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New research lab studies neurotrauma

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Prillaman Hall is the new home to a brain biomarker laboratory that will search for a blood biomarker that would lead to early diagnosis of strokes and the consequences of neurotrauma.

The laboratory is headed up by professor of health and human services Dr. Svetlana Dambinova. It is being funded by a \$2.38 million research grant from the U.S. Department of Defense. Penn State, the University of Pittsburgh, Wellstar Health System, Piedmont Hospital and the DeKalb Medical Center are also involved in this research project.

This research will also include detection of spinal cord injuries. It has been established through many years of dedicated work focusing on identifying the neuropeptides brain cells release into the bloodstream, and preventing cell loss by inhibiting the release of antibodies.

Dambinova discovered a molecule which may possibly correlate with neurotrauma events.

"We want [this research] to be very useful in practice," Dambinova said. "That is why I came to Kennesaw, because of the great nursing school. Nurses are more focused on immediate patient care. They have more opportunity to work with the patient and can assist the medical doctor with patient care."

The research team consists of biochemist Dr. Alexander Panov, coordinator for the Department of Defense grant Dr. Alex Shikuev, neuroscientist Dr. Galina Izykenova and Dr. Dambinova. Students working towards achieving their doctorates will have the opportunity to conduct blood work testing in the new lab.

Blind tests will be carried out on blood samples by two sets of research teams who will then enter their results into a clinical database where the data will be compared by a biostatistician, Dambinova said. This testing will search for chemical reactions within the brain post stroke and concussion and will produce identifiable conclusions

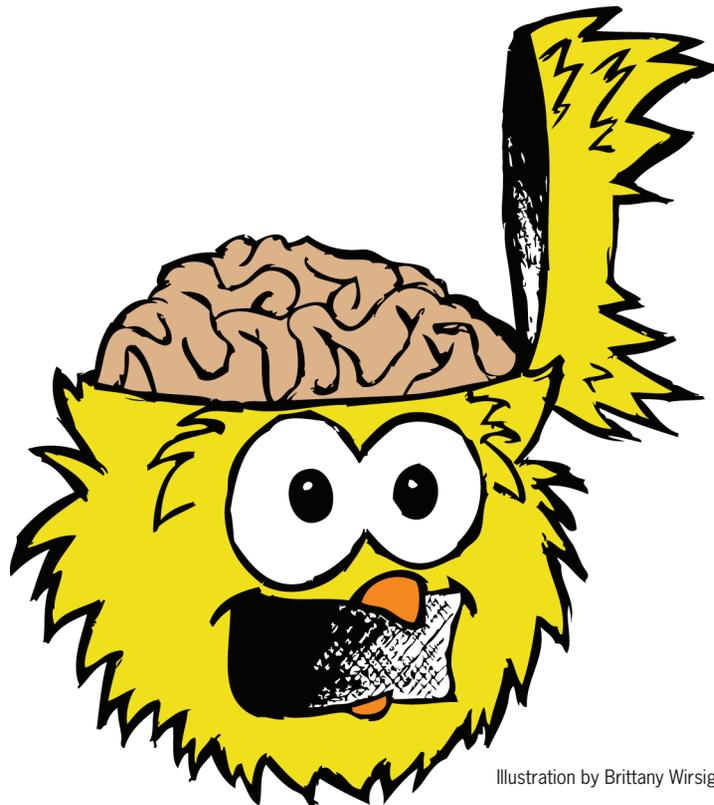


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leading to a blood test capable of diagnosing specific brain traumas.

The implications of this research are far reaching since it will be able to predict a stroke inside six months of the expected occurrence and identify traumatic brain injuries in soldiers and athletes.

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KSU reaches \$75 million capital campaign target

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STAFF WRITER

KSU reached its \$75 million capital campaign target 15 months before the October 2012 target date.

This KSU Foundation achievement was made during one of the most severe economic downturns the country has ever faced.

"This is a tremendous achievement for Kennesaw State and for everyone involved with the campaign," said KSU President Dr. Daniel Papp in a press release. "It shows that Kennesaw State has tremendous support in the community and that the community recognizes that KSU is a great university that deserves support."

"Our campaign, The New Faces of Kennesaw, will enhance the quality of life and the student experience at KSU," said KSU vice president for university advancement Dr. Wes Wicker.

The campaign raised more funds for need-based grants than KSU has ever received, and the 41 endowed scholarships and 42 annual scholarships KSU has established have defrayed the cost of tuition for some students. Overall, the funds will provide

hundreds of scholarships for students each year and thereafter. 36 \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to nursing students each year. The Osher Foundation donated \$3.3 million for re-entry scholarships for students who have interrupted their enrollment for five years or more, and has provided funding for adults 50 years and older to participate in lifelong learning through continuing education programs.

"Most contributions that we receive are designated for a particular project or program," Wicker said. "Contributors may choose to endow their contributions, which provide future funding. For instance, we have a contributor who made a \$100,000 gift to provide need-based scholarships. The KSU Foundation will not spend that money, but rather invest it for perpetuity. Each year, four percent of the total account value will be awarded in scholarships. So, in the first year, approximately \$4,000 would be awarded, but the fund's total value would have grown through the investment." This means that the award will increase after the total fund balance grows.

"That's the power of endowing a gift," said

Wicker. "It grows and continues to reward our students and benefit the university, long after the contributor has passed. It's a powerful way to leave a legacy."

The faculty and staff recognition awards program is the largest in the University System of Georgia. Faculty and staff excelling in teaching were awarded \$180,000 in August 2010 by an anonymous donor.

"We succeeded because people like Bobbie Bailey, Tommy Holder, Tommy Bagwell and the Clendenin family believed in us," Wicker said. "They've made investments in KSU that will benefit generations of our students."

The Bailey Performance Center, opened in 2007, was given by Bobby Bailey. 27 Steinway pianos were donated to the performance center. Also noteworthy is the Clendenin family's donation to the Clendenin Grad Fellows, the largest single gift the program. The program supports graduate students seeking master's or doctorate degrees

Harmony Hill Organic Farm and Apiary, a historic farm in Bartow County valued at \$1 million, was donated by Marietta resident Jodie Hill.

Opening of the University Address celebrates achievements, sets goals

Kurt Spurlock
STAFF WRITER

KSU President Daniel Papp kicked off the fall semester this Wednesday by speaking to a full house about our school's recent accomplishments, upcoming changes and goals for the near future.

The recent success of the university's five year, \$75 million capital campaign was addressed, a goal that was reached a full 15 months prior to the projected date of completion. Papp acknowledged the campaign's major contributors and the numerous gifts the school received in excess of \$1 million each.

Other acknowledged accomplishments included the new permanent shuttle systems which go fully operational this semester, and the University's efforts to "go green" by using collected rainwater for landscaping and green areas on campus. Possible implementation of solar panel technologies was also mentioned for the near future, but with no specific time frame.

Papp also discussed upcoming projects concerning student life including plans to build a new residence hall for on-campus living and a new student activity center with an indoor and outdoor pool.

In closing his speech, Papp outlined what he believed to be KSU's most important undertakings.

A comprehensive survey is being issued to all involved with the school (you have probably received the link via email by now) which will help establish what strategy and direction the school will take over the next five years.

KSU is now participating in the Cobb County



Kurt Spurlock | The Sentinel

KSU President Dr. Daniel S. Papp address faculty members at his annual Opening of the University Address.

Competitive Edge Project, which aims to improve both the economic standing and overall quality of life in Cobb County.

There is also a large-scale effort to change the perception of our educational system and off-campus

projects and activities to advertise a more involved community on both a local and global scale.

Papp closed in saying, "With due apologies to George Clooney, these three undertakings coincide to create the perfect storm of opportunity for Kennesaw State."



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POLICE BEAT

-Compiled by Christy Rogers

Sinking Fast

An officer conducted a traffic stop on Friday, July 15, at 6:52 p.m., near Busbee Drive and Towne Point Lane. The officer reported smelling alcohol and marijuana, and also noticed a cooler and swimming trunks in the car. The 19-year-old driver stated he had had nothing to drink, but when the officer asked him to submit to field evaluations the driver admitted to possessing a clear plastic bag of marijuana and to drinking earlier in the evening. He also admitted that there was alcohol in the cooler. The driver was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of alcohol underage while driving.

Taking Class Too Seriously

An officer was dispatched to a fight call on the fifth floor of the Social Sciences building on July 27 at 1:13 p.m. The first male

stated that he may have bumped into the second male but did not strike him. The second male and a professor who observed the incident both claimed the first male struck the second male with his cane. The second male declined to press charges, but a report was still filed with KSU Police.

Pointing Fingers

An officer approached a vehicle parked in the Idlewood Ave at University Village Suites fire lane on July 21 at 4:02 a.m. The officer noticed there was a male in the front passenger seat and another male lying down in the back seat. The officer noticed the smell of marijuana in the vehicle and asked the front passenger where the driver was. The front passenger stated the driver was getting clothing from

his apartment. The officer asked the passengers repeatedly if there was marijuana in the car before the passengers admitted to smoking marijuana earlier. When the driver arrived, he was also asked repeatedly if there was marijuana in the car. He told the officers he did not want to get in trouble for someone else's marijuana before finally telling the officers that the marijuana was in the middle console.

Blind Trust

An officer was dispatched to an apartment in the University Place complex Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. in reference to a female student stating her roommate had been using her credit cards. The female told the officer she asked her roommate to help her pay a bill because she was legally blind. A deposit was made into her roommate's account from her card totaling \$300, as well as two pending transactions to walmart.com, totaling over \$500. The female stated she frequently let her roommate use her laptop, which had a passwords folder on it, and assumed that was how her roommate gained access to her credit card account. The officer confronted the roommate, who admitted to using the credit card information without her roommate's permission. The roommate was arrested for credit card fraud.

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"The military is very interested in knowing that when the soldiers in combat come back, if they are severely injured or not," said co-principal investigator on the Department of Defense grant and assistant professor of neurology at Penn State Dr. Kerstin Bettermann. "There is a huge potential to identify the patient and get them to their treatment."

Similar research around the world is extremely limited in this field because the equipment needed to detect traumatic brain injury is costly, Bettermann said.

"We are really proud of what we are doing here," said Dean of Health and Human Services Dr. Richard Sowell.

While the grant is geared towards research for the

battlefield the lab is also working with the Sports Medicine Department and KSU athletes to prevent head injuries from going undetected, said Izykenova.

For the battlefield, Dr. Dambinova is working closely with Georgia Tech engineers to create a portable device that would be for early detection of brain injuries from explosions. They are also applying for a \$3.6 million grant from the National Institute of Health for stroke research.

"Five years ago, we were only at the \$2 million level in external funding for research," KSU president Dr. Daniel Papp said. "This year we broke the \$10 million mark and have \$17 million in new research grants."

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HOPE Scholarship changes go into effect

Alisen Redmond
NEWS EDITOR

Changes to the HOPE Scholarship begin with the fall semester.

Students receiving financial aid should educate themselves about the current situation and talk to KSU's financial aid advisors to avoid being caught off guard by reductions in financial aid, said KSU Director of Financial Aid Ron Day.

The \$283 for fees and \$150 for books that HOPE disburses every semester have been eliminated. HOPE will now cover 89.9 percent of 2010-2011 tuition rates. This means that for the 2011-2012 school year the HOPE allotment for a student taking 12 semester hours will be \$1,654.56, while tuition is increasing to \$1,893.60. This means that students receiving HOPE will lose over \$1,345 per year from these changes.

The GPA requirement will remain at 3.0, but students who lose their eligibility for HOPE can only regain their eligibility once.

Previously, students beginning the semester with fewer than 127 hours qualified for the full HOPE scholarship, even if they would exceed

the limit by the end of the semester. HOPE now has a "hard cap" covering only 127 hours. This means that a student entering the semester with 125 hours will only receive two hours worth of HOPE funds.

There are even more changes for non-traditional students. Beginning July 1, first-time HOPE recipients will stop receiving HOPE once it has been seven years since high school graduation. Current HOPE recipients who graduated high school more than seven years ago can receive HOPE until June 30, 2015. Afterward, students who graduated high school seven years ago will lose HOPE. Active duty military service will not count against the seven-year limit.

The HOPE Teacher and HOPE Promise programs for undergraduate and graduate students obtaining education degrees have been eliminated.

Beginning in 2015, high school graduates will be required to take Advanced Placement classes to qualify for HOPE. The number of advanced classes required will increase in 2016 and again in 2017.

The Zell Miller Scholar program was created in March. This scholarship will cover all tuition

for students who graduate high school with a 3.7 GPA, a SAT score of 1200 or an ACT score of 26 and maintain a 3.3 GPA in college. Valedictorians and salutatorians are also eligible, regardless of high school GPA. Students who complete an eligible home-study program and meet the SAT or ACT requirements become eligible after completing 30 semester hours with a 3.3 GPA, with scholarship money to be paid retroactively.

According to the AJC, some Georgia legislators criticized the bill for creating a lack of access to the program for low-income and minority students. Senator Emanuel Jones said only one percent of black students would qualify for the Zell Miller scholarship, and Senator Lester Jackson said Savannah High School would only have one eligible student, the AJC reports.

Increasing costs, even by \$200 to \$300, is like an increase of \$2,000 to \$3,000 for some students who don't have any resources, Day said. "That's where my heart bleeds and always will."

A proposed bill that would institute an income cap of \$140,000 for HOPE failed to pass.

HOPE covers...

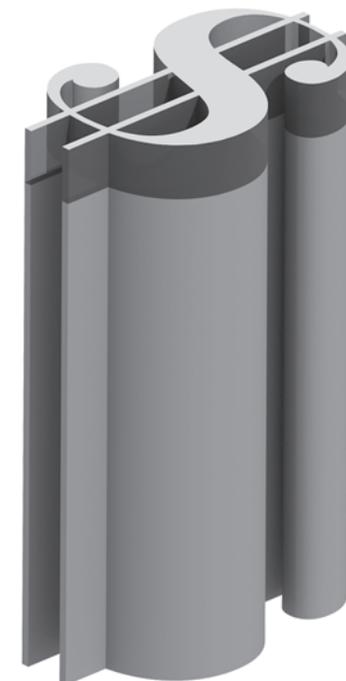
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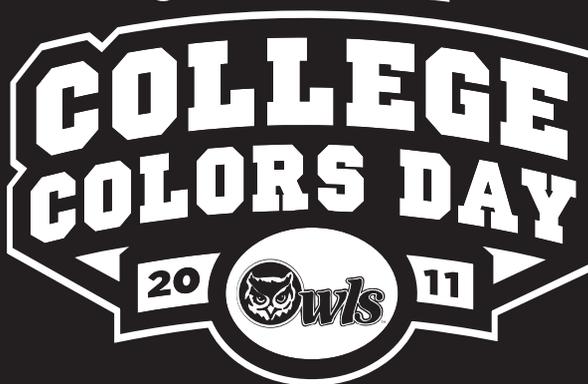


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No remorse from Beverly Hall

Steven Watson
GUEST COLUMNIST

After years of trying, the city of Atlanta has gained international recognition. The July 16-22 issue of the London-based Economist magazine features an article on the city's CRCT cheating scandal. Former superintendent Beverly Hall should be ashamed. She and the others implicated in the scandal have hurt their city's reputation. They have gambled on the futures of the students placed in their care.

But if Hall's public statements are any indication, shame is not part of her makeup. In her farewell video statement, reported in the AJC by Maureen Downey, Hall praises test score improvements, which were almost certainly the result of systemic fraud. She mentions "alarming conclusions," but shifts any semblance of blame away from herself. Hall's final statement is a letter to local politicians. Jim Galloway of the AJC calls it an "obituary." In it, Hall again praises the tainted

test results. She says the tests were given "under the strictest security possible."

This epic level of denial is something you normally only see in a Shakespeare tragedy.

Before he retired, my father-in-law was a manager at a telecommunications company. One night he was driving home when a BB hit his car window. He screeched to a stop and entered the nearest yard where he saw two preteen boys holding a BB gun and looking guilty. The boys' father heard the ruckus and appeared on the scene.

My father-in-law is a born leader. He asks for and receives respect by using diplomacy and considering the perspectives of others. Still and all, he grew up in New York. The man loves his f-bombs, especially when wayward children take potshots at him in his own neighborhood.

"I am so sorry, sir," the man told him when my father-in-law stopped screaming. "They should not have been out here unsupervised, and they knew that, and blah blah blah and I am just so sorry."

"...if (Beverly) Hall's public statements are any indication, shame is not part of her makeup."

This appeased my father-in-law. He berated the man for not supervising his children, but recognized that at least he owned up to being negligent. Some parents would say anything to preserve their image. Some ex-school superintendents would do, and are doing, the same thing.

Beverly Hall needs to come out and admit that she allowed terrible things to happen. At the very least, she should express some sort of remorse for how she and her staff damaged those students. But that isn't going to happen. I expect to see more backpedaling, blame shifting and denial in the coming months. The whole thing makes me want to confront Ms. Hall with a few f-bombs of my own.

Warning: Education ahead

Welcome to college.

Now shut up and listen.

The point of the 'college experience' is not scoring a job at your favorite Fortune 100 company or setting the world's record for tequila shooters consumed by an undergrad (though either of those goals are possible). The point of your time in college is exposure. I don't mean the type of exposure demonstrated by a certain accounting professor a couple of semesters back—I mean exposure to ideas and beliefs counter to your own. Some will be insignificant, like cracking the egg on the small side rather than the large side—some will be huge and others will be just batty.

A couple of semesters ago a student complained that he had to read an entire book on multiculturalism; "It just wasn't fair that they make us read about those people." While I have very definite opinions on multiculturalism, the fact remains that in our world you need to be cognizant of cultures beyond your small town. Most of us, traditional and non-traditional students, are often surprised about how much we do not know about

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others. Learning about different culture does not take away but often provides insights into your culture. Whether or not all cultures are equal is another argument for another column.

You will hear things that challenge your worldview; it is just the way college works. Those challenges are not bad, evil, or, my favorite, intellectual elitism (as an aside, when did being an intellectual become a bad thing?). If those challenges change your beliefs, perhaps your beliefs were just rote learnings foisted on you by others. If those challenges strengthen your beliefs, then you are one step closer to enlightenment.

Don't play it safe by taking just the classes you think your future corporate master wants (conversely, don't major in something ending with the word "Studies" if you ever hope to work in a field other than academia or fast foods). Take that Queer Theory & Sexuality class—or not. But do flip through that catalog (either physically or virtually) and see what classes exist outside your field of study. Who knows, you may find an aspiration beyond tequila.



Tony Sarrecchia
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Walmart is the center of the known universe



Vanessa Jenkins
Senior Columnist

I believe this was lesson one in a series of discoveries that I made my freshman year of college. Admittedly, I did not start my college career in Kennesaw; my journey began in Statesboro, Ga. in 1998 at Georgia Southern University. I landed my first “real”

job as the Arts and Entertainment editor at The George-Anne, after apparently being the first freshman to walk into the student media office with a portfolio of clips and a resume. That freshman year was one of the most memorable experiences of my entire life, and with it came some important lessons learned that I am happy to impart to you, dear freshmen.

So, back to it: Walmart is the center of the known universe. By this I mean that you will find yourself there for everything at every hour of the day or night throughout the course of your freshman year. Enjoy the sights and sounds, ‘cause there ain’t no culture like the Walmart culture, ‘cause the Wal-Mart culture don’t stop (especially at 2 a.m. on a Saturday). Don’t believe me? Check out peopleofwalmart.com.

Of course, no one reading this under the age of 21 would ever consider touching a

drop of alcohol (it’s illegal!), but let me share this: if it’s neon green, comes in a test tube, and the server walking around the bar selling it can’t tell you what’s in it, just that it’s \$2, DON’T TAKE THAT SHOT. Additionally, just because you can’t taste the alcohol in a drink does not mean it’s not potent—nobody

“... cause there ain’t no culture like the Walmart culture...”

wants their parents getting a call in the middle of the night from the Kennestone Hospital ER informing them that you are suffering from a serious case of alcohol poisoning. And never, ever, ever drink and drive. Call a cab. If you can’t afford one, or you don’t have a designated driver you can trust, DON’T DRINK. Seriously.

If you need a job while you’re in school, look around on campus. Like I mentioned, a little preparation and some serious gusto

landed me an editorial position with the school newspaper right out the gate. I didn’t have to leave campus (which was great because I didn’t have a car my freshman year), I got priority registration and working for the university looks great on a resume. Plus, you get to work with people who share the same interests as you—you’re basically getting paid to work with your peers! The Student Life website at KSU is a great resource—just check the “Campus Jobs” link.

Which leads me to my final point: Get involved! There are many opportunities on campus for you to meet new people, including departmental clubs, activist groups, ultimate Frisbee on the campus green and about a million other activities. If you need help finding your niche, check out the KSU website or just look around campus—there are always flyers detailing the goings-on. Whatever you do, make sure that you make the most of your time here—it really is the best time of your life.

Abroad-ening Your Horizons

Study abroad trips offer opportunity of a **LIFETIME**

Christy Rogers
STAFF WRITER

When I first started college way back in the fall of 2008, one of the most exciting prospects on my mind—besides the new classes, my new dorm and the whole living-away-from-home thing—was the opportunity of the study abroad program. I'm a traveling kind of gal; I'm happiest when I'm experiencing a new culture or on the road to somewhere new. This is an opportunity that I believe everyone should take advantage of, and I should know—as I write this, I have just returned from a five-week study abroad experience in Paris, France. Let me tell you, I would pay the \$5,600 over and over

again for an experience as amazing as this. I would recommend studying abroad to anyone, regardless of financial situation or academic progress.

Besides the fact that you may never get to travel to a foreign country for such a cheap price after you graduate college, KSU makes study abroad easy. There are so many resources available for students that I can't imagine not taking advantage of them. Just check out the Department of Foreign Language page on KSU's website for a taste of what's available.

On top of that, every single study abroad has classes that will go towards your degree. That's not to say that you simply **MUST** go

to a country you're not interested in just because it offers classes you need, but if you really want to travel and you don't have a lot of room for electives, it's nice to know that there are programs for your major. That said, if you do have room for electives (like I did), you should choose a country you've always wanted to visit. Keep in mind that at a 4-year university like KSU, you are required to take two classes. Many study abroad programs offer core classes. For instance, one of my classes in Paris counted as Music 1107.

All of this information is available at the study abroad fair. Keep your eyes on the global learning portion of KSU's website or, if you're in a foreign language

class, listen for an announcement during class. Besides providing students with an endless bounty of information to tantalize your taste for travel, KSU offers a scholarship just for going on a study abroad. That's right, you don't have to do a thing except join a study abroad program to get a scholarship for it! The amount varies depending on your trip (for instance, for my five-week program I got \$750), and you have to "pay it back" by volunteering for the Office of International Services and Programs (the easiest way to do that is by working a study abroad fair), but honestly, that's not asking much. Just make sure you talk to Financial Aid to make sure you have all your proverbial ducks in a

row. Some programs require you to fill out information about your program online, while others do not.

One final point I must mention is that study abroad looks amazing on a resume. Employers will be impressed by your immersion in another culture, and chances are you'll come back with a bit of a foreign language learned.

So, are you convinced yet? If not, stay tuned, because in this series I intend to enlighten students with tales of exciting forays into a foreign culture, advice on the many questions that come with traveling abroad and whatever else I think you need to know to prepare yourself for an exciting chapter in your college career.



Christy Rogers is a senior from Columbus, Ga. She recently went on a study abroad excursion to Paris this past summer. Look back in Arts and Living next issue for more Aboard-ening Your Horizons!

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Kennesaw State Against Cancer to hold first-ever Relay for Life event

Event still in early planning stages, to be held in April

Carolyn Grindrod
ARTS AND LIVING EDITOR

As the American Cancer Society says, “cancer sucks.”

So the non-profit organization, along with its KSU chapter of Colleges Against Cancer, is planning to do something about it – cancer, that is – as the groups prep for the first ever Relay for Life event on campus.

KSU will be joining the ranks of nearly 500 other colleges nationwide – including Georgia State University, Georgia Tech and The University of Georgia – by hosting its own Relay.

“The way starting Relay at KSU came about is that we have several different colleges that already have their own stand-alone events on campus,” said Giana Humphries, who is the Relay for Life College Events Manager for the South Atlantic Division of the ACS. “We’ve seen a trend in our college fundraising and participation that’s been on rise in the past few years. Even with the downturn in

the economy, those events have continued to grow and be successful.”

Relay for Life is an overnight team event that provides a way for communities and colleges to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer. Team members take turns walking all night to symbolize that cancer does not sleep, said Humphries.

All proceeds raised by Relay for Life are donated to ACS efforts to combat cancer through awareness, patient support and research.

“With the growth at KSU, that’s definitely something we wanted to be part of because there is so much potential and so much growth there,” said Humphries. “We do have a Cobb County [Relay for Life], but the college ones are very close-knit and are usually loads of fun for students. They are typically indoors because of the time of year, so it’s more like a lock-in or slumber party.”

Humphries said that organizers are planning to host an indoor version of the overnight cancer awareness walk in April.

“Basically, we’re in the beginning stages. We wanted to start building a relationship with the right people on campus and make sure we went through the proper channels to get things started,” said Humphries. “We’re just building this, so we’re really starting from scratch.”

Right now, Humphries said ACS is currently looking for members to head up their committees for the KSU Relay and will be looking for committee members at KSU’s Bazaar on the Bricks on Aug. 19.

Humphries added that there are several different types of committees for students to get involved with, including: Accounting, Activities and Entertainment, Fundraising, Logistics, Luminaria, Mission and Advocacy, Online Communications, Public Relations, Spirit, Sponsorship, Survivorship and Team Recruitment. The committees will control everything from live entertainment and themes to collecting money and keeping records.

“You’ll be making a difference,” said Humphries. “It’s your chance to make a

change. In this day and age, it’s hard to find someone who hasn’t been affected by cancer in some way or another.”

Applications to be on any of the committees are due Sept. 9 and there will be a planning meeting on Sept. 13 on campus.

Besides serving on committees, Humphries said students could get involved by brainstorming ideas about creating teams or by becoming team captains.

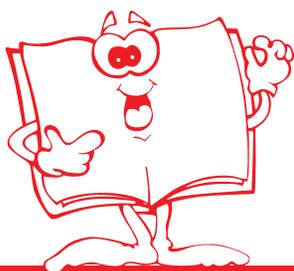
Teams usually consist of 10 to 15 people consisting of students, alumni, professors, faculty and staff, and the only requirement to participate is a \$10 registration/commitment fee per individual.

“We will be having our Relay Kick-off in October,” said Humphries. “It’s basically the beginning of our Relay campaign and everyone is invited to come. It’s when we’ll start taking teams and getting ready for the long road ahead.”

For committee applications and other information about Relay for Life, contact Humphries at Giana.Humphrey@cancer.org.

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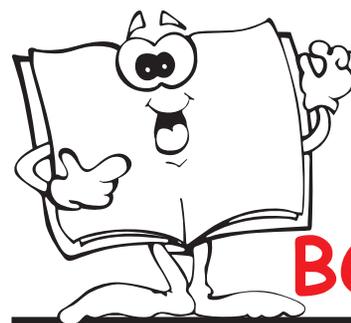
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Sophomore battles cancer,



Carolyn Grindrod
NEWS EDITOR

Nineteen-year-old Laura Stewart seems like be like any other up-and-coming sophomore in college – a spunky, funny and energetic young woman, who is excited about the beginning of a new semester in college and has bright plans for her life after school.

“I am majoring in psychology,” beamed Stewart, a graduate of Etowah High School who grew up in nearby Woodstock, Ga. “I want to work with children in hospitals...It’s called ‘Child Life Therapy’ and you help kids with terminal and long-term illnesses. Particularly, dealing with oncology and cancer.”

However, Stewart is more than just your average teen; between juggling her schoolbooks and an active lifestyle, Stewart has also been spent the last four years battling with a rare childhood cancer called osteosarcoma.

“When I was 15 on Sept. 11, 2007, ironically, we found out I had bone cancer,” she said. “We found out about it because I was a runner my freshman year [of high school]. I ran cross-country and track, and I was having knee problems all year and they just wouldn’t go away.”

Stewart said that year, they tried everything to try and stop the pain ailment in her knees and said that throbbing pain kept her up most nights.

“We tried icing them after practice, taking Tylenol, doing physical therapy, everything. It just never really went away,” added Stewart. “The whole summer before my sophomore year [of high school] I was running like six miles a day and my knees just hurt horribly. It was awful.”

It wasn’t until she went in for an X-ray and after a few doctors’ visit that Stewart got her life-changing diagnosis. Osteosarcoma, Stewart said, is the sixth most common childhood cancer there is, but is still considered a rare illness because of the rarity of childhood cancers.

“I had never heard of it before,” said Stewart. “I was like, ‘Well, what does this really mean for me?’ I asked my doctor if that meant, like, chemo. I had seen people with cancer and chemo

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and stuff, but I never really thought about it.”

Stewart said that after her diagnosis, she almost immediately started an eight-month-long chemotherapy treatment and had her first major surgery removing the bone from her knee and most of her upper leg.

“I basically have an artificial knee and femur,” said Stewart, showing off the large scar on her right leg and knee. “And this all happened my sophomore year of high school. Basically, I was ‘home bound’ meaning I finished school at home that year, but I finished my sophomore year and was cancer-free for a year and a half.”

Stewart said after treatment, she went back to the doctor every three months for check-ups, particularly CT scans and X-rays, to watch for any signs or symptoms of a return. However, at the beginning of September of her senior year at Etowah High, the doctors found a small tumor on one of Stewart’s lungs one of the scans.

Stewart added that oftentimes, osteosarcoma spreads to the lungs.

“It was just one, and they took it out,” said Stewart. “They cut open your chest and remove a section of your lung. They went through my back so I have a curved scar on my back from where they took it out. I was out of school for a month after surgery.”

After her first surgery, Stewart said she initially hoped she would be done with cancer, and tried to return to a healthy, active lifestyle. Since she could no longer do high-impact sports, Stewart turned to cycling.

“I started doing spin classes, because I can’t really run anymore because of my knee,” said Stewart. “I was in spin class one day, and all of a sudden I just couldn’t breathe.

I was having all these weird pains in my chest and my alarm in my head went off. I went home and told my mom. I had scans the next week so I waited to go then.”

Stewart said when she went in for her routine scans that week, the doctors found 21 tumors that had relapsed in her lung and lung cavity.

“They were everywhere,” she said. “They were causing a lot of fluid build up and pressure in my lung cavity. That’s what was causing so much pain.”

At that point, doctors decided to put Stewart back on chemotherapy treatments and she finished out her senior year at Etowah early. She said because of her treatments she graduated early, and missed a lot of the fun things about her senior year, including prom.

Stewart said she had been accepted and planning to attend the University of Georgia, but once she was put back on chemo, she decided to stay closer to home for school so she could continue the necessary treatments. So, she looked into going to KSU.

“I kind of put everything on hold,” said Stewart. “I had lost all my hair again and had another surgery. I wasn’t supposed to finish chemo until March 2011, but I ended up having kidney failure in November because your kidneys are supposed to be filtering out toxic chemicals.”

Stewart said she had kidney dialysis for a couple weeks and that her kidneys are still in the process of recovery from the treatment. She has been off chemo since November and since then she has had a small relapse with cancer in her right lung in June, where doctors found a tiny tumor that was possibly residual from the previous battle with cancer.

“It was the same surgery as before, but on my right side,” said Stewart. “So now I have two curved shaped scars on my back that kind of look like little wings.”

In addition, Stewart said that she has had problems with her heart stemming from chemo.

“My heart is just beating hard enough,” said Stewart, “and in return my blood wasn’t going everywhere, so I was losing feeling in places like my toes. But that too is getting better. So I have three doctors, and I go to the doctor at least once a month.”

Stewart said dealing with all of it is hard, but her hope, faith and love from her family and friends help keep her going.

“Cancer just makes me angry, because you can’t really do anything but treat it when you have it,” said Stewart. “It’s okay to be angry about it, to be emotional about it, but it really helped me try to be constructive and not dwell on the negative things that were happening. Look at all the positive things that are happening.”

Since being diagnosed, Stewart has also thrown herself into spreading her message of hope and has gotten involved with childhood counseling at Camp Sunshine, a camp for children stricken with cancer which Stewart had previously attended, and recently started an internship with the American Cancer Society.

“It’s definitely a gradual progress,” said Stewart. “I am really happy with where I am right in life. I really wouldn’t have come this far without it. It’s not easy to deal with, but I am. It hasn’t taken anything away from me



Photos courtesy of Laura Stewart

except my ability to run, which right now, I don’t even care about.”

Since arriving at KSU, Stewart said she was shocked to find that there were no cancer support groups on campus. So, last spring, Stewart and a group of friends decided to start a chapter of ACS’s Colleges Against Cancer on campus – Kennesaw State Against Cancer. Several other colleges around the nation have similar programs to spread awareness and support for cancer survivors and those affected by cancer.

In bringing CAC to KSU, Stewart said she hopes to raise cancer awareness on campus and bring the ACS cancer walk, Relay for Life, to KSU.

“I actually did relay for life in high school, my freshman year, before I had cancer, and it was just something I really loved,” said Stewart. “It’s spirit and energy. But once I got sick, it became another way for me to fight back.”

Right now, Stewart is cancer-free, but she said that fear and realization that it could come back are some of the hardest things for her.

Another relapse is “definitely a possibility,” said Stewart. “However, if and when it does come back there is only one thing you can do, and that is to fight and keep fighting. All you can do is fight it again, and I’m hoping that I don’t have to.”





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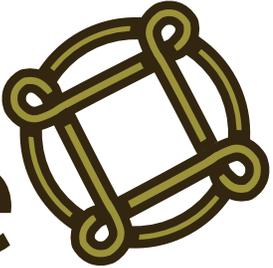
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COLLEGE SURVIVAL GUIDE

Roommate edition

Welcome to the next chapter of your life:

College. The wait is finally over and you're most likely leaving your parents and hometown behind, ready for your fresh start on a new campus. Your first challenge in college won't be in a classroom or at a party — it will be the moment you meet your roommate for the first time. Get ready, because this person could make some of your greatest or worst memories of college. Read on for tips to make sure you and your roommate get off on the right foot — and keep it that way for the rest of the year.

— Lauren Redding and Michaelle Bond, MCT

LIVING WITH A FRIEND

Rooming with a friend from home is a delicate balance. While you're no doubt excited to have a familiar face to come home to, it's important to remember you are separate individuals who deserve to experience college independently. Because you and your roommate live together, you'll often spend time together without even trying to, by watching movies, doing homework or listening to music in your room. But don't feel pressured to include him or her in everything. Set aside time to meet new people or join new clubs on your own. You'll thank yourself for it later when you have a large group of friends, including your roommate.

SHARING SPACE

Set clear boundaries in the beginning of your rooming relationship. If you don't, your roommate could claim to have no idea that letting a friend sleep on the floor for a few weeks isn't OK, or that you should be notified if a group of friends is coming to party in your room. The room is equally yours, so make sure your roommate's things don't start creeping onto your side of the room, unless you agreed to an arrangement beforehand.

Also, make clear which items you feel comfortable sharing. Cereal may be OK, but your shampoo may not be. To avoid later fighting, let your roommate know.



You may be a bit cautious when it comes to confronting your roommate about problems if you two only just met. Be polite, but firm. Any sharing problems will only get worse if you allow the behavior to continue.

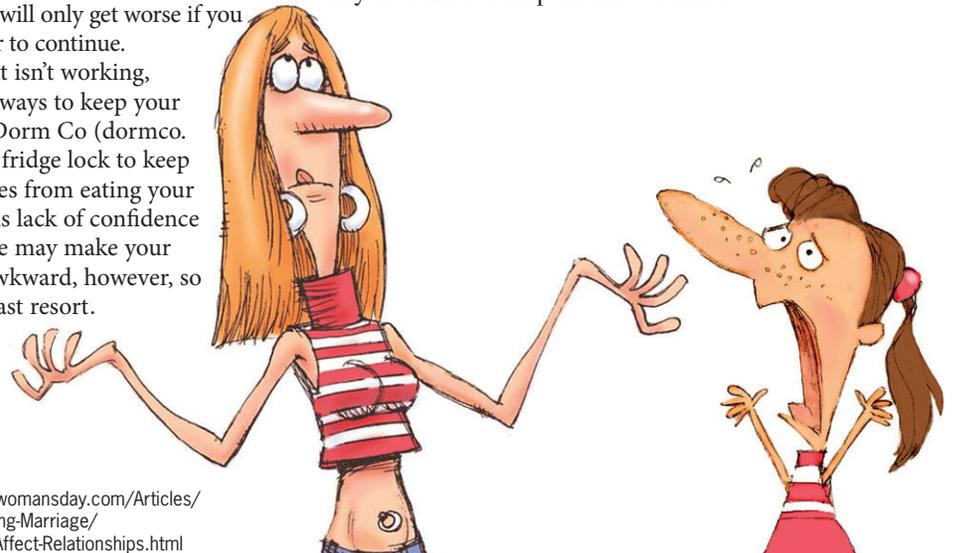
If talking it out isn't working, you can still find ways to keep your belongings safe. Dorm Co (dormco.com) even sells a fridge lock to keep hungry roommates from eating your food. This obvious lack of confidence in your roommate may make your living situation awkward, however, so this should be a last resort.

GETTING A RANDOM ROOMMATE

Whether plans to room with a friend fell through or your school is far from home, the thought of living with a stranger can make you anxious. But don't take that out on the person you'll be living with for the next year. Go in with a positive attitude. Think of it as an opportunity to gain another friend. But don't worry if the school completely ignored your wishes on your rooming questionnaire. No one says you have to love the person you're sharing a room with. You will find other friends.

DEALING WITH CONFLICTS

It's inevitable — whether you disagree over whose turn it is to vacuum or acceptable study times, conflicts are sure to arise when living with a new roommate. The key is to set expectations as soon as you meet. When will you each be studying and sleeping, when can friends come over, and who will be responsible for taking out the trash are just some of the topics you should discuss. When an unrelated conflict arises, it's best to get some space. Hit the library or visit another friend's room. If you can't calmly discuss the issue after you've cooled off, consult your resident adviser — they're trained to help mediate conflicts.



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USE CAUTION

Tips on how to recognize alcohol poisoning and dependence

By: Amanda Knowles and Amanda Lilly, McClatchy-Tribune

Alcohol can be dangerous. Binge drinking or alcohol abuse can lead to alcohol poisoning. Dependence on alcohol, or alcoholism, is a chronic disease where your body is dependent upon alcohol; it can be treated but not cured.

According to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), alcohol abuse meets one of the following criteria, over the course of a year: role impairment (failing work and home obligations), hazardous use (driving under the influence), legal problems or social/interpersonal problems as a result of use.

Signs of alcohol poisoning:

- Irregular breathing
- Low body temperature
- Seizures
- Vomiting
- Passing out
- Pale skin

If you think you are suffering from alcohol poisoning or see that a friend is, call 911 and get help immediately. Even if you are under age, some colleges have Good Samaritan policies. Don't be afraid to do the right thing; your friend's life might depend on it.

Alcohol dependence, according to the DSM, meets at least three of the following criteria, over the period of a year: increased tolerance, withdrawal symptoms, drinking more than intended, failed attempts to cut down on drinking, excessive time related to alcohol (getting drunk, hangover), impaired activities or use despite physical or psychological consequences.

Signs of alcohol dependence:

- Drinking alone or in secret
- Not being able to limit alcohol intake
- Losing interest in activities
- Blacking out
- Physical withdrawal symptoms (shaking, sweating)
- Keeping alcohol in unlikely places (car, bathroom)
- Drinking to feel normal

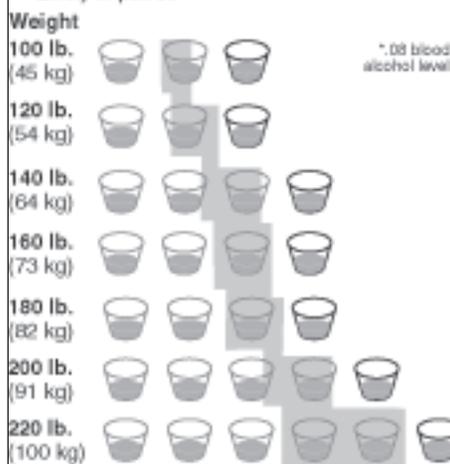
If you or a friend is dependent on alcohol, find out where Alcoholics Anonymous meets in your area and go to meetings. You also can call The National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referral Routing Service at 1-800-662-HELP (4357). If your dependence on alcohol is full-blown, rehab may be the best way to treat it. Do not be ashamed in seeking help for your addiction.

How much is too much?

On average, Americans drink more than 2 gallons (7.8 liters) of alcoholic beverages a week.

Blood alcohol levels

■ Maximum legal limit* Likely impaired ☐ Over legal limit



One drink equals

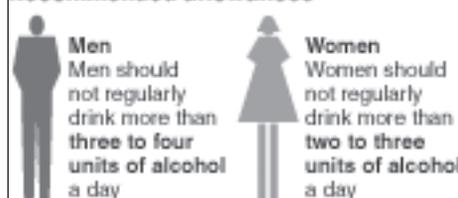
- 1.25 oz. (37 ml) of liquor
- 5 oz. (148 ml) of wine
- or one 12 oz. (355 ml) beer

Why women feel effects faster

• **Less water in the body:** The male body is made up of 66 percent fluid while the female body is 55 percent fluid. Women get a higher blood alcohol level than men after drinking the same amount.

• **Can't break it down:** Women's stomachs produce less of the primary enzyme that breaks down some alcohol before it hits bloodstream.

Recommended allowances



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Mudslingers invited to participate in Piedmont Arts and Crafts Festival

The ceramics club gears up for "a great opportunity" on Aug. 20-21

Abbey McDaniel
STAFF WRITER

The KSU Mudslingers will participate in the inaugural Piedmont Park Arts and Crafts Festival Aug. 20-21. The festival will host 100-150 artists specializing in disciplines ranging from glassblowing to painting to ceramics, according to the festival's website.

The Mudslingers, as you may have guessed, are students interested in ceramics and working with clay. The club's new president, 22-year-old visual arts major Kristen Fox, is very excited about participation in the festival, noting that it will be a "great opportunity for us to get our work out in the community and be seen."

Selling work is one thing members of the Mudslingers will get to do at the Piedmont Park Arts Festival. Fox explains, "The festival is a sale, and members are encouraged to sell products. It is a great way for us to fundraise for the year to ultimately travel to NCECA (the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts) in March." However, participating in a large

festival like this is also beneficial in other ways. The artists will have a chance to gain exposure and show others what they do with demonstrations. As the Mudslingers' president says, "It is a great way to grab attention from visitors. It also allows for others to gain a better knowledge of how we create our work."

Fox emphasizes that any interested student, regardless of major, can join the Mudslingers. There are dues associated with joining and members are expected to attend meetings, but no prior experience or knowledge of ceramics is necessary. "We can teach you how to hand build or throw on a pottery wheel at our 'Make-a-thons,'" she said. These are separate from the group's weekly meetings, which are usually held in the ceramics studio on a Tuesday or a Thursday. Additionally, the club holds a few meetings a semester to talk about previous and upcoming events and sales.

Additional information on times and dates for meetings will be posted on flyers in the Visual Arts building. Students can also visit the club's Facebook page, KSU Mudslingers.

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Top computers for back to school

(MCT)

There are a lot of useful gadgets out there for students, be it a smartphone, a tablet, a printer, or what have you. But if you can only get one new piece of tech for school, it will probably be a new computer system. With that in mind, we've rounded up our top desktops and laptops for students, and be sure to visit <http://backtoschool.cnet.com> for all the gear you could possibly want or need before heading to class.

Apple MacBook Pro Winter 2011 (2.3GHz Core i5, 13-inch)

CNET rating: 4 stars out of 5 (Excellent)

The good: The CPU updates to the 13-inch MacBook Pro offer big leaps in performance. The machine has phenomenal battery life, and its excellent ergonomics, keyboard and large, smooth, multitouch trackpad are still among the best available. It also comes with 720p HD webcam.

The bad: Graphics performance is slightly worse than last year's 13-inch Pro. The 13-inch screen resolution is still low compared with the MacBook Air. The Thunderbolt port is an unknown quantity until accessories become available. There are limited upgrade options, and no HDMI or Blu-ray.

The cost: \$1,135.95 - \$1,199

The bottom line: This year's 13-inch Pro gets a cutting-edge processor upgrade that many were waiting for, making it one of the single most useful general-purpose laptops you can buy. It'll be tough to walk across campus without seeing a dozen or more of these, and for good reason.

Lenovo ThinkPad Edge E220s

CNET rating: 4 stars out of 5 (Excellent)

The good: The ThinkPad Edge E220s has an excellent balance of size and performance, with a great keyboard and touch pad and all the necessary ports in easy-access positions.

The bad: Despite its low-voltage processor, the E220s has worse

battery life than other ultraportables, such as the Samsung Series 9.

The cost: \$799.88 - \$840.91

The bottom line: If you need a more formal laptop but hate boring black boxes, the ThinkPad Edge has emerged as a redesigned business-friendly line, updating the classic, staid ThinkPad look with sleeker features. The highly portable 12-inch size and moderate starting price make it ideal for academic use.

Asus Eee Slate EP121 (64GB)

CNET rating: 3.5 stars out of 5 (Very Good)

The good: With a sharp design and a powerful Intel Core i5 CPU, the Asus Eee Slate EP121 is a Windows tablet that doesn't feel like a toy.

The bad: Starting at about \$1,000, this is a lot more expensive than some other popular tablets, and no matter how good the hardware, Window 7 just isn't made for fingertip input.

The cost: \$1,099

The bottom line: Want a touch-screen tablet but need to run Windows instead of iOS or Android? This is the slickest-looking and most powerful Win 7 tablet we've seen, and it even includes a Bluetooth keyboard. Packing an Intel Core i5 processor into a tablet doesn't come cheap, however; the Eee Slate is more than twice the price of an iPad.

Apple iMac 27-inch (3.1GHz, spring 2011)

CNET rating: 4 stars out of 5 (Excellent)

The good: The new 27-inch iMac offers the best performance among current all-in-ones, along with the largest display, the best design and exciting potential from its Thunderbolt ports.

The bad: We still miss built-in HDMI inputs for easy media component integration, and, as usual, custom hardware options for the iMac remain more expensive than those for its Windows-based competition.

The cost: \$1,876.07 - \$1,999

The bottom line: Apple's 27-inch iMac remains the standard-setter for all-in-one desktops thanks to its large display that no Windows vendor has tried to match. It's also fast enough for pretty much any multimedia task, including HD video editing and its flexible Thunderbolt input will let you use the iMac as a dedicated display for external devices (game consoles, cable boxes) with the right adapter.

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'Toe shoes' put froggy feet forward

(MCT)

And now for the latest in the "so ugly they're cute" category: "Toe shoes." These gloves for feet are poised to be the next big craze, following in the footsteps of FitFlops, Crocs, UGGs and Tevas, to name a few.

But if the froggy look creeps you out, fear not. Ugly isn't forever. Many performance brands have

revamped their look, branching away from their all-function, no-frills origins and upping the aesthetics factor.

We may flirt with freaky footwear, but ultimately consumers want shoes that look good, not necessarily "shoes that look 'GOOD' for you," says FitFlop spokeswoman Katie Neiman. The brand, known for its chunky "Microwobbleboard" midsole

(designed to challenge leg and glute muscles) this year developed slimmer midsoles for some styles, offering slick high-tops and chukkas for guys and chic riding boots for women.

The Original Dr. Scholl's also got a makeover this year. It has a new look, logo, website and name now Dr. Scholl's Shoes and while Doc still offers those clunky wooden slides, the fall line includes suede

pumps and oxfords.

Even Birkenstock and Teva, lines that helped unleash men's gnarly bare feet on an unsuspecting world, have blossomed in recent seasons.

"We believe you can have both," says Teva's Jaime Eschette. "A performance product you can count on, and one you don't want to take off when the night's just beginning."

STYLES TO TRY:

FitFlop's chic Charley boots, \$240; out next month on zappos.com, or look for more of the line at amazon.com, piperlime.com and fitflop.com.

Look ma, no holes! Crocs offers men the Hover slip-on in rich brown leather; \$59.99 at crocs.com.

Allstar suede pump from Dr. Scholl's Shoes; \$69 at Famous Footwear stores and drschollshoes.com.

Teva's new Mush line is perfect for travel these Mary Janes and ballerina flats are just 3.4 ounces, collapsible (thus easy to pack), with grippy soles, \$45 to \$50; for stores

or to buy, visit teva.com.

Eco-friendly Ahnu, launched in 2006, gets hipper, with Quinn boots for guys, \$110 at ahnu.com.

Birkenstock is still earthy, but now in a variety of designer shades, suedes and patent leather including Morocco Gold Gizeh, \$79.95; at birkenstockusa.com

It started with the barefoot running craze, and Vibram's FiveFingers footwear, with "individually articuable" toe portions. Then, this spring, Fila launched Skele-Toes, a stiffer, cheaper version for non-athletes. Fila's two-ply nylon, bungee cords and four-compartment design (two little toes share) allow for easy on and off. Vibram's mad, filing suit against Fila in July for patent infringement. Talk about going toe to toe. For now, both lines are available: Find Vibram \$60 for kids; \$75 to \$125 for adults at running stores and vibramfivefingers.com; and Fila's Skele-Toes \$49.99, kids; \$59.99, adults at Modell's stores and fila.com.

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- White nail polish
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Top coat
- The Sentinel

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OWL-RAGOUS REGISTRATION



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 Nikki Hope

Above, RA's from the 3000 building in the Village Suites pose with Scrappy after snagging free food at the Welcome Back Barbecue

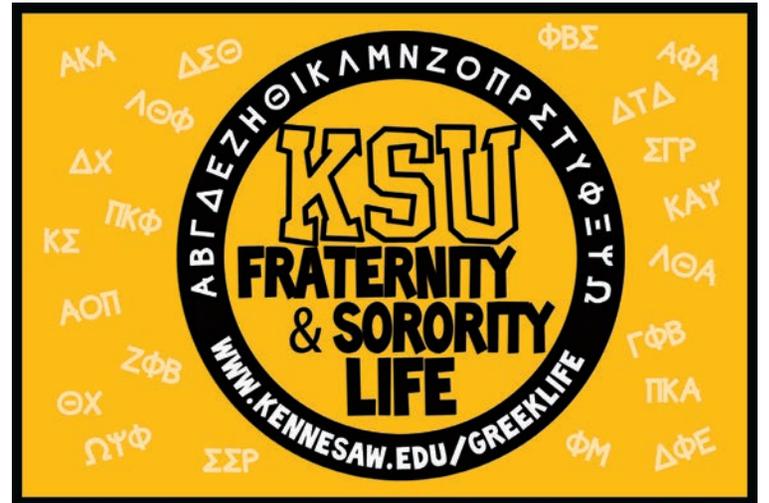
Below, the Sentinel staff toss up owl eyes with Scrappy before participating in the Welcome Back Barbecue dance off.

Sudoku

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	6				4

Solution

4	5	8	2	9	1
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2011 FRATERNITY RUSH SCHEDULE

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Monday August 29: Chapter Values Night
 Tuesday August 30: Rush Events
 Wednesday August 31: Rush Events
 Thursday September 1: Rush Events
 Friday September 2: Chapter Interviews
 Saturday September 3: Bid Day

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Fall semester Intramural sports to kick off soon



Ami Ford battles with the boys on the intramural soccer field.

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

The arrival of fall means the start of soccer, cross country, and volleyball for the school teams, but that's not the entirety of the exciting sporting events held on and around campus.

KSU offers intramural sports, which serve as great opportunities to get involved, make friends, and stay physically active.

Anyone and everyone are eligible for intramurals, and can sign up by visiting the KSU intramurals website.

To access the website, access the Sports & Recreation section and click on the Intramural Sports link on the left side.

All you need to do is visit the imleagues website from the

Intramural Sports Page and create a free account.

You can set up your own player profile page and sign up for sports teams with ease by using this account.

For the fall, KSU is offering men's and women's flag football.

Registration begins Aug. 17th at 8 am and runs until Aug. 26th at 5 pm.

The season starts on Sep. 6th and runs until Oct. 13th. Games will be played on weekdays during the early afternoon, evening, and late night.

Other sporting events include the 2011 IM Golf Tournament on Sep. 9th and the 2011 Turkey Trot on November 18th, 2011.

The winners of the golf tournament will get the chance to play in the National Collegiate Golf tournament in Las Vegas.



Nikki Hope | The Sentinel

Athletic Association approved by University System of Georgia

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

Wednesday was a pivotal day for the future of KSU athletics, as the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved the development of the KSU Athletic Association.

"Today's action will allow our athletic association to operate in an efficient, effective, and transparent manner," said President Papp.

KSU President Daniel Papp made the announcement along with Athletic Director Vaughn Williams and Associate Athletic Director Brenda Stopher.

Creating the athletic association will allow Williams to offer coaches long-term contracts, and for substantial student-athlete scholarships.

KSU Owl athletics has built itself up significantly in the past few years. KSU just completed the transition to Division I status, categorizing the athletic department in the top tier of all NCAA athletic institutions in the entire country. Now, Vaughn Williams enters his first season as KSU's athletic director, after his hire in May 2011.

Papp also claimed that the Board of Regents "reflects well on the strength and integrity of Kennesaw State's athletic program."

Not only is KSU now primed to become significantly competitive in the Atlantic Sun Conference, which is the Division I league they compete in, but they also have their sights set on nipping at the heels of the two big schools in the University System of Georgia—The University of Georgia and Georgia Tech.

"The Board of Regents' decision helps us to level the

playing field with respects to our fellow institutions, both within Georgia and out of state," said Williams.

Williams went on to say, "One of our first priorities will be to raise money for scholarships for our student athletes and to pay the salaries of our coaching staff."

The Owls will now look like a full-fledged Division I school, but they already have had considerable success against UGA and Georgia Tech. Last season, the men's baseball team defeated UGA, and the men's basketball team took down Georgia Tech.

KSU is now the third largest university in the University System of Georgia, with an enrollment of more than 23,000. Also, KSU now has the third largest enrollment of all Division I schools in the state of Georgia, trailing UGA and Georgia State.

Ket Preamchuen impresses again

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

Quickly becoming a face in KSU athletics, women's golfer and rising junior Schbongkosh Preamchuen, also known as "Ket," just finished her second impressive showing at a major amateur event this summer.

After taking the WGSA Amateur Championship by storm this past June, in which Ket advanced to the semi-finals, Preamchuen managed to battle into the final 32 at the U.S. Amateur Championship at Rhode Island Country Club this past week.

Preamchuen was defeated in the round of 32 Thursday, but her continued success on the national scene has drawn high praise and pride from KSU, specifically her coach.

"She represented KSU very well and showed she is one of the very best collegiate golfers in the nation," said women's golf coach Rhyll Brinsmead.

In the previous round of 64 players, Preamchuen defeated No. 5 seed Casey Rice. On Thursday, she fell to Demi Runas of UC Davis.

Her win over Rice was considerably the upset of the round.

Preamchuen has been selected as an Atlantic Sun Women's Golf All-Conference member two years in a row, averaging 74.5 strokes per round and finishing in the top five of three events in 2010.

Getting to know your A-Sun opponents

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

As KSU's athletic teams get ready to start the new year, it's time for the students (old and new) to get their gold and black gear in order, practice their Owl eyes, and find their streamers and rally towels.

But above all else, it helps if students familiarize with the opponents.

Here's a quick introduction of KSU's fellow competing members of the A-Sun Conference, and where they stand in fall sports.

Belmont University
Location: Nashville, TN
Nickname: Bruins
Colors: Red, blue

East Tennessee State University
Location: Johnson City, TN
Nickname: Buccaneers
Colors: Blue, gold
*Men's soccer conference champions in 2010.

Florida Gulf Coast University
Location: Fort Myers, FL
Nickname: Eagles
Colors: Blue, green, gold

Jacksonville University
Location: Jacksonville, FL
Nickname: Dolphins
Colors: Green, white

Lipscomb University
Location: Nashville, TN
Nickname: Bisons (not Bison)
Colors: Purple, gold
*Volleyball conference champions in 2010.

Mercer University
Location: Macon, GA
Nickname: Bears
Colors: Black, orange
*Women's soccer conference champions in 2010.

University of North Florida
Location: Jacksonville, FL
Nickname: Ospreys
Colors: Navy, gray
*Women's cross country conference champions in 2010.

University of South Carolina Upstate
Location: Spartanburg, SC
Nickname: Spartans
Colors: Green, black

Stetson University
Location: DeLand, FL
Nickname: Hatters
Colors: Green, black



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Lady Owls tie Gamecocks in exhibition match

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The KSU Lady Owls hit the soccer field for the first time Friday evening as they hosted the Jacksonville State Gamecocks in a friendly match at the KSU soccer stadium just outside of campus.

The two teams drew a 1-1 tie, with Jacksonville State scoring in the 23rd minute and KSU answering in the 35th minute with a goal from senior Katie Schwartz.

The Lady Owls outshot the Gamecocks 18-9, leaving evidence that the team missed on multiple scoring opportunities despite the solid effort.

"I'm pleased by tonight's game as it certainly gives us something to look at, learn from, and build upon," said head coach Rob King.

King heads into his tenth year as the Lady Owls coach, as he's the only head coach in KSU soccer history.

This year the Owls will look to improve on a 9-8-2 record from last season, which included a 4-3-1 mark in the first year at KSU soccer stadium.

Friday was the one and only exhibition match for KSU. The season will officially open on Aug. 19 as the Lady Owls visit Tuscaloosa, Ala., to take on the University of Alabama.

The home opener will be Aug. 26 at 7 p.m., as the Lady Owls host the College of Charleston.

Samford, Clayton State, UAB, and West Florida will make up the non-conference home slate, while conference home games will begin Sept. 23 when Belmont visits KSU.

KSU enters the year with two preseason All-Conference picks in Seniors Brittany Vining and Alyssa Mahan.

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Volleyball season begins Friday

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

The KSU volleyball team is now less than a week away from their 2011 season opener, and the expectations for this Owls team are higher than ever.

Last season, the Owls, led by head coach Karen Weatherington, finished with an impressive 9-1 conference record. Their only loss in conference play came to the Lipscomb Bisons, who eventually won the A-Sun Conference Championship.

The Owls have been picked by the A-Sun coaches to finish in second place this season, but their goals reach just a little bit higher than that.

"We are preparing to win a championship," said Weatherington.

The Owls return four starters and five seniors to this year's squad, including senior Alyssa Lang, who was picked by the A-Sun media as a preseason All-Conference selection.

KSU has a busy slate ahead of them, with three invitational style events on the first half of the schedule.

The team will open its 2011 season on Aug. 26 as they take on the Charlotte 49ers in their first match of the Appalachian Invitational at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. They will also face the host team, Appalachian State, and North Carolina State in the opening event.

KSU's first home event will be on Sept. 2 against Winthrop at 7 p.m. in the Convocation Center, as the Owls host the 2011 Owls Invitational. They will also play against Chattanooga and Oral Roberts on Sept. 3.

The Owls will also host the 2011 Owls Classic against Eastern Kentucky, Troy, and Alabama-Birmingham, and will attend the North Texas Volleyball Classic in Denton, TX., against Jackson State, Texas State, and North Texas.

All of these events will take place between the opening date and Sept. 17, and the Owls will begin conference play against Belmont, at home, on Sept. 23.

Aside from conference and invitational matches, KSU will also play in-state rival Georgia on Sept. 6 in Athens, and will host Georgia State on Sept. 20.

This season will not be easy for the Owls. Lipscomb has been the outright face of A-Sun volleyball for the past few years, but the A-Sun coaches spread first place votes among six of the conference's nine teams.

Lipscomb, KSU, Florida Gulf Coast, Belmont, East Tennessee State, and North Florida received at least one first place vote from coaches. Of course, coaches are not allowed to vote for their own team.

Remember to be supportive and show up to all of the home matches as the Lady Owls fight for the title in 2011.

Owls cross-country anticipates A-Sun title

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

The KSU men's cross-country team enters the 2011 fall with high expectations, and that might be an understatement.

The Owls were selected to finish first in the A-Sun conference, receiving nine first place votes from the coaches.

Belmont was the closest vote recipient to KSU, receiving just one first place vote.

"It is a great honor for the men's team to be recognized for their talents and efforts," said Director of Cross Country and Track and Field Andy Eggerth.

This is the second year in a row the men's team has been pegged to finish in first place, and they fully met expectations with a conference championship last year.

This year, KSU will seek its third straight cross-country conference title.

The Owls return their top two runners from last season in Nabil Hamid and Jaakko Nieminen. Both were All-Conference members in 2010.

KSU's Lady Owls enter the cross-country season with less pressure and expectations.

"Although we had a down year last year, we are looking to make significant improvements," said Eggerth.

KSU has been selected eight by the coaches out of ten teams in the conference. They will also have the daunting task of replacing All-Conference runner and all-time great, Mackenzie Howe, who finished her stellar career at KSU in May.

Heather Morris and Haley Carson return as sophomore leaders of an extremely youthful bunch. Sophomore Jessica Postlewaite is the third sophomore to make up the elders on roster, with the rest of the team being

redshirted or true freshman.

The Owls begin the year on Sept. 2 when they head to Nashville for the Belmont Opener Invitational. The course will also be the venue for the A-Sun Championships.

The rest of the schedule includes the Auburn Invitational in Auburn, Ala. Sept. 9, the Georgia State Invite in Hampton, Ga, the Louisville XC Classic Sept. 1, in Louisville, Ky. Oct. 1, and the Crimson Classic in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Oct. 15.

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