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## KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY



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Campus received more than just a light dusting of snow during what was supposed to be the first week of classes for the spring semester.

## Snow cancels first week of classes

**Carolyn Grindrod**  
NEWS EDITOR

Instead of new syllabi and fresh reading assignments, students started off the spring semester a bit unusually this year—with a large dose of winter weather dubbed the “Snopocalypse” that left KSU closed its first week back.

Classes, which were originally scheduled to start Monday, Jan. 10, will resume today.

Many on-campus students took a youthful approach to the snow days, enjoying the weather by partaking in snowball fights and building snowmen.

Students like freshman Alexand Khapun, a biochemistry major, also took advantage of KSU’s terrain.

“I’m going sledding on the North Deck,” said Khapun, upon seeing the first snowfall on Monday.

The Weather Channel had called for five inches of snow for Kennesaw as the winter storm slammed into the South on Jan. 10, leaving behind

below-freezing temperatures as well as sleet, freezing rain, and ice and snow.

On Sunday evening, Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue declared a state of emergency and ordered all available resources to be ready for action. KSU, like many other state schools, called off classes for Monday on Sunday evening, as the state prepared for the weather.

The storm hit the Kennesaw area around 10 p.m. on Sunday, leaving nearly four inches of snow on campus and a high of 30 degrees for Monday.

Many students were excited about getting their first snow day of the year and updated their Facebook or Twitter accounts shortly after the announcement of school closing.

Communication junior Amanda Stegall, who lives in Acworth, said via Facebook that the cancellation was a relief for students who had to travel, but added she worried that snow days will create a more stressful end for the semester.

“When a possible severe weather system moves into the area it’s nice to know that the administra-

tion is considerate of the safety of the students,” said Stegall. “It’s great to have an extended break, but at the same time, we’re paying for every day of the semester. The crunch time later in the semester for what has been missed can be stressful on the students and teachers.”

All classes and office operations were additionally called off for Jan. 11 because of the icy conditions and freezing temperatures that dropped to a mere 18 degrees by nightfall.

Several students like freshman and International Affairs major Gaylor Jackson decided not to brave the cold and stayed inside, huddling up in the dorm rooms to watch movies.

“We stayed inside and watched Disney films like *Mulan* and *The Princess Diaries*,” said Jackson.

Wednesday and Thursday were also added to the cancellation list as temperatures did not reach above 32 degrees, and the ice continued to be problematic on campus.

The Commons and Public Safety appeared to

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## OWL Radio to debut “Harry Strange” radio drama

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Jan. 30 marks the return of serialized radio drama to the Atlanta airwaves, and KSU’s OWL Radio will begin airing a radio drama of its own. “Harry Strange” is a radio serial stylized on the classic radio dramas of the 40s and 50s but playing against a contemporary backdrop.

“We’re excited and thrilled to be bringing this style of radio back to the airwaves,” said Reggie Joseph, communication major and general man-

ager of the student-run station. “This type of experimental programming is what people expect from college radio. We are happy to be the ones to give it to them.”

The story, written by communication major and Sentinel Opinion Editor Tony Sarrecchia, centers on Harry Strange, a private investigator whose beat is the supernatural and paranormal. “If you’re a fan of ‘Supernatural,’ ‘Buffy,’ ‘Angel’ or ‘Doctor Who,’ you’ll enjoy ‘Harry Strange,’” Sarrecchia said.

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The production was recorded over the summer and features local and remote actors as well as some voices familiar to OWL Radio listeners. Matt Nix (“Overnight”) and Joe Roesch (“The T Files”) lend their voices to episodes airing later in the season.

In addition to playing on OWL Radio, the episodes will be available on iTunes as free downloads. At the end of Season 1, there will be a DVD release for sale featuring interviews with the actors and behind the scenes footage.

Featured in the cast are Kellen Stennett (“1940’s Radio Show,” “The Hobbit”) Sylvia Galan (“The Fat Boy Chronicles,” “Mad Money”), Tisch Cistrunk-Parmelee (“Aether Age” anthology, “The Voice”), Parisa Johnston (“Everything’s For Sale,” “Final Etiquette”), Jason Tyler (“Fast Fixes HGTV,” “The Signal”) and others.

Sarrecchia is also the host of “The T Files,” which airs Tuesday nights 8-10 p.m. “Harry Strange” will air Sundays at 10 p.m. with encore presentations Tuesdays 5-6 p.m. For more information, visit [harrystrange.com](http://harrystrange.com).

## Drop/Add, Final Payment deadlines extended

FROM STAFF REPORTS

After the first week of school was canceled due to inclement weather, the Registrar has decided to extend the Drop/Add period and the Final Payment Deadline for the spring semester.

Drop/Add has been extended until Friday, Jan. 21, to give students an extra nine days to drop out of or add classes without any academic penalty.

Final Payment Deadline has also been moved. The new deadline for the Registrar to receive final payments is Monday, Jan. 24.

To view more information or changes to the revised academic calendar for the spring semester, visit [web.kennesaw.edu/registrar/share/academic\\_calendars](http://web.kennesaw.edu/registrar/share/academic_calendars).

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# KSU remembers MLK

**Carolyn Grindrod**  
NEWS EDITOR

In memory of his famous contemporary Martin Luther King Jr., human rights activist, author and comedian Richard Claxton "Dick" Gregory spoke and joked to a packed Bailey Performance Center on Monday – where he asked students to learn to think for themselves on the topics of race, politics, culture and economics.

"Somewhere, somewhere, when you realize you can make a difference... it starts with you," said the 78-year-old on MLK Day.

And the solution, Gregory said, will not come from the mainstream pop culture that so many young adults focus on today – but in remembering where we came from.

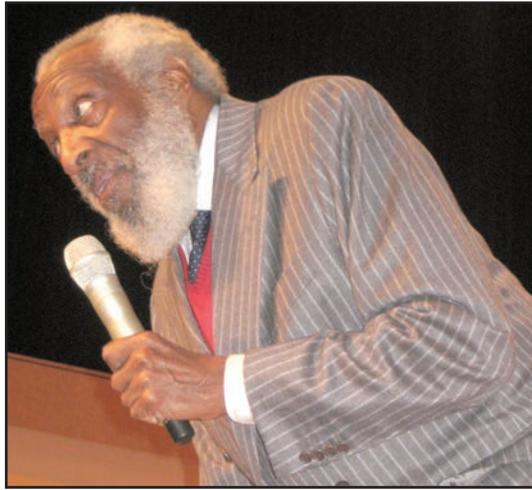
"Stop putting so much credence on halfway-decent entertainers," he said. "We will find the cure for cancer one day in America. We will find the cure for everything, and it won't be no damn athlete or no entertainer. It'll be from folks that look just like you, that put a lot of hard work together and went through a whole lot of pain to get your stuff together... You."

Gregory said students could follow in King's example to make a change.

"Figure this up real quick, King hit the scene," said Gregory, as he remembered his own experiences with King and the Civil Rights Movement. "No one had ever heard of him [in] 1956. He was gunned down in 1968... Ain't that pretty hard to believe, one human being could affect the whole planet in 12 years?"

In addition to Gregory's speech, the KSU Gospel Choir led by Oral Moses sang praise and invited attendees in closing the celebration by singing the Black National Anthem "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing."

The event was the first event of the year for the African American Student Association, the KSU group dedicated to creating a multicultural college environment from the



Dick Gregory

African Diaspora perspective.

Since 1983, MLK Day has been a federal holiday celebrating the life of the nonviolent civil rights activist. Every year, the holiday falls on the third Monday in January and is then followed by the celebration of Black History Month in February.

Senior Shanoë Smith, secretary of AASA, said MLK Day served to kick off the AASA's Black History Celebration, which lasts the entire spring semester. The group plans to hold several activities with the purpose of celebrating and educating KSU and the community on achievements of African Americans.

"Our theme this academic year is 'Empowerment Through Unity,'" said Smith. "We want to focus on promoting the history of African Americans through social and educational events that are open to all students. By 'empowerment,' we mean the empowerment of education by bringing students together."



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Dick Gregory speaks to a crowd of about 600 in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday.

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be the only things open on campus during the "Snocalypse."

Gary Coltek, director of culinary and hospitality services in The Commons, said on Jan. 11 that his staff of nearly 15 food service providers had been working around the clock to insure students on-campus had food.

"A lot of students rely on The Commons for their meals, and we basically need to accommodate for emergencies. What are you going to eat if we weren't open?" said Coltek.

Coltek added that his staff worked until around 2 a.m. each day to keep up with food preparations and that The Commons kept up with the winter weather demands by opening at 10:30 a.m. daily for breakfast.

"We actually had our staff stay up at local hotels like Best Western and Springhill Suites so we would be close by, and we've been pretty busy," said Coltek on Jan. 11. "We've had nearly 3,000 students come in and eat [each day]. We've only had a few stations open, and we've been using paper plates because we couldn't get our dish staff to come in, but everyone has been having fun."

The icy conditions also caused a delay in culinary food shipments that were expected on Tuesday.

Coltek added that KSU made clear a path from The Commons to student housing, so students would have a safe walkway to come and fill up before they closed at 6 p.m.

According to the Weather Channel, January is historically known as one of winter's worst months and 2011 will certainly get some recognition in the record books, as winter storms have devastated both the South and Northeastern regions of the United States.

This week could result in another storm that promises to be more tame than the one seen last week as two separate systems will attempt to combine over the Northeast on Tuesday, bringing in more winter-like weather.

The forecast has predicted that this storm will bring rain to the regions from Lower Mississippi Valley to the eastern Carolinas. Only some light freezing rain or sleet is predicted to fall in the Southern Appalachians. Temperatures are predicted to remain in the 45-50 degree range for Kennesaw as students return to class this week.

For the future updates on the most up-to-date weather related campus advisories, visit KSU's homepage at kennesaw.edu.

*Staff Writer Anastasia Henke contributed to this report.*

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Justin  
Hayes

Senior Columnist

Near the end of almost every year since 1999, people like to bring up “the end of the world.” The biggest craze, of which most of you have probably heard, is the 2012 prophecy: because the Mayan calendar stops on Dec. 21, 2012, the Earth is going to end.

The Mayans were ahead of their time in their understanding of math and astronomy, but this, for some, makes them a more credible source than modern scientists and astronomers. There are countless theories about what will happen in 2012 based on this Mayan prophecy, and most of them do not bode well for Earth.

But, this belief, like most things people believe these days, is absolutely false. There is not going to be a catastrophic event on Dec. 21, 2012, or anywhere near that date. If we talk to scientists, those who are younger than a thousand years old, there is overwhelming consensus that nothing bad will happen in 2012.

The 2012 theory is really just a mixture of two ancient prophecies. True, the Mayan calendar ends approximately Dec. 21, 2012, but there is nothing mentioned about a doomsday apocalypse. The calendar stops because it is the end of the 13th baktun, a cycle of about 144,000 days. The fourteenth baktun begins on Dec. 22, 2012. To assume the planet’s destruction will follow is like saying the Earth will end when the calendar on your refrigerator ends.

The doomsday idea comes from a Sumerian prediction that a planet called Nibiru will collide with Earth. This collision was originally expected sometime in May 2003, but when the Earth did not explode, the hysterics moved it to December, 2012.

According to NASA scientists, no rogue planet is floating out there that could possibly collide with Earth. If there were, they would be the first to alert us – a few decades ago when it would have materialized.

Of course, there are other theories. Some say a planetary alignment will occur, wreaking havoc on Earth. Others say the magnetic poles will switch, causing a shift in the Earth’s rotation and, of course, more havoc. Others say the date signals the collision of a world-destroying asteroid. I encourage you to visit NASA’s website to read more about these claims. NASA scientists have dismissed the possibility of any of these events causing Earth’s destruction in 2012.

Yet, even with actual scientists addressing and debunking these claims, the theory thrives on blogs and websites, feeding the fears and paranoia of hundreds, maybe thousands, of people.

Our acknowledgment of these theories as potentially valid is a result of our rejection of reality. We have no proof of any astrological phenomena capable of creating Armageddon in 2012, yet people continue to believe and proliferate this idea. This prophecy needs to be seriously addressed to prevent further idiotic and destructive behavior from anyone buying into the hysteria.

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## Arizona shooting a tragedy within a tragedy

For the record, I’m not a fervent supporter of the Tea Party, but I’ve been trying to understand how within 48 hours a sect of the Republican party comprised of mostly disgruntled, retired old people have been characterized as the most violent, hateful group in America due to a shooting at the hands of a person who, as more of the facts emerge, seems less connected to their ideology and more to his own nutcase form of hyper-nihilism. I’ve tried to understand where the accusations of a poisonous political culture are coming from; it’s not as if we have been living in an era in which politicians are advocating for the murders of their opponents or calling for the support of their causes through violent means. I don’t see it, but I could have missed it on MSNBC.

The reality is that political discourse is healthy and the political discourse in our country has remained healthy, if not – at times – heated. In the past several weeks, we have witnessed a peaceful transition of power within the House of Representatives – with the outgoing and incoming Speakers being complimentary to each other during the process. Following that, we saw members of both parties taking part in reading the Constitution. If you’re about to lecture me on the health care debates that occurred last year, please don’t. The town hall debates that spawned from the health care debacle occurred largely without any instance of violence among

those who disagreed with their lawmakers. No mainstream voice leading the debate against healthcare reform advocated for violence against political opponents.

If you spoke to an advocate of the Tea Party here on campus, I doubt you would find anyone who believed violence was a means to progress their causes. Still, it seems there are those who are eager to paint blood on the hands of the right. To somehow suggest that Sarah Palin was encouraging her supporters to kill political opponents is mind-numbingly uniformed at best – and insane at worst. Nevertheless, some voices on the left are quick to frame the outspoken voices on the right as accessories to murder—an irresponsible action in the wake of a national tragedy. Rushing to analyze the shooter’s political motivations in hopes of finding an easy entity to blame seems rather selfish.

The shooting in Tucson was one of the most unthinkable, tragic acts of violence to date and my prayers are with Representative Giffords and the rest of the victims. If this is how we react to a tragedy, then perhaps my viewpoint on the health of our political dialogue is wrong. Politicizing a tragedy? Poison, indeed.

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## Football: a delusional choice in these times



Alessandra Largent  
Senior Columnist

"The belief that this football team is going to make you a more valuable graduate is delusional."

KSUers, you recently voted "yes" to a fee increase for a football team that won't be here until sometime after you graduate (unless you plan to take an extremely long time to graduate, which, considering your lack of focus on anything educational, is a distinct possibility). Approximately 32 percent more of you voted on whether or not to have football than voted on who should run our country in November and 67 percent of you haven't voted for anything lately (except, you know, bagels or cereal for breakfast... pathetic). I don't know if I should applaud you for actually taking the initiative to vote on this football issue or berate you for taking the initiative to vote on football but not on your life. I could explain to you how what the government does will affect your life forever but I'm not sure you'd understand and it certainly isn't the point of this column so I'll move on.

The point of this column is: What the hell is wrong with you people? I continue to hope that the actions of the KSU student body will reflect some kind of solemnity, some kind of reticence or some kind of sense of responsibility for yourselves or our campus or anything really, but my hopes are endlessly dashed. While your silly whims were obviously aroused with a vote about football, your education has continued to be in serious jeopardy. Your teachers are forced to take unpaid leave because KSU supposedly can't afford to pay them. Why aren't you rallying for them and offering a hundred bucks a semester for them?

It was only seven months ago that President Papp said, "We are in a rather tight budget situation, that is a gentle way to put it... We are in a situation that is serious. I cannot underline how serious it is." Yet under this cloud of doom, gloom and a potential \$14.1 million budget cut to KSU, we find it within our hearts to "donate" \$2.2 million per semester to football?! The ensured future of our classes, the protection of our teachers (265 of which would have to be let go under KSU's worst-case-scenario plan) and the continued improvement of our academics take a backseat to what? A fledgling football team set to arrive sometime on the far side of never: 2014?

The belief that this football team is going to make you a more valuable graduate is delusional. This football team is going to cost you and KSU more money than can be counted on all of our 44,776 hands and it's a insulting slap in the face to our hardworking staff who are in danger of either losing their jobs or being forced to take unpaid leave.

I continue to hope that the students of KSU will stop caring about who is getting married in dreary old London, who is in rehab and who would still be with who if they had more money (ain't that some ish?). Until that day I comfort myself with the knowledge that I, at least, have learned to look at my education, KSU, the country and indeed the world from a much broader perspective. I hope the educators of KSU can help you all to do the same--- if, in fact, they are still employed to do so.

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### Our Opinion

## It's your Sentinel, too

First, we want to congratulate you not only for surviving the "Snopocalypse," but also for starting your semester with... four days off (five if you had classes in the Burruss Building on Saturday; classes were cancelled due to a water break).

Second, we would like to thank you for picking up a copy of our student-run campus newspaper. As the editors of this publication, we strive to fill these pages with news you can use, feature stories about what fellow students are doing, thorough sports coverage and thought-provoking opinion pieces. There's something we think would make our paper even better, though: more input from our fellow students.

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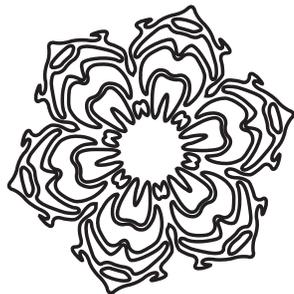
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## STUDENTPOLL

## What did you do during the Snopocalypse?



**Andrew Rodriguez**  
Junior  
Communication Major

"I live on Barrett Parkway and I completely got stuck at my house. I had to walk two miles to the nearest gas station that was open to get food because I hadn't stocked up. It was awful."



**Trikarri Bates**  
Sophomore  
Communication Major

"Sleep!"



**Samantha Nicholson**  
Freshman  
Nursing Major

"We had a blast, we played snowball baseball in the snow using a broom. The only thing that sucked was that we broke the broom."



**Hunter Flower**  
Freshman  
Undeclared Major

"I got trapped in my car for like two hours as I was heading back here from church. It just came down so fast. I wasn't expecting to hit like that."

## Here's your sign: Yours hasn't changed

**Nikki Hope**  
ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

If you can be described as someone who enjoys peace and harmony and seeking higher wisdom and knowledge, you would match up with the characteristics of the newest zodiac sign, Ophiuchus. Of course, your birthday would have to fall between Nov. 29 and Dec. 17 to be considered an official Ophiuchus. Also, you would have to be born after 2009, which disqualifies approximately 100 percent of the people reading this right now. So what's the big idea with a new zodiac sign and why is there a need for it?

The zodiac is a way of recording the movement of the sun with the corresponding stars behind it. Thousands of years ago in Babylon, people with the title of "sky-watchers" recorded the path of the sun in the sky. After watching for an entire year they discovered that the sun only moves through a handful of the constellations. The constellations the sun moves through are referred to as the zodiac.

For years we have known of the 12 signs of the zodiac: Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio and Sagittarius. Astronomer Parke Kunkle of the Minnesota Planetarium Society recently pointed out that the sun actually passes through 13 constellations versus the 12 we have already adjusted to.

According to Mark Sappenfield, staff writer for Christian Science Monitor, the gravitational pull of the moon and sun affects the axis of the Earth, altering it slightly from year to year. "The sun's path through the stars over the course of a year appears slightly different from the way it did 3,000 years ago when the zodiac was devised, resulting in a one-month shift in the stars' alignments," said Sappenfield. This is why the change occurs only for those born after 2009. Kunkle simply pointed out what the sidereal Zodiac has been saying all along: we left out Ophiuchus. When asked about the zodiac change, KSU student Kelsey Harris said, "It makes sense." Senior Whitney Brooks shrugged it off, saying "It doesn't really affect us." She's right. If you choose to follow the sidereal Zodiac and were born after the year 2009, then this change in astrological signs will affect you. However, if you follow the tropical zodiac—which most of the Western world does—you'll find that your sign has not changed.

So before the fiery Scorpios get upset that they only have six days on the sidereal zodiac calendar, remember that most of the world follows the tropical zodiac. Also, remember that if you were born before 2009, it won't affect you anyway. The good news to all of this is, if you don't like your particular horoscope you can just pick another one.

## Spring Semester Horoscopes

**What are the stars saying about your spring semester success at KSU (according to the tropical zodiac)?**

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

Success will come easy to you this semester, but don't get too cocky. Make sure you keep your eye on the prize and don't let your ego get the best of you.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

Exciting new opportunities await you this semester. Don't be afraid to take on a new internship or job!

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**

Invest in a planner! Organization will be your friend this semester, it will also be essential to your success.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**

Make time for adventure! Spring break will be the perfect time for you to make new friends. Get out there and meet new people!

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**

This semester won't come easy for you. Don't give up; you'll feel better about yourself in the end knowing you gave it your all.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**

You might be struggling to find balance to your routine. Once you do, good things will start falling into place.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**

You are all about new friends this semester! Don't let that distract you from your studies. You'll regret it in the end if you do.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)**

Your go get 'em attitude has always been a good thing. Don't forget to take time to relax though, or you will find yourself overstressed by the end of the semester.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)**

You're starting this semester on an all-time high. Keep your head up and don't let a naysayer bring you down.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**

Don't be afraid to add spontaneity to your already hectic routine. Pick up a new hobby or activity to spice things up.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**

Don't let your temper get the best of you this semester. Try yoga or Pilates to stay relaxed when things get hectic.

**Ophiuchus**

If you can read this, you'll be a great addition to our campus someday! See you in about 16 years, baby Owls!

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

You will hit a few bumps in the road during the semester. Your stubborn nature will ensure that you come out on top. Keep on truckin'!

# Down with the sickness: flu cases increase

Kimberly Ducasse, Dane' White  
STAFF AND CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

If you find yourself with a fever higher than 100 degrees, sitting in class trying to take notes with a nagging, disruptive cough, or waking up with a sore throat and a hoarse voice, then chances are you may have come down with influenza, better known as the flu.

"Throughout the week ending with Friday, Dec. 17, the clinic saw six KSU students with influenza," said Anne Nichols, KSU Health Clinic director. "This could be because people are refusing to get the flu vaccination this year because of the swine flu scare in 2009."

During the 2009-2010 H1N1 swine flu scare, many people became sick, and some speculated that it was due to the vaccine they received for the virus. This year, fewer people are receiving flu vaccinations, leaving more people with a higher risk of catching the virus.

"I have had the flu three times that I can remember," said freshman Ashley Johnson. "Each time, I had to get a vaccination and take a couple days off of school."

The flu is a highly contagious respiratory illness. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the influenza virus is spread by coughing, sneezing, and coming into contact with persons already affected. Flu seasons are very unpredictable, though the most common peak times in the U.S. are in January and February and can last until May.

Recognizing the flu in its early stages is highly important. Some recognizable symptoms include cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat, body aches and fatigue. Vomiting and diarrhea are also common.

As classes resume for the spring semester, taking the proper precautions to prevent the spread of the flu is necessary.

## Stop the spread!

### Wash your hands

Washing your hands several times throughout the day is the best way to reduce catching the flu virus. The key is to use soap and wash for the duration of the songs "Happy Birthday" or "Yankee Doodle."

### Cover your mouth

Covering your mouth is the only way to stop those germs from proliferating during a sudden cough or sneeze. Using the inside of your forearm and elbow are a good way to keep from spreading the virus.

### Get a flu vaccine

A yearly flu vaccine protects against the three most common forms of influenza. Naturally, hospitals are equipped with the vaccine, and some local places offer it as well, including CVS Pharmacy, Walmart, Target and Walgreens.

### Take flu antiviral drugs

Taking flu antiviral drugs at the first sight of symptoms can eliminate a significant amount of the virus. These over-the-counter medications can be found at pharmacies and grocery stores.

### Stay home

If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, running nose and itchy eyes, staying home can reduce the spread of germs tremendously. Don't hesitate to use your sick days. Others will appreciate your consideration.



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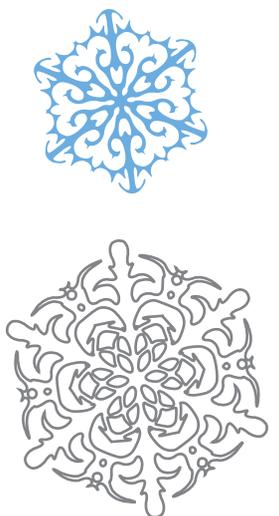
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Maggie Hill, sophomore, enjoys the snow in her spaceship onesie.



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## Museum presents modern and contemporary art exhibition

### Art students directly involved in preparing

#### From Staff Reports

An exhibition of 35 modern and contemporary works from the KSU Museum's permanent collection opens this month in the Don Russell Clayton Gallery in the Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center. The exhibition, "Modern and Contemporary Art from the Permanent Collection," is curated by KSU Associate Professor of Art History Diana McClintock and includes paintings, sculpture and works on paper by Thomas Hart Benton, Viola Frey, Michael Goldberg, Everett Shinn, Joe Zucker, N.C. Wyeth and others.

The exhibition and accompanying catalog feature research and writing by KSU visual arts students. "Dr. McClintock chose the works and selected students from one of her classes, who were able to choose works from the collection that they were interested in researching," Matthew Harper, art collection coordinator, explained. "At the end of their research, the students wrote a short catalogue entry for the work they researched. This is the first exhibition at KSU in which students have been directly involved in researching and preparing content for the

show. This is a great example of a service learning project for students and how the collection can be used as a teaching tool."

As part of the installation, the large "Leaning Man III" sculpture by Viola Frey has been relocated from the Student Center to the Clayton Gallery, the first time in a decade it has been moved. The university is amid a fundraising campaign to complete Phase II of the Art Museum, which would provide more exhibition and archival facilities for the collection. The campaign was spurred by a \$2 million challenge gift from Bernard Zuckerman, widower of Georgia sculptor Ruth Zuckerman whose work is prominently featured in the collection and in this select exhibition. To meet Zuckerman's challenge, the university must raise another \$1 million by May 2011.

The opening reception for "Modern and Contemporary Art from the Permanent Collection" is Jan. 27 from 5-8 p.m. in the Clayton Gallery. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 12-4 p.m. and by appointment.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 770-499-3223.



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"Spannocchia IX" by Michael Goldberg, was given to KSU by Richard and Judy Marks. It is eight feet high and more than 13 feet wide and is hung Visual Arts Building.

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# Oowl Snap!



The staff of The Sentinel wants to see your best shots. If you have a KSU photo, whether it's you and your friends painted up at the hockey game or an artistic shot of the Wilson Building, we want to see it. Post it on the wall of our Facebook fan page ("KSU Sentinel") and let us know who took it and what's going on in the shot. Each week, we'll select the best photo and print it in "Diversions."



Submitted by Jack Morbitzer

Owl offspring line up for the "Future Owls Baby Race" as part of a new promotion at basketball games. The race took place during halftime at the women's game versus East Tennessee State on Jan. 5 and was open to tots ages 6-16 months. Baby Even Gwaltney was the victor, but all participating babies received an Owls bib. Those interested in registering their tykes for future races can contact Brian LeHeup at [bleheup@kennesaw.edu](mailto:bleheup@kennesaw.edu).

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Men's basketball has won two straight with the help of guards Spencer Dixon, pictured left, and Kelvin McConnell, pictured right. Dixon's buzzer beating layup and McConnell's career-high six 3-pointers gave the Owls a sweep of southern Florida conference foes. Hosting three conference games in the next week KSU looks to continue to improve their Atlantic Sun record.

# Late game heroics give KSU second straight victory on the road

**Jack Morbitzer**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Dramatically, junior guard Spencer Dixon sealed a second consecutive victory for the Owls (5-12, 3-4) Sunday with a buzzer beating layup to edge Stetson on the road, 63-62.

KSU lead by as much as nine in the second half and by four with 1:43 left in the game. Down by one with less than five seconds remaining the Owls inbounded the ball underneath the basket from a timeout.

Sophomore forward LaDaris Green passed to Dixon who sprinted to the lane and beat the clock with his layup. After reviewing the play referees officially declared the basket good.

"As soon as I started to drive and I saw that I had an opening, it was all tunnel vision from there," Dixon said in a statement. "I gave myself a good shot and thankfully, it went in."

Dixon finished with 11 points, one of four Owls in double digits led by senior guard Kelvin McConnell who scored 16. Sophomore forward Aaron Anderson recorded his third double-double of the season with 10 points and rebounds.

Both teams battled hard with eight ties and 19 lead changes throughout the game. KSU started the second half down three but a 10-0 run gave the Owls a nine-

point lead with 9:58 to play in the second half. A 9-2 scoring run in the next three minutes gave the game its seventh and eighth tie. Stetson whittled the lead down from five in the final 1:58 to hold a late lead before Dixon's clutch bucket.

The win gave KSU a sweep of the weekend and second road win of the season.

## Owls secure first road win in warmer weather with McConnell's hot hand

Traveling to Fort Myers, Fla. to face the Florida Gulf Coast Eagles, the Owls recorded their first road victory Friday, 80-71, behind McConnell's game-high 22 points including a career-high six 3-pointers.

"Making so many shots from beyond the arc, it's really my teammates who deserve a lot of the credit," McConnell said in a statement. "I'm just glad we got ourselves a road win. Our momentum started to swing last season when we went on this trip, and I'm hoping the same is true for this season."

KSU fell behind early in the second half, 48-46, but five points from Dixon put the Owls ahead for good. Two and a half minutes later, McConnell made his fourth 3-pointer of the night to put KSU up by six.

With 8:51 remaining in regulation, Anderson got a jumper to fall to extend the lead to 10.

The Eagles fought the lead back to six with 1:25 to play but free throws by McConnell and sophomore forward Markeith Cummings put the lead at nine to salt the game away.

"What I thought was important was that we concentrated a lot more tonight on the little things that you need to do to win basketball games," head coach Tony Ingle said in a statement. "We paid attention to details on both the offensive and defensive end. I could feel the team chemistry; they played good team basketball."

Four players scored in double-digits for KSU. Cummings finished just behind McConnell with 21 points and Green added 14 points to his game-high 13 rebounds for a double-double. KSU was 29-57 from the field for a 50.9 field goal percentage tying their season high. The Owls are 3-1 when shooting 50.9 for the game. For the first time this season KSU out-rebounded their opponent and won, beating FGCU on the boards 36-30.

The win snaps a 13-game road losing streak dating back to Jan. 27 of last year. The Owls hold a 5-2 series lead all-time over the Eagles.

KSU looks to make up ground after losing 10 straight games after their home victory over Georgia Tech. Last season the Owls swept the same series leading to a six-game winning streak, and face a critical home stretch hosting three games in the next week.

# Owls Track and Field sweeps A-Sun honors



**Arjoun Armaly**  
Junior - Jumps

- Set school record in triple jump with distance of 46'10.75"
- Currently ranks 44th nationally in triple jump
- First A-Sun Field Athlete of the Week Award



**Jaakko Nieminen**  
Junior - Distance

- Set new school record in 3,000m with time of 8:31, placing 1st
- Currently ranks 24th nationally in the 3,000m event
- First A-Sun Track Athlete of the Week Award



**Brittany Robinson**  
Junior - Sprints

- Finished 8th in 800m at Clemson Invitational with time of 2:30.79
- Finished 7th in 500m at Clemson Invitational with time of 1:21.67
- First A-Sun Track Athlete of the Week Award



**Jill Arthur**  
Senior - Jumps

- Placed first in triple jump at Clemson Invitational with a distance of 40' 075"
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# Basketball home stand schedule features rivalry game and instant winners

**Jack Morbitzer**  
SPORTS EDITOR

This week KSU hosts six games in the next eight days including the Battle of I-75 with Mercer University.

Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. the Bears come to the Convocation Center for the first leg of the Atlantic Sun Conference Georgia derby. Last year's game set the record for home game attendance before it was broken earlier this season when Georgia Tech came to Kennesaw. This year MU is 2-5 in conference and has won only one away game with a 1-8 road record. Two players, senior forward Brandon Moore and senior guard Jeff Smith, account for roughly 40 percent of the Bear's offense.

At that game the athletic department will sponsor Prostate Cancer Awareness Night.

"Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men," Brian LeHeup, assistant director of marketing, said. "We are trying to tie in a new awareness night with men's basketball. We want to engage the fans and get them involved. We want everyone to wear baby blue for the game."

To help the cause baby blue T-shirts will be given to the first 500 fans in attendance and the men's team will sport baby blue home uniforms for the first time ever. The American Cancer Association will be at the game to provide information and support groups for those touched by cancer. The athletic department will also recognize prostate cancer survivors.

Like last year, Mercer is expected to bring their pep band, cheerleaders and a number of SGA members to add to the environment of the rivalry.

Monday, the Lady Owls host UNF at 7 p.m. and Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. face the Lady Bears. The Lady Ospreys are 2-4 in conference and 4-11 overall while Mercer is 1-14 on the season with their only win coming on the road at Belmont.

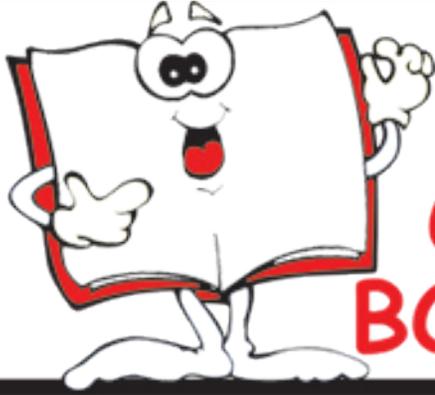
The athletic department's "Gold Rush" promotion will split 1500 instant

scratch-off tickets at the two women's games. Winners will be awarded with a reserved parking spot for a month for an off-campus student and a month of free rent for an on-campus student. Instant win prizes and winners of the promotion will be announced at the Mercer game.

Thursday, the men host the North Florida Ospreys who are 3-4 in conference and 6-12 overall. That night is Upward Basketball night and features a halftime scrimmage. Pregame the East Valley Elementary Chorus will sing the national anthem.

Both the men and women play Saturday hosting the Jacksonville Dolphins at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively. The JU men's team currently sits third in the conference standings with a 5-2 A-Sun record and 11-5 overall record, including an overtime upset of SEC opponent Florida University. The Lady Dolphins are 2-4 in conference and 7-8 overall.

KSU Basketball Home Stand Schedule		
1/20	Men's Basketball UNF	7:30 p.m.
1/22	Women's Basketball Jacksonville Men's Basketball Jacksonville	5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
1/24	Women's Basketball UNF Gold Rush Promotion	7:00 p.m.
1/25	Men's Basketball Mercer Prostate Cancer Awareness Night	7:30 p.m.
1/26	Women's Basketball Mercer Gold Rush Promotion Winners Announced	7:00 p.m.



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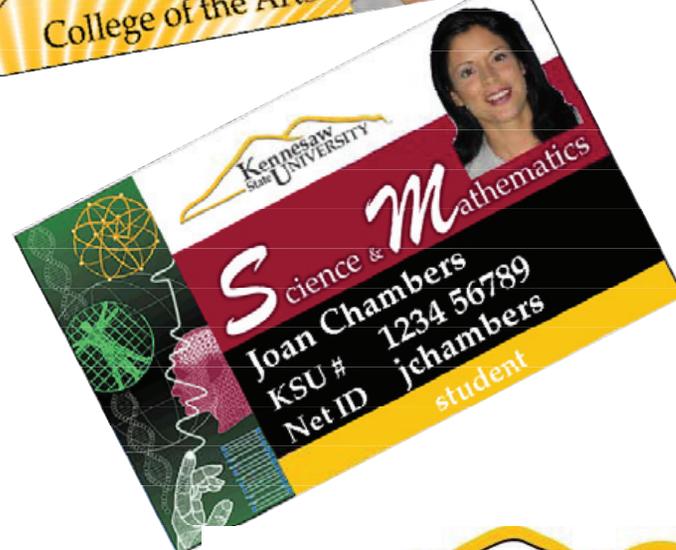
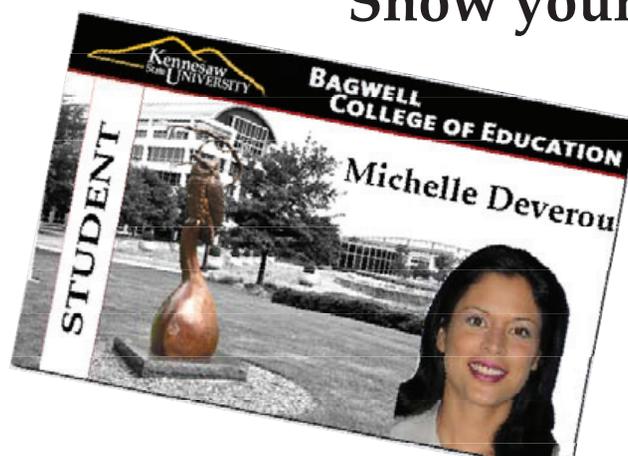
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