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## Stuff your face in a new place

### Campus eateries to expand beyond student center

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PHOTO EDITOR

The new dining hall will be open in August, just in time for new and returning students alike to experience the "taste" around campus.

There are nine eateries, each able to serve 12,000 students at a time with practically no wait time: The Stone Mill Bakery (serving cakes, pies, cookies and freshly-made bread every day), The Grind Coffee Co. (specializing in all kinds of coffees), Dan's Deli (made-to-order hot and cold deli sandwiches, hot soups, chilis and chowders), The Campus Green (fruits and fresh greens for salads, as well as chicken and other meats to put on top or just to go with the meal), Piatti (specializing in Italian foods—the place will have a stove able to make 190 "self" pizzas at one time), Hwy 41 Grill (burgers, wings and fries, 50s style), Apron Strings (southern comfort foods), Globetrotter (regional cuisines straight from the very own homes of KSU students) and Wok Your Way (all Asian cuisine, from Thai to Chinese to Japanese).

Each establishment has food selections for everyone. They will have gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan selections so all students get nourishment despite dietary restrictions. There is also an "on the fly" section of the dining hall, where students can enter a small area and grab a pre-selected and pre-wrapped meal. Each meal can either be warmed up or refrigerated for later. These meals are not limited to a sandwich and chips, though that choice is available. Rather, they are full-blown meals. For example, roasted chicken and vegetables or rice will be served in a plastic Tupperware-like bowl or plate. Five different locations throughout the hall offer free refills.

The crew that has been working on the building since the end of the spring 2009 semester has made sure the dining hall is moving toward the new ways of "green"

architecture. The building was rated on the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating scale, a voluntary standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. It is based on well-founded scientific standards, sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality, according to the U.S. Green Building Council. KSU's new dining hall has received the ranking of "gold," according to culinary manager Rob Nolen. "Gold" is the second highest ranking in the system, just under "platinum" and above "silver" and "certified."

Though this building has just started to come into view for everyone on campus, it has been in the works with the school board and other officials for four to five years. The auxiliary services at KSU started a survey campaign in 2006 to ask students what they wanted to change around campus. More than 5,000 students commented that they did not want any more retail (or expensive) foods—they wanted more variety and an "all you can eat" environment. The school board listened, and a few months later, \$21 million dollars was designated for the new dining hall.

Nolen also stated that he and several other officials will be in the dining hall waiting to listen to any compliments or complaints about the new building.

The second floor will feature two outdoor terraces as well as soft seating areas, which will encourage group projects and provide quiet space for studying. There will be an area of meeting rooms that can be configured as 1, 2 or 3 separate places depending on the need.

The dining hall will be open seven days a week, with initial operating hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday. On Saturdays and Sundays, operating hours will be 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Karlee Gonzalez | The Sentinel

## About 3,000 freshmen to enter in fall

HEATHER COOK  
STAFF WRITER

As summer draws to a close and fall creeps around the corner, a new group of freshmen are finding their way to KSU's lofty doors.

According to Susan Blake, associate dean of Enrollment Services, last year there were 2,639 incoming freshmen, and this year there is expected to be a 10-15% increase. Most of these new freshmen are coming from Georgia, and many are from the local high schools. There is, however, an increase in the amount of students coming from south Georgia.

Blake said KSU attracts incoming freshmen because of its recent growth in reputation. She also said KSU interests students because of its proximity to major interstates, such as I-75 and I-575. An increase in the population of the area and talk about the school has drawn in more students, also.

Part of a freshman's first year experience is taking the KSU 1101 or KSU 2290 classes.

"The Department of First-Year Programs will be teaching more than 2,500 of those first-year students in either KSU 1101 or KSU 2290 sections this fall," said Keisha Hoerner, chair of the Department of First-

Year Programs. "Once again, the department is offering a record number of first-year seminar sections in addition to our learning communities options."

The KSU 1101 course is designed to aid freshmen in acclimating to college life and study habits. Because the class is relatively small, it helps incoming freshmen meet new people. The course focuses on helping students through their first semester of college and making the most of their college experience. It also encourages campus interaction and student involvement.

For the sixth consecutive year, the first-year courses have been recognized by "U.S. News & World Report" as being

"one of the best." Because KSU's number of incoming freshmen has been increasing over the years, so has the number of first-year courses offered. In 2000, there were 34 first-year course sections, compared to the 92 sections offered last year.

"Welcome Class of 2013!" said Hoerner. "I encourage you to develop a love of learning, pride for your institution and great time management skills during your first semester at KSU. There's so much to do on this campus. Enjoy every day you spend here. I speak from experience as a proud alumna—class of 1989—when I say that being a student at Kennesaw State will change your life!"

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Delicious smoke-cooked barbecued meats, tasty desserts, family fun and live entertainment will take center stage during the City of Kennesaw's annual Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival.



**Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**  
3pm – 11pm

**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
10am – 10pm

Adams Park at the Ben Robertson Community Center in Kennesaw



State Championship Professional BBQ Cook Off, Backyard and Peach Dessert Competitions



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**FRI**

3pm Roger "Hurricane" Wilson  
6pm Doc Stoval and the Tumbleweed Cowboy Band  
8pm Natalie Stovall

**SAT**

10am Orchard Academy Chorus and Theatre Group  
11am Bob Patterson a.k.a. "Bogey"  
1pm Chocolate Thunder  
2pm Reserve Generation Band (US Air Force)  
4pm Contest Awards Presentation  
5pm About Time (For Jazz)  
7pm The American Flyers

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On Friday, August 14, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., the City of Kennesaw and Kennesaw State University will host an attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the largest game of dodge ball ever played!

At approximately 7:00 p.m., the City of Kennesaw and Kennesaw State University will be hosting a traditional 6-on-6 dodge ball tournament on the soccer field at Adams Park.

Register for both the History making game, and the tournament online at [www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec)

[www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec/bbqfestival](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec/bbqfestival)  
or call 770-422-9714



**Guitar Hero Challenge at Pigs & Peaches**

Guitar Hero experts will be able to test their skills at this year's Annual Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival on August 14 and 15 for the opportunity to win a PlayStation 3 game console. Hosted by Kennesaw WiFi, Cisco Systems, Area 41, Adcap, and SilvAD promotions, the single-elimination competition will take place over the two-day Festival. Contestants can pre-register to compete on either Friday or Saturday. Contestants must register on the Kennesaw WiFi website, [www.kennesawwifi.net](http://www.kennesawwifi.net). Space is limited, so early sign-up is recommended.



**KenneSong Joins Pigs & Peaches**

Sponsored by the City of Kennesaw, Kennesaw WiFi, Cisco Systems, Area 41, Adcap and SilvAD Promotions, the event will give talented singers an opportunity to audition for an audience of music artists and executives. Visitors to [www.kennesawwifi.net](http://www.kennesawwifi.net) will be able to view each finalist's performance and vote for a winner. The winner will get coaching assistance from music pros and have the opportunity for studio time to record a complete song, and potentially have a shot at a management contract. Space is limited. The cost to enter the competition is \$10, and you can register at [www.kennesawwifi.net](http://www.kennesawwifi.net).

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# Residence Life department welcomes new students with old tradition

ANDY NELSON  
STAFF WRITER

The KSU Department of Residence Life will host its traditional "Get in Gear" (GIG) week beginning Friday, Aug. 14, in order to ease new residents into their on-campus homes.

The festivities are sponsored by the Department of Student Life and are open to all faculty, staff and students of KSU. GIG week has been a KSU tradition since the creation of the Residence Life Department in 2004.

Among the traditional events of GIG week are Casino Night, Movie Night and Bazaar on the Bricks. Casino Night on Aug. 21 will have more than \$1000 in prizes. Movie Night, Aug. 15, will feature a showing of "The Fast and the Furious." Bazaar on the Bricks, a vendor fair that gives faculty and students the opportunity to advertise their

organization to residential students, will take place on Aug. 21. Tables are free for KSU departments. Organizations and registration forms are available online at [kennesaw.edu/residencelife](http://kennesaw.edu/residencelife). The registration deadline is Aug. 7 and space is limited.

According to Mindy Coleman, coordinator of Residence Life for the University Village 2000 and 6000 buildings, new events this year include the "Chill Out" ice cream social catered by Cold Stone Creamery on Aug. 18, a Rock Concert featuring the Australian band "Hailmary" on Aug. 19 and an Improv Show on Aug. 23. "[The events in the past] have been huge," said Coleman. "Every single event we have has had at least 100 people in attendance."

"It is critically important for new students to get involved and attend as many programs as possible in the first couple weeks of school. All the national research, plus my own 20 years of experience, show that new students are far more socially

and academically successful if they fully engage in their new collegiate community," said Dr. Michael Sanseviro, director of Residence Life. "I speak to all the parents at orientation and stress that importance of encouraging their students to stay on campus day and night, especially weekends, for the first few weeks of the semester to build the necessary bonds with other KSU students and our campus."

Sanseviro also said that before moving in, students should know their check-in date and time, try to connect with their roommates in order to get to know one another, decide who is bringing what and to bring only the essentials on moving day, as sales will be happening all over Kennesaw.

For a move-in checklist, as well as a complete list of check-in dates and times, students can visit the Residence Life Web site at [kennesaw.edu/residencelife](http://kennesaw.edu/residencelife).

## AROUND CAMPUS

What: Summer Commencements  
When: Wed. July 29 and Thurs. July 30, 7 a.m.-11:30 p.m.  
Where: Convocation Center CC 1110 Arena Floor

What: Dining Hall Open House  
When: Thurs. Aug. 6, 12-3 p.m.  
Details: All students, faculty and staff invited to sample recipes from each venue

What: Starlight Summer Concert Series - The Lovell Sisters  
When: Sun. Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m.  
Where: Legacy Gazebo Amphitheater  
Details: \$5. For more info: [www.kennesaw.edu/arts/starlight](http://www.kennesaw.edu/arts/starlight)

What: First day of classes  
When: Thurs. Aug. 15

What: Greek Block Party  
When: Mon. Aug. 17, 6 p.m.  
Where: Campus Green  
Details: For more info: [www.ksgreeks.com](http://www.ksgreeks.com)

## WEATHER



WEDNESDAY  
HIGH 84°  
LOW 65°



THURSDAY  
HIGH 80°  
LOW 65°



FRIDAY  
HIGH 86°  
LOW 66°



SATURDAY  
HIGH 85°  
LOW 65°



SUNDAY  
HIGH 84°  
LOW 67°



MONDAY  
HIGH 85°  
LOW 65°

### Friday - August 14, 2009

**Pigs and Peaches**  
Downtown Kennesaw 3-11pm  
Transportation provided

**Mandatory Opening Meetings**  
3000 and KP (100, 200, D) 6pm

**Slice of Residence Life**  
Suites Atrium 10:30pm

### Saturday - August 15, 2009

**Pigs and Peaches**  
Downtown Kennesaw 10am-10pm  
Transportation provided

**Mandatory Opening Meetings**  
2000 and 4000 6pm

**Movie Night: Fast & Furious**  
Clubhouse Yard 9pm

### Sunday - August 16, 2009

**Welcome Back Oldies**  
Town Hall 6:30pm

**RHA - Test Your Fortune, Panda Style!**  
UV center 8:30pm

### Monday - August 17, 2009

**Wake Up KSU**  
Bridge near 5000 8:30am

**Greek Block Party**  
Campus Green 6pm

# GET IN GEAR

## Fall 2009 Residence Life



# KSU

All other Mandatory Opening Meetings

UV, KP, & UP  
(see your RA for details)

### Tuesday - August 18, 2009

**Chill Out - Coldstone Icecream**  
UP Town Hall 9pm

### Wednesday - August 19, 2009

**Rock Concert**  
Hailmary: Australian Band  
Hemmingwayz Plaza 8pm

### Thursday - August 20, 2009

**Dance Party**  
Village Center 8pm

### Friday - August 21, 2009

**Bazaar on the Bricks**  
Vendor Info Fair  
UV Plaza 3-5pm

**Casino Night**  
\$1000 in Prizes  
Suites Atrium 9pm-12am

### Saturday - August 22, 2009

**Olympics**  
3000 Courtyard 2pm

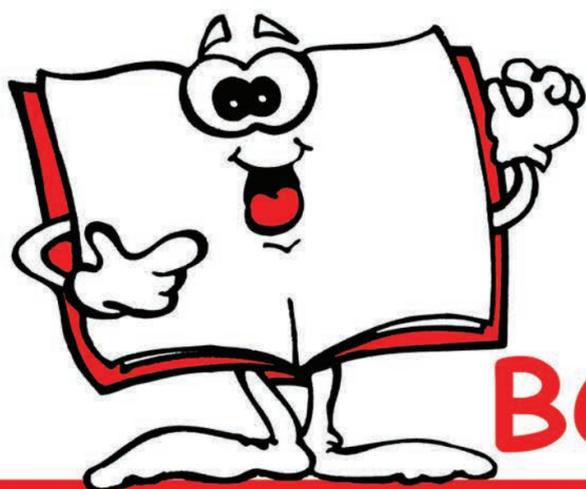
**Giggity Global**  
KP V-ball Court 7pm

### Sunday - August 23, 2009

**First Year Convocation**  
Meet RA at floor/building 2:45pm

**Improv Show**  
Clubhouse Yard 7:30pm

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# OPINIONS

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## An invitation to be heard

### A Letter FROM the Editor

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 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 agree that our editorial pages trend toward right-thinking centrists. As of this moment, we have the moderate Republican and small "l" Libertarian-right opinions covered. We also have a democrat and a liberal who also publish on a regular basis.

If, however, you feel Viewpoints underrepresents 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 the regular team of writers, they are the only writers whose opinions get published. You have to write if you want to be represented—not complain that your voice isn't being heard.

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

- Columns must take a stand. We're not writing blogs or Facebook updates—your columns must take a defensible position and defend it in less than 750 words.

- Columns should be 600–750 words.

- Columns must be spelling error free and grammatically correct.

- Columns will be edited—nothing personal. The Sentinel uses the Associated Press (AP) stylebook as our guide. If your future plans include journalism of any type, you should become cozy with the AP style guide.

- Columns must be clear and to the point.

- 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.

I recommend that you spell check your work (but remember the computer is OK with they're, there and their) and read the piece aloud. Those two steps fix the vast majority of writing problems.

All guest columns must be sent to me (opinioneditor@ksusentinel.com) by 5 p.m. on Thursday for consideration in the following week's newspaper. Please keep in mind these guidelines are for guest columns, you can still send a letter to the editor and participate in the Viewpoints section 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, OWL Radio (KSURadio.com), which has a number of talk shows through which you can voice your opinion. I host one of those shows



**TONY SARRECCHIA**  
VIEWPOINTS EDITOR

(Tuesdays 9–11 p.m.)—you are always welcome to call in and join 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 to partake in the process rather than whine that the process is unfair. As Viewpoints editor, I encourage your involvement.

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 pm) on ksuradio.com. You can reach him at Tony@ksuradio.com

## Study abroad is a must

Greetings incoming freshman and welcome back Sentinel readers! As many of you might know, my columns tend to focus on national and international politics, but for the summer issue, I figured I would try not to make anyone too upset with me.

I am writing this column on a train, traveling in the United Kingdom. When I started to think about the best use of my readers' time, I decided I should tell incoming freshman and returning students why study abroad is the best way to get the full college experience.

Let me apologize for any monotonous arguments in this column that you may have heard before, but note that they are worth stressing.

Secondly, let me clarify that study abroad is an expensive endeavor and should only be embarked upon by people who can afford it. There are scholarships available, but they usually cover only a fraction of the cost. However, there are many programs in multiple price ranges, giving students a plethora of options.

College, to most, is about finding out what you want to do in life. It's also about getting a well-rounded base of knowledge to use in the outside world. Study abroad programs allow students to step outside that box of core curriculum and give them an experience that is truly well-rounded.

For example, one might think the U.K. is not much different than the United States. We speak the same language, share a common set of values and principles and practice similar religions. How different can we be? That might be true in some regards, but their culture is not like ours.

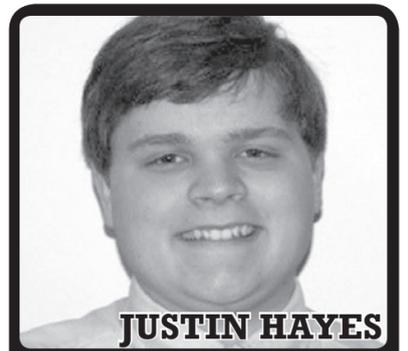
In the U.K., there is a big societal stress on being "organic" in terms of food and lifestyle choices. Most restaurants have a section in their menu specifically designated for vegetarians. Products in stores are heavily (if not ex-

cessively) labeled. The container or menu usually indicates the growing or farming methods for each ingredient. On a bottle of water, it lists ingredients and has a special "V" indicating that the water is suitable for vegetarians.

Just this bit of information can have significant impacts on multiple career paths. Those in business or marketing would realize that selling a product in the U.K. requires extensive research into their labeling practices. For political science majors, this information would help design public opinion polls about food and health. Sociology majors might look at the overall British emphasis on "the organic."

Study abroad also enables students to work with other students, professors and faculty members from all over the state of Georgia. This interaction gives them insight into different strategies of teaching and learning and provides information about the different programs around the state. If a student majors in economics at KSU and takes an economics course during study abroad with a professor from a different school, that student has just opened a new set of doors for networking throughout his or her career.

I know networking is not why everyone goes on a study abroad trip, but it is important to note that employers see international experience as a major plus on a resume. As globalization brings the world economy closer



**JUSTIN HAYES**  
SENIOR COLUMNIST

together, experience in another country becomes a competitive advantage when seeking a job.

Sure study abroad is not for everyone, but it is not exclusive to anyone. Study abroad is not just for international affairs or foreign language majors. It provides a valuable experience for every field of study. For more information about study abroad visit [kennesaw.edu/study-abroad/](http://kennesaw.edu/study-abroad/) or visit the study abroad fair Oct. 13 in the University Rooms of the Student Center.

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# I'm not going to say the Jonas Brothers are terrorists ...but they're terrorists

Well folks, it's my favorite time of the year again. The pools are open, the air is warm, the ladies are scantily dressed and most importantly my favorite holiday, the 4th of July, recently passed. It's the day I get to celebrate our founding fathers sacrifices by enjoying two of God's greatest gifts: explosives and red meat.

Unfortunately, this particular July 4 occurred during rather troubling times as that crazy short guy in North Korea was up to no good again. I can't remember his name, so I'll just do what most Americans do and assign him a random name consisting of a combination of stereotypical Asian surnames and car manufacturers. This Kim Chang- Suzuki guy threatened to "test" a nuclear bomb off the coast of Hawaii. But even as a draft-eligible male (who happens to be 6'4" with rugged good looks and a laser-rocket arm, I might add) watching nuclear war on the horizon, that isn't even what keeps me up at night. While this tiny Korean guy might be crazy, deranged and hungry for war, I think we might be under siege from an even greater threat. A domestic threat. A threat known by most as the Jonas Brothers.

North Korea certainly poses a threat that all people should be cognizant of and the tension along the 38th parallel shouldn't be underestimated or rationalized as mere saber rattling. But at the same time, how can you worry about petty things like that with the Jonas Brothers walking free and unchecked? These three are waging a full frontal assault on everything good in this world worth fighting for as we sit here and do nothing about it.

Have you ever heard their music? I feel dirty for even calling it music. I'd call it coordinated noise, but I'm not even sure there is any coordination in it. This past election, John McCain



used the term "generational theft" when talking about deficit spending. You want to talk about generational theft? These three terrorists are robbing the next generation of real music, man. Calling them a "band" is nothing but a disgrace to real bands like The Beatles, Zeppelin and the Stones. Calling them "guitarists" in the same context as Page, Hendrix, Clapton, SRV or even contemporaries such as Frusciante is like lumping Spam and a New York strip steak together as meat. Come to think of it, they don't even qualify as Spam. They're the veggie burger of music. They're a cheap imitation marketed on name and image alone with no real beef anywhere to be found.

But music isn't the only thing these kids are stealing from society. They're entrenched in a massive campaign to destroy manhood itself. Have you ever seen what they look like? If they were called a gender-neutral name like "The Jonas Siblings," I probably wouldn't even know they were dudes. They wear girl pants for crying out loud. They have long hair, high voices, and feminine mannerisms. The only thing they're missing is the purse and monthly mood swings. The male symbols that females are subliminally being told to lust after aren't males, they're the Jonas Brothers. Hybrids. Half Breeds.

I'm not going to make a baseless and outrageous accusation and say the



Jonas Brothers are slowly turning our daughters into lesbians, but the Jonas Brothers are slowly turning our daughters into lesbians. Don't get me wrong, I don't have any problems with the lifestyle choice, but what's going to happen after the Jonas Brothers lesbianize the entire female youth population? The birth rate of the US is already falling below the 2.11 children per couple required to sustain the population. What's going to happen when all the 16-year-old girls in this country stop lusting after males?

Not only are the frat boys on campus going to have to go after the legal-aged women like the rest of us, but in 10 years the batch of young women who should be having kids will be so turned off males by the Jonas brothers that our countries production of little people will stop. The great American society will fall not by a short lonely Korean man, but rather by a bunch of dudes who look like ladies.

Come to think of it, maybe Aerosmith's "Dude Looks Like a Lady" wasn't just another drug inspired song of their time. Maybe the great philosopher Steven Tyler was trying to warn us. Who knew?

## The Real F Bomb

"Debt is dumb and cash is king" unless you are a college student.

Or so most of that is the phrase according to financial guru and talk-show host Dave Ramsey. Finances are one of those topics that, if you are lucky, you might get a brief lesson about in KSU 1101 and if you are like me, you fell asleep during that lecture. For whatever reason, discussing finances and financial responsibility with college students is like having a conversation with President Obama on fiscal responsibility. They nod their heads and say they get it, but as the old saying goes, actions speak louder than words. So let's drop the big "F" bomb and talk about financial responsibility in college.

In April 2009, Sallie Mae, a college financing company, released a study in which they found that approximately 21% of undergraduate college students carried a balance between \$3,000 and \$7,000.

What is even scarier is in the very same study, Sallie Mae concluded that of incoming college freshmen, only 15% of them had a zero balance. The average debt incoming freshmen carry is \$939, and they have not even walked into the General Bookstore to purchase books for class. I believe there are two simple ways for college students to avoid debt: budget and lose the plastic!

Budgeting seems like such an adult thing, right? Guess what, you're 18+ years old, you are an adult. Budgeting is probably the easiest thing you can do when it comes to making sure you know where your money is going.

When it comes to budgeting, keep it simple. Many people think money and budgeting should be some long, drawn-out process. This is only the case for the federal government, which has an operating budget of \$3.6 trillion.

For those of us in mainstream America, our budgets should be the complete opposite: short and simple. Think about the main areas you spend money and formulate your budget around those categories. For instance, my monthly expenses include food, rent, car payment, car insurance, tithe/offering, fuel, haircut and entertainment.

Variable expenses such as food and entertainment are hard to budget for, but after a few months, you will notice that you spend within a certain range, which makes budgeting for those items a bit easier. Budgeting should take no longer than 15 minutes of your day.

When you finish your budget, stick to it. Budgeting puts the power of your money back in your hands and you will finally know exactly where that money is going.

Finally, do not rely on your credit card. I know it is tempting when you are out partying with friends or trying on the latest trendy fashion, but the credit card is dangerous, especially for teenagers, and the statistics from



Sallie Mae support this assertion.

Dunn and Bradstreet conducted numerous studies, all of which indicate that people who use credit cards tend to spend 12-18% more than they would if they were using cash or a debit card.

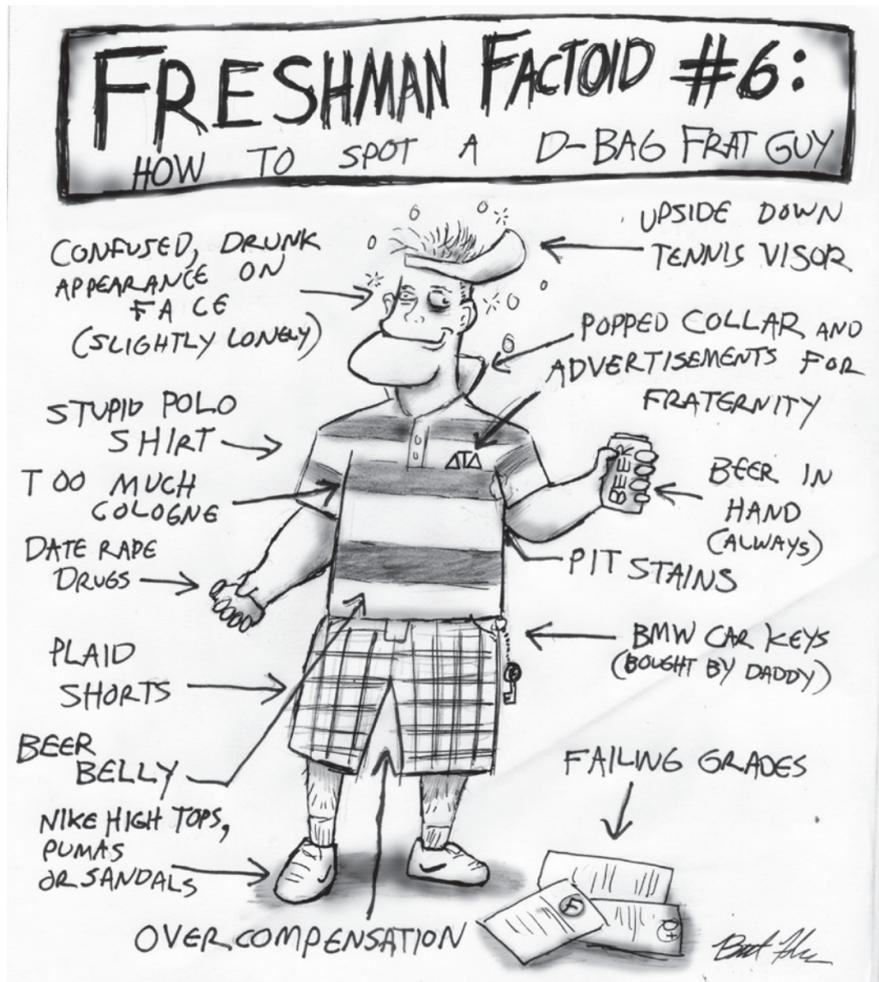
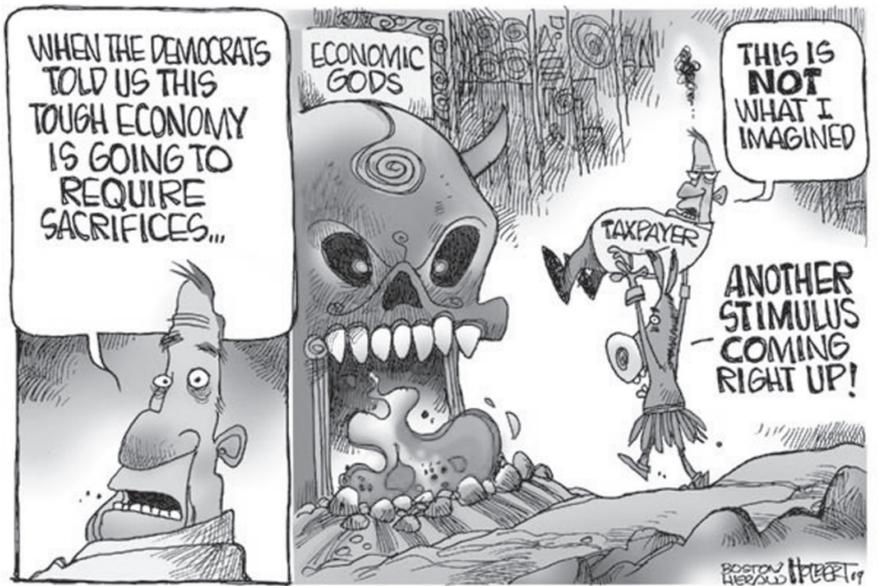
In other words, when using a credit card, that simple cheeseburger meal turned into a biggie size with a frosty and apple pie. I recommend the debit card. I have been using one for 1.5 years and I very rarely carry cash. Clark Howard will tell you that a debit card is dangerous, but if used properly, you will get the same protections you have with a credit card.

To safely and securely use your debit card, always be sure you press the "credit" option after swiping your debit card. Never enter your pin number. By selecting "credit" you are ensured the same protections that one would have with a credit card.

I am by no means anti-credit card, but I believe that for too long people have relied on making purchases on credit and credit cards and living beyond their means. This is part of the reason why America is in such an economic downturn.

Talking finances is never a fun thing; that is unless it is Joe Biden telling us we have to spend more to get out of bankruptcy. But for incoming freshmen and college students in general, it is important to do everything possible to avoid debt before getting out of college. I know too many people who are in their thirties with \$80,000+ in student loans and other debt and they suddenly wish they would have done things differently. So take a hint from them, avoid student loans if possible and if you have a nasty habit with the credit card, cut it up and throw it out.

Austin Green is a graduate of Atlanta Adventist Academy where he spent his four years in high school as class president as well as 1 year as National Honors Society President. He is currently majoring in Political Science and looks forward to being a Constitutional Attorney.



# FEATURES

"She's about to drop in a good one."

## MAPW student and Southern Gothic author receives award for first novel

HEATHER COOK  
STAFF WRITER

Kennesaw State University held the 45th Annual Georgia Author of the Year awards ceremony and banquet on June 13. This year, Master of Arts in Professional Writing (MAPW) student Raymond Atkins received the award for his first novel, "The Front Porch Prophet."

English professor Robert Barrier said the Georgia Author of the Year Award is "not only to honor good writing, but also to encourage new writers."

Atkins said that the inspiration for "The Front Porch Prophet" came from writing about what is familiar to him.

"There is a lot of truth in the old saying that a writer should stick to writing what he or she knows. In my case, what I know best is growing up in the rural South. I have never climbed Mount Everest or gone to the moon, but I have been raised in a unique culture, one that is disappearing as each year passes," Atkins said. "For me, at least, writing is not so much a decision as it is a compulsion. I have always written and always been drawn to the writing life. It is an activity that I must do in order to feel complete. I think this may be true for many writers. Those who write do so because they must."

Another professor of English, Greg Johnson, described Atkins' writing style as "a Southern Gothic/comic style that skillfully avoids the occasional excesses of sentimentality and sensationalism one occasionally finds in that genre."

Professor of Creative Writing Tony Grooms had similar comments about Atkins' writing style: "Atkins is a humorist, drawing on a long tradition of regional humorists and local-color writers—but the themes that he tackles are not typical of the local-color writers. His focus, for example, on spirituality and the serious treatment of social issues broadens his appeal beyond the scope of regionalist

writing."

Although Laura Dabundo, professor of English, has never taught Atkins, every Christmas she reads his story "Nativity Scenes" from the "Christmas Stories from Georgia" collection aloud to whichever group has asked her to read her story, "The Blue- and Brown-Eyed Santa Claus" from the same book.

"In truth, I think his story is wiser, better and funnier than mine and than many other stories. I heartily recommend it; it makes me laugh out loud every year, even though I am familiar with it," Dabundo said of Atkins' work in the collection.

The MAPW program is unique

in that it emphasizes a close study of many types of writing. This approach broadens the students' writing abilities and enhances their overall writing skills.

More specifically, as Barrier said, "It introduces students to different and advanced aspects of workplace writing so that they can do their work better and more efficiently and potentially find new avenues and jobs for applied writing. It works with teachers and others interested in rhetoric to introduce them to ways of reading and writing that will benefit them in all areas of their lives. It is unique in that there are very few programs that allow students to study all three strands of the program—creative, applied and composition and rhetoric—in a curriculum that appeals to individual interests and abilities."

Atkins, who also earned a bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences from KSU, said, "One of the main benefits for me in being enrolled in the MAPW program is the opportunity to surround myself with gifted, creative people. My experience with the faculty and staff associated with the program is that they are world-class practitioners of the art of writing, and they are willing to share their knowledge. My fellow students, as well, are an impressive group, and immersion into this culture of writing has been of great benefit."

For those interested in careers in writing, Atkins has two pieces of advice: "The first is fairly intuitive: a writer must write. A writer must sit down every day and put words on paper. If the great words won't come, write the mediocre ones and fix them later—but write."

Secondly, Atkins said to share: "It is very hard to remain creative in a vacuum. A writer must be surrounded by and share with creative people."

Atkins' second novel, "Sorrow Wood," and the award-winner, "The Front Porch Prophet," are both available at your local bookstore and online at amazon.com. His next book signing will be on Aug. 1 at the Barnes and Noble at Riverbend Center in Rome, Ga. To learn more about Atkins and his works, visit raymondlatkins.com.

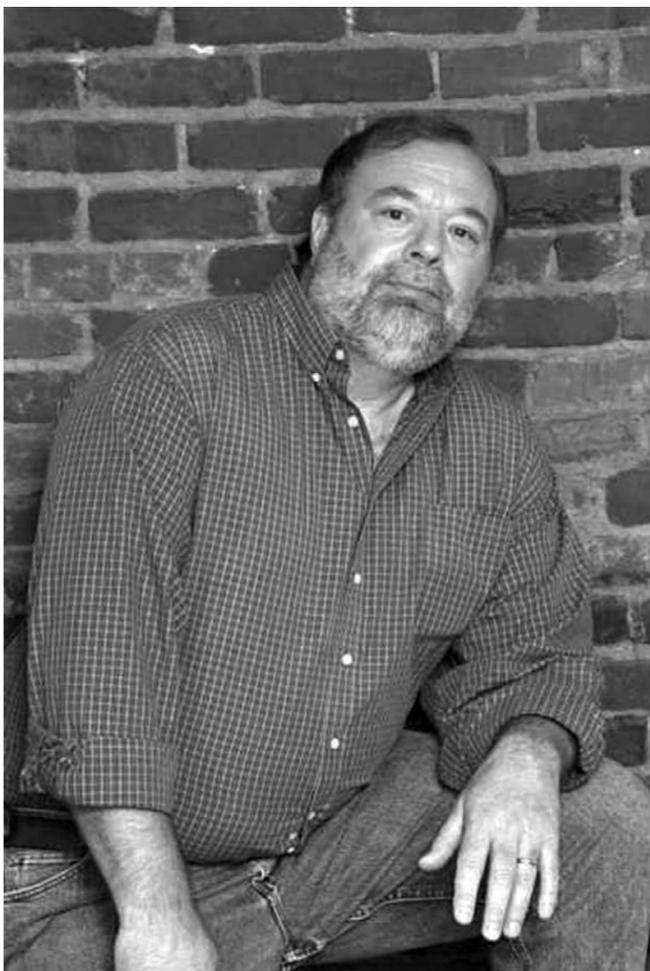
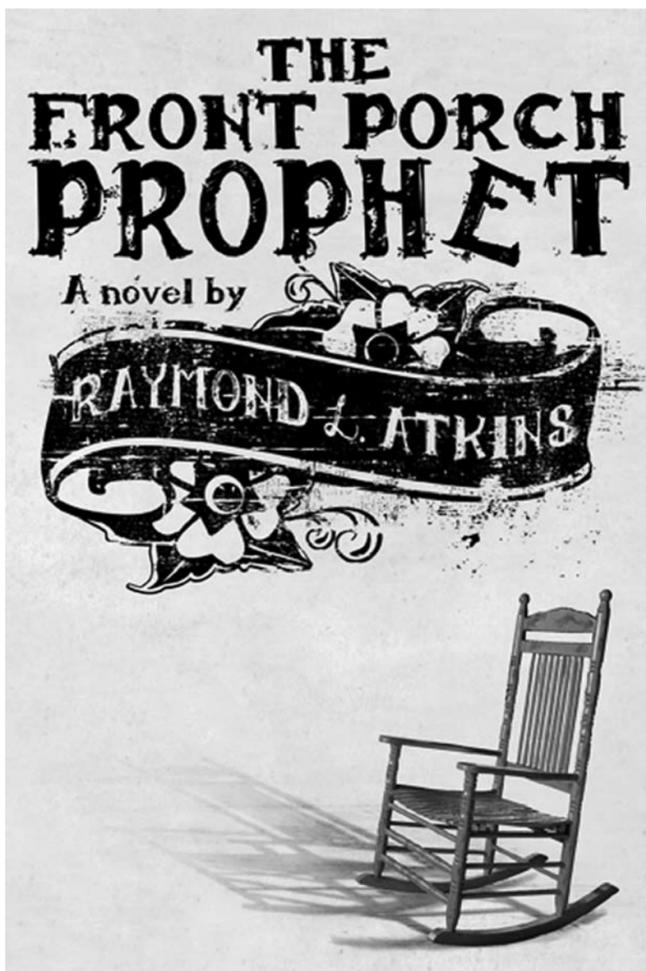


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## Sprechen Sie Lernvergnügen?

### Day camp uses fun and games to teach foreign language

LAURA HOLMES  
STAFF WRITER

When most people think of foreign language instruction, they imagine a tweed-clad, monotonous octogenarian droning on about verb conjugations or the subjunctive mood.

But anyone who walked past room 1020 of the Social Sciences building July 13–17 saw firsthand that learning a foreign language doesn't have to be tedious and tiresome.

Dr. Sabine Smith, associate professor of German and head of the weeklong program, believes summer camps are ideal for children who want to try out something new or continue with building skills in an area they enjoy.

"These kids truly loved learning about a language and culture while having fun—hence our motto 'Lernvergnügen' (learning fun). We wanted to make it a fun experience for them. If they caught the bug of wanting to learn more from us who are enthusiastic about foreign languages and cultures, we have made an awesome difference."

Smith, Peter Schultz and Susanne Kelley of the German faculty, as well

as KSU students Tiffany Howard, Meredith Steinmetz and Jennifer Allen, made it their mission to introduce the 14 elementary and middle school-aged children to German language and culture as painlessly as possible through crafts, sports, music and other activities.

Douglas Howard, one of the young participants, said that each day was so full of fun activities and games, "You learn[ed] without really knowing it."

The fun was not limited to just the children—Howard, Steinmetz and Allen said they had as much fun teaching German, if not more, as the children had learning the language.

Smith echoed the sentiment that the week was beneficial to those KSU students who participated. Aside from being so much fun, the program afforded the students an immersion experience.

"When they cannot afford to go abroad, an immersion experience is the next best thing. And we all know that you learn best if you teach someone else, right?" said Smith. "In addition, the KSU students bonded during this week's experience and are, I think, more likely to continue



with German in the fall with renewed enthusiasm, having had this experience of teaching summer camp."

Because the week's theme was travel, the children were introduced to relevant new words for clothing items, food, money and transporta-

tion. They played games to reinforce and solidify the new vocabulary. Friday afternoon, the final day of the camp, the children were able to exhibit to their parents all they had learned and retained in just one week.

The camp's success is best

Karlee Gonzalez | The Sentinel evidenced by a conversation between Howard and two of her children, both of whom participated in the day camp. During the course of the conversation, she asked them to relate their favorite part of the camp. Their response: "Everything."

# Better watch it

## On-campus program helps students manage their weight

BERLIN VALLENCOURT  
STAFF WRITER

Let's face it: if you weren't blessed with a hot body, there's a good chance you've thought of ways to get around nature without having to work too hard for it.

Maybe you gallantly switched from regular Coke to Diet Coke with your Arby's combo meal. Perhaps you took the stairs (once last week) to your second-floor class. You may have even split that ritualistic Monday night nachos-and-pitcher special with a friend all month, only to find the scale flatly reflecting just how ineffective your efforts really are.

Constantly being placed next to the toned physiques of some of your fellow Owls merely serves to showcase just how sizeable you've become and suddenly, those diet pills you swore you'd never stoop to taking aren't looking so bad. Before you get to that point, Owl Watchers asks you to give their program a chance.

Owl Watchers is an eight-week weight management program designed to minimize the pointless stress of "dieting" and maximize the lifelong benefits of good health through a variety of lifestyle tips and tricks. The best part is, you're not alone.

"We can have up to 20 people in the seminar," said Sherry Grable, director of the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness. "It really helps when you have a group of people sharing their stories."

When prodded about the program and its similarities with the Weight Watchers system, she made sure to note that Owl Watchers was different. Weight Watchers uses a points system to track calories, whereas Owl Watchers is a program designed emphasize the variety of issues that arise in daily life that help keep the pounds on.

So what exactly can one expect from the eight-week program? According to literature aimed at inquiring minds, each seminar focuses on one of eight specific guidelines for weight loss and the added success of maintaining it.

To give an example, the first seminar will ask participants to truthfully assess their level of readiness to make changes, to draft their personal goals for nutrition and physi-



cal activity and to commit to adding healthy habits to their daily lives.

One meeting boasts an "anything goes" roundtable format in which a recipe-swap is encouraged and participants are asked to share their stories of struggles and triumphs. Meeting Four's topic du jour is called "Dining out De-light-fully," where hidden fats in menu items are explored and tips on resisting temptations at social gatherings are discussed.

A new member of the Owl Watcher's program can also expect to learn the entirely new approach to weight loss—the eating

of specific foods that naturally encourage it. Those that follow the program are likely to lose weight this fall with the support of other students, but they have the added benefit of a trained professional. Brittany Slotten, our registered dietitian here on campus, is spearheading the effort.

To get with the program, step away from those diet pills and head to room 130 in the Wellness Center to sign up. The meetings will take place on Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 30 and lasting through Nov. 18. The program is completely free for KSU students.

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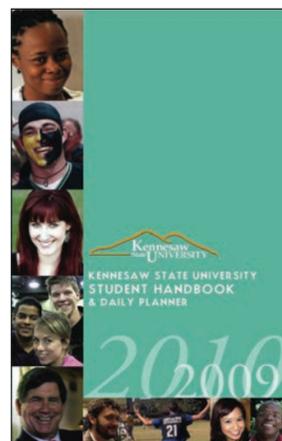
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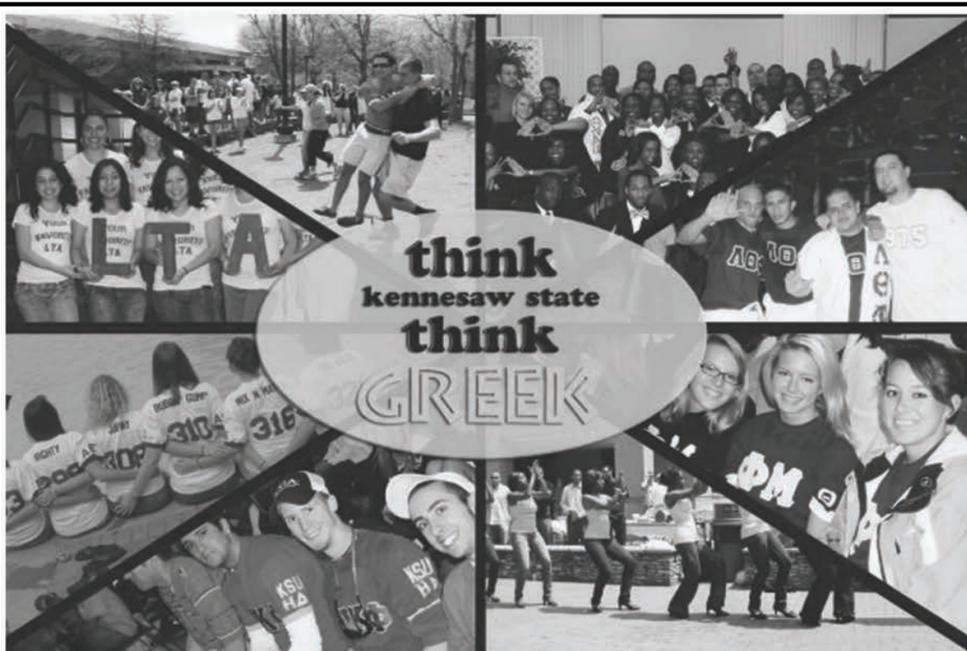


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**How to find the right style of sunglasses for your face shape**



BY RACHEL SKYBETTER  
MCT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — This summer is shaping up to be hot and bright, so it's time to take shade with the right pair of sunglasses.

With hundreds of styles to choose from, it can be tricky to find a frame that complements your face, budget and personality. If you're seeing double, just remember these words of advice from Halls' vice president of fashion merchandising, Patty Ponchur: "Big, round or Ray-Ban—it's really that simple."

Is it though? There's no one look that flatters every face, but if the frames are the opposite shape of your face, you're probably on the right track. Square-on-square or round-on-round are no-no's, said Deb Lochli-McGrath, spokeswoman for the Vision Council, the optical industry's trade group.

But Ponchur says that if you're going to go big, you don't have to fuss with face shape. "Right now, it's all about wearing the glasses, and it's not necessarily 'this style works better for me,'" Ponchur said. "I think it's all about a bold statement, and that's why the bigger, the better."

Big sunglasses have been made trendy by celebrities such as the Olsen twins and Nicole Richie, but we have Jackie O to thank for making them chic. Another style, the aviator, is a throwback to wartime.

Ponchur said their popularity has a lot to do with the economy and nostalgia for a different time. She predicts these trends will soon cross over into regular glasses.

"Everyone wants reassurance, and everyone wants something they can count on," she said. "This is not the first time big, big glasses have been big. It evolves, and when it evolves, it's all about 'what goes around comes around.'"

**Rock the Ray-Ban**

The aviator may be "in" now, but it's more than 70 years old. Ray-Ban takes the credit for introducing the first pair of aviators in 1939, for—duh—an aviator.

Legend has it that Lt. John MacCready complained that his eyes were permanently ruined from the sun's rays after a hot-air balloon expedition. He asked that Bausch & Lomb create a lens that could protect his eyes and look stylish. From there, the Ray-Ban aviator was born. With lightweight frames and anti-glare and UV-resistant lenses, it was a must for Army Air Corps pilots.

Popular in every decade since the '40s, this frame has starred alongside Tom Cruise in "Top Gun" and often was worn by Michael Jackson.

Now they're back, and better than ever. "[They became] really hot starting this spring," said Katrina McHenry, department manager at Halls Plaza.

They've come a long way from the original small and narrow frame. Expect to see lots of new takes on the iconic eyewear.

**Oval face**

Congratulations, you have the "ideal" face shape, with solid proportions. To keep the balance, try a frame a tad wider than the broadest part of your face. For the most part, though, you can pull off anything. Try:

—Michael Kors, "Amalfi," \$285, [www.michaelkors.com](http://www.michaelkors.com)

—Lucky Brand, "Prelude," \$88, Lucky Brand, 4704 Broadway on the Plaza

**Round face**

Your face is about as wide as it is long, with lots of curves and few angles. A rectangular frame will add the angles your face needs and make it look thinner and longer. Try:

—Elle oversized, \$30, Kohl's, [kohls.com](http://kohls.com) for locations

—Ashby Grace, \$39, Sam's Club, [samsclub.com](http://samsclub.com) for locations

—Cinzia Designs, "Rapture," \$150, La-De-Da, 6125 N.W. 63rd Terrace, Kansas City, North

**Square**

Your forehead and chin are wide, and the width is more or less proportional to the height. Try some round or oval lenses to soften up the angles. Try:

—Barbara Creations, \$11.99, Walgreens

—Christie Brinkley "Sanibel," \$30, Wal-Mart

**Oblong**

Your face is narrow and long, so it's a good idea to look for a frame that is narrower than the widest part of your face. This will help your face appear wider and more proportional. You can also rock the big glasses. Try:

—Fila Sport semi-rimless pilot, \$26, Kohl's

—Christie Brinkley, "Daytona black," \$30, Wal-Mart

**Heart**

If you have high cheekbones and a wide forehead, try rimless or aviator rims. You'll want to avoid anything top-heavy or too decorative, which will make your forehead look larger. Try:

—Candie's rimless, \$24, Kohl's

—Dana Buchman aviator, \$36, Kohl's

**Function over fashion**

Sunglasses improve vision while driving and mask the faces of celebrities, but most important, they protect the delicate eye from ultraviolet damage that can lead to cataracts or melanomas. (Google-image "eye disease"; it's not pretty.)

The Vision Council's Deb Lochli-McGrath recommends—before you even consider a frame—making sure the sunglasses have 99% to 100% UV protection. If there's no label on the lens telling you such, move on. From there, hold the sunglasses out in front of you to make sure the lenses aren't warped.

Children also should wear sunglasses to protect their eyes.

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**EARTHTALK**

**Why are passenger rail options so limited in the U.S.?**

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Dear EarthTalk: If train travel is so much less polluting than driving or flying, why are passenger rail options in the U.S. so limited compared to Europe? And is anything being done to shift more travelers over to American rail lines from cars and planes?  
—Jeffrey Orenstein, Bradenton, Fla.

It's true that train travel is one of the lowest impact ways to get from point to point short of walking, jogging or bicycling. In the early part of the 20th century, with car and air travel both in their infancies, taking the train was really the only practical way for Americans to get from city to city. And take the train they did: By 1929 the U.S. boasted one of the largest and most used rail networks in the world, with some 65,000 railroad passenger cars in operation across some 265,000 miles of track.

But a concerted campaign by U.S. carmakers to acquire rail lines and close them, along with a major push in Congress to build the world's most extensive interstate highway system, combined to shift Americans' tastes away from rail travel and toward cars. As a result, while Europe focused on building its own rail networks, the U.S.

became the ultimate auto nation, with more cars per capita than anywhere else in the world. By 1965 only 10,000 rail passenger cars were in operation across just 75,000 miles of track.

In response to the declining use of America's rail network, the U.S. government created Amtrak in 1971 to provide intercity passenger train service across the country, running mostly on pre-existing track already in use for freight transport. Today Amtrak runs some 1,500 rail passenger cars on 21,000 miles of track connecting 500 destinations in 46 states. In 2008, upwards of 28 million passengers rode Amtrak trains, representing the sixth straight year of record ridership for the publicly owned rail line. Despite this growth, the U.S. still has one of the lowest inter-city rail usage rates in the developed world.

But that may all change soon. In the spring of 2009, President Obama allocated \$8 billion of his stimulus package toward development of more high-speed rail lines across the country, citing the need to reduce both greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on foreign oil. Currently only one high-speed rail line exists in the U.S., Amtrak's Acela Express, which can reach speeds of 150 mile per hour

on its Washington, D.C., to Boston route. The success of high-speed, high-efficiency "bullet" trains in Asia and Europe — where train rides can be as fast as flying but without the long waits and security hassles — has helped convince American transportation analysts that the U.S. should also take the high-speed rail plunge.

The first round of federal funding will go toward upgrading and increasing speeds on existing lines, but the majority of it will be used to jump-start construction of new high speed lines in 10 corridors across the country, including in northern New England, across New York state, across Pennsylvania, in and around Chicago, throughout the Southeast, and up and down the length of the West Coast.

A 2006 study by the Center for Clean Air Policy and the Center for Neighborhood Technology concluded that building a high-speed rail system across the U.S. (similar in scope to that proposed by Obama) would likely result in 29 million fewer car trips and 500,000 fewer plane flights each year, saving six billion pounds of carbon dioxide emissions — the equivalent of removing a million cars from the road annually.

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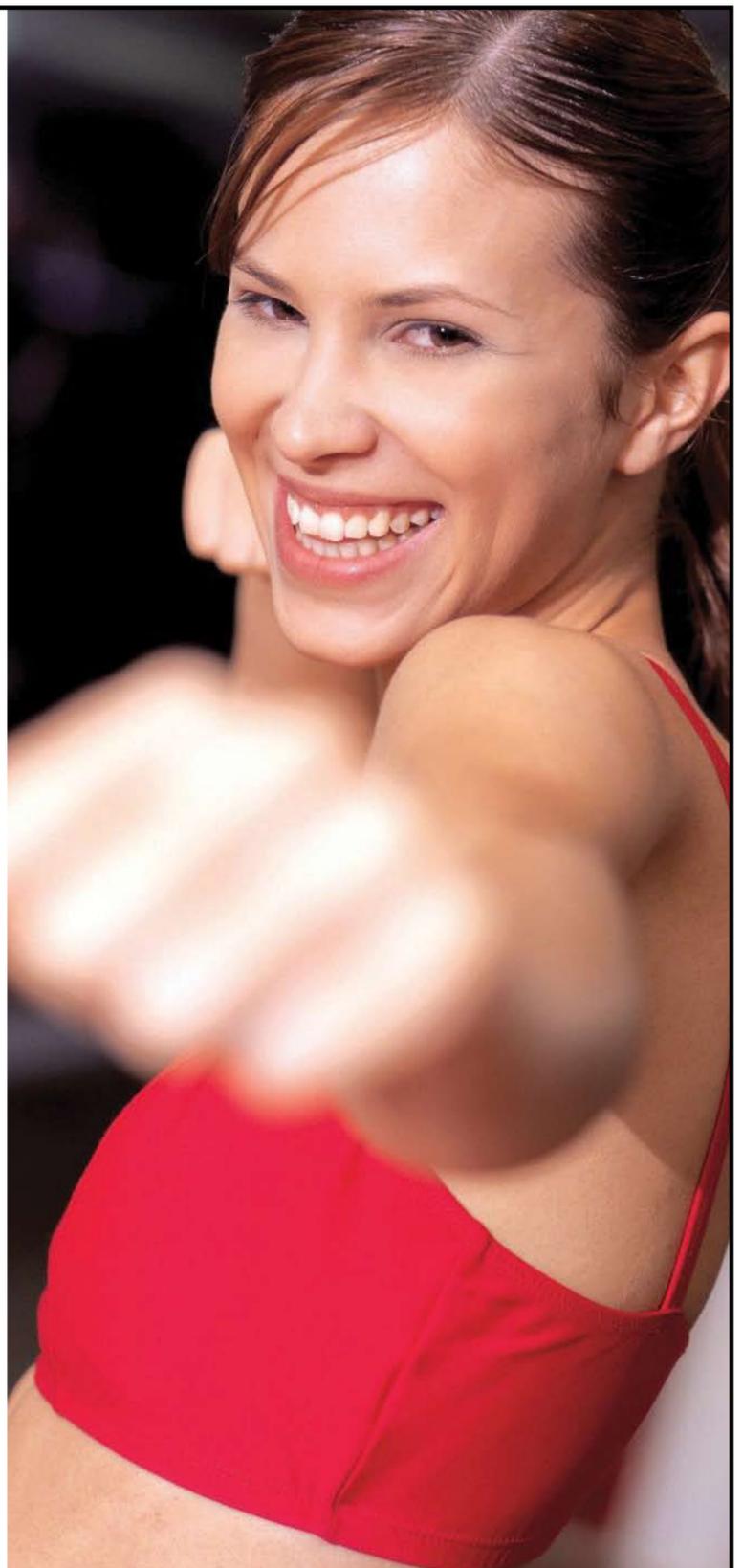
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# SPORTS

## MLB draft smiles on KSU

KSU is the only program in Georgia to have two players selected in the top 100

Major League Baseball acquired a load of KSU players during June's First-Year Player Draft.

Pitcher Chad Jenkins was the 20th pick in the first round of the draft, and pitcher Kyle Heckathorn was the 47th overall pick. The Milwaukee Brewers saw fit to grab Heckathorn, while Jenkins heads north of the border to play for the Toronto Blue Jays.

The day of the draft crawled by in Jenkins' mind, but the end result made the waiting more than worthwhile.

"The whole KSU family is happy for Chad and his family," said head coach Mike Sansing. "To see the whole maturation process is amazing and I'm sure he'll have a very good professional career."

In 2009, Jenkins earned Atlantic Sun Conference Pitcher-of-the-Year honors after going 8-1 on the season with a 2.54 ERA. Jenkins struck out 98 batters in 92 innings and walked only 15 batters.

Heckathorn also had a bright 2009 season. He had a 4-1 record with 98 strikeouts in 86.1 innings of work. He had an ERA

of 3.44 and a complete game

shutout against Southern Utah. "We're thrilled for Kyle and his entire family," Sansing said. "He has had three great seasons for us. He earned a lot of preseason awards this year, and was also an Atlantic Sun All-Conference selection at the end of the year. Kyle had a tough task being the Friday night starter for us all season, but this pick is a tribute to his season and his work habits."

Growing up, Jenkins always looked up to ace pitchers Greg Maddux and Roy Halladay. To even get the chance to possibly play alongside Halladay in Toronto, he said, is a dream come true.

Judging from his report on the 2009 draft section of MLB.com, Jenkins has a bright career ahead of him. The draft report raves that Jenkins is "a smart pitcher with great pause who makes excellent adjustments on the mound." His scouting report is even comparable to his idol and potential teammate, Halladay. Both pitchers are hailed as gifted workhorses.

Also among the drafted were Kenny Faulk, Jace Whitmer and



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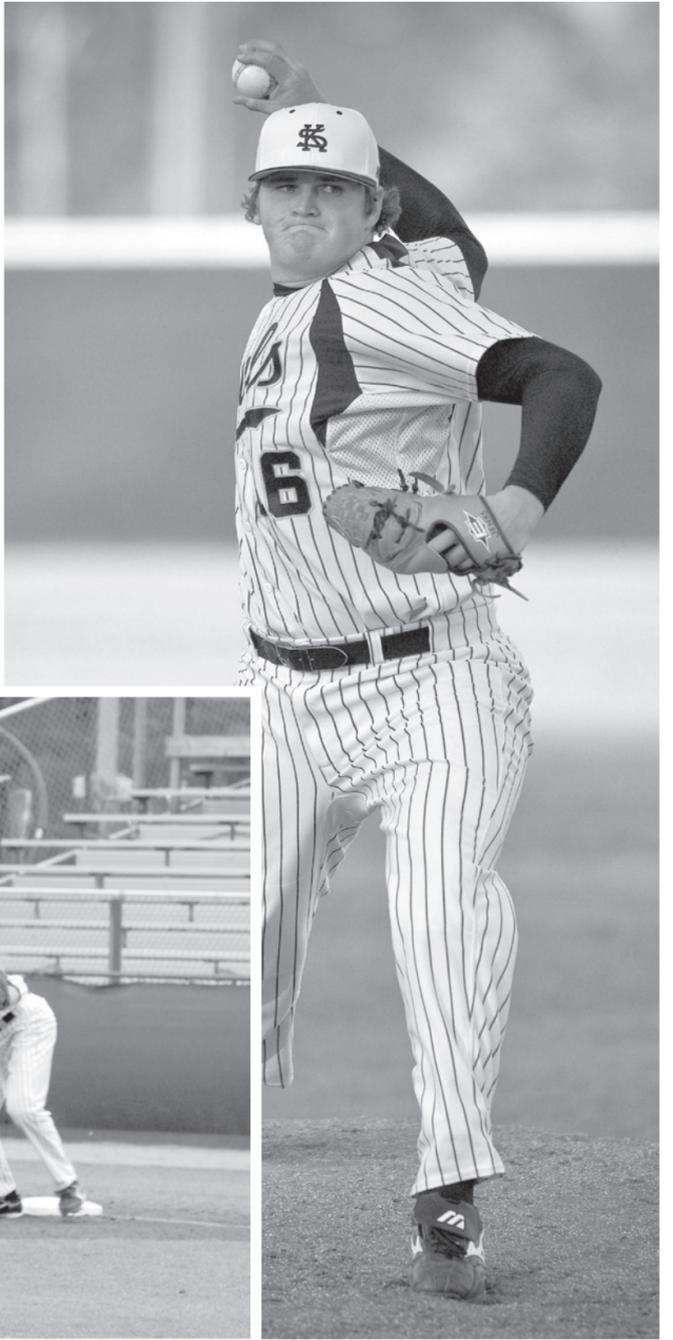
Justin Edwards, all taken on day two of the draft. The Atlanta Braves selected Owls' infielder Tyler Stubblefield in the 33rd round.

Three KSU commitments out of high school were selected in the draft as well, bringing the total number of drafted KSU players or potential players to nine.

Prior to the 2009 draft, the highest any KSU student had been drafted was the 87th overall pick in the third round. This year, KSU was one of five teams to have multiple players selected in the first round and the supplemental round of the First-Year Player Draft.

The Toronto Blue Jays selected Chad Jenkins (right) with the No. 20 pick, and the Milwaukee Brewers selected Kyle Heckathorn (below) with the No. 47 pick.

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## A major summer

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SPORTS EDITOR

While most KSU students spent their summers by the pool, at the beach or in summer classes, Owl golfer Matt Nagy played golf with the best golfers on the planet.

Nagy qualified to participate as an amateur in the 109th U.S. Open in Long Island, N.Y. at the Bethpage Black course. He is the first KSU golfer to participate in one of golf's four major events, and was able to qualify after shooting a course-record 63 at the Hawks Ridge course in Ball Ground, Ga.

Nagy lucked out when another golfer and the first alternate decided not to show up to play. The Buena Vista, Ga. native gladly played in their place and shot a 71 in the morning round. Following a short lunch, he went out and posted his career best 9-under par round, and punched his ticket to the U.S. Open.

"It is a little difficult to tee off on No. 1 with 47,500 fans watching," Nagy said in a blog for golfweek.com. "I was extremely happy to hit the fairway and the green, thus making a par on the first hole of the U.S. Open."

The rising junior started the tournament strong firing a 37 on his first nine holes, matching scores with defending champion Tiger Woods. Nagy shot a 76 in round one and an 80 in round two on a



Matt Nagy is the first KSU golfer to compete in one of the four yearly major golf tournaments.

Photo courtesy of KSU SID

course known for a sign that warns of its difficulty.

Even though he missed the cut, the 20-year-old enjoyed a week he isn't likely to forget.

"The 109th U.S. Open Championship held at Bethpage Black will be a special memory for me. I have walked and played with the best in the world and although I wish I played better, I will never forget the experience," Nagy concluded in his blog.

The week consisted of a practice round with Fred Funk and Greg Kraft,

keys to a Lexus SUV for the week and many autograph signings. He was asked to autograph everything from a banana to a Rubik's cube. One man even asked him to sign a half-empty beer.

Nagy continued his summer season at the 84th Annual Untied States Public Links Championship, where he reached the round of 32.

An end of the season call to Daryll Speegle, the director of golf at the Pinetree Country Club, seems to have paid dividends for Nagy and his game.

"Matt was a good player even before

he came to me," said Speegle. "He has an excellent short game, but there was some things in his swing that needed adjusting. I just showed him videos of him; other pros and I let him draw the conclusions. He told me what he wanted and I give him the step-by-step process."

"I told Matt that when he qualified and shot the 63 at Hawks Ridge that he had it not only physically, but mentally as well," continued Speegle. "It showed that he has it in him to play at that level, it just takes dedication. And Matt has that."

# Tennis programs bring in highly touted recruits

MATT BRADSHAW  
STAFF WRITER

As the end of summer nears, the young men and women of KSU's tennis program prepare themselves for competitive play.

Both teams have signed promising new recruits in the offseason. This year's men's recruiting class is ranked 11th in the nation among all mid-major programs after being ranked 28th last year.

"I am excited about the upcoming season, and the talent that we have returning, as well as the excellent level of the new players joining the team," said head coach Brandon Padgett.

Gokalp Ozdemir, the first of three Turkish players who make up some of the 2009 men's

tennis recruiting class, comes to Kennesaw with a great deal of experience playing at the highest levels of the junior circuit. Ozdemir has been ranked as high as No. 847 in the world, but perhaps even more indicative of his potential: Ozdemir has defeated world-class juniors ranked as high as No. 87 in the world.

Gianni Kubin has been ranked as high as No. 1 in Turkey. Kubin is a strong singles player, but what Padgett is most excited about is Kubin's doubles play. Padgett hopes to see Kubin make an immediate impact in doubles, as doubles has been a weakness for the men's team since its inaugural 2008-2009 season.

Elliot Kahler promises to bring excitement to the Owl tennis program. Having trained the last two years at the Saddlebrook Tennis Academy (training grounds to tennis professionals such as James Blake, Mardy Fish, John Isner and the Bryan brothers) Kahler has been ranked No. 3 in the academy's nationwide ladder rankings, and he has won the singles draw of the Saddlebrook Junior Super Series.

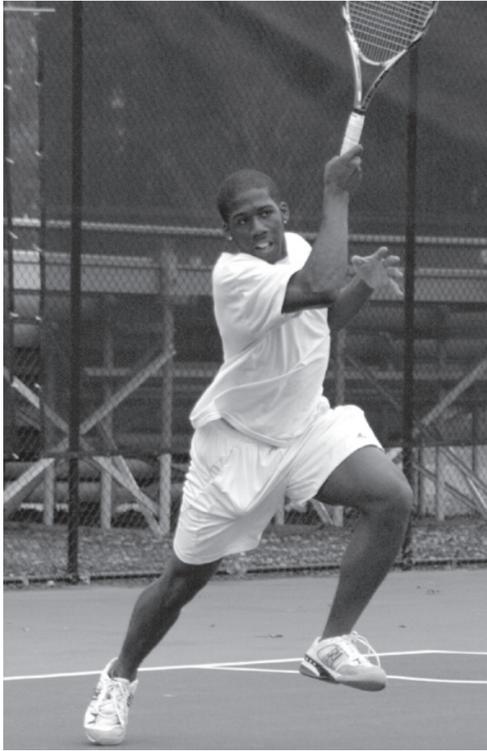
On the women's side, Padgett has brought Lesha Holton and Therese Lagerkvist on board to help offset the loss of Mercedes Cobos, who graduated after the spring 2009 season.

Holton brings height, a big serve and an all around power game that will fit in nicely with the likes of Agatha Palider and Mackenzie Swindall. Holton hails from posh Coral Gables in Miami, Fla., and she has been ranked as high as No. 127 in the United States.

Therese Lagerkvist played a successful junior career, earning nearly thirty titles with her club team in Sweden. Lagerkvist is currently ranked No. 76 in the over 18 circuit in Sweden.

The women's team and the men's team respectively start their fall seasons Sept. 11 in Montgomery, Ala. and Sept. 17 in Athens, Ga.

Coming off a strong performance in spring 2009, the tennis program continues to make huge strides under the direction of head coach Brandon Padgett and looks to make a major impact in conference play for the upcoming spring 2010 season.



James Richmond | The Sentinel

The No. 11 recruiting class joins the men's tennis team to help Lawrence Washington in the program's second season.



# KSU ice hockey club prepping for 09-10 season

Photo courtesy of KSU club sports

LUCAS BIGHAM  
STAFF WRITER

The KSU ice hockey club is gearing up for their upcoming season, which kicks off Sept. 18 at 10 p.m. at the Town Center Ice Forum against the University of Georgia.

"We're hoping for a sellout [1,235 tickets]," said assistant coach Bill Morrison. "We've upgraded our talent level at least another 25%."

The Owls experienced a strong season with big wins against Miami of Ohio and University of Maryland Baltimore County last year. These key victories and several others allowed the Owls to make it to the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Nationals for the second time in three years. Their talent and sportsmanship has enabled them to be accepted into the elite top 16 teams in ACHA Division II.

"The program is changing, but I think we're maintaining that elite position and that's a word we would like to keep in our program," Morrison said.

The Owls will play a total of 21 home games this upcoming season. They will face rivals Florida Gulf Coast and Liberty University, two teams KSU has struggled against in the past. They will also host Temple University, which is perhaps the team's strongest opponent this season.

KSU will also hit the road to St. Louis on Oct. 9-11 for the ACHA Division II showcase where they will meet Colorado

and Penn State, two very strong clubs.

"We have 21 home games and there's no reason why we shouldn't win every single one of them," said club president Dylan Morrison. "I don't think there is any reason why we can't make another run for the national championship."

Most of the same familiar faces will be returning this season like veterans Jerry Holden, Chris Koutnik and Ricky Lirette. However, the team is excited to be welcoming rookies Tucker Green and Jake Garrison who are both natural goal scorers.

"Tucker Green is going to be a really strong, young asset to our scoring punch," said Dylan Morrison. "He also likes to finish the checks and give fans something to cheer about."

The club president believes that the biggest asset to the team this upcoming season is starting goaltender Ben Powers.

"I would bank on Ben Powers our goaltender to have a phenomenal year," Dylan said. "He's probably number one on our team I would say."

The Owls coaching staff led by Ken Honeyman and the rest of the team are very excited for this upcoming season where they're hoping to bring a National Championship to KSU.

"There's nothing better than playing in front of our rowdy, wild fans cheering us on," Dylan said. "If you have never been to a KSU ice hockey game you're missing out."

# KSU COLLEGIATE CLUB SPORTS

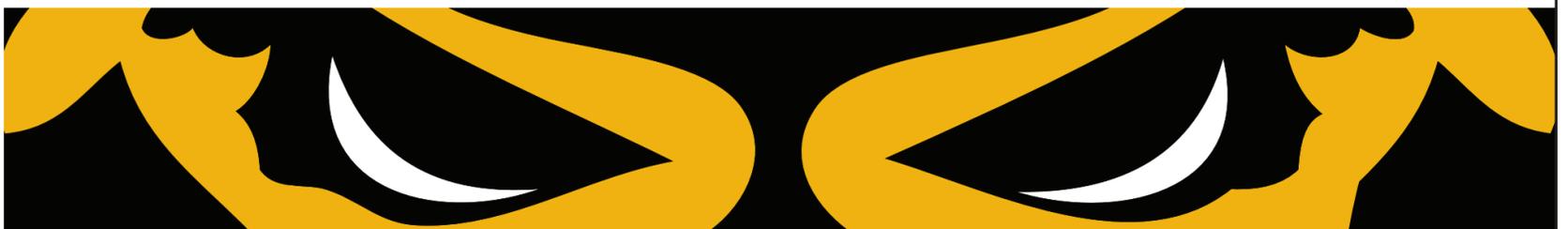


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The Convocation Center sits quietly during the summer semester, but that will change as the fall semester gets going. Below are the opening dates for fall varsity sports.

# Fall Home Opening Dates

Men's Basketball v. Fort Valley State Nov. 3  
 Men's Cross Country Hosts the KSU Owl Invitational Oct. 23  
 Women's Basketball v. Georgia State Nov. 14

Soccer v. Francis Marion Aug. 28  
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**Pigs-n-Peaches Festival** 3pm-11pm  
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### Saturday, Aug. 15

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### Monday Aug. 17:

11am to 2pm - **Spiritual Life** cookout (Campus Green)  
 6 pm - **Greek Block Party** (Campus Green)  
 9:30pm- **NPHC Welcome Back Party** (University Rooms)  
 All week: **Punch Your Way Through Rec & Wellness**  
 All week: **OWL Prowl**. Be on the lookout for KSU OWL Radio DJs all week. Random goodies and giveaways!

### Tues. Aug. 18:

10am to 2pm - **Club Sports Fair** (Campus Green)  
 11am-2pm **Student Rec/Wellness Street Party**  
 6 pm - **Greek Night** (Univ. Rooms)

### Wed. Aug. 19:

11am to 2pm - **Activity Fair** (Univ. Rooms)  
 1pm-3pm - **ABLE Ice Cream Social** (Univ. Room CDE)  
 2pm, **What's the Scoop?** Free ice cream, courtesy of Student Media.  
 6pm **Table Tennis and Billiards Tournament** Game Room  
 7 pm **Movie Night** sponsored by KSU Greeks (Univ. Rooms)

### Thurs. Aug. 20:

11am-2pm **Prize Patrol**  
 12 to 2 **ISA Barbecue** on the Terrace  
 12:30 to 2 - **SGA Meet the Presidents** (Campus Green)  
 5pm-9am, Aug. 21 **Nature Bound Camp Out on the Quad**  
 6pm **Baggo Tournament**, Campus Green

### Friday Aug. 21:

3p-5p - **Bazaar on the Bricks** (University Village)

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