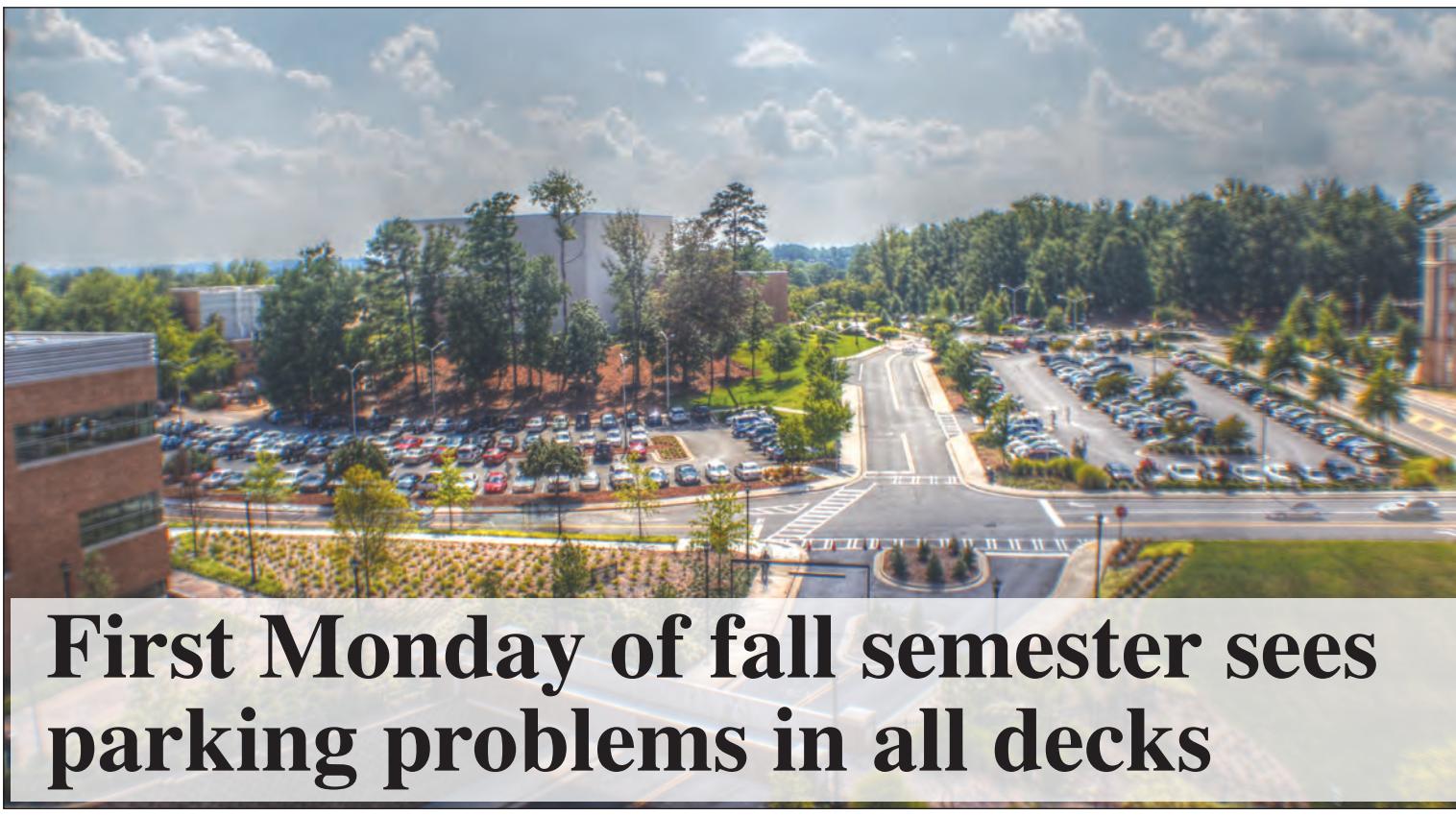


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First Monday of fall semester sees parking problems in all decks

Carolyn Grindrod
ARTS AND LIVING EDITOR

"This is ridiculous. I want my 70 bucks back," said Middle Grades Education senior Stephen Black, a commuter student, as he got on the Town Point shuttle to make his way to campus on Aug. 22.

Black, like many other students who commuted to class on Aug. 22, was faced with a near no-parking situation for KSU's second

week of school, as Central Deck along with both the West and East decks and many of the commuter lots were filled up before noon.

Black, who has a 45-minute commute from Lithonia, Ga., said he spent over 35 minutes looking for a parking spot on campus and was redirected by campus police from several of the parking decks and lots on campus.

He finally gave up his search and parked at Town Point, located across Chastain Road near Admissions, an area designated for campus commuters who opted out of on-

campus parking.

"It didn't cause me to be late to class. I woke up and something told me to leave early today, so I did," said Black. "It's the principle. When you pay money to park on campus and can't, it's just ridiculous. I had to park [at Town Point] because I didn't want to waste my gas, which I had to scrounge up the money for. They really should be cutting off on people parking on campus, like freshmen...they do that at a lot of other universities."

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New vending machines offer healthy choices

James Dykstra
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Neither tensions nor calories were running high Aug. 17 as a newly formed healthy vending company founded by KSU graduates unveiled their all-natural products to students on the Campus Green.

SnackLite owners Luis Fuentes, 24, and brother Juan Fuentes, 22, handed out prizes and samples with an energetic staff to celebrate the debut of their vending machines on campus, which offer a variety of healthy and allergy-accommodating foods and beverages to KSU students.

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Photos courtesy of SnackLite

Students stop at the SnackLite booth near the Campus Green to snag some freebies.

Richards appointed to Office of University Ombuds

Fulbright Ambassador joins impartial mediating body for 2011-2012

Tiffany Reardon

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Dr. Anne Richards will join the Office of the University Ombuds, an impartial mediating body, for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Richards is an associate professor of English who specializes in professional communication and rhetoric in the master's program with a good record of scholarship on intercultural communication and a history of service in diversity and multi-cultural initiatives, said Faculty Executive Assistant to the President and Associate Professor of Information systems Jorge Perez in an e-mail sent to faculty and staff. She is a Fulbright Ambassador and spent time in Tunisia as a Fulbright Scholar.

"In her new role at KSU, Dr. Richards will continue to pursue her interests in multi-culturalism and fairness, and help to create better understanding among faculty, staff and students," Perez said.

Dr. Richards will be joining current University Ombuds Dr. Dorothy Graham and Associate Ombuds Mr. Bernard Anderson.

"An Ombuds is an impartial person who provides confidential and informal assistance for resolving university-related concerns, especially those that are not being adequately addressed through usual procedures," said Certified Organizational Ombudsman Practitioner and KSU Associate Ombuds Bernard Anderson. "The Ombuds Office provides impartial, objective, and confidential assistance to the campus community in hearing and in mediating complaints or conflicts."

According to the KSU Ombuds website, common concerns brought to the Ombuds are employment problems, cross-cultural conflicts, misunderstandings between instructors and students, supervisor-employee relations, workplace issues, unethical behavior, fear of retaliation, interpersonal communications. When brought these issues, the Ombuds answer questions, explain university policies, develop options for resolution, facilitate discussions, mediate between individuals or groups or recommend changes in university policies or procedures that may be outdated or ineffective.

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POLICE BEAT

-compiled by Christy Rogers

and allowed the officer to search his room. The officer found no marijuana or other contraband.

Foreign Crime

Two officers were dispatched to the Social Science building Aug. 8 at 4:54 p.m. in reference to a theft. The complainant said his iPad 2 and iPad 2 cover, which were issued to him by KSU, were stolen while he was staying with his wife in Budapest, Hungary. The man states he locked the door when he left, and there were no signs of forced entry. The iPad 2 is valued at \$729 and the cover at \$30.

Bookstore Theft

An officer was dispatched to the Public Safety Lobby Aug. 10 at 11:43 a.m. in reference to a theft at the KSU Bookstore. The complainant told the officer that on the previous evening she opened the bookstore's safe and found that one of the register's deposit bags was missing \$250. No arrests have been made.

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Workers at the SnackLite booth raise awareness about the new healthy snack machines on campus.

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The machines are the first of their kind at KSU and can be found at four locations. They are located in Prillaman Hall, the Wellness Center lobby, the second floor of the Social Sciences building and the KSU Center of Continuing Education off of George Busbee Drive.

There seems to be something for nearly everyone behind the glass of Snacklite's machines, which carry 49 natural drinks and snacks priced from 70 cents to \$2.50. A trip to the machine revealed an assortment of Clif Bars, seasoned popcorn, baked chips, 100 percent fruit rolls, soy milks, antioxidant-rich fruit juices and energy rich protein potables.

"We have products for diabetics, as well as gluten and lactose free options. We also have Stevia and Truvia, as well as soy, vitamin, and protein ingredients if you're trying to bulk up," Luis Fuentes said. Stevia and Truvia are all natural sweeteners that can pack as much as 300 times the amount of sweetness in sugar without

containing any calories.

"Most companies have two or three suppliers at most, but we have nine," Luis Fuentes said. "We want the best."

Reactions from students seemed to suggest that Snacklite's efforts were not in vain.

"It was a rejuvenating drink, perfect for a hot day or an after workout refreshment, and I liked the texture," said sophomore chemistry major Elizabeth Kelsch, after trying a mixed fruit smoothie.

The Snacklite machines are in a test phase this semester, and Snacklite is actively taking suggestions to improve their service. Full product listings and the option to provide feedback can be found at www.snacklite.com.

"We believe health awareness is the key to help fight against the national obesity epidemic," said Luis Fuentes. "Our goal is to provide light and better snack options to institutions that encourage a healthy lifestyle within their community."

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Black is not the only student to have similar parking woes during the first weeks of school.

Spanish Education junior Rachel Velardez said she spent almost 45 minutes on Aug. 22 looking for parking and even had a friend in the West Deck save her a spot, but since the deck was closed off, police would not let her in the deck and she was forced to park in the residential designated North Deck.

"This is the worst I've ever seen it. I know a lot of people are mad," said Velardez, who has been at KSU the past two years. "That's all we've been talking about in class."

Director of Parking and Transportation Beth Tindel said the first weeks of school are always the most challenging as new students, faculty and staff are learning to navigate their way around campus.

"According to the hourly enrollment schedule, Monday is likely going to be our most congested day, especially from around 10:30 - 12:30," said Tindel. "This turmoil will continue to dissipate as we approach drop/add and folks become used to the campus."

Tindel said that KSU did not run out of parking on campus, but had to overflow commuters to the North Deck for the 11 a.m. class period, a peak time when 5,000 students are enrolled in classes.

"We have 6,000 commuter spaces available on campus and 1,000 available off campus, for a total of 7,000 available commuter spaces," added Tindel. "We did not overflow any students to the off-campus locations because we still had on-campus parking spaces. I would recommend that students park in the North Deck when other on-campus decks are completely full."

Parking has been a hot topic in recent semesters.

Last semester, KSU implemented a shuttle program to alleviate the congestion on campus – The Town Point Shuttle – which costs students \$20 per semester versus the usual \$70 on-campus parking fee.

Parking Services added another shuttle this semester at Town Center Mall, free to those who opt for this choice.

Tindel said that these two off-campus parking options were still available to students.

"Shuttles are running every 10 and 18 minutes, respectively. I am closely monitoring the shuttle program and making adjustments as needed," said Tindel. "This is what I would recommend to any student who has had difficulty finding a parking space, especially to those whose schedules dictate that they arrive on campus between 10 and 1 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students who take advantage of the park-and-ride program are

guaranteed a parking space, won't have to sit in traffic to enter the parking areas and will save money on the permit fee, gas and vehicle wear-and-tear."

Plus, parking on campus is open every day after 7 p.m., Fridays and the weekends for those with off-campus decals, added Tindel.

Since off-campus parking comes with a smaller parking fee, refunds can also still be obtained for students who sign up to park off-campus, said Tindel.

"We don't offer refunds to those with on-campus permits since the permit is not a guarantee that a space will be available, but a permit to access commuter parking areas only," said Tindel.

In addition to shuttle services, Parking Services has provided students with the option of carpooling with Zimride.

"[Zimride] is a social network ride share program that makes it very easy to find carpool partners," said Tindel. "I would recommend that students use this service to find a carpool partner and take advantage of saving money by having one or more of the carpoolers opt-out of the parking permit fee and use one hangtag together. As sign-ups for this program increase, I will continually add more and more convenient and desirable carpool spaces to the commuter parking areas."

Parking Services has also been investigating new ways to ease the parking dilemma. Tindel said that it is not likely that KSU will add another deck to the main campus, but possibly a commuter deck off-campus, which will be incorporated into the shuttling program, since space on campus is limited.

"We are also investigating a zoned parking approach, which will allow students to sign up for specific parking areas both on and off campus, based on price," said Tindel. "Only a predetermined number of permits for each parking area will be sold."

Tindel said theoretically, this would reduce the traffic churn and allow students to definitively know where they can park each day, without having to drive around and search commuter areas.

"I am investigating this program with Croy Engineering and will be bringing preliminary proposals to the Staff, Faculty and Admin Senates, as well as to SGA for feedback in September," added Tindel.

But many students feel that KSU should do something now about parking problems.

"They really need to cut people off," said Velardez. "Give priority to those who have been here longer, and make the new freshmen or something the ones who have to park off-campus or it's just going to get worse."



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(Top) Police officers controlled the flow of traffic along Campus Loop Road. (Middle and bottom) The West Deck was temporarily closed off, causing major inconveniences for commuter students.

STUDENT POLL

How have the changes to the HOPE scholarship affected you?

Compiled by Lauren Jacques



"I didn't like how they didn't say it takes effect in year blah, blah, blah. It really messes up your planning."

Luan Leger
Freshman
Biology



"They're going to make me work a lot harder now to pay the rest."

Brian McClosky
Freshman
Biology



"I get to go to college, but it's definitely going to be harder to keep up."

Amy Sever
Freshman
Psychology



"It doesn't really affect me"

Guiomar Garzon
Junior
Psychology

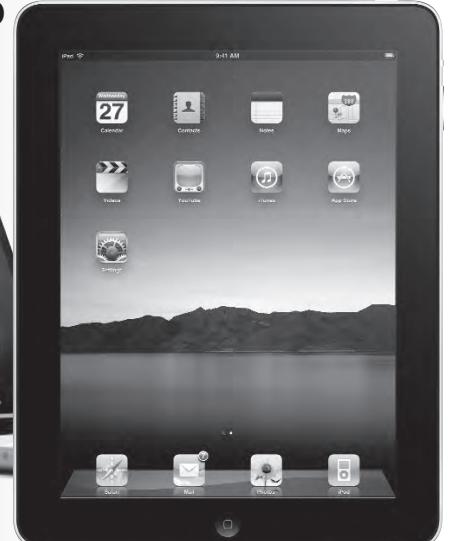


"I had to take out a private loan, unfortunately, and pay out of pocket."

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Ride-sharing network comes to KSU

Christy Rogers
STAFF WRITER

An online ride-sharing network is partnering with KSU this fall in an effort to alleviate some of the strain of parking on campus.

KSU is the first public university to partner with Zimride, a social networking ride-share web site that uses Facebook integration to help commuter students find others to carpool with.

Students and faculty can register with their KSU e-mail addresses and input the details of their commutes—the time they will be driving to school, the amount of money they need for the cost of gas and their address—to be matched with other students and faculty.

"By finding other students, faculty or staff that have the same schedule and want to share rides and save money, the number of vehicles coming to our campus can be significantly reduced," said Department of Parking and Transportation

Director Elizabeth Tindel. "Less vehicles equal less congestion and more available parking."

If a student finds a consistent carpool partner, one of them can opt out of the parking permit fee.

"I think if students actually use it, it will be a great idea," said KSU senior Cheyenne Versaci. She has already signed up for the service.

This new service follows the arrival of the shuttle service, which allows students to park off campus at Town Center Mall or Town Point and take a shuttle bus to campus. Coupled with the 1,000 new commuter spaces added this fall, Zimride could take a load of stress off students, faculty and staff that fight the daily parking battle.

As Zimride gains popularity, the Department of Parking & Transportation plans to add more carpool parking spaces. There is also research about when and where a new parking deck would make sense as enrollment continues to increase.

"All of these initiatives together are required to

continue to improve parking and transportation services at Kennesaw State University," Tindel said.

Students and faculty can register for Zimride at www.zimride.kennesaw.edu and find more information at www.zimride.com/howitworks.



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Study abroad or miss the boat

There's nothing that bonds a group of people quite like simultaneously passing around anti-diarrheal pills and bottles of Tsing Tao, and there's nothing like climbing the Great Wall of China. That's why I encourage each KSU student to study abroad.

I spent two weeks over the summer in China as part of KSU's International Business and Communication study abroad program. Twenty-seven students, along with three professors, went to Shanghai (a huge city), Xi'an (an ancient city) and Beijing (another big city), where we saw the sights, tasted the local cuisine (often experiencing stomach issues soon after, admittedly) and met with major companies and organizations. It was a learning experience academically, but the most important lessons I learned were cultural, life lessons that I'll always carry with me.

If you've been at KSU for a while, you know our university likes to focus on preparing students to become global citizens. But until you've left the comfort of the United States and explored another way of life, terms like "globalization" and "cultural diversity" will just be words. Study abroad programs are invaluable – they're great for your resume, they allow you to gain an understanding of the world around you and, to put it simply, they're a whole lot of fun.

I'll never forget the cool breeze at the top of the Great Wall, or how amazing it was to see rows and rows of Terracotta Warriors, broken pieces still

being excavated. I'll probably never see an acrobatic show as impressive as the one we saw in Shanghai, or see such a large group of people dancing and exercising in the park every morning. A study abroad trip is a unique experience, one that will forever change the way you see the world.

As you travel, you come to realize that "different" doesn't mean "wrong" in many cases. Some things, such as only drinking bottled water and using a non-Western style toilet, were much easier to adapt to than I expected. Even if during your journey you decide that you disagree with or dislike the way others live, you will at least gain a better understanding of why you feel the way you do. As a journalist who very much values her freedom of speech, I'm glad to have spent time in a communist country; I now have a better understanding of what it's like to not have that liberty.

You've probably had professors come into your classroom at some point encouraging you to study abroad. The price tag on study abroad trips often keeps students from applying; I know it initially seemed unaffordable to me. I took out an extra loan and worked extra hours to pay for it, and I can honestly say that the trip was worth every penny. Plus, as long as you've applied to your program by deadline, you'll receive the Global Learning Scholarship (you actually pay into this fund each semester with your mandatory fees). I received \$500 off my trip.

My major suggestion: Go



Caitlyn Van Orden
Editor in Chief

to a country that makes you uncomfortable. Go somewhere completely different from the U.S., where you don't understand the language or most of the items on the menu. Before my trip, I didn't even like Americanized Chinese food; by the end of the trip, I'd eaten a shark fin dumpling and ostrich (ostrich is delicious, by the way) and was eating rice and Kung Pao chicken with gusto. The trip gave me the confidence that I can adapt to almost any situation.

Find a country that excites and fascinates you, and start planning and saving now. Even if you come home ready to kiss American soil, you'll return a more globally aware individual, having made several new friends you wouldn't have met otherwise in the process.

Do whatever it takes to get involved in a study abroad program. Otherwise, you're missing the boat.

Oh, my God:

Matt Nix
SENIOR COLUMNIST

Like every four years prior, the circus that is the American election cycle has once again spun into motion – and with it, the "Christian right" is mobilizing in attempts to influence, coerce, and threaten every Republican primary contender to denounce the so-called evils of homosexuality, celebrate the unbridled joys of fetuses, the necessity of creationism in the classroom, and boost the inexplicable viewership of the 700 Club. This, in and of itself, is not uncommon as it happens whenever any Republican attempts to contend for political office, forcing him or her to spend time walking a rhetorical tight rope (or, quickly changing their position in order to get people to shut up) on social issues they have little to no control over. However,

Republicans refuse to shake the religious right

they really should be spending their time addressing the – *oh, I don't know* – massive unemployment rate and looming double-dip recession.

What is shocking to me, however, has been the recent, unnecessary empowerment of the religious right at the hands of several Republican candidates and, in some cases, by the party itself. It's safe to say that the power and influence of the religious right is not what it was a few years ago – back in the "glory days" (bad pun potentially intended) of forcing the debates such as the one surrounding the placement of the Ten Commandments in a courtroom like a civil rights issue. Where religious conservatives were once a much more influential key base of support for candidates, the Republicans

have now become more fearful and desperate for the support of the "constitutional conservatives" (or, as I like to call them, "lazy libertarians") that comprise the Tea Party – despite failed attempts by the religious right to broadly synthesize themselves with the grassroots movement. Why, then, do candidates like Rick Perry and Michelle Bachmann vie so desperately for their attention? Why does the Republican Party, as a whole, find it acceptable, necessary, or important?

One could argue that it is because the aforementioned candidates are simply speaking on their convictions. Of course, one could also argue that they're afraid of religious conservatives attacking them like a swarm of angry Pat Buchanans if they dare refuse to adorn a small cross on their jacket next to their American flag lapel. It's not that I'm against someone having a personal faith – I'm just not so convinced it's ever mattered as much as we pretend it does when it comes to the presidency. It's time to get on the right side of history, GOP.

Meet the new SGA president

Michael Thomas
STAFF WRITER



Ronald Wilson

Ronald Wilson, who was elected Student Government Association president back in April, is also the president of his fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha, an Ambassador for Minority Males and a member of the National Society of Collegiate

vice president.

Wilson said the major difference between his new position and the position he held last year, vice president, is that now his responsibilities will be more external, as he will

Scholars and the Phi Eta Sigma honors society. He is also involved with the NAACP and Kennesaw's African American Student Alliance.

After graduating in the spring, he already has a job lined up as an executive team leader at Target Corporation.

But what Wilson, a business administration major, really prides himself in is being personable and approachable to students who make an effort to talk to him on campus.

"Find anybody, they can stop me anywhere and anything... I don't have any problem with people stopping me," said Wilson. "I'm here for every student."

Wilson, a Georgia native who lived in several different parts of the state that moved to Indiana just two years before he graduated high school, said he found his way to Kennesaw State University after losing a full-ride football scholarship to Georgia Tech by incurring an ankle injury during his senior year of high school.

It was his continuing interest in sports, said Wilson, that acted as his original pull to KSU as he gained interest in the track and field program.

But since coming to the university, Wilson has involved himself with a plethora of organizations that fill his resume and keep him busy.

"I can function on four... if I get four, I'm happy," Wilson joked, recalling his average hours of sleep per night as he tries to find time for all of his duties. "I'm used to it."

Wilson is no stranger to KSU's SGA. He has been a member of SGA for three years, serving as the senator of the Coles College of Business, the secretary of operations (now known as director of operations) and his last active role,

vice president.

Wilson said the major difference between his new position and the position he held last year, vice president, is that now his responsibilities will be more external, as he will

be meeting with university leadership and acting as the face of the organization.

"I now have to meet with faculty senate, staff senate, administrative senate, and I have regular meetings with Dr. Ratchford and Dr. Papp," said Wilson.

This year, Wilson said he hopes to extend his open-arms policies on life to student body. Wilson and the rest of SGA are encouraging students to attend their weekly Thursday meetings during the semester, and Wilson intends on getting more items on the floor that will enable student participation.

"When students come to the meetings, we need to hear from them," he said.

If students cannot attend the SGA meetings in person, Wilson said, the SGA blog, which is currently being revamped and will be located at the SGA website ksuga.com, will act as another major conduit through which students can have their voices heard.

The blog, which will be operational mid-September, will be intended to shorten meeting times and enable simpler student-representative communication.

"We are trying to make sure students have representation on everything and anything," Wilson added.

Wilson also emphasizes the importance for students to get to know their SGA representatives and hopes students stop by the SGA office, which is located on the top floor of the Student Center.

The SGA constitution currently calls for at least one senator for each 1,000 students enrolled at KSU and there are other senators for campus organizations such as registered student organizations, Greek Life and athletics.

"I would like to challenge every student to know who their representative is in their college," he said.

Following with that challenge, Wilson hopes to create closer ties between the collegiate administration and the student population, as he plans on developing town hall-style discussions to take place every week. These town hall meetings will give students the chance to get answers from KSU vice presidents or cabinet members on current topics each week, Wilson said.

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KISS! of Comedy: Improv group provides laughs

Christy Rogers
STAFF WRITER

When you see the word "KISS," you're probably either thinking of the catchy phrase and principle "keep it simple, stupid!" or the 70s rock band of white-faced rockers.

But KSU has its own KISS that is making a comical mark on the community.

Kennesaw Improv Society, Stupid! is an ensemble of improv performers that has given the theater department—and theater enthusiasts across campus—something to cheer about.

KISS was founded in 2008 by Andrew Puckett and Phillip Justman, two theater and performance studies program graduates.

After attending an improvisation workshop, the two alumni desired to bring the excitement of improv to KSU. Now, seven semesters in, KISS is led by two other T&PS majors, Elizabeth Jarrett and Mike Butler, both of whom joined shortly after the group's conception.

"KISS strives to build a strong ensemble of

collaborators who work together to grow and learn as performers through improvisation," Jarrett said.

The ensemble is open to everyone, not just theater majors.

"We have had teachers, criminal justice majors, film majors...no experience is necessary," Jarrett said.

The core ensemble consists of 14 to 15 members who audition in the fall and stay in the group throughout the academic year. The audition process usually consists of open rehearsals where anyone can come out and "show us what you've got," said Jarrett.

After the open rehearsals, the ensemble is chosen and rehearses every week. Those who are not cast in the ensemble can meet on the last Thursday of every month for "All-Skate," where rehearsal is open for anyone who wants to do some improv.

KISS has had a very busy year, including performing in the South Eastern Regional Competition for the Chicago Improv Festival, where they were chosen as the Wild Card team and went on to place 3rd in the Southeast division. KISS also won a College

Improv Cagematch hosted by Jackpie beating out UGA's Improv Athens. The group currently is working on plans to return and defend their title.

"KISS! has grown tremendously in the past couple of years thanks to the dedication and support from numerous professors and students on campus,"

The group also performs in the community and does two shows in KSU's Black Box Theater, which are free and usually scheduled at the end of the semester.

They also host multiple workshops and collaborate with professional improvisers such as Dad's Garage and Jackpie.

"KISS has grown tremendously in the past couple of years thanks to the dedication and support from numerous professors and students on campus," Jarret said. "The hard work of our ensemble has garnered a lot of attention around town, so expect to see a lot more from us in the months to come."

KISS will be holding a free, open workshop with Atlanta actor Scott Warren Aug. 27, from 5-6 p.m. in the Black Box Theater (located in the Wilson Building annex).

For more information, check out their Facebook group (KISS!) Kennesaw Improv Society, Stupid!

Canterbury Club offers labyrinth for spiritual guidance

Kathleen Austin
STAFF WRITER

Do these first few weeks of school have you feeling a bit overwhelmed? Need a quiet, peaceful place to meditate or pray without interruption?

The Canterbury Club, along with the Episcopal campus community and First United Lutheran Church of Kennesaw, plan to provide such space to find yourself and perhaps something deeper – as they create a reconstruction of the French Chartres Cathedral labyrinth for students, faculty and staff to explore Aug. 30.

Ellen Mintzmyer, lay chaplain and treasurer of the Canterbury Club, said the labyrinth, which will be set up in the Fellowship Hall of First United Lutheran Church on Campus Loop Road (across from commuter parking, next to the Catholic Center) will give students “another way to experience prayer, meditation and their own spirituality.”

“Walking the labyrinth has meant various things to different people,” added Mintzmyer. “[It is] a way to be closer to the Creator, to find healing, to move forward with their lives... or just a time to breathe in a hectic world.”

KSU’s labyrinth, which will be open 2 -7 p.m. and will be about a 20-minute walk, will be modeled after one of the best-known paved labyrinths in the world, France’s Chartres Cathedral’s labyrinth.

“It was constructed in the late 13th century, and is a carefully-constructed, winding path leads the way through an eleven-circuit design with four quadrants to the center,” said Mintzmyer.

Mintzmyer said this pattern is perhaps the most replicated and will be assembled at KSU by the Canterbury Club the day before the event Aug. 29.

The reproduction at KSU will be not be paved, but will be a large canvas (about 38 x 40 feet, and 34' in diameter) that will fill

the room and has the same design from Chartres Cathedral imprinted upon it.

In addition, the Canterbury Club also plans to borrow from the Cathedral of St. Phillip for ambience – as candles, music and more will accompany the path.

Though very little contemporary documentation has survived over the years, there has been quite a bit written about the objective of the labyrinth, said Mintzmyer.

“The French clergy would perform Easter dances in the cathedral’s labyrinths and it is also widely believed that they symbolise the long agonizing path which the pilgrims would be subject to travel in order to visit and seek repentance during the medieval period,” Mintzmyer added.

Pilgrimage also played a large role in labyrinth’s popularity in the medieval period, said Mintzmyer.



“Desiring to grow closer to God through repentance, pilgrims would venture through the labyrinths upon their knees,” added Mintzmyer. “For those whom lived within a reasonable distance of the labyrinth it served as a substitute for an actual pilgrimage to Jerusalem and as a result came to be called the “Chemin de Jerusalem” or Road of Jerusalem. It is believed that poor people who could not afford a pilgrimage to the Holy Land would wind their

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In addition, Wilson will oversee an event called “Meet the Presidents” in September. The social event will allow students to mingle with all the presidents of the university as well as enjoy free food on the Green.

When it comes to policies, Wilson said he plans on continuing many of SGA former president Ali Karman’s plans of action as he will be handling many of the same issues from last

year, including parking, smoking and school growth.

For example, Wilson said he will be focusing on the creation of zone parking and hopes to implement a new policy before next spring.

“My biggest thing is to make sure that things from prior administrations are getting taken care of, and people don’t think they are being forgotten about just because there is a new SGA

president,” Wilson said.

Wilson said that as one of his first duties, he appointed the heads of the five standing committees at the first SGA meeting of the semester Aug. 18. While not required by the SGA constitution, he made sure to have these heads approved by the SGA senate before installing them in hopes that the organization will work as a team for the interests of the students.

Wilson’s administration plans

on being proactive – upon receiving student body feedback – in creating the new recreation center and the new intramural fields at the Owls Nest this year.

Wilson said SGA is also fighting to make sure that a memorandum relating to the soccer stadium gets signed so that payment for the field, which has shared usage with the Atlanta Beat, does not fall solely on student fees, making the Atlanta

Beat responsible for a fraction of the cost.

SGA is also making an effort to incite school spirit. They are currently promoting student participation in the nationwide College Colors Day, which will take place at all participating schools Sept. 2.

The event is all about students coming out and representing KSU pride, Wilson said.

Interested in walking a labyrinth?

Ellen Mintzmyer, lay chaplain and treasurer of the Canterbury Club, explains several important ways to get the fullest from your 20-minute walking and spiritual experience

- 1 Take off your shoes. This is not just to protect the canvas, but also to bring a sense of reverence to this experience.
- 2 Sometimes people walk the labyrinth with a particular question in mind. Answers may not come immediately. Be gentle with yourself. Note any shifts in the way you perceive this question or possible answers.
- 3 When you are ready, enter the labyrinth. You may want to take a moment to pause, to breathe, to focus before entering.
- 4 Walk to the center, following the winding path. Take the walking in time to release the stresses of the day. Quiet your mind. However, you do not have to “walk slowly.” You do want to be courteous to others who are also on the path. However, children have been known to run, dance or even leap, twirl or find other ways to be alive on the labyrinth. You are welcome to find your own gait while meditating, releasing, walking the labyrinth.
- 5 Some people like to enter with their palms down indicating they are “letting go” of issues and concerns of the day. Again, some people turn their palms up when they get to the center to indicate they are receptive, ready to gain new insight.
- 6 When you get to the center, stay for awhile. Take time to listen for the “still, small voice” inside of you. Notice any new thoughts or “inspirations” that you may have.
- 7 Walk back out. Get ready to return to your daily life. Look for ways you feel refreshed or empowered to make real the thoughts you’ve received today. Consider keeping your palms up to get strength to bring new things into your life.
- 8 Upon leaving the labyrinth, you might want to conclude by putting your hands together in prayer at the end of the walk.

‘Detroit’ to provide high entertainment, social statement on suburbia in mid-sized America

Carolyn Grindrod

ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

It might just be the first theater production event of the 2011-2012 calendar for KSU’s Department of Theatre, Performance Studies and Dance, but the faculty reading of *Detroit* promises to be so much more than just an introduction piece to the season.

“It’s an annual event,” said Associate Professor and Coordinator of Internships Global Learning Coordinator Karen Robinson, who is also directing and narrating the play. “Every year the theater performances faculty does a benefit staged-reading in collaboration with our theater honors society Alpha Phi Omega to raise scholarship funds for study abroad. All those proceeds go to fund education abroad. It’s our gift, our beginning of the year gift.”

For this year’s annual benefit, the department decided on the 2010 Pulitzer Prize and Susan Smith Blackburn finalist *Detroit*, written by New York Playwright Lisa D’Amour.

A dark comedy chalked full of witty humor and social inequality, *Detroit* deals with neighbors in the “first ring” suburbs in the mid-sized American city of Detroit.

“It’s like holding up a mirror to contemporary American suburban life,” said Robinson. “The playwright emphasizes that it’s not necessarily Detroit, but any city like Detroit, where there is a major urban hub and then rings of suburbs around it...Atlanta.”

Robinson, said D’Amour was fascinated with these ‘first-ring’ suburbs in major cities, because many of them were built in late ‘50s and ‘60s.

“They were these communities, these subdivisions, that were suppose to be idyllic-utopia-like, American-Dream communities,” said Robinson. “And now, since the play takes place in the present, now those communities are coming unglued. They’re coming unraveled. There is no longer a sense of neighborhood. People no longer talk to each other. There is a real unevenness in the neighborhood, as some houses are rundown and in ill repair, while other lots have been scraped and they’ve been building ‘McMansions,’ so you get this weird mix of social strata and people are alienated and isolated from one on another.”

The play centers around two couples. The first, Mary (Margaret Baldwin) and Ben (Dean Adams), who have lived in the suburb a long time, are currently dealing with the ramifications from the recent recession. Ben, an ex-loan officer, is recently out of a job and now the couple is living off the last few months of his severance pay.

The story then investigates their relationship

with two new, younger and mysterious couples who move in next door, Sharon (Jane Barnette) and Kenny (Charlie Parrott). The two are trying to get a new start, as they have just come out of drug rehab and moved into the suburbs for a bit of stability.

For the most part, the play takes place in the backyards and front-yards of these two neighbors’ homes and deals with social topics like social status, music, movies, food, manners, jobs, and the American dream. Robinson said the play take a sharp twist as the characters evolve.

“As the play evolves, you get to see more and more the raw vulnerabilities, the anxieties of these characters,” said Robinson.

Robinson said that *Detroit*’s performance at KSU will consist of an all professor cast and be a staged-reading of the play, so instead of

“The playwright emphasizes that it’s not necessarily Detroit, but any city like Detroit, where there is a major urban hub and then rings of suburbs around it...Atlanta.”

elaborate costumes or oversized sets, the main attraction will be characters and text of the play.

“It’s a different format,” said Robinson. “It’s about putting the focus on hearing the play. The actors still bring all of the emotional life to the characters so there’s full performance investment, but it’s stripped down. It really lets you focus on the play itself and the text of the play, and the characters and the language. The audience is allowed to use their imagination in a way that is unlike a fully mounted production.”

Detroit received its world premiere at the Steppenwolf Theatre Company in Chicago in Sept. 2010. The production will make its way to Broadway in New York in spring 2012.

“We have a real privilege to provide this reading, because it hasn’t had the one public performance,” said Robinson. “And one of our professors has a friendship with the playwright, so the playwright is giving us special permission to do this reading.”

Robinson said normally, the rights are inaccessible before it has premiered in the region.

“That’s really exciting,” said Robinson. “It’s the regional premier for hearing this play. We’re right on the forefront for getting this play heard.”

Detroit’s KSU presentation will be a one-night production on Aug. 26 in the Stillwell Theater.

Tickets are \$10, cash or check, at the door.

For more information of upcoming productions by the Department of Theatre, Performance Studies and Dance, visit kennesaw.edu/theatre/season.shtml



Start planning your study abroad trip ahead of time

Christy Rogers

STAFF WRITER

In my last column, I told you why you should study abroad, but you might wonder how to get it all started.

Studying abroad can seem like a hugely daunting experience — you have to get your passport, scrounge up thousands of dollars, fill out paper work, pick out your classes and don’t even get me started on packing and weighing and reweighing your suitcase. There will be months of anxiety and nervousness of sorting through all kinds of various forms, but once you get to the top of the Eiffel Tower, take a ride on the London Eye, or walk the Great Wall of China, you will immediately realize that those months of worry were completely worth it to see the beauty of the country you’ve dreamed of visiting.

- 1) Make sure you meet the requirements. You must have a 2.0 adjusted GPA. But if the program is not through KSU, there may be other requirements too, so make sure you research thoroughly before deciding.

- 2) Your next step is to obtain information and choose a program. The best thing you can do is go to the study abroad fair.

This year’s fair will take place on Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Student Center University Rooms B, C, D, & E. Here, booths will be set up with programs from all across Georgia to all different corners of the world. You will be given a bag to collect brochures in, and you can put yourself on e-mail lists for any programs you are interested in. This fair is key to finding the program that works best for you. Here, you will learn what classes are available in which programs, how long the programs are, how much each program is, and every basic detail you could want to know about those programs. If you do not take advantage of this fair, you are doing yourself a great disservice! Even if you’re not totally positive you want to study abroad, go anyway and see what you find. You may find a highly appealing program that you didn’t even know existed!

- 3) Once you have decided on the program you want to participate



in, send in your application! Many programs have limited space, so you need to apply as soon as you are positive about your decision. The application will mostly consist of your basic information. Most programs also require an application fee.

Mine, for example, was \$200 and my program allowed me to download the application online. If you want to explore the website for study abroad program I went on to Paris to get a feel for what to expect, go to www.valdosta.edu/europeancouncil. My program, however, was through Valdosta State University, not KSU, so keep in mind that you may have to go through a different process than me.

There are always people in the Foreign Language Department, located in the Pilcher Building (it’s the one connected to the library, facing the Social Science Building), that are willing to help.

- 4) If you don’t have a passport, apply now. Right now. As you read this article, in fact. Okay, maybe not, but seriously, the process can take weeks... sometimes even months. Even if you’re feeling a bit wishy-washy about participating in a program, go ahead and get your passport. You can use the website <http://iafdb.travel.state.gov/> to find locations near you where you can apply for a passport. Plus, most post offices have applications readily available, so you can also try there to pick up a hard copy of an passport application.

When you get your passport, go ahead and have a few passport size photos made. Depending on your program, you may need them for subway cards, student ID cards or other various other cards the program director decides you will need.

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way to the cathedral and make their "pilgrimage" by walking the labyrinth.

Mintzmyer said that labyrinths were also considered a symbol of wholeness.

"By walking on them we are reminded of the unity of our own bodies, minds and spirits," Mintzmyer added. "For people of faith, the labyrinth can also represent the unity of the Holy

with Creation itself. The labyrinth is not a maze nor is it a puzzle to be figured out or solved. Rather, it is a tool to allow our mind to take a rest and contemplate as the repetitiveness of the winding circuits allows us to drift into other forms of consciousness, memories, and images, releasing creativity and imagination."

Canterbury Club is an inclusive faith-based group whose purpose is to provide programs and

worship that reflects the tradition and theology of the Episcopal church. It is open to all students, faculty and staff.

Members of Canterbury Club do not have to be baptized or confirmed Episcopalians prior to or while attending Canterbury Club activities, said Mintzmyer.

Contact the Canterbury Club at canterburyksu@gmail.org or find the group on Facebook.

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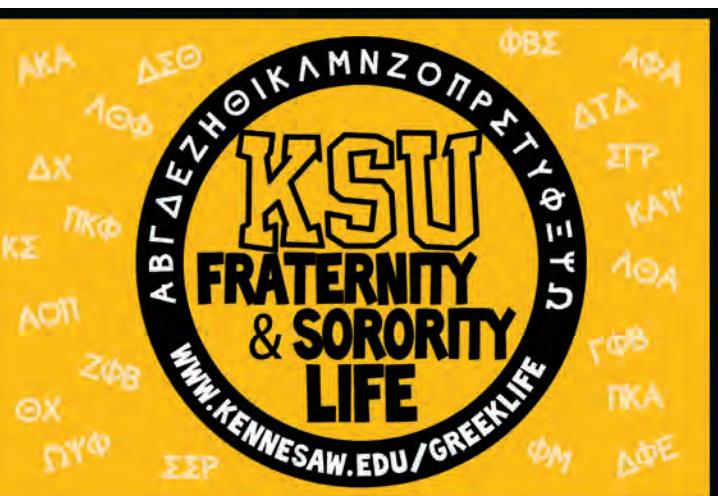
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5) Finally, the last thing you need to know to get started is probably the thing on the forefront of your mind and your list of concerns—money. As I said last time, as long as you apply to your program by the application deadline, you will qualify for the KSU Global Learning Scholarship. You know that \$14 global learning fee you pay every semester? Now you know where it goes: to help students just like you get money to travel around the globe in the name of education. This scholarship can be anywhere from \$500-\$2,000, depending on the length of the program and its service learning aspects.

Also keep in mind that you are required to complete five volunteer-service hours that are related to the global learning program and education abroad. These must be completed by the

end of the term immediately after the term of your global study. For instance, I have to complete my volunteer work by December, because my program was during the summer semester.

This website offers a great list of all available study abroad scholarships, along with their requirements:
http://www.kennesaw.edu/studyabroad/financial_aid.html

Hopefully, studying abroad seems a little less intimidating now. And even if it still does, well, don't worry. Like I keep telling you, you will not regret this experience, even if it leaves you totally broke and going home to your parents for food every other day.

Christy Rogers is a senior English major from Columbus, Ga. She recently went on a study abroad excursion to Paris this past summer.

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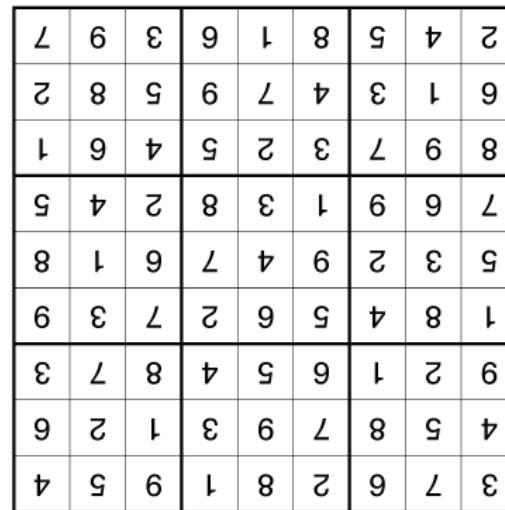
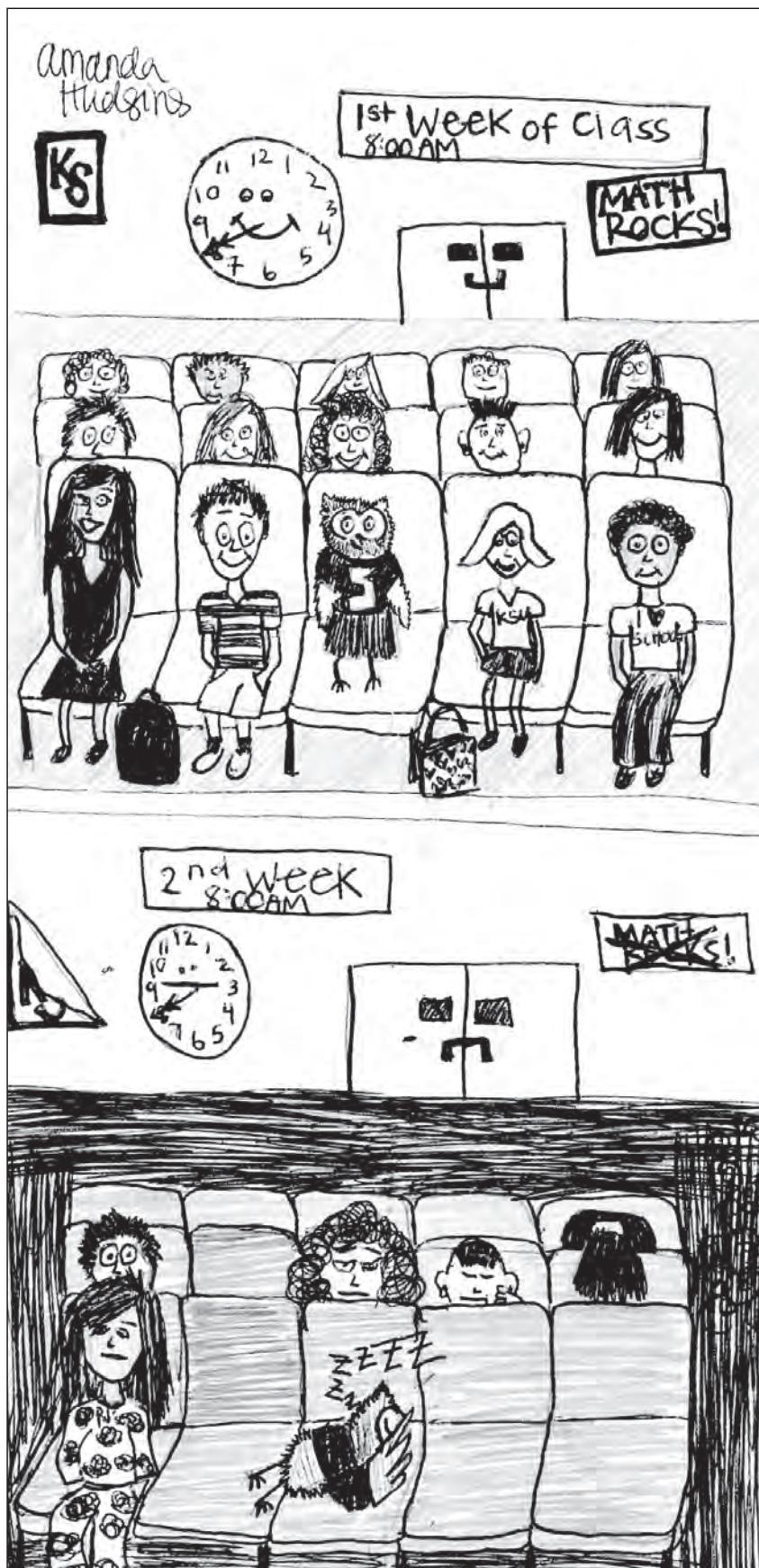
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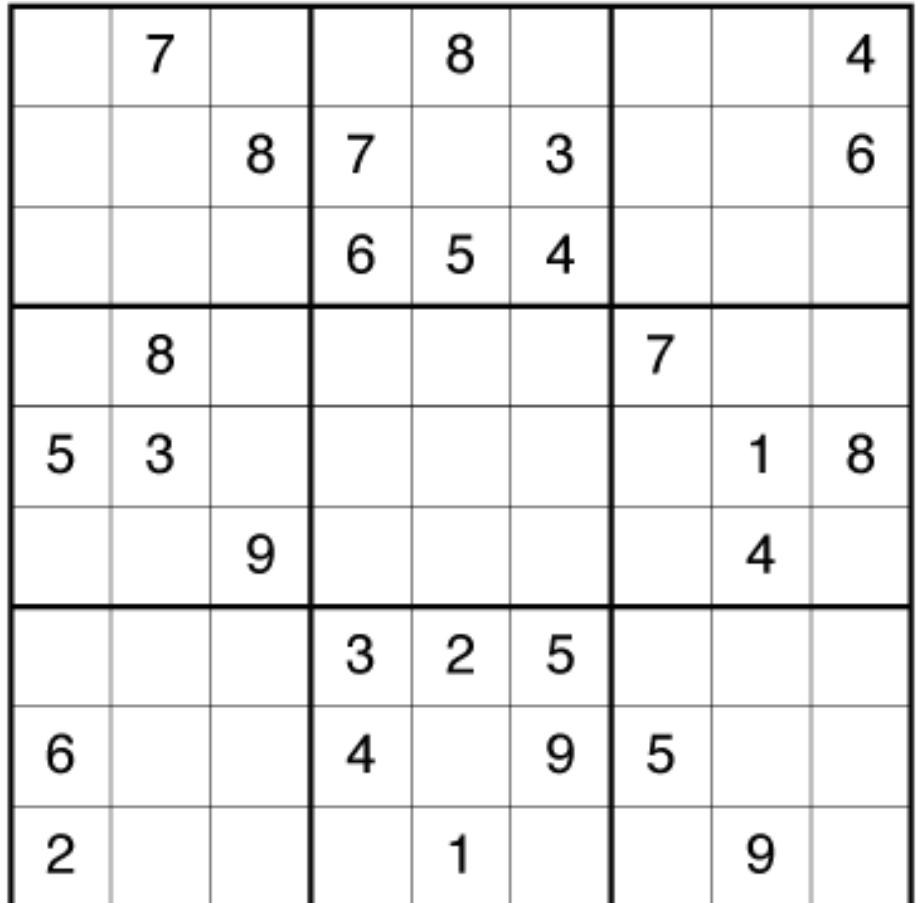
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Owl football is on the horizon, other teams prepare to kick off



The Campus Green bustles with energy as students gather to play football between classes.

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR



The arrival of fall means the start of the soccer, volleyball, and cross country seasons. But, fall also is the start of football season, which is undoubtedly the most anticipated here in the Deep South.

Here's a preview of the local football scene. I think KSU is going to go undefeated this fall. I'm usually not so confident and optimistic, but I have a hunch.

If that above statement seems a bit farfetched, that's because KSU is yet to field a football team, despite being one of the more developed schools in the state of Georgia.

But, this fall will be a unique one for KSU, as it will be the first season KSU football is more than just a dream.

For new students who are not yet aware, KSU approved the development of a football team last year.

The announcement came at the conclusion of a long prospective researching period by the football research committee, which was headed by former University of Georgia football coach Vince Dooley.

The target date for the first football game for the Black and Gold has been set for the fall of 2014.

There is no word on which conference KSU

will participate in. Currently, KSU athletics competes at the NCAA Division I level.

Other Division I schools that have recently fielded new football teams have started at the Football Championship Subdivision level, which is the secondary tier in DI football. Georgia State and Alabama State, who began their programs in the last few years, spent last fall as DI (FCS) independents, which meant they did not identify with a specific conference (though Georgia State will officially merge with the Colonial Athletic Association next fall).

KSU sports teams compete in the Atlantic Sun Conference, which does not sponsor football.

A-Sun members Jacksonville and Campbell field football teams in the Pioneer Football League, which is a separate FCS conference.

While we anxiously wait for the football team to finally arrive, there's still plenty of football to go around.

Here on campus, intramural flag football is open for sign up for any and all KSU students.

Also, you can always get a good football fix by heading out to the campus green. I've personally been in some pick up games in that oval field that have gotten pretty intense.

As far as the rest of the local preview goes, Georgia and Georgia Tech's football teams both enter 2011 after finishing with 6-7 records last year.

Georgia has been tabbed by most publications to drastically improve, but there's little evidence to put faith in that projection right away. They do return

a solid starting quarterback in redshirt sophomore Aaron Murray. In fact, Murray is considered to be the best quarterback in the Southeastern Conference.

Despite a very impressive recruiting class under head coach Mark Richt, the Dawgs must find a way to replace two tailbacks, a former freshman All-SEC offensive tackle, and the great A.J. Green at receiver.

Georgia also enters its second season under the 3-4 defensive scheme of Todd Grantham. The defense was statistically in the top third of the nation in 2010, but those stats were skewed. The Dawgs excelled against the weaker opponents but got trampled by the better ones. They should be improved, but don't expect an SEC Championship from UGA just yet.

I see the Dawgs finishing at 9-3 this season, which might include an SEC East title.

Georgia Tech faced serious scrutiny this summer as their team was placed on a four-year probation by the NCAA and was stripped of its 2009 ACC title.

Honestly, the punishment didn't seem to fit the crime, but there's not enough room for me to rant about that (even as someone who grew up in red and black, the punishment was upsetting).

The Jackets offense is a thing of beauty, and Paul Johnson, despite being criticized for off field events, has proven to be a darn good offensive coach.

Georgia Tech struggled last year after losing talents like Josh Nesbitt, Jonathan Dwyer, and Bay-Bay Thomas.

The thing about Tech is their ball control offense could be a winning formula without talent, but the brains under center have to be there.

Tevin Washington, or freshman quarterbacks Synjin Days and Vad Lee, will have to quickly get into the habit of running the triple-option to perfection.

Tech has some big time tailbacks in Roddy Jones and Orwin Smith, who could keep the engine rolling in Atlanta. The more Al Groh's suspect defense is off the field, the better Tech will be.

Most publications have Tech finishing around 6 wins again this year, but the current distractions in Miami and Chapel Hill might open the door for at least second place in the ACC Coastal division. I see Tech surprising some people and winning 8 games this fall.

The Atlanta Falcons are expected to be improved, and more explosive. General Manager Thomas Dimitroff traded up in the NFL Draft to snatch all-world receiver Julio Jones. Also, Ray Edwards was brought in from free-agency to give the Falcons a compliment to rush end John Abraham.

The team has not suffered any major injuries (knock on wood), so a healthy team will be a very good one. The Birds may not win 13 games like they did last fall, but they still should be better prepared to make the next step in the playoffs.

Expect the Falcons to win around 11 games this fall and finally get a playoff win under head coach Mike Smith.

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KSU Sports Weekly Preview

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

Keeping you up-to-date and engaged with Owl athletics, here is your upcoming events calendar for the week.

At 4:30 p.m. Friday, the women's volleyball team will open its highly anticipated season against the Charlotte 49'ers at the Appalachian Invitational in Boone, N.C.

At 7 p.m., you can catch the soccer team's home

opener against the College of Charleston at the KSU Soccer Stadium.

The volleyball team will stay in Boone to continue the Appalachian Invitational with a double-header Saturday as they take on the host team, Appalachian State at 12:30 p.m. and North Carolina State at 4:30 p.m.

The women's soccer team will make a return trip Sunday to Alabama to take on Auburn. The soccer team opened its season with road games at the University of Alabama and Alabama A&M.

Lady Owls shut out Alabama A&M

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The KSU Lady Owls bounced back from their 7-1 loss to Alabama on Friday with a mightily impressive victory against Alabama A&M on Sunday afternoon.

On a stormy day in Normal, AL, KSU stormed the Bulldogs with an 8-0 shutout victory. Seven different KSU players scored goals in the match, tying a record set in 2008 against the same opponent, Alabama A&M.

"I was pleased with today's performance," said head coach Rob King. "We implemented several changes following the disappointing result at Alabama on Friday night."

The seven to score included

sophomore Kelsey Barr, redshirt freshman Katrina Frost, senior Brittany Vining, redshirt freshman Jewelia Strickland, senior Alyssa Mahan, senior Shelby Cosby, and freshman Julia Nelson.

KSU's defense was equally imposing. Junior goalkeeper Melissa Hutto only had to record one save off of three opposing shots in 45 minutes of action, as the Lady Owls' defense was stifling throughout the contest.

The Lady Owls outshot the Bulldogs by a dramatic difference of 21-3, and also held a 6-0 advantage on cornerkicks.

The first goal of the game came from the two leaders of the squad, as Vining connected with fellow senior Alyssa Mahan for the opening goal.

The assist from Vining puts her at ninth-place in KSU's record books for assists.

Frost continued to be a spark plug for the Owls offense, sending in her second goal in as many games. She followed a 25" yard strike from Friday with an equally impressive 20" yard strike against the Bulldogs.

Mahan would add another goal later in the contest, giving her two for the day.

The Lady Owls added two other goals on penalty kicks from Barr and Strickland.

With the victory, KSU evens their record at 1-1. The Lady Owls will play their home opener Friday night at 7 p.m. ainst the College of Charleston at the KSU Soccer Stadium.



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Crimson Tide rolls over Lady Owls, 7-1

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The KSU Lady Owls officially kicked off their 2011 campaign Friday with their first non-exhibition game against the Alabama Crimson Tide in Tuscaloosa.

Alabama got after KSU early and often, dominating the match and winning to the tune of 7-1.

The Lady Owls were out of sync from the start, as the Crimson Tide's Laura Lee Smith put in a goal just 32 seconds into the contest.

Just a few minutes later, Lindsey Sillers took advantage of a lackluster defensive start by the Lady Owls, sending in the Crimson Tide's second goal in the first five minutes of play, making the score 2-0.

Eventually the Lady Owls would iron out some kinks, but they were still overwhelmed by Alabama's aggression.

Two late first-half goals by Theresa Diederich and Kendall Khanna made the score 4-0 at intermission.

The Lady Owls finally got their first goal of the season in the 52nd minute from a new face.

Redshirt freshman midfielder Katrina Frost, who transferred to KSU from the University of South Carolina, had a very impressive and unassisted 25-yard strike into the back of the net, putting the Owls on the board.

Frost was the offensive standout performer of the game, as she scored the team's lone goal and accounted for six of the team's 11 shots, which places her second on the A-Sun shot leaders' stat sheet.

Junior goalkeeper Melissa Hutto



Photo courtesy of KSU Athletics

actually showed some bright spots despite allowing six goals in 64 minutes of play, making four saves. Redshirt freshman Emily Cox had four saves to trump one allowed goal in approximately 26 minutes worth of action.

KSU outsaved Alabama 8-4, but were overwhelmingly outshot 26-11.

"It was an interesting night that we hopefully learn a lot from," said the Lady Owls' head coach, Rob King. "We gave a goal up in the first minute and another two minutes later. Alabama punished us on our mistakes. We played better in the second half, but again made some naïve mistakes."

Preseason All-Atlantic Sun Conference selections Alyssa Mahan (Senior) and Brittany Vining (Senior) were relatively quiet, as they both applied just one shot on goal.

Six freshman actually started for the Owls, including Nicole Calder, Jana Eady, Anna Gudmundsdottir, Iyani Hughes, Jewelia Strickland and Frost.

The Lady Owls' opening day loss came after a very competitive exhibition against Jacksonville State Aug. 12, which ended in a 1-1 draw.

Alabama improved to a 2-0 record with the victory, after defeating Clemson 2-0 in the season opener.

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Hurricane Irene takes aim at the Bahamas

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Hurricane Irene continued on a path that would take it east of Florida, heading toward the Bahamas where it is forecast to arrive as a major hurricane.

At 5 p.m. EDT Monday the storm was about 65 miles north of Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, with maximum sustained winds of 80 mph.

The Bahamas issued a hurricane warning for the central Bahamas and a hurricane watch for the northwestern Bahamas.

The projected path remains to the east of Florida, keeping the core over the Bahamas and more than 150 miles off South Florida's coast and more than 100 miles off the Central Florida coast.

That still could be close enough to bring some wind and rain to Florida during the day on Thursday and into Friday

morning, the National Weather Service said.

"Despite the eastward shifting, the system has the potential be so strong and large that we could still see tropical storm conditions, along with squally weather," said meteorologist Pablo Santos. "All it would take would be minor jog the west, and that could bring tropical storm winds right over us."

The reason the hurricane is expected to bulk up: It is predicted to remain north of Hispaniola over open warm water, said senior hurricane specialist Lixion Avila of the National Hurricane Center. That island otherwise could have weakened or even disrupted it.

At 5 p.m. on Monday, Irene was in the Atlantic about 215 miles southeast of Grand Turk Island, moving northwest at 13 mph with sustained winds of 80 mph.

Irene intensified into the first hurricane of the season at 5 a.m. on Monday while it was over Puerto Rico. According to initial

reports, the storm knocked down lines and trees and left about 800,000 people without power.

Under the latest forecast, the system would move north of Hispaniola on Monday and Tuesday and through the Bahamas on Wednesday, growing into a Category 3 hurricane along the way.

It is expected to arrive near South Florida by Thursday afternoon, although the region could start feeling the storm's fringes on Thursday morning.

From there, it would churn north, paralleling the state's east coast and aiming toward South Carolina. It is projected to be near Charleston, S.C., on Saturday morning.

More immediately, Irene is expected to produce up to 5 to 10 inches of rain along its path, including Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, northern Hispaniola and the Bahamas, the hurricane center said.



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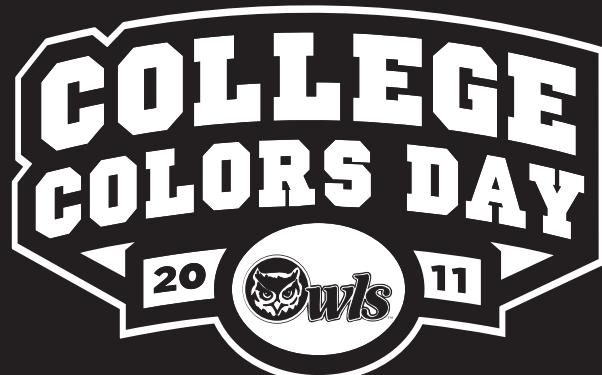
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