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## Classes now available off-campus for some majors

by **Meg Hand**  
Staff Writer

For the first time this fall, students in KSU's Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education can earn a full degree without setting foot on the main campus.

Classes will now be available at a recently opened site in downtown Dallas, the county seat of Paulding County, approximately 40 minutes from the main campus. After relocating the county's courthouse, county officials donated the Bagby Building, a courthouse annex, to the University System of Georgia. That space is now jointly used by KSU and Georgia Highlands College.

Dr. Jim Cope, chair of the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education, describes the new program as a "two plus two partnership" between KSU and Georgia Highlands College.

"Under the previous system, students would receive an associate's degree from Georgia Highlands and then enroll at the main campus of KSU to complete the Bachelor of Science program," he said.

But in the new program, students will be able to complete the entire four-year process at the Dallas site.

Several KSU professors have been hired for the expansion, and Dr. Anita VanBrackle, assistant chair of the department, is the new site director.

"This is a great opportunity for the university, because it is a way of gaining recognition for our school and assisting those who may have trouble commuting," said VanBrackle.

# Undefeated preseason



A key to the Owls' success was continually putting pressure on the ball and keeping players fresh by rotating in subs.

Photo by **GREG RANALLO** | Staff

by **Will Brooks**  
Staff Writer

It was "Welcome Back Students Night" at the new KSU Soccer

Stadium Aug. 17, and the students and fans of the university's women's soccer team witnessed a win 1-0 over the Georgia College and

State University Bobcats to cap off a perfect 2-0 preseason slate.

"I think the team as a whole worked 100 percent in every single

position to produce that goal for us," junior forward Kristin Kranick said.

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## Theatre faculty takes center stage, gives proceeds back to students

by **Sara Cruzan**  
Staff Writer

Faculty members in the Department of Theatre, Performance Studies and Dance have been busy preparing Tom Stoppard's *The Real Inspector Hound* in order to help fund KSU's study abroad trips.

Dr. Jane Barnette and Dr. John Gentile have described Stoppard's work as comedic and intelligent. Gentile said the work is "meta-theatrical, meaning it is theatre about theatre." The play has also been described as a sort of comedic mystery.

According to Lauren Winecoff, dramaturge for the performance, there will be two characters on stage acting as critics to the murder mystery play they are watching. The audience will be able to see both the critics and the inner play.

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## Students pay homage to tradition, fast for Ramadan

by **Meg Hand**  
Staff Writer

For most KSU students, Aug. 11 through Sept. 9 is havoc. Competing for the last seats in packed classes, scrambling for the best professors and forking over entire summer paychecks to pay for books can be a living nightmare. For KSU's Muslim students, this time span has an added responsibility; it is the time of fasting.

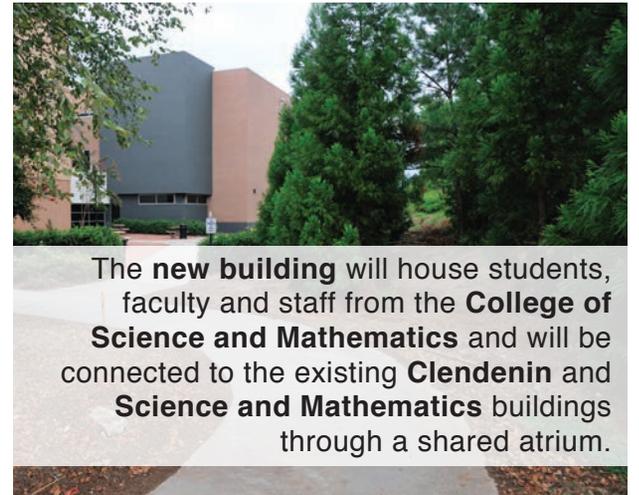
The Qur'an, the holy text of Islam, commands that during the month of Ramadan, followers of the faith are only to eat and drink before sunrise and after sunset. The related passage in the Qur'an is the basis of the Islamic belief that fasting reinforces self-discipline and appreciation.

During a recent Iftar, the break in fasting that occurs twice daily during Ramadan, Ali Abedi, president of MSA, spoke of the benefits of fasting.

"Fasting is generally viewed as a bad thing," he said.

"People hear [that] word and wonder how anyone could do something so unhealthy as to deprive his body of essential nutrients. Actually, fasting is quite healthy for the body. It is a chance for the body to cleanse and relieve itself of the accumulated filth that naturally gathers when humans are eating as they please."

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The new building will house students, faculty and staff from the **College of Science and Mathematics** and will be connected to the existing **Clendenin and Science and Mathematics** buildings through a shared atrium.

Photos by **GREG RANALLO** | Staff

# New science building construction scheduled for December

by **Caitlyn Newmeyer**  
Staff Writer

Construction starts in December on a new \$21 million science building that will give students more space and add extra room for graduate programs. Completion is projected for spring 2012.

The new building will house students, faculty and staff from the College of Science and Mathematics and will be connected to the existing Clendenin and Science and Mathematics buildings through a shared atrium.

The building is comprised of

74,000 square feet and five floors of research laboratories, teaching laboratories, classrooms, faculty offices and open areas.

“It frees up space and gives us flexibility for other courses,” said Ronald Matson, interim dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. “We are hoping to have master’s programs in biology and chemistry in the next couple of years, and we cannot have those programs without this additional space.”

KSU has one of the lowest square footage rates per student in the University System of Georgia,

according to Matson.

“We need this space, especially if we’re going to continue to grow,” he added. “Space is an absolute necessity. All of us need labs, classrooms and offices.”

Students, faculty and staff are cramped for space and resources in the current science building and often have to shuffle equipment from laboratory to laboratory, according to Mark Mitchell, chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

“We’re having to accommodate so many students in so many different laboratories in a very small amount

of space,” said Mitchell.

Junior biochemistry major Dominic Solomon echoes Mitchell’s concerns: “Facilities in the current building are constantly cramped, and the community areas are simply unable to support the number of students needing study time. We have to find study space elsewhere on campus rather than in our own building.”

In addition to new graduate programs, the new building will allow KSU to expand research projects.

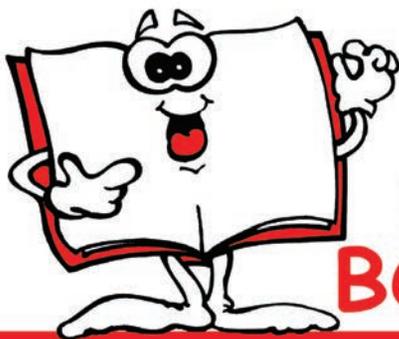
“Part of the goal is to help us advance the research capacity

of the chemistry, biochemistry, biology and physics departments,” said Mitchell. “This will give us the space to be able to carry out the research that is required of master’s degree programs.”

The fifth floor of the building will remain unfinished due to monetary constraints. “The fifth floor is going to be a shell, so there will be room for expansion as our college grows,” said Mitchell.

As for construction costs, \$19 million will be provided by the State of Georgia, and the remaining \$2 million will come from the KSU Foundation.

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After the future extension of the University Place apartments, the number of students will rise to approximately 5,000—only 1,000 short of the number of students living on campus at the University of Georgia, the state's largest public university.

## Residence Life prepares for on-campus housing additions

*The target date for completion of the expansion is sometime between fall 2011 and spring 2012, though the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents must approve the project before construction can begin. That approval is still pending.*

by **Meg Hand**  
Staff Writer

Additions to on-campus housing are in the works for KSU.

A master housing plan has been a major priority for university officials for some time, but more recently, the finer details of the expansion plan have become available. At present, there are 3,044 students living on the KSU campus. After the future extension of the University Place apartments, the number of students will rise to approximately 5,000—only 1,000 short of the number of students living on campus at the University of Georgia, the state's largest public university.

"Talks of an extension of the UP apartments began in 2002," said Dr. Michael Sanseviro, interim dean of Student Success and Director of Residence Life. "This created a chance for the university to begin a rebranding process."

According to Sanseviro, the UP expansion will be in the undeveloped, wooded area between the existing apartments and Bailey Park near the campus' main entrance. The new apartments will feature an exercise room, large meeting room and more mailboxes. An outdoor amphitheatre is also being discussed for the new housing. The cost of constructing the new apartments is expected to be approximately \$25 million.

"The apartments will be extremely similar to the current UP apartments, but bedrooms will feature more privacy," Sanseviro added.

The target date for completion of the expansion is sometime between fall 2011 and spring 2012, though the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents must approve the project before construction can begin. That approval is still pending.

There are also talks of renovations to the KSU Place apartments on the northern end of campus. That plan calls for the removal of the current buildings and expansion of the University Suites, creating new freshman suites that feature more common space and less private space than the current suites. The new rooms will also feature in-dorm sinks and will house roughly 500 students per building.

Junior biotechnology major Josh Clark is a fan of the expansion: "I think it would be great for getting students more involved in campus life," he said. "When they live on campus, it's easier to take advantage of events hosted by KSU, while commuter students who would have to make a special trip to attend are not as inclined to participate."

Residence life officials are also considering renaming University Place, and the most popular name suggested thus far is Owl Landing.

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# Arrest me

*While we commit "less important" crimes, we disguise our racism as we battle illegal immigration*

"I could go on and on, but you all get the point. Most of you are felons whether you know it or not. **Keep this legal context in mind when thinking about the anger over illegal immigration.**"



Most of you have a social networking account of some kind, whether it be Facebook, Myspace, Twitter, Buzz, etc. How many of you have ever misrepresented yourself in any way on one of those sites? If you have communicated anything that is untrue over these media, you have committed wire fraud, a federal crime carrying a sentence of up to 20 years.

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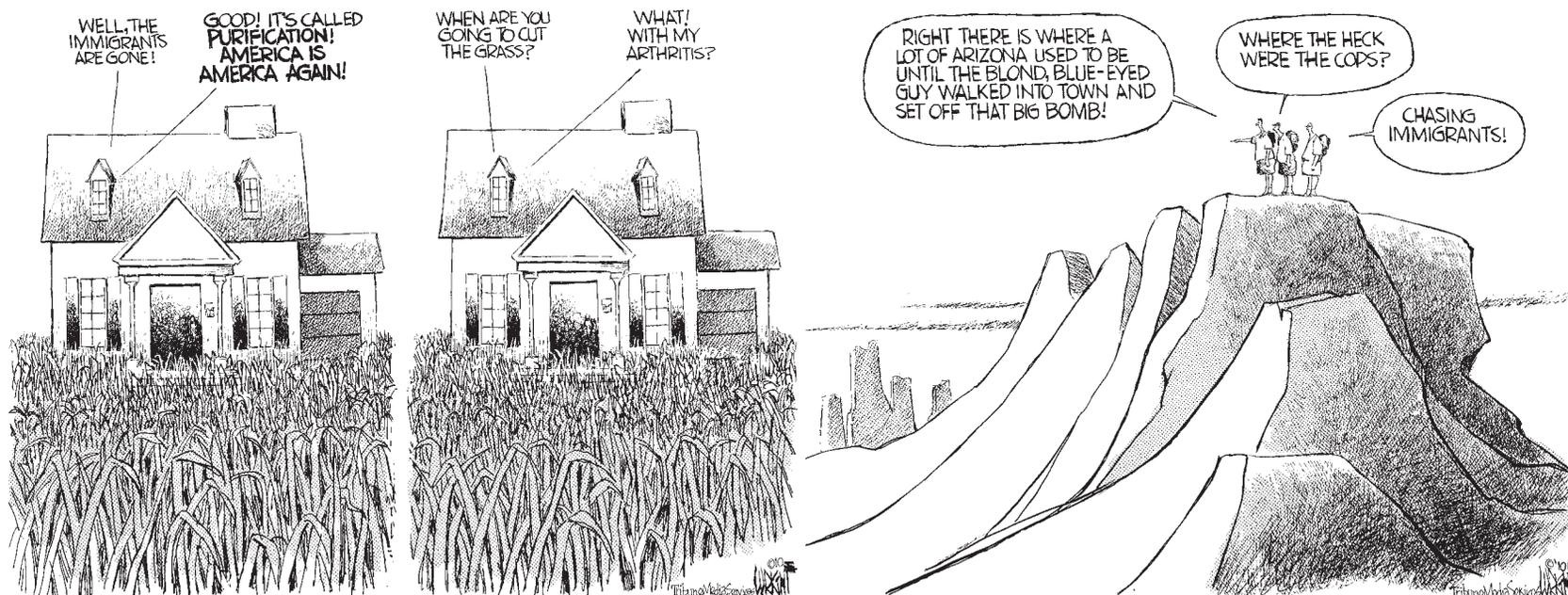
**Matthew Cole**

of anger over other forms of lawbreaking. Many first time drug users and drunk drivers are not prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Where are the angry protests demanding that these people be burned at the stake?

If the anti-immigrant protestors are truly as upset over lawbreaking as they claim to be, then they must have a strong emotional attachment to the government and its laws. Do they cry every time someone violates an Army Corps of Engineers wetlands regulation or doesn't file taxes correctly? What about when drivers exceed the speed limit?

This explanation obviously can't be right. Most of these anti-immigrant people identify with conservative movements. How can these anti-government, anti-tax and Tea Party-attending activists be so upset over violations of federal immigration law? Of course, we all know that breaking the law isn't what upsets this almost all white crowd. Hispanics entering the "real America" (read: white Christian Republicans) are what set these guys off.

Overt racism is no longer socially acceptable in America. Luckily for these guys, they can disguise anti-Hispanic sentiment by claiming that they don't oppose all immigration, just illegal immigration (as if the legal option is actually possible for most people in Latin America). I just see disguised racism.



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# Republicans + Reform = Regression

*A look at proposed neocon policy*



**James Swift**

Sue Lowden was a Nevada senatorial hopeful that made some, well, unwise statements about the state's health care program. Essentially, she proposed that the state revert to a system of indentured servitude, stating that uninsured health care seekers ought to "pay off" their debts to doctors by painting [the doctors'] chicken coops. Of course, the citizens of Nevada saw that notion as an incredibly coldhearted statement, and chose to nominate Sharron Angle as the Republican nominee for Senate instead. Surely, Mrs. Angle has to have a better retort to the health care dilemma, right?

Here's Angle's reply from a June interview: "If this Congress keeps going the way it is, people are really looking toward those second amendment remedies and saying my goodness, what can we do to turn this around? And I'll tell you the first thing we need to do is take Harry Reid out."

That's right, Angle's solution to the health care crisis is assassinating the incumbent. OK, so that is an extreme

example, but what about the Republican rhetoric stemming from states that weren't founded by mobsters and prostitutes?

Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer has some drastic changes he wants to make to the state's welfare program, including forced drug screenings and mandatory PTA attendance for government beneficiaries. After claiming that the state's free lunch recipients were "stray animals," one can only imagine Bauer's embarrassment when it was revealed that he was a free lunch

recipient as a child.

Hypocrisy seems to be the milieu of the GOP; for example, Georgia's very own Tom Price drafted his own health care referendum plan to combat "the tyranny" of Obamacare. Oddly, Price's plan is exorbitantly more expensive than those tyrannical House and Senate packages, and it allows far less rights for patients seeking health services. Naturally, he calls his proposal "The Empowering Patients First Act," and as shocking a revelation

as it may be, Price just so happens to be a multimillionaire physician by trade. Huh, what are the odds?

Then, there's the Holy Grail for all neocons, the FairTax Amendment—the abolition of

income and property tax and the installation of a goods and services tax that ultimately allows corporations and health care providers the ability to quadruple the money they wrest from the populace. Hey, what's the worst that can stem from a tax code that would double consumer (and triple health care) debts?

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# Lead foot, heavy hand

*Take a stand against bad drivers and become a good one. That's right, put the phone down for starters!*

Recently, a man went to court facing the charge of vehicular homicide.

The man had been involved in a car accident, that involved no drugs, alcohol or dangerous

conditions while working his regular

shift as a truck driver. The man was forced to slam on the brakes of his tractor trailer after the person in front of him turned suddenly, causing his truck to jackknife and hit another

vehicle; the person driving the other vehicle was killed when the tractor-trailer jackknifed.

Days after the incident, a 22-year-old man was sentenced to 40 years in jail followed by 30 years probation for a fatal car accident that he caused on I-85 that killed four

people in an SUV. No drugs or alcohol were involved in this man's case either.

Last February, the first texting while driving vehicular homicide charge was entered in that area when yet another person caused a death without the use of drugs or alcohol.

An unnecessary amount of people die in car accidents everyday and statistically those people aged 18-22 have a higher chance of being involved in a car accident. The point I'm trying to make here is that Georgia is becoming very tough on crime, especially of the vehicular variety. Georgia's new texting law

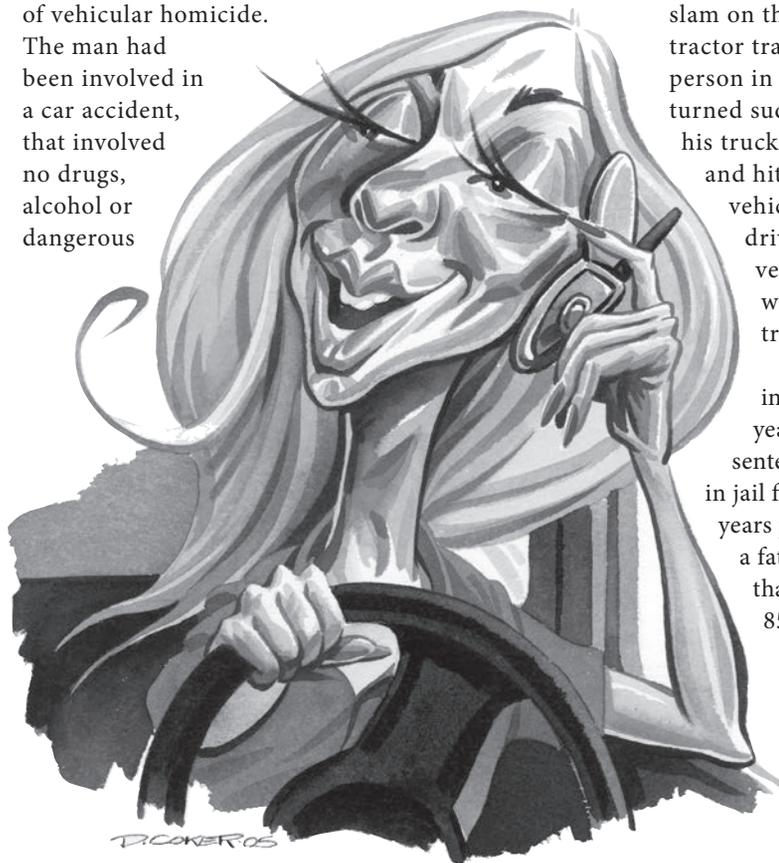


**Alessandra Largent**

is another example on how the state no longer plans to play around with unsafe driving. In each of the cases I mentioned, the drivers would have received a following too closely charge, a reckless driving charge and a texting while driving charge, but because people were killed by these seemingly commonplace traffic violations, three people were charged with vehicular homicide and, as of now, one man will serve 40 years in jail and a total of 70 years of punishment for his unsafe driving. This man is 22-years-old and

could easily have been any one of our KSU students.

This trend of harsh sentencing for car accidents isn't showing any signs of stopping anytime soon, so please remember this writing anytime you are speeding to school, thinking about school instead of focusing on the road or using your cell phone while driving. The chances of going to jail for the rest of your life for what seemed to be a harmless text, moment of distraction or measly ten over, could be much higher than you think. Be careful out there.



## GET OFF YOUR PHONE!

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## Driving under the influence of adorable lap dog is dangerous

by **John Hilkevich**  
*Special*

Safety experts have a new pet peeve related to distracted driving.

In addition to texting or talking on a cell phone while driving, lap dogs and other pets left unrestrained inside moving vehicles pose a major distraction that could be deadly, a new study released Wednesday warns motorists.

About two-thirds of dog owners surveyed by the AAA organization said they routinely drive while petting or playing with their dogs, sometimes even giving them food or water while maneuvering through traffic.

It has been a common sight for many years to see dogs hanging their heads out of open car windows with their ears flapping in the breeze. But in the cocoon that the automobile has become, more drivers are nonchalantly cradling their dogs atop their laps or perching the animals on their chests with the pet's front paws clutching the driver's neck or shoulders.

It's risky behavior for the driver and

dangerous for the pets, too.

An 80-pound dog unrestrained during a crash at 30 mph exerts 2,400 pounds of force in a vehicle, creating a danger for the dog and anyone in its path, according to Motivation Design LLC, a company that manufactures pet travel products, including restraint systems for pets, under the brand name Kurgo.

"As about 40 percent of Americans own dogs. We see this as an increasingly big problem," said Beth Mosher, spokeswoman for AAA of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Dogs inside wrecked vehicles often become territorial and protective of their owners when police and emergency-responders try to rescue injured occupants, sometimes leaving authorities no other option than to shoot the animal in order to help the driver and passengers, say Illinois State Police troopers who have been dispatched to such accident scenes.

"The last thing you want to do is to put the dog down, but you have a possible hurt animal that is acting in self-preservation and protecting its owner," said Sgt. Brian Copple, manager of the safety education unit of the State Police.

Unlike the seat belt law for humans, there are no state laws requiring drivers to buckle up their pets or prohibiting them from holding animals on their laps, officials said. But police can ticket drivers for having an obstructed view of the road or being obstructed from using the steering wheel and other mechanisms in the vehicle. "I've never written a ticket in 21 years for this type of violation. But I have stopped people with dogs on their laps and told them how unsafe it is," Copple said.

Most drivers don't realize that a dog moving around a vehicle or sitting on someone's lap can

injure or kill occupants during a crash, particularly if air bags deploy, Copple said.

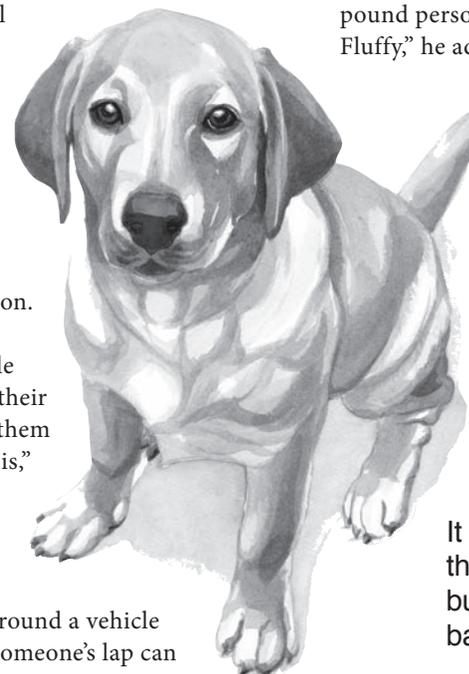
"If the animal is sitting between the steering wheel and the driver, the air bag will throw the animal back at you with great force," Copple said.

"An air bag is designed to catch a 160-pound person. It's not meant to protect Fluffy," he added.

About 6,000 people died in crashes involving a distracted or inattentive driver in 2008 and more than 500,000 were injured, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

AAA and Kurgo were partners in the survey of 1,000 dog owners who have driven with their pets in the last year.

It might be hard to leave this cute pooch at home, but taking him in the car is bad mojo.



# You've been spotted!

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# WELCOME



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Top left: **Kasim Hasan** handles the grill at the ISA BBQ. Top right: **Whitney Wilkes, Zach Clark, Miranda Modlin, Liz Chang and Jenna Brewer** of Alpha Omega. Bottom right: **Sheri Vazquez and Coutney Morrison** show off their lollipops. Middle left: **Emily Earnest and Kristen Schroder**. Bottom left: **Steven Dao and Minh-Quan Dang** pose with their balloon animal. Second to bottom left: Members of **KSU Club Sports** bomb Campus Green with free T-shirts! Second to bottom right: Students look on as a member of the **KSU Women's Lacrosse** team throws the ball.

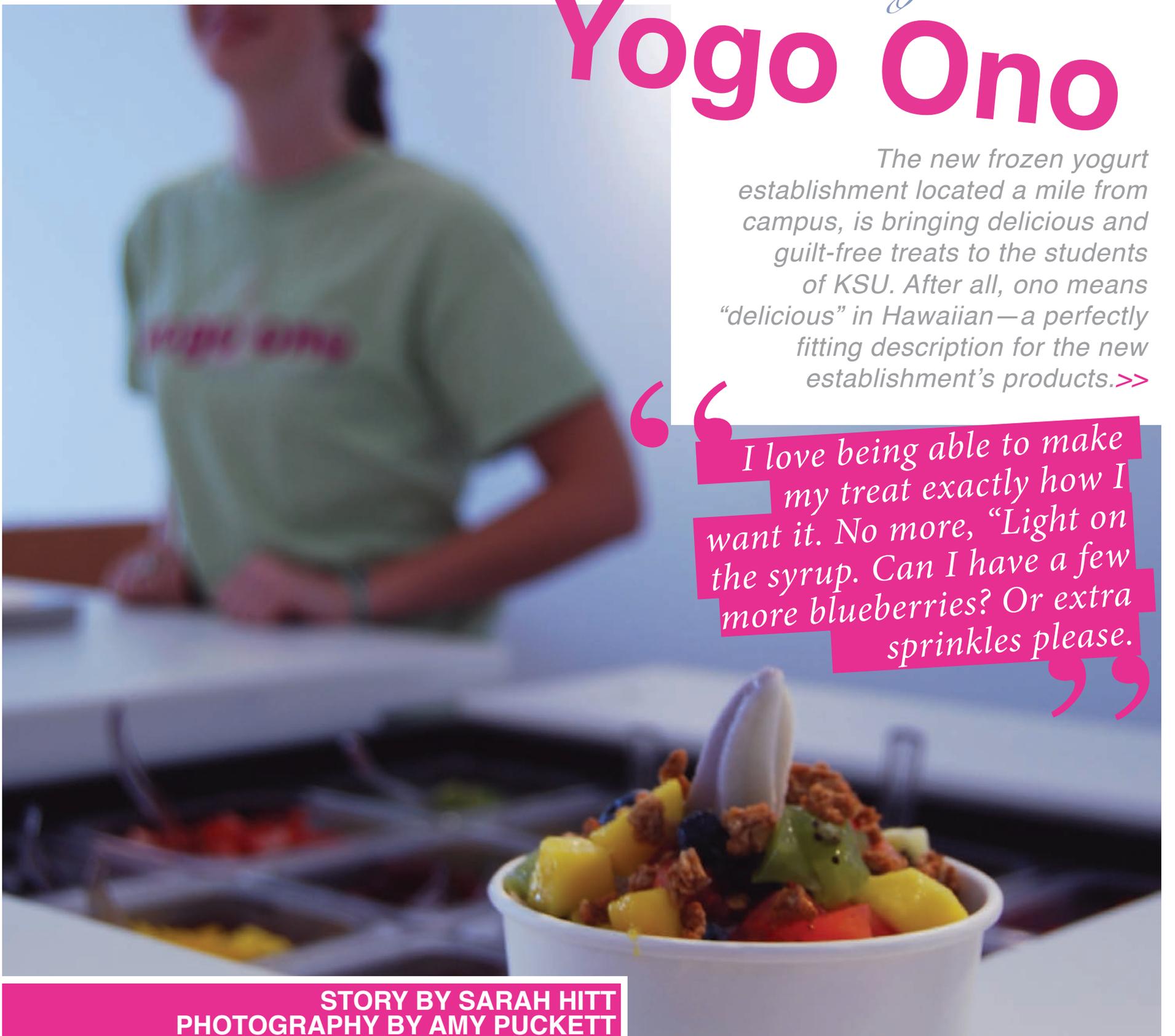




*Welcome to the neighborhood,*  
**Yogo Ono**

*The new frozen yogurt establishment located a mile from campus, is bringing delicious and guilt-free treats to the students of KSU. After all, ono means “delicious” in Hawaiian—a perfectly fitting description for the new establishment’s products.>>*

*“ I love being able to make my treat exactly how I want it. No more, “Light on the syrup. Can I have a few more blueberries? Or extra sprinkles please.”*



**STORY BY SARAH HITT  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY AMY PUCKETT**

# PILE ON THE GOOD STUFF!

*We asked the staff at Yogo Ono about their favorite flavors!*

**Evelyn Chiu's (owner)**

Original tart with strawberries, mango, kiwi, blueberries and coconut.

**Maria Azi's (manager)**

At the moment, anything with four scoops of sprinkles.

**Geoffrey Stafford's (employee)**

Peanut butter and cookies and cr me yogurt, topped with Reece's, cheesecake bites, sprinkles, and carmel sauce.

**Sarah Hitt's (Our writer)**

Tahitian Vanilla with cheesecake bites and cookie dough. Or topped with kiwi, mango, and pineapple.

<<Booming within the last few years, the frozen yogurt industry has swarmed the country, providing health-conscious Americans with a sweet treat they can feel good about. Yogo Ono has taken a unique spin on the craze by giving patrons full control of their experience. Completely self-service, Yogo Ono provides patrons with empty cups, letting guests create their own mouthwatering medleys from 10 frozen yogurt flavors and more than 30 toppings.

"The cup is your canvas for any creation you want to make," owner Evelyn Chiu said.

Beyond the extensive array, manager Maria Azi explains that guests are sure to find nothing but positive energy during their time at Yogo Ono. "Although we cannot put good vibes on our condiment bar, customers are always going to be greeted with a smile and a fun experience," she said.

Chiu is often in the store working and taking suggestions from customers. "We have a long list of what customers want to see coming next," said Chiu. "We are going to try to switch flavors every three to four weeks."

Geoffrey Stafford, a junior business management major, works at Yogo Ono. "Coming here you are sure to be treated like kings and queens," he said. "I love working in such a positive place."

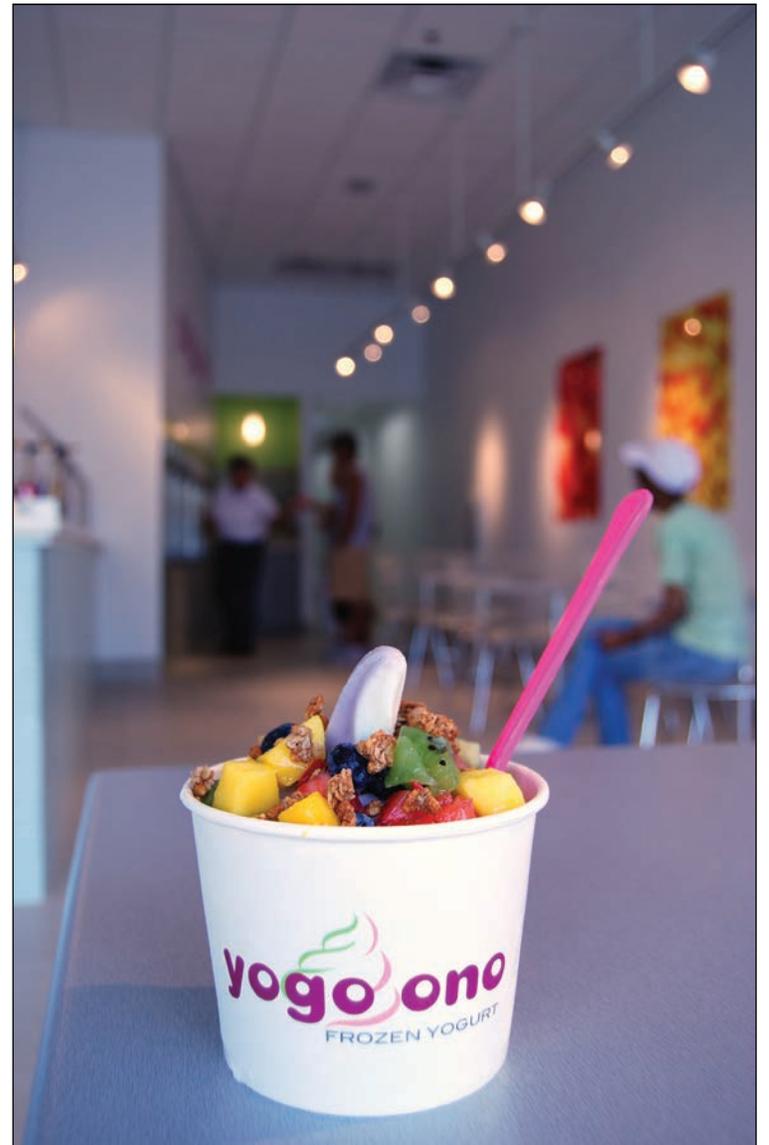
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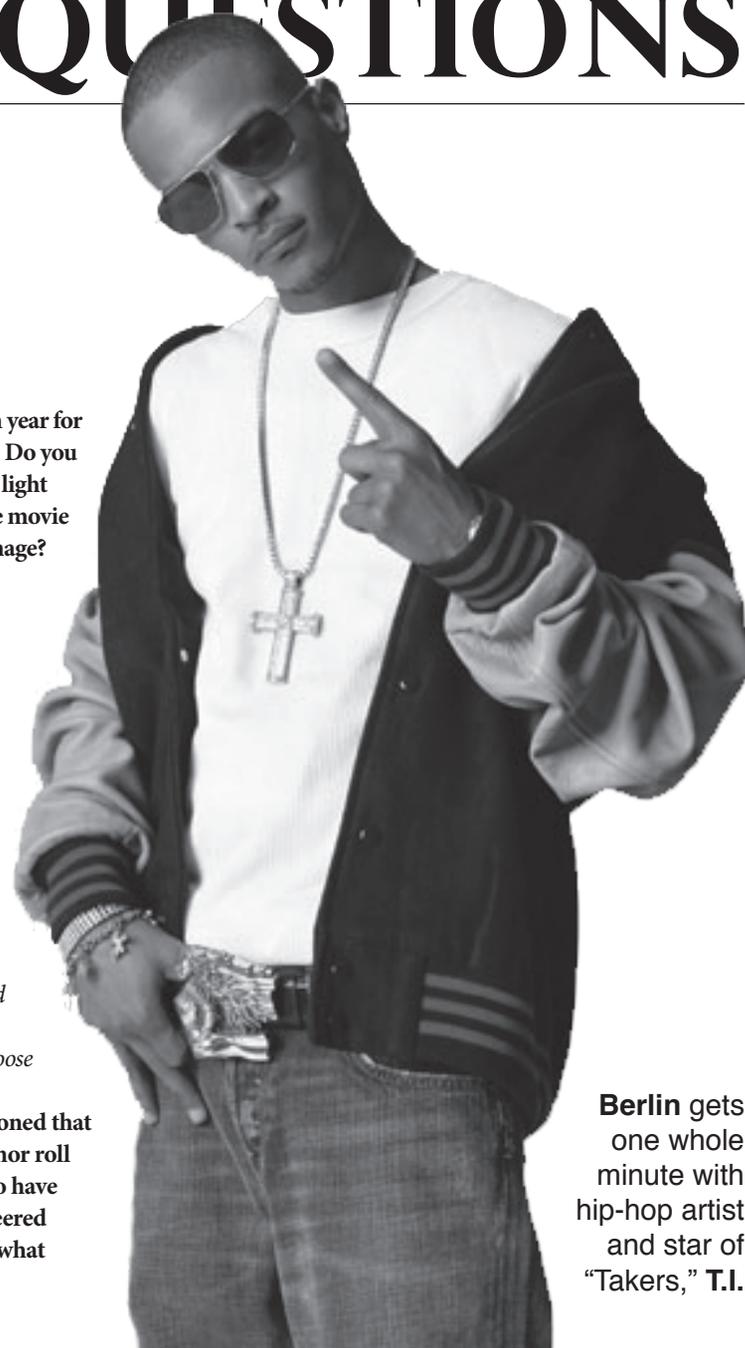
Our EIC chats with the weekly celebrity

**Eva Berlin Sylvestre:** 2009 was a rough year for you and “Takers” costar Chris Brown. Do you think the movie with shine a different light on the two of you for 2010, or does the movie contribute to your current bad-boy image?

**TI:** “No more than I think that if I were to do a role in “The Great Debaters,” it would have helped my image as a college student. I really don’t know. I believe the public’s perception is what it is. You’re going to think about a person whatever you chose to think about that person. Your thoughts, ideas and opinions of someone [are] going to be whatever you [want them to] be. I think that even if Chris were to come out tomorrow with a romantic comedy where he swept a woman off her feet, a Pretty Woman type of a comedy, it would take away from what people think and believe about him, if that is what they choose to think and believe about him.”

**EBS:** “On Larry King Live you mentioned that you were, at one point in time, an honor roll student, so I’m curious: If you were to have attained a degree in this day, if you veered away from the music and the acting, what could you see yourself doing?”

**TI:** “Law, law.”



**Berlin gets one whole minute with hip-hop artist and star of “Takers,” T.I.**

## Religious loyalty makes fast friends

From RAMADAN, page 1

Abedi also stressed that fasting does not merely involve abstaining from food and drink during certain times of the day, but avoiding all sins that interfere with the spiritual cleansing process, such as speaking badly of others or lying.

According to the Holy Qur’an, the ninth month is a particularly revelational one; September is the month in which the first verses of the Qur’an were sent by God to the prophet Muhammad.

For Islamic KSU students with a full-time class schedule, demanding extracurricular activities and part-time jobs, MSA offers the solution to those in need of their daily Iftar. Students can go to the MSA cubicle on the third floor of the Student Center every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to break their fasts with other Muslim students.

According to Tooba Hussain, public relations chair for MSA, all students are welcome to participate in activities held by MSA. In fact, Hussain describes the mission of the KSU MSA as “bringing awareness of Islam to KSU.” Hussain, who wears a traditional shalwar kameez during Iftaar, emphasizes that everyone is equal within the MSA. For example, Hussain is a woman as well as a Sunni Muslim, both of which are highly discriminated against in certain countries around the world. Although the

majority of MSA is Shii’a Muslim, Hussain has never felt discriminated against within the association.

“We are a religion promoting peace and unity, and for this reason, it is important to us that we practice these principles within our organization,” Hussain said.

MSA makes it a priority to hold many events throughout the year to promote awareness of their association. One event in particular is the henna fundraiser, which is usually held in the spring during KSU Day. The organization regularly features a guest speaker. A hafiz, an Islamic religious leader who has memorized the Qur’an, is the most common orator.

Every year, the MSA focuses on a different theme. For 2010, the theme centers around Islamophobia. The goal of the theme is to end the discrimination against Islam and to quell the needless fear of Muslims on campus. MSA is hosting an event called “Fast-a-thon” in which non-Muslims are encouraged to fast for one day to experience how a Muslim feels during each day of Ramadan. The participants are encouraged to donate the money they would have spent on food to the MSA, which will donate the proceeds to charity.

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# Theatre faculty takes center stage, gives proceeds back to students

From THEATRE, page 1

Proceeds from the performance will benefit theatre and performance studies majors who wish to participate in a study abroad program. The money from the production may go to several study abroad programs, including one that will take a group of theatre majors to Dublin, Ireland. Gentile, department chair, stated that the faculty department collectively agreed to utilize the proceeds as a way to stimulate the study abroad program.

Gentile also stated that the department has also toyed with the idea of donating performance proceeds to academic programs, as it has in the past with the successful production of *The Lion in Winter* by James Goldman. The success of the donation inspired the department to present annual benefit performances to the students in order to support the department's organizations and scholarships.

The cast of *The Real Inspector Hound* is made up entirely of faculty members from the theatre department. Some of these faculty members include Charlie Parrott—who is new



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Professors Dr. Jane Barnette and Dr. John Gentile of the Theatre Department.

to the theatre department—and Gentile, who teaches performance studies and has directed several shows himself.

Professor Dean Adams, who also serves as the artistic director to the department, will direct the play. Barnette said that about half of the theatre department's faculty will be involved with the play.

"We have a small faculty compared to the number of students in the department, so we're very dedicated. This performance is one of the many

ways we demonstrate that to our majors," said Barnette.

The performance will be held Friday, Aug. 27 at 8 p.m. in the Stillwell Theatre. Tickets are \$10 at the door and payment will only be accepted in the form of cash or check. The play will be held for one night only.

"I would encourage all students and members of the community to come see [*The Real Inspector Hound*] and support your college and its theatre department," said Winecoff.

## Team Fortress 2: Bullet-proof, air-tight

by Gage Thompson  
Staff Writer

My lengthy affair with videogames started when my parents bought me the original Game Boy. I logged countless hours playing various games. Over the years I remained loyal to Nintendo, but recently delved into PC gaming, leaving the consoles behind. In doing so, I have discovered the greatest online multiplayer game of all time: Team Fortress 2. Team Fortress 2 is a team-centered, first-person shooter that was released in October of 2007 by Valve, a prolific videogame company most famous for the critically acclaimed Half-Life series.

Team Fortress 2 is characterized by its cartoon graphics and class-oriented game play. It features nine classes, each of which offers a very different play style. If you prefer to sneak around in dark corners, the character known as Spy can become invisible and disguise himself with the intent to backstab his foes for an instant kill. If, however, you prefer a more straightforward style of play, Heavy features a technique no more complicated than aiming your massive gun at enemies and watching them all fall before you. Each of the various nine classes has strengths and weaknesses, and it takes a balanced team to triumph over the opposition and achieve the objective.

Team Fortress 2 is the rare game that in difficulty well benefits the gaming experience with its varied styles and difficulty. With the exception of the Spy, all of the classes are easy to pick up but hard to truly master. They are deceptively simple. Each class has three weapons: a primary, secondary and melee, with a few options for each slot. From this basic game play springs countless hours of fun. If you get bored playing as Pyro, you could switch to Engineer and have a totally different game experience.

If you are not a serious gamer, you need not worry. Team Fortress 2 features large servers where new players are welcomed and generally not noticed. The tone is so lighthearted that it is humorously referred to as a "war-themed hat simulator" because the game features many ridiculous, relatively hard to find and extremely sought after hats that are purely cosmetic. It isn't a game that has to be taken seriously.

If you take my advice and get this game, stick to the PC or Mac version. Valve is fantastic about releasing updates for free. The game has been steadily updated, countless maps have been added and not once have they charged anything for the extra content. This is not true with the Xbox 360 version. Microsoft will not allow them to offer the extra content for free, and as a result the game goes without updates, and the player base is much smaller. Check it out. There are far worse ways to spend \$20.

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# KSU defeats GCSU in preseason finale

*Ending preseason on a high note, team looks forward to starting regular season Friday*

From UNDEFEATED, page 1

Kranick provided the lone goal for the Owls in the opening minute of the second half from a cross by teammate junior Kristin Marietta. A preseason pick for the All-Atlantic Sun Conference team, Marietta delivered a strong cross from the right side of the field into the box where Kranick kicked it past GCSU senior goalkeeper Mary Rob Plunkett to give the Owls all the scoring they needed for the match. Last year, Kranick had four goals and tied with Marietta for the second highest total of goals for a returning player.

Though the scoreboard indicated a tightly contested game, the stats favored the Owls as they outshot the Bobcats 17-2 and recorded 10 corner kicks to three for GCSU.

A key to the Owls' success was continually putting pressure on the ball and keeping players fresh by rotating in subs.

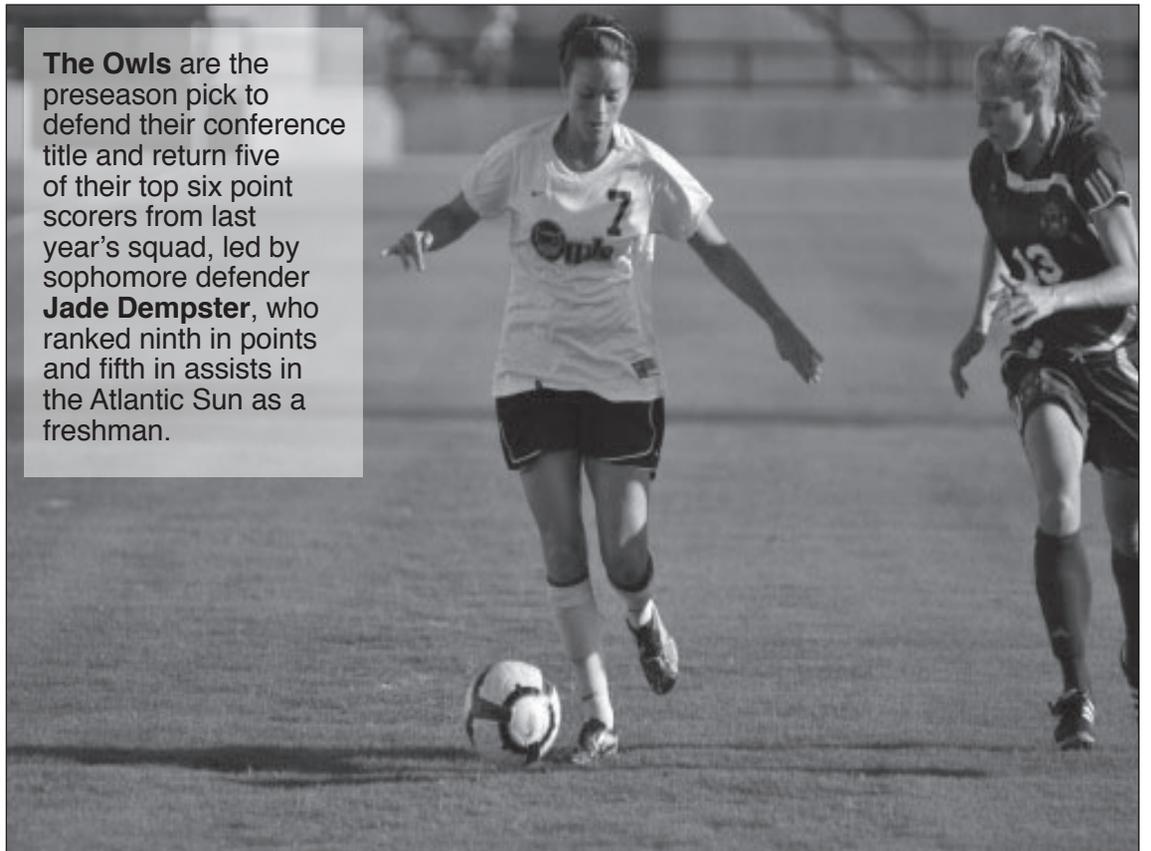
"We wore them down, which meant by the second half we were that much stronger than them," said Head Coach Rob King. "I think our overall team fitness and team speed wear teams down a little bit, and by the time the second half comes around we are usually in better shape."

Looking forward to the start of the regular season, the Owls appear poised to build off last year's Atlantic Sun Conference Championship. The postseason run came to an end in the first round of the NCAA College Cup against third seed Wake Forest University. The Owls are the preseason pick to defend their conference title and return five of their top six point scorers from last year's squad, led by sophomore defender Jade Dempster, who ranked ninth in points and fifth in assists in the Atlantic Sun as a freshman. Also returning is last year's Atlantic Sun Tournament MVP, senior goalkeeper Staci Pugh. Among six newcomers are freshman midfielder Alma Gardarsdottir and redshirt freshman Tasia Williams, both potential starters who could make a major impact this season.

Kranick knows just how important it will be to build strong team chemistry on the field.

"We're just trying to get connected and feel each other out because we have so many new contributors to our team this year, and just really fitting them into the right places is going to help us win," Kranick said.

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, AUG. 27, WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL VS. NICHOLLS STATE. IN HATTIESBURG AT 3:30 P.M.

# Owls' volleyball starts Friday with high expectations

*After last year's winning season with a 17-12 record, Weatherington stressed the importance of each conference match as a chance to make an impact in the Atlantic Sun Conference.*

by **Kiera Robinson**  
Staff Writer

The women's volleyball team starts its season with the Southern Miss Tournament in Hattiesburg, Miss., Friday and is finishing summer workouts with many roster combinations.

"We are working on our line ups," Head Coach Karen Weatherington said. "With nine new players, we have a lot of added depth, a lot of experience, that we are bringing in. So the competition level has been higher, and we are giving everyone a chance to be competitive."

After being picked fifth in a 2010 preseason poll, the coaches and players believe, and expect, to finish above that.

"We're going to set the bar high for this season," senior Sabrita Gulley said. "We have a lot of people that are dedicated, they want it and they're hungry. I have high expectations for us."

The Owls start the season with fewer than half the players they had last year. Weatherington is welcoming back only five players, including three starters, and is relying on confident and knowledgeable transfers and incoming freshmen to sustain a level of play that could lead to another postseason berth. But she doesn't see a problem keeping the momentum going.

"The young ladies we were able to bring in were great players," she said. "They were the kind of people we wanted to add to our program in a competitive spirit."

After last year's winning season with a 17-12 record, Weatherington stressed the importance of each conference match as a chance to make an impact in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

"We have a single round robin season, so every match is critical," Weatherington said. "We think if we prepare and take the opportunities that we have to go in and beat people that probably don't have an idea of how much different we look, and be competitive for that one given night, we should be successful."

Ohio State could be one of those teams surprised by KSU. The Buckeyes will be at the Convocation Center for the Owl Invitational in September, marking the first time the two teams have met on the court.

"I'm very excited for a lot of different reasons," Weatherington said. "The Ohio State volleyball staff are longtime friends and colleagues. They've always done a great job of building competitive programs wherever they've been. It's a great level of volleyball they play in the Big Ten. I think it will be an added attraction for the area, the campus, the rivalry."

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## Men's cross country picked to defend championship

by **Jack Morbitzer**  
Sports Editor

The Atlantic Sun Conference announced Thursday that the KSU men's cross country team are preseason favorites to repeat as conference champions, garnering seven of the possible 11 first place votes.

"That and \$1.29 will buy you a cup of coffee at Waffle House," 2009 Atlantic Sun Coach of the Year Stan Sims said, not putting much credit into the selection. "I'm sure they know who we have coming back, and those guys are full-time checking out the other teams very closely, but I think we're going to be pretty good."

Five of the top six runners from last season's A-Sun Championships return this year, including sophomore Nabil Hamid, junior Jaakko Nieminen and senior Nathan Haskins, who all finished in the top eight at the league meet.

"We've got the horses coming back, and if we can keep shoes on the horses and keep them injury free, we'll be good," Sims said.

The Owls placed first in five of the eight meets they competed in last season, winning the conference championship by 42 points over second place East Tennessee State University. The points are calculated by which place the first five runners of the team cross the finish line, meaning the lower the score, the better the finish. No scoring KSU runner finished lower than 13, calculating to 40 total points and an A-Sun championship.

"The hunter becomes the hunted," Sims said. "We were ranked third going into last year, and I don't think anybody saw it coming. It didn't surprise us, but I don't think people thought we were very good, but we did OK." Joining Sims' coaching staff as an assistant is former cross country and track and field star Erin Sutton.

"I've seen how great the coaching has been as a student-athlete, and now I can't wait to be a part of it," Sutton said.

While running for KSU, Sutton tallied 15 All-Atlantic Sun Conference honors, including All-Academic Honoree from 2006-2010. Sutton earned her bachelor's degree in biology and is working on her Master of Arts in Teaching with a concentration in biology.

"Erin has been with me five years," Sims said "She knows what works and doesn't work, and she'll be an asset to the coaching staff." The Jacksonville State Invitational opens the men's season Sept. 3 in Jacksonville, Ala. KSU placed first in the opening event hosted by JSU last season.

# Offensive onslaught

## Women's soccer opens regular season

by **Jack Morbitzer**  
Sports Editor

A total of five different Owls (2-0) scored goals Sunday in a 6-0 victory over the Alabama A&M Bulldogs at the official home opener of KSU Soccer Stadium.

"I'm pleased with where we are fitness-wise," Head Coach Rob King said. "[When] we came in today, I wasn't as pleased as I could be with the first half; I thought the team looked better in the second half. We were able to rotate a lot of players into the game and rest our starters a bit. Overall, I was pleased with the weekend."

The Owls' first goal came 10 minutes in from a corner by junior midfielder Alyssa Mahan. The service was lofted high and found the back of the net as junior midfielder Lauren Ruffini snagged the first of two goals on the night. During the scrum, junior forward Kristin Kranick suffered a lower leg injury and did not return to the game.

During a first half plagued by seven offside calls, the Owls did not score again until the 43rd minute on a fast break. One-on-one with the sophomore goalkeeper Linda Aboagye, senior midfielder Savannah Duet was charged and the ball bounced away to waiting freshman forward Katelyn Rikel who slotted the ball into the wide open net for her first collegiate goal.

"I really didn't expect it," Rikel said. "It was exhilarating. The keeper came out and lost her touch and I just happened to be there running up with [Duet]." The second half opened in the same fashion as KSU increased its lead in the 48th minute when freshman defender Tasia Williams assisted junior forward Kristin Marietta on a quick strike that extended the lead to 3-0.

Two minutes later, Mahan scored unassisted. The ball was deflected inside the box and Mahan quickly struck the ball while falling down to catch sophomore goalkeeper Jazzmine Maclin off guard.

"We didn't do an awful lot of adjusting to them," King said. "We had a pretty good idea of the level of the team, and we wanted to go at them and pressure them. We just took care of the ball a little better [in the second half]. We weren't giving it away, and we were getting in behind them to roll the ball across for some pretty easy finishes."

This was evident in the goal that put the Owls up 5-0. A long through ball was played to Rikel who played a ground cross that Ruffini easily buried for her second goal.

"It's great; that's what [Rikel] is here for," King said. "She's got lots of pace. She's going to adjust physically to the game at the college level.

But every time we get her in a game like that, we give her a boost of confidence."

Sophomore midfielder Liz Blackburn finished the scoring in the 84th minute by beating Maclin from the penalty spot after an Owl was taken down in the box.

Senior goalkeeper Staci Pugh and sophomore goalkeeper Melissa Hutto combined for the clean sheet as each played a half.

In a ceremony after the game at the north end of the stadium the Owls were presented their 2009 conference championship rings.

Sunday's win finished the Owls' first weekend of the regular season. Friday, the Owls traveled to the College of Charleston. With the score tied at 3-3, Duet claimed the game winner in the 86th minute to secure the first victory.

KSU travels next to Knoxville, Tenn., for the Lady Vol Classic, where they will face the University of Richmond Friday and the University of Maryland Sunday.

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