immediately want to throw rocks at most movie Nazis, even the not-so-bad ones like Commander Herzog in "The Counterfeiters," but we *can't* hate Hanna because we know that she's just an ordinary girl who was unlucky enough to listen to a madman like Hitler. You want the sad truth? We'd have killed just as many Jews if we were her. There's one brilliant scene where Hanna actually asks the judges what they would have done and the movie holds the silence for almost thirty seconds to give us time to answer the question ourselves.

Part two is loaded with guilt: Hanna feels guilty for killing 300 people, Michael feels guilty for having sex with her and *everybody* feels guilty for ignoring the Holocaust. It's not very insightful, but hey, give the movie some credit for showing how guilt clouds people's judgment and leads to bad choices and more guilt. Unfortunately, that new brain disappears with the next flash forward.

Part three takes place ten years later, when Hanna is in jail and Michael has grown up into a sissy Ralph Fiennes who thinks about Hanna every minute. I don't know what's sappier: his lingering feelings for her or the fact that he starts sending her homemade books-on-tape in one of those "powerful" moments of selflessness that are reserved for super-wimpy characters like him. What happened to the guilt and the intelligent dialogue



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## Push

Usually an all-star cast like the one in "Push" guarantees a great film, right? Wrong.

"Push" is about a group of young Americans who have telekinetic, telepathic and clairvoyant powers. They have to fight a secret government agency known only as the "Division." But there's just one little problem: the Division has a secret drug they want to use on the young Americans. This drug has the ability to create a super race of telekinetic and telepathic people. The only way to stop it is to find the one person who escaped from them alive. This character, Kira, is played by Camilla Belle. Chris Evans plays Nick, a pusher. In the movie, the Pushers have the ability to "push" any person or object with their minds/hands.

Dakota Fanning's character, Casey, is a watcher. Watchers are the ones who can see into the future. During the whole movie, Dakota sees nothing but negative images of the future. Talk about a buzz kill. Nick and Casey team up so they can find Kira and get her to help them take down the agency. The leader of the Division is played by Djimon Hounsou. As far as bad guys go in film, his character isn't that convincing. Hounsou mostly just walks around intimidating everyone else.

For an action/sci-fi thriller, this movie

about why normal people do bad things? It's gone. Some people think director Stephen Daldry is an evil bastard who cared more about a third-rate love story than the millions of Jews who died in the Holocaust, but my theory is less cynical: I think he was afraid that too much intelligence would put us to sleep. Either way, the last forty minutes take everything about the movie that rocked and flush it down the toilet.

## Milk

Harvey Milk (Sean Penn) spends a lot of time complaining about anti-gay prejudice, but "Milk" isn't "Crash." Not by a long shot. Yes, it has a big pro-gay message and a lot of "We're here, we're queer" speeches, but they never crush the movie because everything is grounded in characters and details. Plenty of details. In fact, the movie recreates 1978 San Francisco's gay ghetto so vividly that I wanted to ask Gus Van Sant if I could borrow his time machine.

Milk (1930-1978) became the first openly gay man to hold public office when he was elected San Francisco city supervisor in 1977, but "Milk" actually starts seven years earlier, when he was just another closeted career man working in a New York City skyscraper. He hated it. "I'm 40 years old and I haven't done a thing with my life," he complains to his boyfriend. He's tired of New York, tired of the kiss-ass corporate culture and tired of pretending to love women.

He moves to San Francisco, opens a camera shop and learns to run when you hear a whistle, because even in sunny San Francisco the cops like to hit gays. "Milk" doesn't skimp on details. This movie knows how to file a campaign request form *and* where to pick up men at three in the morning. Milk gets mad. He didn't travel 3,000 miles across the country to spend the rest of his life running from bigot cops. He decides to fight. He organizes; he befriends every gay shop owner in San Francisco and uses those connections to trade favors, cut deals and put pressure on his enemies and his friends' enemies.

When the teamsters needed help boycotting Coors Beer, Milk told his friends to pull it from their bars. The boycott worked and the teamsters started hiring openly gay truckers a day later. Milk doesn't treat politics like a "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"-style showdown where honor and values rule the day; he knows that politicians use brains, charisma, connections, pamphlets, boycotts, favors, promises, half-promises and dirty showboating to get what they want. He even tells one of his campaign managers to start a riot so he can play peacemaker and look like a hero. And he's not above voting for laws he hates to convince Dan White (Josh Brolin), a staunch Catholic who compares gays to junkies, to vote for pro-gay laws.

I actually liked those scenes more than the gay stuff. Gus Van Sant and his writer, Dustin Lance Black, are both openly gay and it's obvious that "Milk" comes from their hearts, but don't kid yourself: the only people who still care about "accept everybody" rants are hardcore gay activists and people who live under rocks. Detailed depictions of politics, on the other hand, almost never show up in movies, so it's harder to fall asleep during those scenes.

was pretty weak. The fight scenes consisted of Evans getting thrown around the room by Hounsou's minions and other bad guys. The only somewhat redeeming person in the whole movie would have to be Fanning's character. Although she was the youngest in the film, she definitely had her share of grown-up action. In one scene, she gets mad at Evans' and Belles' characters, so she goes out, buys some liquor and gets wasted.

Underage drinking isn't supposed to be funny, but in her case, it was. The other reason her character was pretty good is because she was realistic: a classic teenager filled with plenty of sarcasm and wit. Unlike Evans' and Belles' characters, Fanning did not think she could change anything. Most people would say she was a bit of a pessimist, but she was just being a kid.

Maybe I expected too much from this film. Most movies are over-hyped anyway, but for a cast as good as the one in "Push," I expected better acting. Fanning's acting made everyone else's look mediocre.

But don't take my word for it. If you really want to see this movie, go ahead. You may find the bland acting stimulating. You may think the lame fight scenes are riveting. Or maybe you'll just think the whole telekinetic aspect of the movie is cool. By all means, spend your money and your time as you please, but I wouldn't personally recommend "Push" to anyone. This film is just OK.

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# Make healthy food choices on campus

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As of this second week in February, most of you have probably abandoned your New Year's resolutions to eat healthier. You may be short on time between classes, but you can make healthy choices at the on-campus eateries in the Student Center.

Although most fast food joints offer food filled with grease, fat and lard, Chick-Fil-A offers smart choices. According to their nutrition guide, which is available to all students who ask for it, one chicken sandwich has 410 calories and 16 grams of fat. This may seem like a lot of fat to some, but if it is your lunch, it's OK. An average-weight person should consume about 2,000 calories a day. Contrary to most American diets, the caloric breakdown of the day should contribute 25% to breakfast, 50% to lunch, and 25% to dinner. Based on a 2,000 calorie diet, 16 grams of fat is 25% of your daily allowance.

Chick-Fil-A offers a variety of what most people would classify as healthy foods. These range from salads to Chargrilled chicken items. Their Chargrilled Chicken sandwich has 270 calories and substantially less fat than their original sandwich. However, it all depends on your taste preferences. Their salads also have low fat and calories. The Chargrilled Chicken Garden Salad has 180 calories and six grams of fat.

For you sushi lovers, Advanced Fresh Concepts sushi serves grab-and-go containers. In regards to health, the Seabreeze salad contains the least amount of calories with only 13. The Stardust Combo has a whopping 981 calories. All the sushi available at KSU has relatively low amounts of fat. Also, there is no trans fat in

"Fresh fruit, salads, yogurt, and even pizza can be good options," said Schriver. "The market deli offers sandwiches. Selecting lean meats, like turkey and ham, limiting cheese to one slice, choosing mustard instead of mayo and loading up on the veggies is a great strategy for keeping fat and calories in check. Hot tomato or broth-based soups are good choices on cold days."

If your classes are in the Buruss Building and you're feeling way too tired or lazy to walk to the Student Center, there is hope for your rumbling tummy. Einstein Bros. Bagels provide a variety of whole grains, and most of their bagels have around 300 calories. For those of you who are watching your weight but still need a bagel, they offer a wide variety of reduced fat cream cheese ranging from plain to garlic herb.

If you have an afternoon class and you don't want a bagel, they have sandwiches and salads as well. In order to eat the allotted amount of 2,000 calories, you might want to avoid the "overstuffed" sandwiches and enjoy the "regular" sandwiches instead. To find Einstein Bros. Bagel's nutritional information, go to [einsteinbros.com](http://einsteinbros.com).

When you have the privilege of attending classes in the Social Sciences Building, you can enjoy Jazzman's Café, which serves an assortment of baked goods, coffee, sandwiches and salads. You can find their nutritional guide at [jazzmans-cafe.com](http://jazzmans-cafe.com). The calorie content of the baked goods may astound you, so eat them in moderation. According to Schriver, "There are absolutely no bad foods—just bad diets. I often tell people that it is not what they do at a single meal, but

rather over time that counts. Years ago the American Dietetic Association's National Nutrition Month theme was "all foods can fit."

Schriver also said, "While it is best to limit fried foods and other high-fat foods, I would rather focus on foods to choose—whole grains, lean meats, fish and beans, fruits and vegetables and low fat dairy—and eating a variety of foods within these food groups routinely." The good news is that all of those foods can be found on campus at KSU. "There are healthy choices offered on campus, it is just a matter of seeking them out," said



any of their food. "What's the big deal about trans fat?" you ask.

"Trans fats and saturated fats elevate total cholesterol," said Kelly Schriver, former dietician at KSU. Also, trans fat increases the risk of coronary heart disease. At Chick-fil-A, the only food that contains trans fat are the French fries.

Galia Hunt, a senior majoring in biochemistry, said "a poor diet can affect your health, which would lead to heart disease, diabetes, etc."

The Food Court in the Student Center also offers foods from Pete's Arena, which serves pizza; Copper Chef, which serves country-style breakfast; WOW Café and Wingery, which serves foods such as gumbo and wings; Mein Bowl, which has an assortment of Chinese foods; and the KSU Marketplace Deli, which offers sandwiches and salads.



Schriver.

Eating on campus beats having to leave between classes and risk losing your parking space. Now you're thinking, "What about my budget?" Schriver has an answer to that, too. "Take the time to plan a menu for the week. Base your shopping list on the menus you have planned. Buy fruits and veggies in season or opt for fruit canned in light syrup or fruit juice and frozen vegetables (without butter or cheese sauces). Consider shopping and preparing meals with friends or roommates to limit waste. Buy store brands and use coupons for items on your menu," she said.

For more information on nutrition at KSU, visit the Culinary Services Web site at [financialservices.kennesaw.edu/culinary/nutrition](http://financialservices.kennesaw.edu/culinary/nutrition).



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The smart grid concept is predicated on a two-way flow of energy—and information—between electricity generators and end users. The system not only delivers power to end users as needed, depending on demand; it also gathers power from end users that produce their own—homes and businesses that generate solar, wind or geothermal power themselves—when they have more than they need.

Some 42 states and Washington, DC already require utilities to have systems in place to buy excess energy generated by their customers. But, writes journalist Michael Prager in *E—The Environmental Magazine*, “because they can’t know in real time that power is coming in, utilities generate as much as they would have anyway.” He adds that when information flows both ways, end users will be able to send informa-

tion back to the grid specifying how much power they need and when they will need it. They’ll also be able to communicate when they have excess power available to upload to the grid.

On the forefront of research into the feasibility of the smart grid on a large scale is the Future Renewable Electric Energy Delivery and Management (FREEDM) Systems Center, established in 2008 by the National Science Foundation and headquartered at North Carolina State University. FREEDM is partnering with universities, industry and national laboratories in 28 states and nine countries to develop technologies they say will “revolutionize the nation’s power grid and speed renewable electric-energy technologies into every home and business.” So far, some 60 utilities, alternative energy startups, electrical equipment manufacturers and other firms have signed onto the new partnership.

One such utility, Colorado-based Xcel Energy, has even begun to put smart grid technology into practice on a trial basis for a small percentage of its customer base. The utility has spent some \$100 million outfitting 35,000 homes and businesses in and around the city of Boulder with automation and communications capabilities to enable two-way communica-

tion of electricity needs.

Xcel won’t have enough data to assess energy and cost savings until early 2010, but analysts are optimistic that the utility’s costly experiment will reap benefits down the road for consumers, utilities and the environment. Indeed, environmentalists and economists alike have high hopes that widespread implementation of such “intelligent” systems could help usher in a new age of unprecedented energy efficiency, emissions reductions and cost savings around the United States and beyond.

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24	Exposures for drying
25	Grow feathers
26	Randolph or Zachary
27	Actor Bacon
28	Thoroughly proficient
29	Long step
30	Labor or student follower
31	Fracas
32	German city
35	Eye maliciously
36	Not subject to change
41	Most macabre
46	Diner handouts
47	Actress Irving
48	Eccentric
49	Food regimen
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51	Exceptional
52	Billfold filler
53	Expand
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# Owls win in OT

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Refusing to continue their recent five-game losing streak, the Owls (8-15, 3-10 A-Sun) won a hard-fought game, 69-65, against North Florida on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the KSU Convocation Center.

Freshman guard Kurtis Woods buried a three to start the game and less than one minute later, Kelvin McConnell followed suit, sinking one well behind NBA range. After a lay-up by McConnell, UNF's Stan Januska kick-started his team with a three-pointer of his own. The Ospreys (5-19, 3-10 A-Sun), who came into the contest winning two of their last three, drained six from behind the line in the first half, hitting 67 percent of their shots from long range.

KSU's Jay Mitchell answered a second UNF three with a backdoor pass to junior Jon-Michael Nickerson, who had eight points in the first half. After a KSU turnover, UNF sank a three to bring the Ospreys within one. With seven minutes remaining in the first half, Cortez Riley hit the go-ahead basket for UNF and the Ospreys led the remainder of the half, up 32-27 at the break.

The Owls ended UNF's 22-13 run with a steal by Nickerson, which resulted in a three pointer by freshman Spencer Dixon. Eight minutes into the half, Artie Marine hit back-to-back threes over UNF's Matt Sauey. This put the Owls ahead, 45-43, giving them their first lead since 12 minutes into the first half.

"There is no doubt Artie sparked us," said KSU head coach Tony Ingle. "We always knew he could do it and it was great to see another freshman step up and help our team."

Ahead 52-46, with seven minutes left in the contest, the Owls were unable hold off UNF. A lay-up by Januska and a Zach Riggins' free throw brought the Ospreys within three, and KSU turned it over on their next possession, which allowed Riley Cortez to give his team a 53-52 lead with less than four minutes to play. With 23 seconds left, Nickerson could have tied the game with two made free throws, but he missed his second attempt. After a quick foul by KSU, Riggins went one for two at the line, making it a three-point game. With one second left in regulation, McConnell dribbled the ball cross-court and sank a three pointer to tie the game at the buzzer.

"I knew if I could hit the three, we could take it into overtime," said McConnell. "I was glad that Spencer Dixon had the confidence in me to take the shot."

McConnell repeated from long range to begin overtime. Riley was able to tie it again, getting three the old-fashioned way against the Owls. However, the Ospreys went 2-7 from the field in the extra period, and the Owls held on to defeat UNF in OT, 69-65.

Nickerson packed the box score with an impressive 20 points, eight rebounds, four assists, three blocks and three steals. McConnell scored 18 points, and Dixon also contributed for the Owl offense with ten points. UNF's Riley had a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds and two other Ospreys scored in double digits: Cuka put up 20, and Januska scored 14.

The Owls will host Jacksonville on Monday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Convocation Center. The game can be seen live on A-Sun.tv and can also be heard on ESPN 1230-WFOM.

"We know Jacksonville," says Coach Ingle. "They have a lot of depth and they're tough. Our walk-ons and freshmen have stepped up and they will bring a lot of energy to the game."

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## Owls on the road

JEROME WOOLEY  
STAFF WRITER

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

#### Owls hosed in South Carolina

The women's tennis team fell to Presbyterian, 5-2, in the second match of the season on Friday, Feb. 6 in Clinton, S.C. Freshman **Morgan Carney** and sophomore **Ayano Tanaka** were the only Owls to card wins over the Presbyterian Blue Hose.

"Today is a frustrating day to be a coach," said KSU head coach Brandon Padgett. "This team looked as young as they are, and it was tough to watch."

Carney defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-0 in two sets. Tanaka won her singles match 6-3, 6-2, giving the team its second point on the day. The doubles team acquired one win at No. 3 when freshman **MacKenzie Swindall** partnered with sophomore **Agatha Palider** for an 8-6 win.

"We have to have some leadership show up soon," added Padgett. "I am confident that they will continue to grow as players and we will get better."

#### Almost but not quite

The Owls' woes continued as they lost a close battle to UNC Asheville, 4-3, on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the UNCA Tennis Complex in Asheville, N.C.

"We will continue to work on doubles and hopefully come up with a lineup that can be successful before the conference season starts," said KSU assistant coach Pavla Mesterova.

Palider and Swindall won their doubles-match, 8-4, to record the team's only win in doubles competition. The duo racked their second win, giving them a record of 2-1 on the season. The Owls earned wins in singles competition: freshmen **Vera Shkundina**, **Alena Sergeychik** and Swindall.

"MacKenzie and Agatha won their second doubles match of the weekend, but we continue struggle at No. 1 and No. 2," said Mesterova. "The girls fought hard in singles, but losing the doubles point proved to be crucial."

The Owls will return to action on Friday, Feb. 13 to compete against Alabama A&M at the KSU Tennis Complex.

### MEN'S TENNIS

#### Mills wins first collegiate match

Freshman **Tyler Mills** was the lone Owl to earn a match-win in singles competition against the Presbyterian Blue Hose, who beat KSU, 6-1, on Fri., Feb. 6.

Mills won his singles match, 6-3, 6-4, respectively at No.3 over his Blue Hose opponent. Teammates **Lawrence Washington** and **Justin Suesserman** won their doubles match, 8-6, at No. 3 for the Owls only doubles win.

"I am disappointed in the result today, but there were some bright spots," said KSU Director of Tennis Operations T.J. Greggs. "Lawrence, Tyler and Justin all played well."

The game gave the Blue Hose its first win of the season and a record of 1-2. The loss gives the Owls a 0-1 record on the season.

#### Owls topped by Bulldogs

The men's tennis team came close to winning, but could not defeat UNC Asheville who topped the Owls, 4-3, at the UNCA Tennis Center on Sat., Feb. 7.

Mills, **Simon Janik** and **Andrew Suesserman** won their singles-matches to give the Owls a respective three points. A. Suesserman and Janik won their matches in two sets while Mills won his in three.

"Tyler had a great weekend in singles and showed a lot of heart today," said Greggs. "Simon and Andrew had solid wins as well, and I am so proud of Simon for playing while ill and fighting it out in singles and giving us a chance to win."

The Owls' next match will be on Fri., Feb. 13 as they host Alabama A&M at the KSU Tennis Complex.



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Kurtis Woods scored a game-high 24 points by shooting 10-for-17 from the field.

## Bears out of the Woods

JEROME WOOLEY  
STAFF WRITER

Freshman Kurtis Woods scored a game-high 24 points, shooting 10-for-17 from the field against the in-state rivaling Mercer Bears on Thursday, Feb. 5, but his performance was not enough as Mercer overwhelmed KSU, 75-56, at the Convocation Center.

Mercer, who beat the Owls, 88-75, last Thursday in Macon, Ga., got off to a quick start and an early eight-point lead as they scored eleven points in the first three minutes of regulation. The Bears continued their hot shooting through the first half and had

two men in double-digit scoring: forward Brian Mills (12) and guard James Florence (11). The Owls could not get on board, though, and Mercer stretched their lead to double-digits. The Bears dominated the Owls' attack in the first half of play and went into halftime with a 14-point lead.

Four KSU players scored in the first half: Jonathan Whipple (5), Kelvin McConnell (6), Spencer Dixon (6) and Woods (6). The Owls did not attempt a free-throw in the first half compared to Mercer, who shot a perfect 6-for-6 at the charity slate. The Black and Gold led the Bears in the blocks category with four while Mercer

failed to earn any.

The second half was progressive for the Owls. KSU shot 51.9 percent from the field and connected on 5-of-9 shots from behind the three-point line. The Black and Gold also improved their free-throw percentage by 40.0 percent.

"I was really proud of how our guys played in the second half," said head coach Tony Ingle. "We shot well, played with intensity and never gave up. We needed to come out and play better in the first half, but we kept coming at them in the second."

In addition to Woods' impressive 24-point effort,

McConnell, who is 14th in the conference in scoring, ended the game with 11 points on 4-for-8 shooting from the field in 33 minutes of play. Whipple finished the game with nine points in 23 minutes. Dixon, who is currently 13th in the conference in assists, dished out a game-high six assists while scoring six points of his own. Woods boosted his stock after tonight's game as he is now 22nd amongst the conference scoring leaders.

KSU out-blocked Mercer, 5-1, and topped the Bears in the assist category, 14-13. The loss gives the Owls a 6-15 overall record and a 2-10 record in the A-Sun.

## Lady Owls' defense too much for UNF

CATHY DEKMAR  
STAFF WRITER

It was second-half defense that helped the Lady Owls improve their record to 2-0 in their pink Breast Cancer Awareness uniforms and defeat UNF, 50-46, at the KSU Convocation Center on Saturday, Feb. 7.

"It's been an up-and-down season for us, but when we play good defense,

it opens the game up," said head coach Colby Tilley. "In the second half, we caused them to make bad shots and turn the ball over."

Jennifer Baker put the Lady Owls (10-11, 7-6) on the board first, sinking a three-pointer following a UNF (5-18, 4-10) turnover. Minutes later, Greteya Kelley's shot from under the basket put KSU up, 5-0. Baker drained another three, and Montinique Nixon

followed with a jump shot, giving the Lady Owls a 10-5 lead. Ten minutes into the first half, both teams endured a six-minute scoring drought that KSU's Gia Lockett ended with a jumper from mid-range. In the final seconds of the first half, Brittany Kirkland's three beat the buzzer, putting the Ospreys within one of the Lady Owls, 25-24.

Baker was again the first to score

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## Upcoming events

Fri. Feb. 13

Women's and Men's Tennis v. Alabama A&M  
2:00 p.m.  
KSU Tennis Complex

Softball v. Wright State  
6:00 p.m. Bailey Park

Softball v. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville  
3:30 p.m. Bailey Park

Sat. Feb. 14

Softball v. Tenn. Tech  
1:00 p.m.  
Bailey Park

Men's and Women's Tennis v. Jacksonville State  
1:00 p.m. KSU Tennis Complex

Sun. Feb. 15

Men's Lacrosse v. Ga. Southern  
2:00 p.m.  
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Photo by Christine Morales | The Sentinel  
Montinique Nixon connected on two consecutive field goals in Thursday night's loss.

## Don't call it a comeback

JUSTIN HOBBDAY  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Owls couldn't complete the comeback, losing 69-64 to Jacksonville University at the KSU Convocation Center on Thursday, Feb. 5.

KSU (9-11, 6-6 A-Sun) closed to within one point after a DeAndrea Bullock lay-up with 1:49 left to play. However, a Jacksonville (12-10, 8-5 A-Sun) three-pointer and a Lady Owl turnover on their next possession helped the Dolphins hold on for the win.

"They came out and shot lights out in the first half," said head coach Colby Tilley. "We didn't do a good job defensively, and we needed to step up."

The Lady Owls fell behind by as many as 13 points in the first half but were able to cut the lead to eight points by halftime.

The second half started well for KSU as they began the half on an 8-2 run, and Jacksonville's lead was reduced to two points at 44-42, with 17:31 on the game clock. However, only three minutes later, four turnovers and three missed field goals by KSU allowed Jacksonville to rebuild their lead to eleven points.

"Give them full credit," said Tilley. "We had some good efforts out there tonight, but when it came down to it we didn't make the plays we

needed to get the win."

KSU fought hard to keep Jacksonville's lead in the single digits. The Lady Owls were down by nine points at 62-51 with 6:26 left in the game when they made their last run at the win. Montinique Nixon connected on two field goals on consecutive trips for KSU, and Greteya Kelley drove the ball the length of the court to convert a lay-up which brought KSU within three points of the lead with 4:05 to go. Neither team would score again until Bullock's lay-up with 1:49 left in the game.

"The start of the game went pretty bad," said Kelley. "We just didn't have any rhythm tonight."

Only five minutes into the game the Lady Owls found themselves down by ten points at 16-6 after turning the ball over four times. Jacksonville conversely started hot, going 7-for-9 from the field. Crystal Grable led the way for the Dolphins, scoring seven of their first eleven points, and finished with a team-high 13 points and eight rebounds.

Kelley led the way once again for KSU, scoring 16 points, grabbing six rebounds and pilfering three steals. Gia Lockett and Nixon both finished with eleven points and were the only other Lady Owls in double figures.

KSU will be back in action Saturday, Feb. 7 when they will host North Florida in their third game of a four-game home stand.

## One less veteran in the bullpen

While knocking on wood in order not to jinx this, I'll admit it: So far, the Braves have a good looking pitching rotation. On paper, it's perhaps the best looking rotation they have seen in years. It includes newfound ace Derek Lowe, Kenshin Kawakami, Javier Vasquez, Jair Jurrjens and perhaps Tim Hudson and Tom Glavine, if they stay healthy enough.



LAUREN MILLER  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Unfortunately, John Smoltz's recent decision to play for the Boston Red Sox excludes him from this rotation for the first time in his career, and his departure leaves many fans disappointed and forlorn. I will do my best to move on and look forward to what is potentially a promising season for the Braves, but first, I will speak my peace.

On the surface, Smoltz's decision to leave comes down to money; however, he previously turned down better offers from other teams in order to stay with the Braves.

While the Red Sox reportedly offered him \$5.5 million and an additional \$5 million in incentives, the Braves only coughed up a mere \$2 million, putting up less of a fight than an early Mike Tyson opponent. Smoltz's departure had nothing to do with money; it had everything to do with a lack of respect.

All General Manager Frank Wren had to do was offer an extra \$3-5 million to keep Smoltz. As Atlanta Journal Constitution reporter Jeff

Schultz pointed out, that is \$40 million less than the Braves spent on Mike Hampton in the past 3 years. That's right, the same Mike Hampton who has been on the DL for the last century and refuses to pitch every time he gets a boo-boo. This puts it all into perspective. Is there any logical, valid excuse as to why the future Hall-of-Famer Smoltz, who played through and bounced back from countless severe injuries, was essentially treated as an inferior to Mike Hampton?

Smoltz has spent his entire 21-year major league career with the Braves, and he is the only Braves player to experience the 14 straight seasons of post-season play. He pitched in 708 games and is the only pitcher in history to collect 210 wins and 154 saves. He is a National League Cy Young Award winner, eight-time All-Star, has over 3,000 career strikeouts, holds several Braves records and he is a 1995 World Series champion. If all of that is not worth an extra \$3 million, I don't know what is.

Veteran teammate and friend Chipper Jones has been extremely outspoken on the issue, saying, "Of all the gambles that we've taken that didn't pan out over the years, [keeping Smoltz] is one gamble that you want to take. For a couple of million dollars, I'm sorry, I just don't understand this." Other than Manager Bobby Cox, Jones will be the only remnant of the "classic" team.

Like many fans of my generation, I do not know the Atlanta Braves without John Smoltz. As far as I was concerned, John Smoltz was the Atlanta Braves. He was always working hard, laughing with his teammates, talking about his faith and doing good work in the community.

I clutched a radio for over an hour and jumped up and down as I listened to him save a post-season game against the Astros in 2004. I remember watching him cry in the dugout as the Yankees defeated the Braves in the 1996 World Series, and boy, I cried with him.

After a while, you start to feel like you know the players who take the field every season, and John Smoltz was perhaps the most familiar. Even if the Braves' bullpen is on fire and Smoltz has the worst season of his career, he will still be irreplaceable to Atlanta. Frank Wren might see it differently, but I know I speak for the fans when I say that as a player and a person, John Smoltz is priceless.

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for the Lady Owls with a quick lay-up after the break. However, the Lady Owls would lose their lead early in the second half.

KSU's full-court pressure caused an Osprey turnover, which resulted in a basket by Britteny Henderson. UNF missed their next shot, and Henderson came back with a quick jumper to tie the game, 33-33. Her next lay-up gave KSU a 37-36 lead over the Ospreys.

UNF's Kirkland put the Ospreys up, 45-43, with just over two minutes to play, but Henderson was able to tie it up once again. UNF then turned it over on the in-bound, and Henderson was fouled on the next play. She drained both free-throws, which were her first made attempts of the game. The Lady Owls only hit nine-of-21 from the line in the con-

"It's been an up-and-down season for us, but when we play good defense, it opens the game up,"

test. With 13 seconds left, Kelley knocked away UNF's final attempt to close the two-point margin.

"I tried to anticipate it," said Kelley about her defensive effort. "I focused on rebounding and guarding the point guard."

On the in-bound, UNF's Jennifer Guldager was unable to make the shot, and Henderson came down

with the offensive rebound, drawing a foul. She sealed the lead with two made free throws, sealing the victory for the Black and Gold.

"I thought about my team, and how I shoot with them all the time," said Henderson about her game-ending free throws.

Henderson led the team with 20 points and five rebounds. UNF's Kirkland matched Henderson in scoring, and Arlande Cherizol had eleven rebounds for the Ospreys.

Both teams combined for 55 total turnovers, with UNF giving up 16 in the second half of the contest.

The Lady Owls will be back in action at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9 when Mercer visits the KSU Convocation Center.

## Athletic dept. unveils new nest

### Varsity golf, basketball and volleyball prepare to settle in

BRIAN C. BELL  
STAFF WRITER

KSU athletics unveiled their brand-new indoor training facility on Big Shanty road.

The new area houses year-round training areas for KSU's varsity golf, basketball and volleyball teams and is adjacent to KSU's main campus. It contains putting greens, hitting bays and practice courts that give KSU student-athletes a state-of-the-art facility with training equipment.

Along with training areas, the new facility also contains a lounge for players' meetings and an area for athletes to study and relax during the season.

"The indoor facility is one of the best I have seen at any university," said KSU Women's Golf Head Coach Rhyll Brinsmead.

The close vicinity of the training area to both the main campus and the new Student Athletic Success Center provides student-athletes with a better opportunity to get in extra practice time without interfering with their academic pursuits.

"The usability of the facility is phenomenal and it has had an immediate impact on our players' games," said Brinsmead. "To have access to this indoor facility 24/7, rain or shine, is exactly what our programs needed to take the next step towards achieving our goals."

The facility coincides with the new university's direction of athletic advancement, which is a benchmark in the expansion of athletic programs and facilities.

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# Athlete of the Week



**Vera Shkundina**



**T**his week, The Sentinel selected Vera Shkundina, a 16-year-old freshman on the KSU women's tennis team, as its Athlete of the week. Recently, Vera went a perfect 4-0 in the Owls' spring season opening doubleheader and was the first-ever KSU women's tennis player to be named the Atlantic Sun Conference's Player of the Week.

"This is a well-deserved recognition," said KSU Director of Tennis Operations and Assistant Coach T.J. Greggs on the award. "Vera debuted at No. 1 as a 16-year-old freshman and dominated a pair of veteran players. It was impressive."

The Owls' young Russian was nearly flawless on her first day of dual match competition, winning both of her singles matches at the No. 1 spot in straight sets and combining with fellow freshman Alena Sergeychik to earn the Owls' lone doubles point against Georgia Southern.

Vera got out to a quick and dominant start in the morning match against Savannah State, teaming with Lindsay Dillon at No. 2 doubles for an 8-0 win over the Tigers' Shawannda McClain and Para Malden. She kept her stat sheet unblemished in singles, blanking Angela Palmer 6-0, 6-0 at the top spot to lead the Owls to their third-straight sweep of Savannah State.

Teaming with Sergeychik in the afternoon match against GSU, she won a pivotal match, 8-5, over the Eagles' veteran duo of Ali Beavers and Shea Huxtable at No. 3 doubles to put KSU in contention to take the early lead. In the singles competition, she pulled the two schools even at 2-2 with a beautifully executed 6-3, 6-2 victory over GSU junior Kristi Kegerreis.

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# CLUB SPORTS REPORT

## Lacrosse

### Men's LAX wipes out the Spartans and the Bears



Christine Morales | The Sentinel

JUSTIN HOBBDAY  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Thirteen Owls scored as KSU rolled up a 19-1 score against UNCG on Saturday, Feb. 7.

KSU got started quickly scoring seven first quarter goals. The Owls then scored five goals in the second and third quarters to lead, 17-0, going into the final quarter.

"We possessed the ball a lot on offense," said team president Zach Statham. "We were able to work on a lot of

our plays from our playbook."

Scott Schulze scored four goals and dished out three assists to lead the Owls in both categories. The Owls also received hat tricks from Tim Minick and James Nassur.

The Owls defense was stout in the win allowing only five shots on goal. Noah Rosenblum was perfect in goal for KSU stopping all three Spartan shots against him.

On Sunday, Feb. 8 KSU faced off against Mercer and once again won convincingly, 23-2.

For the second game in a row, 13 Owls scored with Schulze and Minick leading the way once again. Minick scored four goals while Schulze added three of his own along with two assists.

"I'm happy with the way the team is playing," said head coach Ken Byers.

The Owls' Scott Mathews tended the goal against the Bears and only allowed two goals on eight shots on goal.

"We were able to get a lot of the younger players some experience and we were able

to work on a lot of plays from our playbook," said Statham about the magnitude of the wins.

The Owls will be back in action Sunday, Feb. 15 on the Intramural Field when they take on the Eagles of Georgia Southern at 2:00 p.m.

"It's our first game in conference," said Statham. "We need to start our conference schedule with a win."

This will be the Owls first match-up against the Eagles since a 16-9 victory back on Oct. 11, 2008.

## Ice Hockey

### Headed to ACHA Division II regional's

#### Owls shut-out Liberty in final game to make regional tournament



LUCAS BIGHAM  
STAFF WRITER

After suffering two tough losses to Miami of Ohio a week ago, the KSU Ice Hockey Team needed to win one of their three games at the SE Shootout in order to clinch a spot in the regional tournament. After dropping their first two games on Feb. 5-7 against FGCU, 3-6, and Michigan State, 1-6, they were able to bounce back to defeat Liberty, 8-0.

The Owls hosted the Southeast Shootout, which invited many of the top ACHA Division II teams in the country including Florida Gulf Coast, Grand Valley, Liberty University and Michigan State.

On Thursday, Feb. 5, KSU faced off against Florida Gulf Coast—a team they struggled against earlier in the season,

losing to them twice, 0-13 and 1-10.

FGCU made the decision to start their backup goalie, which the Owls thought would give them an opportunity to win. However, it was not enough and the Owls fell to FGCU, 3-6.

"They gave us a win by starting him [backup goalie]," said Club President Jimmy Barry.

The Owls gave up a goal very early in the first period that unfortunately changed the momentum in the game.

"They wounded us early," said Barry. "Unfortunately, we couldn't bounce back."

On Friday, Feb. 6 the Owls faced off against the always dangerous Michigan State. Both teams started out very strong and the game was tied, 1-1, going into the second period. However, once the puck dropped in the second, it was

all Spartans and the Owls found themselves on the losing end of another game, 1-6.

"We played a really good first period," said Barry. "They were more disciplined and able to capitalize."

With their hopes of making it to the regional tournament dwindling, KSU played in perhaps their most important game of the year on Saturday. Their opponent would be Liberty, who the Owls lost to, 2-5, in September 2008.

The Owls started off very strong in the first period with goals from forwards Jerry Holden and Chris Koutnik, and a fourth goal from Barry with under a minute to go in the period.

KSU continued their quick scoring in the second period. Brett Brodie gave the Owls their fifth goal early in the period,

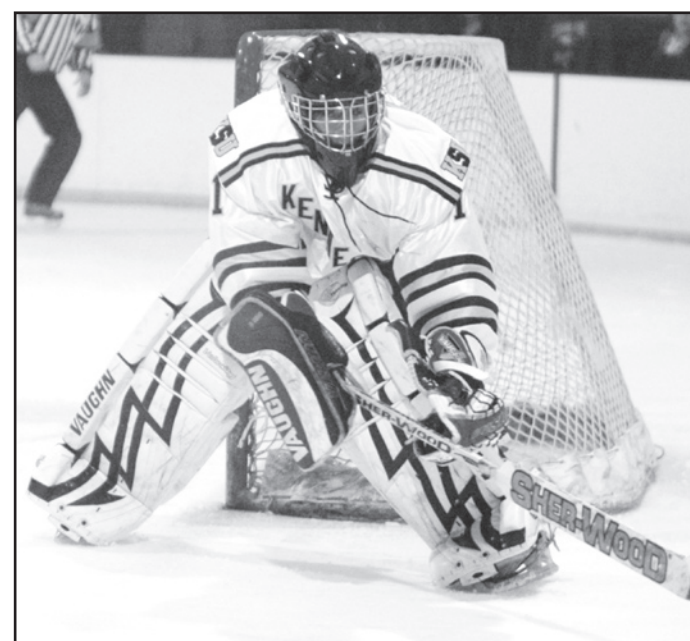
which caused Liberty to make a goaltending change. A fresh goalie would not be enough to stop the Owls though.

With approximately twelve minutes to go in the second period, forward Ricky Lirette secured a short-handed goal, and Andy Buckner added another goal with around seven minutes left.

The Owls added one more goal courtesy of forward Dylan Morrison within the first five minutes of the third period as KSU sealed an 8-0 victory and earned a spot in the regional tournament; pending the Owls ranking in the upcoming poll. The Owls have to be ranked in the top ten to qualify for the regional tournament.

The ACHA D-II Regional's are set to take place on Feb. 26-27. The location has yet to be determined.

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Jerry Holden (left) scored one of the Owls' eight goals in Saturday night's win over Liberty




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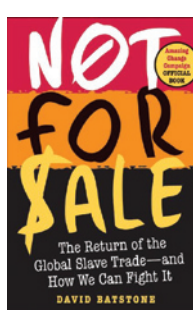
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## Club Briefs

Justin Hobday | Asst. Sports Editor

### Rugby

The KSU rugby squad lost a tough, 19-10, match on the road against Georgia Tech on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Owls are having a tough time fielding a team as experienced and competitive as they would like due to injuries; however, a few young players are quickly becoming bright spots for the team. According to team vice president J.D. Price, freshman Jamie Postle was named the new team captain.

"(Postle) will be around for four more years to help the team prosper as (the older players) graduate and move on," said Price.

Also, Nic Swoopes, another one of the new players, "has shown a great effort

and with his athletic ability will soon be a great asset to our team," added Price.

KSU next travels to face Auburn on Valentine's Day.

"We have to beat Auburn to keep our playoff hopes alive," said team president Kris Ulbrich. Price added, "Auburn is a very talented team and will again test our competitiveness."

### Ultimate Frisbee

On Feb. 7-8, the KSU Ultimate Frisbee team competed in Mud Bowl XXVIII in Talladega, Ala.

The Owls went 2-3 on the weekend but for the first time ever, beat the Georgia Bulldogs.

"Our confidence is really high after beating UGA," said team captain Ben Magyer.

The Owls will be back in action on Valentine's Day when they will compete in the Discs over Georgia event. KSU will be looking forward to a rematch with Emory, who ended the Owls season last year in the sectional tournament.

### Wrestling

The KSU wrestling team finished third overall in a tournament at the University of Florida on Feb. 7-8.

The team will be back on the road when they travel to Tennessee Temple University on Valentine's Day.

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élon Salon is searching for fresh new faces to use in upcoming professional photo shoots.

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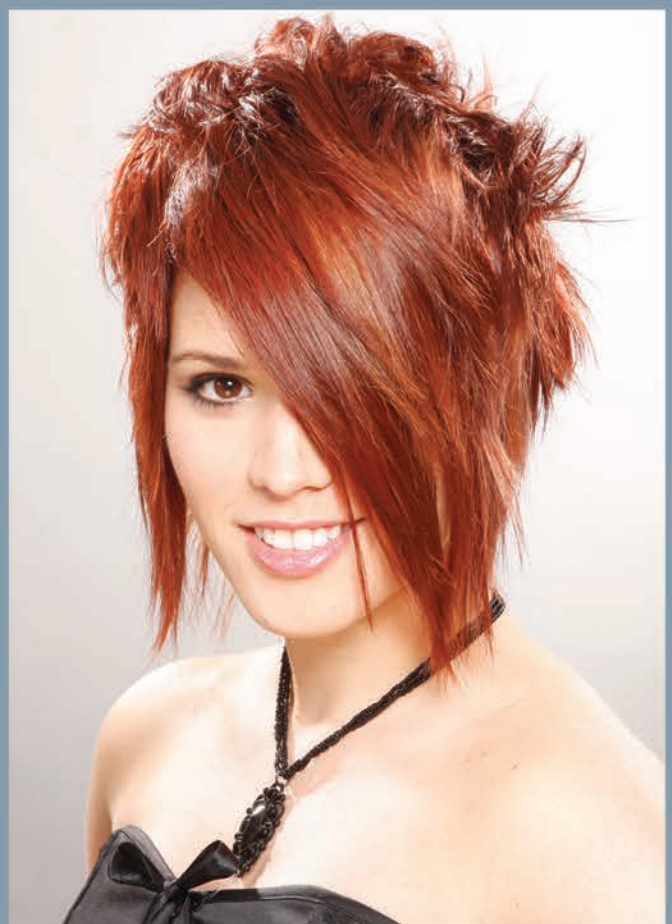
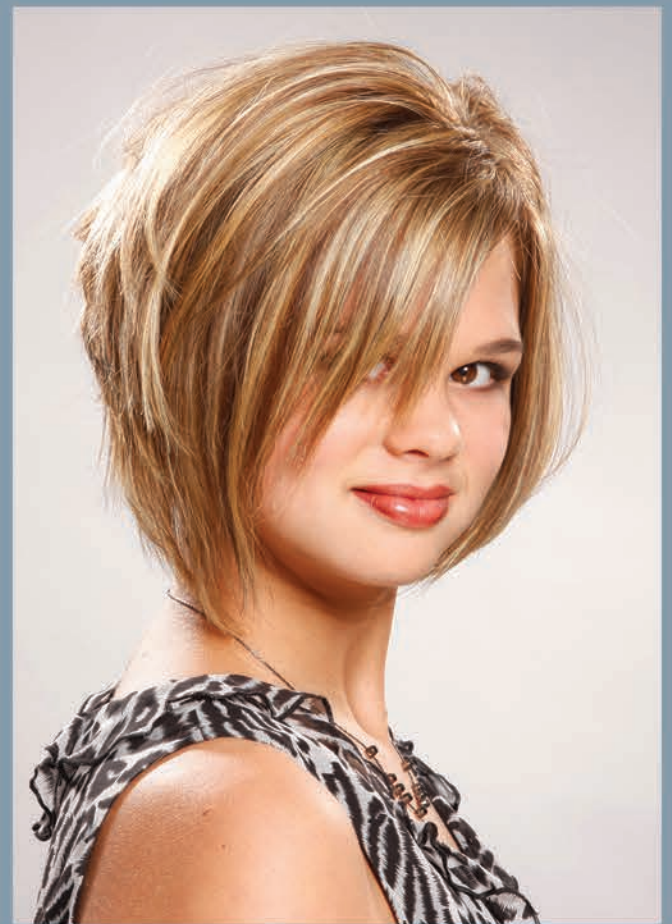
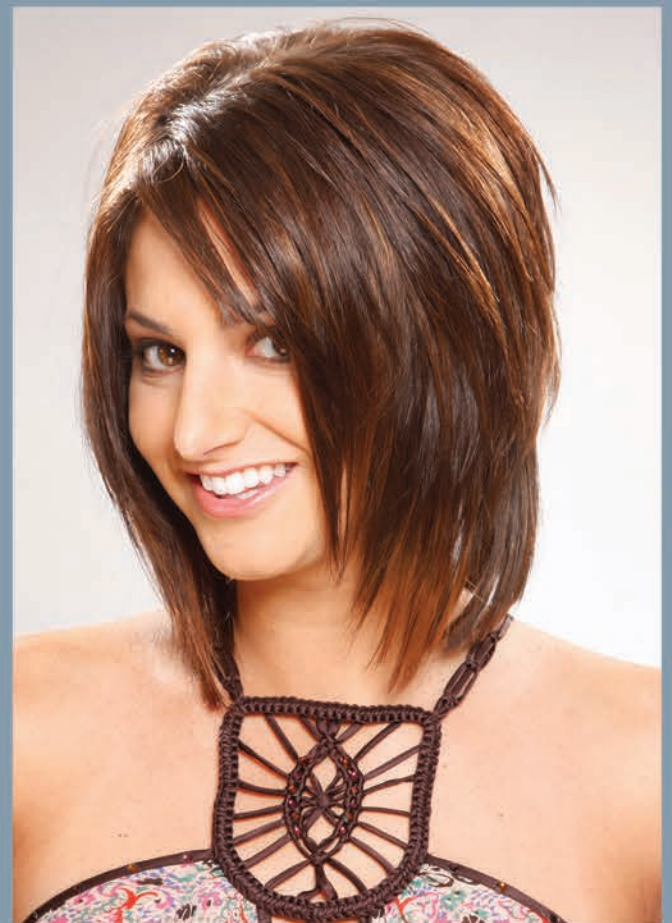
**Attend one of our next Model Calls  
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> or March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm  
photo shoot is March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Call or visit élon Salon today for more information about this amazing opportunity!

Models must be age 14 to 25 and willing to receive hair colour and hair cut shoulder length or shorter.

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