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KSU to Break Human Peace Sign World Record

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Students, faculty and community members are invited to join hands on the campus green to be a part of the world's largest human peace sign on March 31.

KSU Peace Project founder Jessie Blowers acted as co-chair for the university's annual Peace and the Arts Conference in 2011, where she originally had the idea for a human peace sign.

"I was looking for images of people standing in a peace sign when I stumbled upon an image of the current world record," said Blowers.

New York set the current world record in 2008 at the Ithaca Festival with 5,814 human peace sign participants.

"With over 24,000 students enrolled at KSU, we just need a fourth of them to show up," said Blowers. "Those are good odds."

The event website described this project as an all-inclusive activist opportunity.

"Is your cause ending world hunger or saving the dolphins? Either way, this is your chance to support the cause that means

the most to you. We want to encourage a renewed sense of activism, so come with posters and enthusiasm. This event is what YOU make of it," the KSU Peace Project website read.

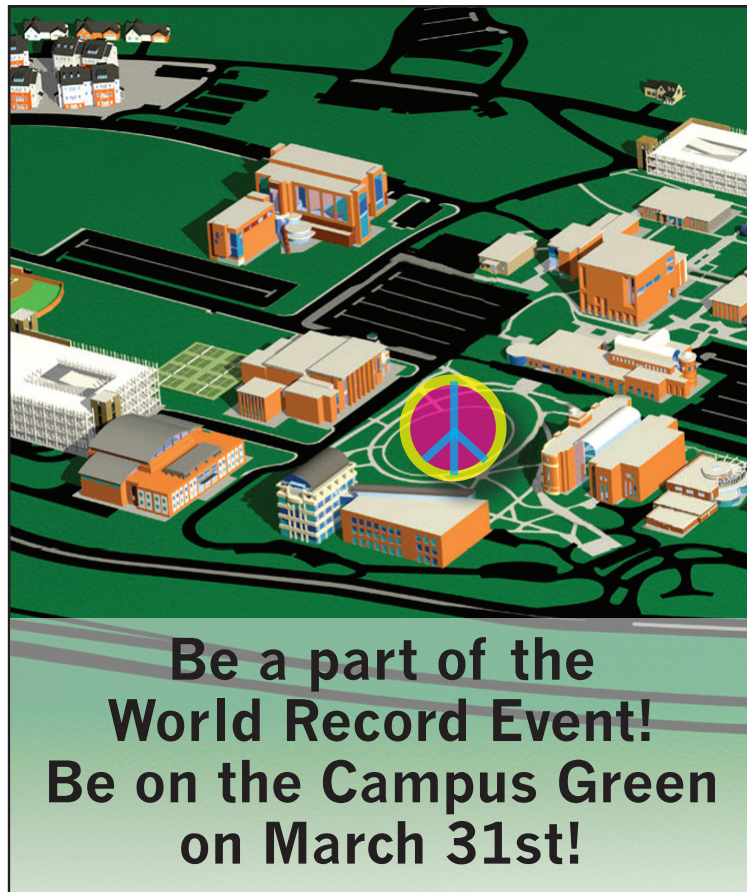
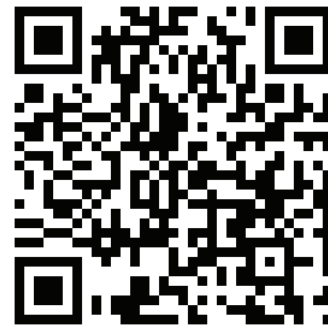
Kennesaw community members can register to be a part of the KSU Peace Project by going to ksupeace.com.

"Our mission is to increase activism and cause awareness among students. I believe this generation has a plethora of resources to be organized and accomplish great things, but we do not tap into those resources," said Blowers. "I look at what Egyptians, Lybians and Syrians have accomplished through the power of social media, but what have Americans really done with these powerful tools?"

The KSU Alumni Association will sell special brick pavers at the event that will be installed in a new Alumni Walk.

"They will include your name and a peace design so you can leave a permanent peace legacy at KSU," said Blowers.

For more information, visit ksupeace.com or check out the KSU Peace Project Facebook group.



Former KSU Student To Run For House Seat

Linda Spector
STAFF WRITER

Former KSU student Scot Turner is running for a seat in the House of Representatives.

Turner said his inspiration to run for office was the result of a project he did at KSU for his Civil Engagement class.

"As a result of a project for Professor Strider's class, I spent some time down at the Capitol. What I saw there was eye opening in a lot of ways," Turner said. "The practice of influence peddling was apparent, as lobbyists

have no cap on the value of gifts they can give to legislators in an effort to sway policy and legislation."

Turner said he decided to run for the House seat because the sitting incumbent said he saw no problem with the current system.

"I think it's wrong, and it has inspired me to run on an ethics reform platform that focuses on personal accountability," Turner said. "I believe that if you see a problem, you are obligated to try and fix it."

Turner said he won't take money from

lobbyists or a Political Action Committee, and intends to run a completely transparent campaign.

"I would like to see government run by people that see it as a honor and a public service," Turner said. "To this end, I would like to see the entitlement mentality shared by so many of our current legislators come to an end."

Turner will run as a Republican for the 21st House District in Cherokee County, representing Kennesaw.

"I am just a regular person that one woke up one day and decided to take a stand for what I believe is right in the way I thought would make the biggest impact," Turner said.

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Lecture Questioned War On Drugs

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STAFF WRITER

Last week the Young Americans for Liberty and the College Libertarians of KSU hosted a lecture about the federal drug war.

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition representative Jay Fisher spoke to a group of over 50 people on Jan. 24.

"You cannot stand for liberty and the drug war simultaneously," said Fisher. "This is my main theme."

He asked the audience what they would do in several scenarios involving drug use and personal decision making.

"Let's say drugs were legalized tomorrow, and I mean all drugs," Fisher said. "If you could go to CVS or Walgreens tomorrow what would you try?"

The first three people said they would not try any drugs, and the fourth said he might try marijuana. Fisher said the audience members made their decisions based on personal experience and did not have to be told what to do by the federal government.

Fisher's second scenario illustrated how people often see a loved one's drug use as a health issue, and see other's drug use as a legal issue. He said the federal government's policy focused too much on legal repercussions and not enough on treatment solutions.

The Students for Sensible Drug Policies organization has been working since 1998 to end the war on drugs. SSDP focuses on how the "War on Drugs" has negatively affected students. SSDP works to motivate students who are concerned with both drug use in their communities to become politically and socially active in ending harsh legislation in their own schools.

KSU does not have an SSDP organization on campus, and according to the KSU Student Handbook "...KSU reserves the right to impose a 'two strike' approach... except drug violations that result in immediate removal."

Though this policy is not abnormal- many schools in the U.S. have a zero tolerance policy- it has done little to stall the drug use on campus. Fisher said programs

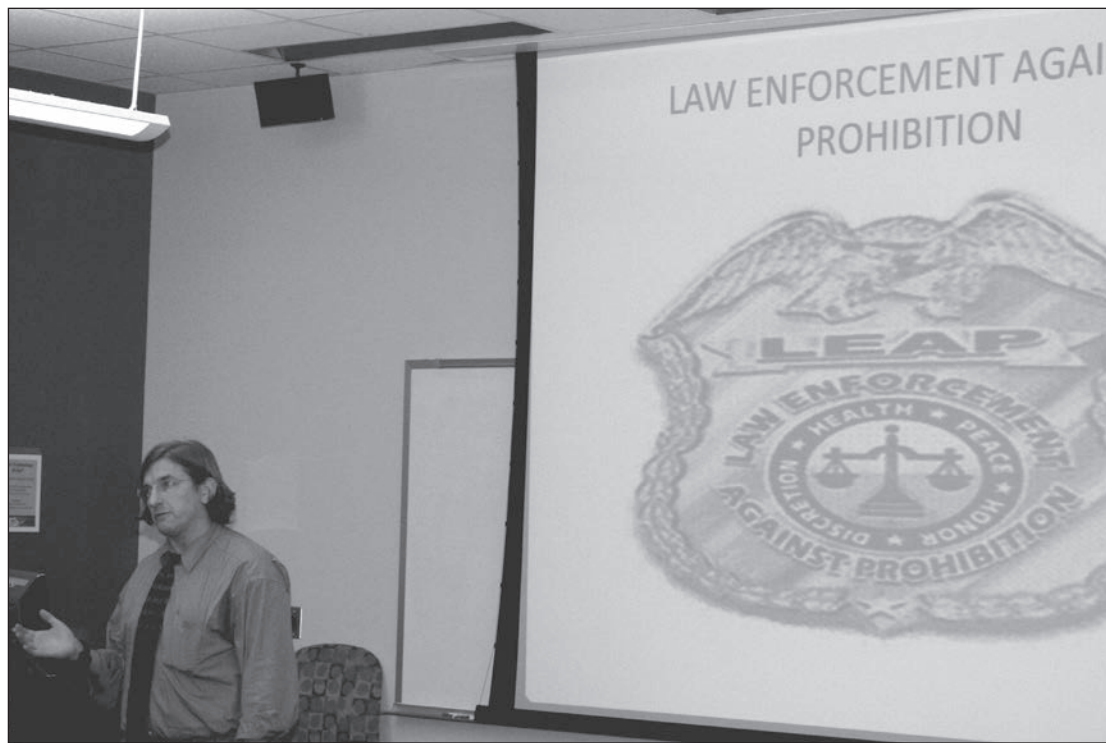
that focused on health education and personal responsibility have seen much better results across the country.

Fisher related the issue of federal government using legislation to abbreviate or take away basic constitutional rights to his argument against the war on drugs. As examples, he referenced the Patriot Act, National Defense Authorization Act and the creation of SWAT.

"SWAT has been bastardized from its original use," Fisher said.

He explained how SWAT, Special Weapons And Tactics, was designed to deal with predominantly high risk and hostage situations, not drug violations. In the state of Maryland alone, SWAT teams are called out an average of four to five times daily. Of those, 90 percent are involved with drug trafficking investigations.

After examining how U.S. citizens' rights are being violated, Fisher ended with the same words he began with, "You cannot stand for Liberty and the drug war simultaneously."



Jay Fisher explains the history about Law Enforcement Against Prohibition to the students of KSU during his lecture on the federal drug war.

“SWAT has been *bastardized* from its original use.”

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SGA BEAT

SGA President Wilson Announces Final Warning for Campus Smokers

By Tiffani Reardon
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The Student Government Association made several important announcements at the general session on Thursday, Jan. 26. The first was a final warning for on-campus smokers.

There are new, larger smoking signs around campus marking where students are or are not allowed to smoke this semester, and a lot of them still are not following the rules.

Students should be receiving an email from Vice President of Operations Dr. Randy Hines which says "this is your last warning, if there is not a dramatic increase in everything [students following the smoking rules], we will be moving to a smoke free campus in the fall," said SGA President Ronald Wilson.

If KSU becomes a smoke free campus, students smoking on campus may start getting tickets.

Also in this meeting, Jonelle Woody, a student in Leadership 3400, asked for participation in

a dodge ball tournament to raise money for students in Tanzania.

In Tanzania, all science courses are only offered in English. "The only way the children in the villages can learn English is to be transported by bus to the cities. Unfortunately, funding for that sort of transportation is very limited," said Woody.

The class will be putting on a dodge ball tournament with five person teams to raise funds for these students on March 28, from 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. They have a goal of \$1500, but they would like to raise as much as possible.

Wilson also read the official Soccer Stadium Memorandum of Understanding. It has not been signed yet, but the general details of it are paraphrased as follows:

Students come directly after Atlanta Beat when it comes to reserving the Soccer Stadium. Funding for the Sports and Recreation Park, including the Soccer Stadium, came largely from the \$75 per semester student fee.

“This is your last warning, if there is not a dramatic increase in everything, we will be moving to a smoke free campus in the fall.”

Any additional net revenue received by KSU including the renewal of the Atlanta Beat contract, concert rentals, advertising and others from the stadium should be used to reduce the \$75 per semester fee to be set aside for future expansion of the Sports and Recreation Park, to provide for needed upkeep and/or to develop new programs for KSU students.

University Athletics will only have priority use of the field within the stadium, the practice field and track north of the stadium. Use of other fields will be primarily for club sports, intramurals and other student groups.

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Sheila Strider said her course was simply a vehicle for Turner to explore his passion lemore about a public service he had already contemplated.

"I cannot take credit for his decision, drive, and enthusiasm," Strider said. "The opportunity to

Continued from NEWS Page 1 encourage the dreams of young people, show them they can make a difference, and inspire them to reach for the stars and not let anything stand in the way of their potential, is a priceless and amazing experience."



Christy Rogers
STAFF WRITER

Saving It For Later?

On Jan. 2 at 3:50 p.m. an officer observed a van on Busbee Parkway without a valid decal failing to maintain its lane. The officer stopped the van and the officer noticed the driver's eyes were red, blood-shot and glassy. He fumbled for his license and seemed disoriented. The driver stated he had been working all day. The officer discovered that the driver's tag expired in March of 2011. The officer asked the driver to step to the rear of his vehicle. The officer noticed the smell of alcohol on the driver's breath. The driver stated he had a few beers at work but refused to blow into the Alco-Sensor. The driver did, however, fail the field examinations. The officer arrested the driver for DUI. After the arrest, the officer found several open containers of alcohol inside the car and a jar of urine.

Just Curious...

An officer was dispatched to

the KSU Place dorms on Jan. 8 at 6:20 p.m. in regards to a possible theft from a vehicle. The officer met with the complainant, a female who said she had been moving into her apartment and left her vehicle doors unlocked when taking things into her apartment. When she came back to the parking she noticed two bald, black males searching through her car. She used the emergency phone at the corner of her building. The two males left while she was on the phone and she said nothing appeared to be missing.

The Blame Game

An officer was dispatched to Willingham Hall in reference to harassment on Jan. 10 at 5:32 p.m. The complainant was a female who said her ex-roommate came by her office and told her "you will regret what you did to my sister and me". The female said that when she lived with this person, she went out of town for a while and came home to find her roommate smoking marijuana. She called the sheriff's office and the roommate was arrested. No one else was in the office when this happened. The officer advised her to get a temporary protective order against him. The officer also attempted to make contact with the ex-roommate but he was not in class.



Michelle Babcock
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 3-4 KSU will host this year's SoCon, a social media conference now in its sixth year.

SoCon12 features numerous keynote speakers, including CNN's SEO coordinator for digital news properties Topher Kohan and Executive Vice President of Global Strategy and Insights for Edelman (the world's largest independent PR

firm) Steve Rubel.

Numerous other professionals plan to share their expertise during the conference, whether as keynote speakers, panel members or through networking. SoCon offers an opportunity for students and professionals to come together and share their knowledge and ideas.

SoCon has a reputation for selling out in advance, and space for this year's SoCon2012 is almost full. Registration is \$119 at SoCon12.com.

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate to Speak at KSU

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STAFF WRITER

The second annual Pathways to Peace Lecture series continues with 1997 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Jody Williams. Williams was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her work banning landmines with the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. Williams led a mission to Darfur in 2007 for the United Nations' Human Rights Council and has chaired the Nobel Women's Initiative with fellow Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Shirin Ebadi of Iran since 2007. Williams was also named one of the world's 100 most powerful women by Forbes magazine.

She will speak twice on Thursday, Feb. 2. First, at 2 p.m. in Prillaman Hall room 1000, and later at 7 p.m. at the Bailey Performance Center. Tickets are required, but admission is free.



Jody Williams.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11:00 AM							
12:00 PM	Groovy 70s Flashback	Space Station		I Know Right?!			
1:00 PM							
2:00 PM	Totally 80s Flashback						
3:00 PM			GeekDom				
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5:00 PM	OWL Radio News	OWL Radio News	OWL Radio News	Investigation KSU	OWL Radio News		
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7:00 PM							
8:00 PM	Indie Show w/Miss Akua Flylove	Tuesday Titan	Jazz with Mr. C	eKSU	ExploRadio		
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Atlanta Wants New Stadium Just for the Novelty

Talks between the Atlanta Falcons organization and Georgia World Congress Center authority, regarding the prospects of a new downtown stadium, have increased recently according to a report from the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

I'm having trouble understanding the motivation, and don't see it necessary, at all, to even think about building a new stadium in the near future.

The Georgia Dome isn't just home to the Atlanta Falcons, it hosts annual college football games, basketball tournaments, concerts and more. But, the Atlanta Falcons are the premier tenant, and they have won 25 of 31 games in the building since 2008.

While the novelty of the concept is exciting, the reality is there are no real benefits that will come from building a new venue. Sure, new, state-of-the-art stadiums are lightning rods for receiving the nod from the Super Bowl committee, but besides the possibility of hosting the big game, there is nothing else that makes me think this is a good idea.

As I mentioned in a previous piece, the Falcons' attendance in 2011 was at 96 percent. They had more fans coming through the turnstiles than the New York Giants.

So, how exactly is a new stadium going to become an exponentially better money maker? It won't.

And, the new stadium, which would be built under the Georgia World Congress Center



Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

Authority, would be nearly half state funded.

The new complex project's \$400 million of the \$700 million needed will come from the hotel/motel tax, which is a 3-8 percent tax increase on hotel visitors in Georgia.

The tax funds are meant to help the upkeep of convention centers, museums and other tourist attractions in the area. Building a new stadium for the sake of a new stadium, rendering the other one a ghost house, is a terrible idea.

Do we really want the state government showing this much priority failure?

I can't accept the fact there are authorities who are motivated enough to throw \$400 million in tax dollars towards an aimless project, while other state institutions like,—I don't know—the State University System of Georgia, are gasping for air.

Not only was the system falling by the wayside just a few years ago, threatening major tuition

increases, but now school's are slated to merge to save money. It sounds great on the surface, but considerable amounts of faculty and staff are slated to lose jobs.

Plus, could we not find great ways to spend \$400 million on improving roads, or cleaning up and updating run down and decrepit areas of town? Talk about finding better ways to enhance tourism even more.

The state should be more concerned with finding ways to filter money towards things we really need. While the hotel/motel tax concept is respectable, the implications of giving a thumbs up to such a waste of money, in times when the economy is a major issue, are sickening.

Not only do the Falcons not need a new home venue, but the state needs to be more concerned with other issues. The hotel/motel tax law's parameters could be changed to expand its potential beneficiaries.

I'm a die hard Falcons fan, but I'm not in any support of these developments.

It's amazing how sports have the power to desensitize us from real issues. The Georgia Dome is not a real issue. It makes the state money. And a new facility could do nothing to exponentially increase the economic impact that the current facility has.

We have many needs for state money, yet we want to duplicate, nay, shift an already existing money maker up the road and leave one empty?

All a new stadium would bring to Atlanta is a \$400 million hole.

Don't take their word for it; think for yourself

The "American Dream" is made of up a delicate fabric that is slowly torn away by the world we live in. The thought that we live in a meritocracy is one of the biggest lies that Americans tell themselves every morning. Even though most of us will die in the same social

class in that we were born into, there are those of us who can look past the lies, and into the heart of how the world actually works. Unless the public as a whole identifies the problem, members of the working class will continue to be lemmings controlled by the

affluent without regard to our own extended future.

There have been accusations that our political leaders are being funded or are in cahoots with companies/industries. We need to face the facts. Every politician

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that has ever run for office has been funded by a large amount of people. With the exception of one, all U.S. Presidents have come from the upper class of this country. Americans buy into the “I’m here for the working class” stance that politicians exude. To say that one candidate this year is different from the rest would be doing a public disservice. The candidates are all backed by upper class Americans who want their own bidding done. This is true for both the Democratic and Republican parties. Too many voters will think that if we don’t vote for a Democrat or Republican, it is a wasted vote. There are no such things as wasted votes,



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unless you include Mickey Mouse (which gets as many as 20,000 votes a year). Voters need to do more of their own research, instead of relying on CNN and FOX NEWS. Think about who is choosing what stories they run, and who is funding that broadcast. Most students didn’t watch the State of the Union Address. Even those that did watch, didn’t think about what he was saying and wonder, if that’s really a good idea.

President Obama wants more Americans to have a college education. But won’t that flood the job market? With unemployment where it is, millions of Americans can’t find work. If we continue to educate more Americans on a collegiate level that will cause a new problem: Too many over qualified workers. This country wasn’t built on the backs of people who were well read and who dabbled in high society. It was founded on backs of hard working Americans. Some of us are aware that there is no longer a technical program offered in high schools, meaning everyone is on a college preparatory track. Teachers will tell you it is obvious that some of these students don’t want to be there, but there is nothing those teachers can do. Many

of these students will drop out and live their lives on a different path. I spoke with a teacher who was told to “not let that child fail”.

What Politicians are telling us is that this isn’t okay. There are people throughout this country who can barely read, but they can rebuild an engine without batting an eyelash. A relative of mine did not receive a college degree, but is making over \$80,000 a year. For the sake of teachers, and the work force, put the technical level back into the education system. It will create more jobs for teachers, and make life much easier on those teachers. During his speech Obama said, “I am proposing that every state - every state - requires that all students stay in high school until they graduate or turn 18.” In theory that sounds wonderful, but what if that child doesn’t want to be there? With the GED being offered as an equivalent to a diploma, why should we deny him a choice? For instance, there was a student who dropped out at 16 so he could get his GED and attend college a year before any of his classmates. What about those students?

Another questionable topic on education was brought up during

his speech. “Hardworking students in this country face another challenge: the fact that they aren’t yet American citizens.” I’m a little confused; because it sounded like people who aren’t U.S. citizens are getting an education in this country. He isn’t talking about foreign exchange students, or children of parents who have work visa’s. He is referring to illegal immigrants of this country. If he is so worried about creating jobs specifically for Americans, then why is he continuing to educate illegals at the cost of tax payers? The cost of school lunches by the government for those who cannot afford them are feeding these children as well. It isn’t the child’s fault, and I understand that. Some school’s budgets are being stretched beyond belief because they cannot afford

supplies for American citizens. However, we keep packing non-U.S. citizens into our schools, and giving them food without another thought. You might wonder why no politician will bring this up. It’s easy, they want everyone’s vote. No politician will say anything that could lose them a vote.

Chances are, you aren’t going to find a politician that you will agree with completely. You need to figure out for yourself what is most important to you. Search out alternative forms of news. Read multiple articles on the same story and compare them. There is no such thing as unbiased news in today’s media. Prioritize your topics, become educated on the candidates, and change how this country works.

Snubbing out Cigarettes?

“One smoker cannot control the actions or decisions of another smoker”



Jessica Ellis

On Jan. 24, Dr. Randy C. Hinds emailed KSU students on behalf of filed complaints regarding cigarette smokers on campus. Public Safety has had from late 2010 to date, “approximately 300 smokers warned or ticketed including 146 referred to KSU’s judiciary program” for violating smoking outside of designated areas. His email to explained that many smokers have also blocked doorways and if it continues to be a problem, KSU will have become a “smoking/tobacco free campus.” Although we are all aware of the dangers of smoking, implementing a tobacco-free campus is not a fair decision for smokers on campus.

Although Dr. Hinds made excellent points in his email that all students should have the ability to breathe clean air, when students are off campus they encounter

smokers everywhere else in a public setting. How will students cope with the real world of smokers after the potential protective bubble KSU is considering imposing?

Smoking has been banned in indoor restaurants in Georgia and all over the country and if a smoker decides to light a cigarette in one of these establishments, they will get in trouble by management or even law enforcement. However, someone who is in the same restaurant and decides to step outside for a cigarette is free of worry from the ban and is therefore not punished for their actions. By letting the minority of students who have smoked outside of designated areas ruin it for the majority, it

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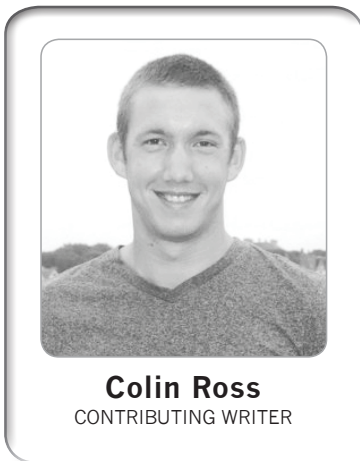
is not fair. One smoker cannot control the actions or decisions of another smoker, just like one drinker who obeys the legal limits on alcohol cannot change the decisions of another who chooses to drink and drive. If KSU wants a healthy campus, they should also only serve healthy food in dining

areas or vending machines and prohibit any alcohol on campus, despite legal drinking age, to help fight obesity and save livers everywhere.

KSU should continue to ticket those who violate the designated smoking areas, but should not ban the use of tobacco altogether.

Show YOUR School Pride Not Others

KSU is growing fast, but can we compete with the rest? To outsiders, UGA, Georgia Tech and Georgia State may still be known as the big three schools in the state. Many don't realize that it's only a matter of time before we make ourselves nationally recognized. With highly reputable departments of education, KSU can compete against the best, however, we lack the household name the larger schools share. We have the staff, facilities and location to become one of the greats, but we are missing that one crucial element, school spirit.



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Many of us see this lack in school spirit every day on our way to class. While walking around campus, you're more likely to see students wearing apparel from another school than from KSU. Sadly, you might even see more high school spirit wear than KSU's. What is it with this lack of spirit? I may not be the biggest supporter of KSU pride, but I believe in what this school is and what it is becoming. Only a few years ago, this school was no more than a name and a few buildings, but now it is one of the largest and highly accredited schools in the state. KSU may not have much of a history, but as students we should be excited to be part of a time where we make students proud to wear the black and gold.

We have every right to be proud of what our school is becoming. We have a fantastic staff, quality teachers, a great student body and a beautiful campus that is constantly improving. Many may not see it, but the city of Kennesaw is quickly becoming a college town. By next year, three student-housing facilities

will be completed, KSU's new athletic facility will be available to students and renovation to the campus gym will be under way. We have many things to be proud of and the school is doing its best to promote school spirit. It's time for someone to take the initiative to spread school spirit, but who should that be?

I say that it should be the student body that steps up and becomes a new movement. A movement that brings the student body together and helps spread the idea of a new unified owl nation. On Feb. 10, the school will be hosting the perfect event for us to start this movement. A tailgate party will be held at 5:30 p.m. outside the Convocation Center for the televised basketball game against Mercer. Along with free food and t-shirts, the university will be debuting our first fight song. This will be a perfect time to show our pride on national TV and prove that our student body is proud of what we have. It will take time, but now is the perfect chance for us to do something special for this school. Be a trailblazer, be a leader and be a part of owl nation.

THE ROOT TO Santorum's FOREIGN Policy:



The Case Against the Drug War

This past week, the Kennesaw chapters of Young Americans for Liberty and the College Libertarians joined forces to present a very interesting lecture. For those of you that were not in attendance, the subject matter was the current status of federal and state drug laws and how these laws are encroaching on our rights as citizens of the United States. With the help of the organization Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Jay Fisher, a state attorney, came to campus to discuss his experience dealing with cases on a local and national level in relation to drugs.

This was no small feat. LEAP is a national organization that brings together our servicemen and women, along with judges and attorneys to address the concerns of what they believe to be a failed U.S. drug policy at home and abroad. As an active organization, we were lucky to have them send us such a noted speaker who has much experience in this particular aspect of law.

Jay Fisher holds a law degree, as well as a master's in public administration, and represents the state department in constitutional rights cases. He started his presentation with a simple

question, "If government were to legalize everything tomorrow, what would you go out and buy first?" The resounding answer was, surprisingly, "Nothing." Most people said that with the information they have, they would make the choice to abstain from partaking in these substances, even if they were legal. When asked why, many students said they knew the dangers and they simply didn't want to take such risks.

Obviously young people are more intelligent and responsible than mass society gives us credit for. We acknowledge our actions have consequences, especially to others, and we choose to opt for a more safe approach in our personal lives as a general rule. Fisher then proceeded to explain why the current rules and regulations are outdated and archaic, as well as how they punch holes in the Constitution of the United States.

For example, in a recent sting operation police used an infrared camera to spy inside people's homes to see who might be growing marijuana illegally. Based on the camera's evidence, they raided a house and found several marijuana plants.



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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

However, it was in direct violation of a citizen's right to privacy, as the camera was considered to be searching the house. For any search of a person's home, even from the street with an infrared camera, a warrant is needed. Fisher also discussed how under the mutual possession law if a vehicle gets pulled over with four people in it and an officer finds an illegal substance, everyone in the car can go to jail if they all deny possession. These are the laws of our state, and it behooves us to know them.

The key to a good lecture, aside from a solid presenter, is a strong turnout. With more than 50 students in attendance, everyone enjoyed Fisher's speech. An open question and answer session afterward provided more information and insight into this very important topic. If you want to learn more about what was discussed, you can visit LEAP's website at www.leap.cc.

MTV mom speaks about the struggles of parenthood

I was shocked (when I found out I was pregnant). I never thought this would happen to me.

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On Jan. 26, Maci Bookout from MTV's "16 and Pregnant" and "Teen Mom" came to speak about the struggles of being a teen mom to KSU's packed University Rooms. Bookout has been doing these lectures for three years and uses this forum to express her passion about continuing awareness among

teens and young adults about protection. When interviewing Bookout about her story, it was evident that she was not only knowledgeable but also passionate about preventing others from going through the struggles she has had to face. Bookout talked about her reaction to finding out she was pregnant and how to cope with being a teen mom.

"I was shocked (when I found out I was pregnant). I never thought this would

happen to me. My parents were upset and worried. (The hardest part of being a mother is) having to give up my youth and I have to give up time with Bentley because I'm not with his dad, Ryan," Bookout said.

There was passion and love in her voice when she talked about her son and it revealed how she is still grounded even through the struggle.

"You get to be a kid again. Also, I've learned what real love is (because of Bentley)," Bookout said.

The lecture took a more

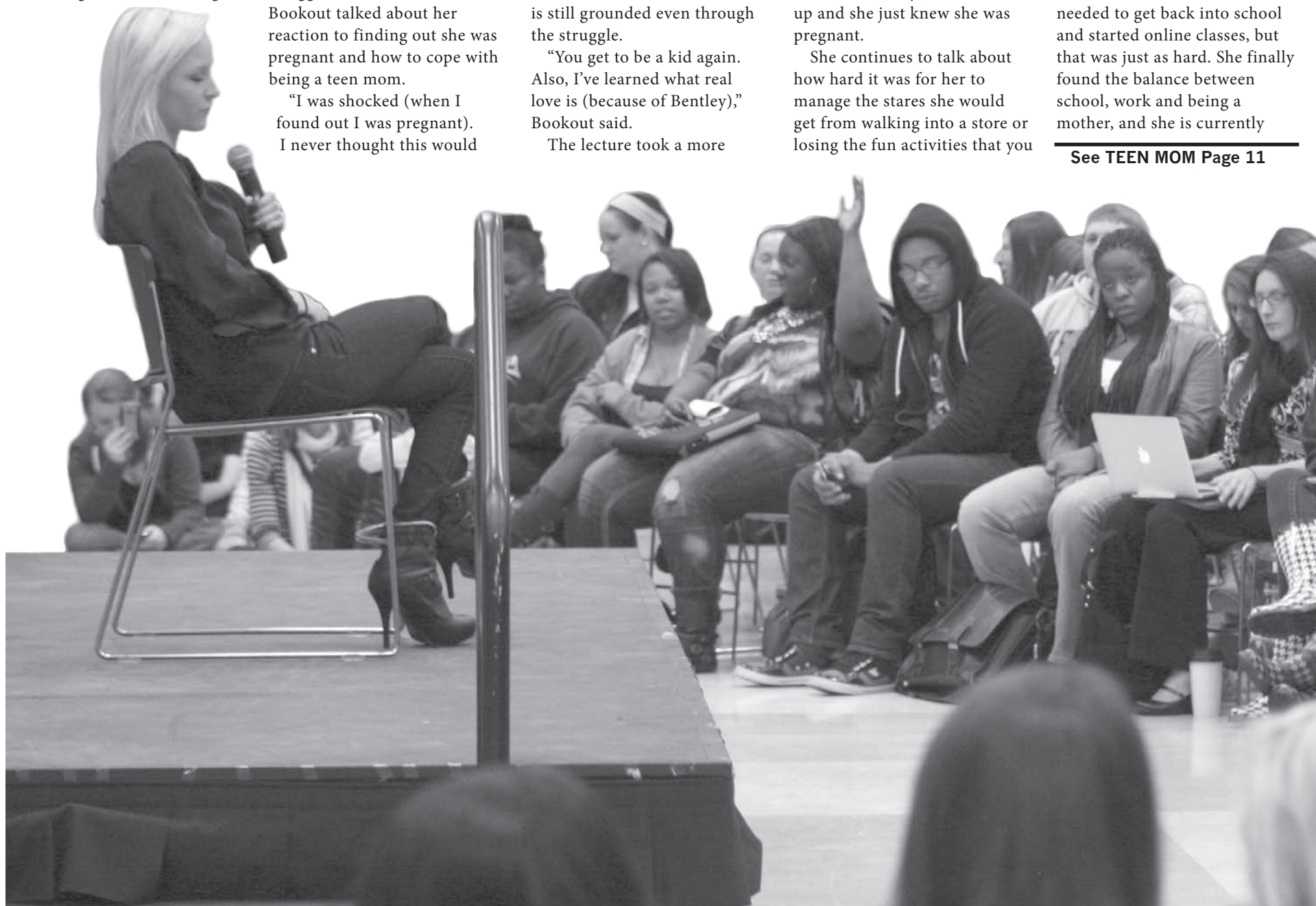
relaxed and story-like tone when Bookout started talking about her background prior to finding out she was pregnant. She expressed how her then boyfriend, Ryan, changed her mind about wanting a serious relationship. She tells the audience that it was high school love and one day she woke up and she just knew she was pregnant.

She continues to talk about how hard it was for her to manage the stares she would get from walking into a store or losing the fun activities that you

get to experience during your senior year in high school, like prom.

Bookout went back to school when her son Bentley was just 8 weeks old, but was forced to drop those classes because she couldn't stand the idea of missing any of his "firsts". She convinced herself that she needed to get back into school and started online classes, but that was just as hard. She finally found the balance between school, work and being a mother, and she is currently

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working toward a Media Technology major with a minor in Creative Writing.

During the question and answer session after the lecture, Bookout said that she found out about the MTV show from a listing on Craigslist that her mother forced her to fill out. She emailed them a short response in hopes that nothing would come of it, but she received a call from them shortly after.

Bookout said she believes the two MTV shows have helped bring the issue of teen pregnancy to light because it was something that no one talked about prior to it airing. She said the most important thing to realize is at our age, we should be selfish and no one is ready to give up his or her life for someone else.

She feels that public speaking and lecturing has helped her portray this message to many teenagers and young adults at universities and high schools. She hopes everyone takes this knowledge and makes the right decision to prevent any hardship in the future.

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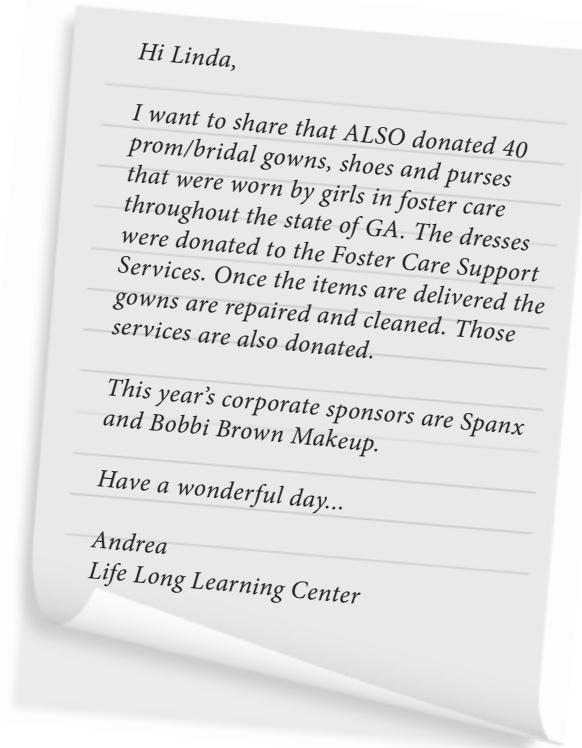
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Ask Linda

Linda Spector Boehringer is a student at KSU, who is currently juggling the joys of family life while returning to school to pursue a degree in Journalism. Linda lives in Kennesaw with her husband and three children. Her inspiration to start an advice column stems from her grandmother Rosie, who shared a passion for "Dear Abby" columns. With this column Linda hopes to create a forum where

people can communicate daily issues. This column is designed to listen, educate and bring attention to important issues. By bringing your questions and comments to this forum you are helping create a close-knit community feel for the KSU family. Please email Linda at asklinda@ksusentinel.com and get involved. No issue is too little, too big or too outrageous!



Dear Andrea,

So great to hear from you and with such wonderful news!! Some readers may not know what ALSO is so I am going to share... ALSO is an acronym for Adult Learner Student Organization. It is a fast growing organization which is very popular with the students on the Kennesaw State University campus.

ALSO collects new and like-new formal wear and accessories that will be donated to teens in foster care via the Foster Care Support Foundation, Inc.

It's great to bring attention to this wonderful organization. Thanks for helping me do that! As you can see the project has been successful in donating 40 prom/bridal gowns, shoes and purses but they could use more. PLEASE, help someone else enjoy that magical night by giving them the dress or tux of their dreams. Check out the organization on the web at http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/alp/template/ALSO.htm. Thank you Andrea for sharing

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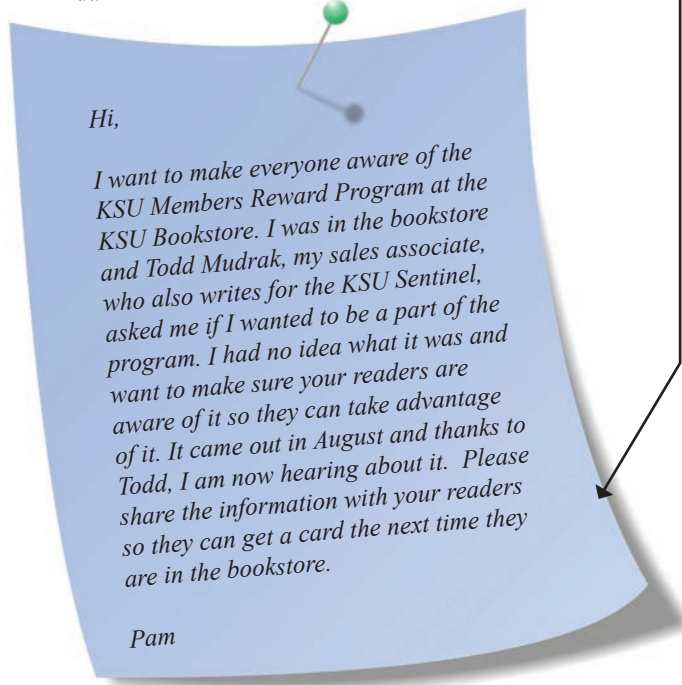


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information regarding this wonderful program. Hopefully we can get some more donations.

Cheers,

Linda



Hi,

I want to make everyone aware of the KSU Members Reward Program at the KSU Bookstore. I was in the bookstore and Todd Mudrak, my sales associate, who also writes for the KSU Sentinel, asked me if I wanted to be a part of the program. I had no idea what it was and want to make sure your readers are aware of it so they can take advantage of it. It came out in August and thanks to Todd, I am now hearing about it. Please share the information with your readers so they can get a card the next time they are in the bookstore.

Pam

Hi Pam,

Thanks for writing in!

Here's the info:
The KSU Rewards Program gives you points for each purchase you make. You will receive one point for every dollar you spend in the KSU Bookstore, and one point for every \$10 you spend on software, computers, iPods and iPads. You may redeem points for gift cards through the website. Points mature and will be available for redemption 30 days from the date of purchase. Purchases made prior to Monday, August 15, 2011 will not qualify for rewards points.

If you don't have one, you need to get one. Everyone can use rewards. Thanks Pam and Todd for sharing this valuable information. I had no idea! This is fantastic news. Please feel free to write in when you discover other advantageous programs like this!!

Cheers,
Linda

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A Cookie Dough Cupcake



Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 (18.25 ounce) box yellow cake mix
- 1 1/3 cups water
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 3 eggs

Directions

1. Whisk together the flour, baking soda and sea salt; set aside. Beat the butter, white sugar and brown sugar with an electric mixer in a large bowl until smooth.

Let's Get Cooking!



Add 1 egg and the vanilla extract and beat until smooth. Mix in the flour mixture until just incorporated. Fold in the chocolate chips, mixing just enough to evenly combine. Form the dough into tablespoon-sized balls; place onto a baking sheet, and freeze until solid; about 2 hours.

2. Preheat oven to 350° F.
- Line 24 muffin cups with paper liners.
3. Beat 3 eggs in a large bowl with an electric mixer to break up. Add the cake mix, water and canola oil; continue beating for 2 minutes on medium speed. Spoon into the prepared cupcake liners, filling each 2/3 full. Place a frozen cookie dough ball on the top center of each cupcake.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick

inserted into the cake portion of the cupcake (not the cookie dough ball) comes clean, about 20 minutes. Cool in the pans for 10 minutes before removing to cool completely on a wire rack.

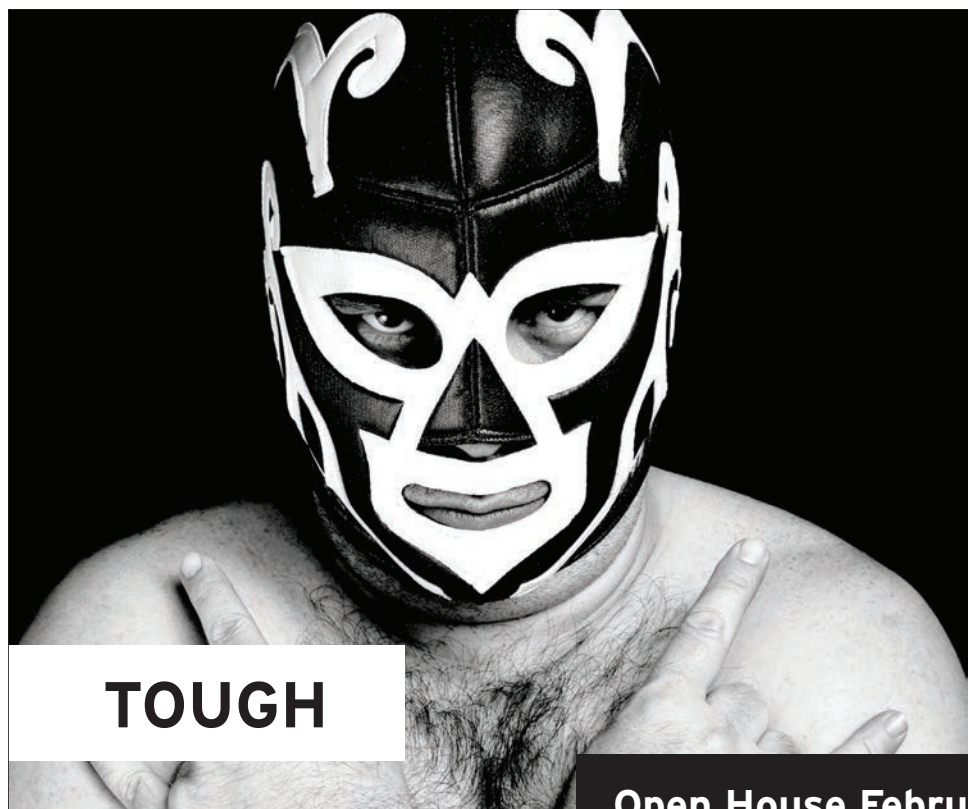
The last thing you need is to have to make another decision, cupcake or cookie? Why not do both!

This recipe is a great two-in-one cookie dough cupcake that is made by simply making cookie dough mix and placing a frozen ball into cake mix.

You can substitute the chocolate with your favorite type of cookie dough.

As for the toppings, have fun!

I chose the white cake mix with the funfetti icing that includes sprinkles for a colorful finish.



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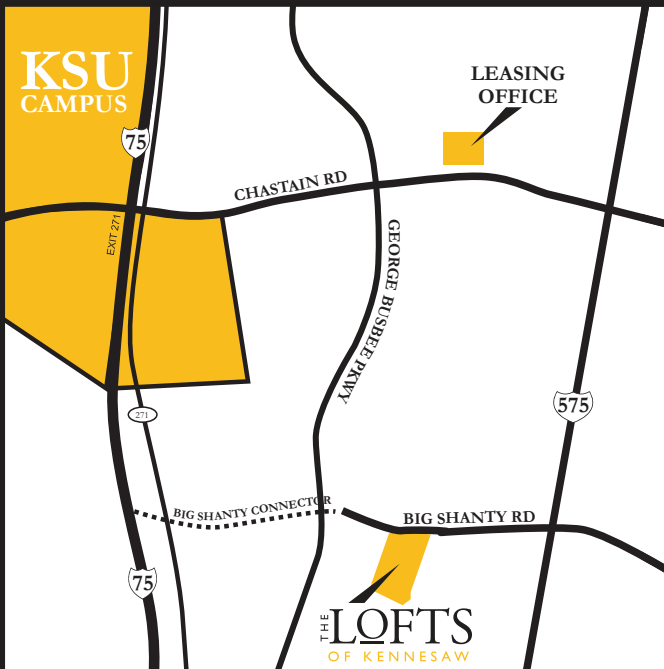
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KSU alumni Jody Reynard will be performing in the musical MEMPHIS at the Fox Theater in Atlanta from Jan. 31 to Feb. 5.

After graduating in 1998, Reynard has appeared on Broadway in Legally Blonde, Taboo, Saturday Night Fever and Fosse. In addition to MEMPHIS, he's toured the country in performances of Kiss Me Kate, Camelot & My Fair Lady. He's been seen regionally in roles such as Mitch Mahoney (Spelling Bee - Theatre Aspen), Phaedra (La Cage aux Folles - Walnut Street Theatre), Ken (Smokey Joe's Café - Maltz Jupiter Theatre) and Darren Lemming (Take Me Out - Zachary Scott Theatre). His film and TV credits include The Oprah Winfrey Show ("Farewell Spectacular" - ABC), Rosie Live! (NBC), One Life to Live (ABC), Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (Bravo), Show Business: The Road to Broadway (Documentary film) and a cable national commercial for Road Runner High Speed Online. Jody has also performed in concerts with the Omaha Symphony and the New York Philharmonic Orchestras.

1. What are the highs and lows of creating such an incredible performance?

The highs would have to include the applause on a nightly basis, the feeling when the lights first hit you on your first entrance, the sound of your voice mixing with 27 other voices on stage when you hit the final note of the final chord of the finale and the complete losing of yourself in your character and the action on stage to the point that you forget there's an audience watching (the best performances come out of that last feeling).

The lows involve spending hours traveling on the one true day off you have that week, knowing that you even though you are dog tired you have eight shows that week and have to pull the energy from somewhere, knowing "home" now means a hotel room and giving your all (and then some) in the show and having people not know who you are when you leave out of the stage door.

2. How much work goes into it?

We began rehearsals in early September 2011 and opened in Memphis, TN on Oct. 16. For

those of us who understudy parts in the show, we usually have rehearsals at least once a week to keep us fresh on those parts.

3. What is the greatest satisfaction you feel from performing in a production like MEMPHIS?

Knowing that I am part of an extremely talented group of people and that I am putting my all into each and every performance, hoping to move someone the way I was so moved by performances I saw at the Fox way back when.

4. How does one go about being a part of a production like this?

MEMPHIS has been in development for several years; it had previous incarnations at regional theatres near Boston, San Diego and Seattle before moving to New York and winning the Tony in 2010 for Best Musical. I can honestly say I have been auditioning for the show for 6 years-for each previous version, the Broadway cast and now (successfully) the touring company

5. Any suggestions for the KSU students who are pursuing a career in Performing Arts?

WORK, WORK, WORK!!!!!! Seek out each and every opportunity that interests you, know your strengths and weaknesses and work on both, do your homework on directors/choreographers/casting directors/co-stars/composers/theatre companies/playwrights with whom you want to work and never tell yourself "no" - let others do that and then prove them wrong.

6. How hard was it?

My personal path to Broadway only took 10 months after moving to New York (that's about a year and a half after graduating from KSU). In that time from February 1999 to October 1999, I went to audition after audition after audition. But it didn't feel like work, more like the right thing to do and I did it diligently and one day, thanks to Ann Reinking, it paid off. I am extremely blessed to have been able to experience my Broadway debut at age 23 in the Tony Award winning musical, FOSSE.

7. Who is the biggest influence/role model in your life?

I'd have to say my biggest influences are the people I've come across in my life that told me things like "no", "you're just not good enough", "you're not right for that show" and "no one will see you in that light."

A little more specifically, I have the highest regard for actors in this industry who may or may not have achieved universal acclaim but they are constantly working on projects (big and small) and giving amazing performances (big and small). A perfect example of this is William Parry, who plays Mr. Simmons in this production of MEMPHIS.

8. What do you think is the key to your success?

Blessings, prayers, always striving to do good work and

be a person that people want to work with again and again.

9. How much of the production do you participate in?

I am a partial swing in this production. A swing is a person that learns many different parts in the show, usually all the ensemble members of the same gender as the swing. They wait in the wings for someone to be out of the show, for whatever reason, so that they can fill into their part(s). As a partial swing, I am in the show every night but I cover five other people's parts onstage (one principal and four ensemble members). In essence, I learned the show six times (my role or track plus the five others' tracks). In my own track, I am in four numbers in Act I and two numbers in Act II. That may not seem like a lot but it's best for me so if I have to go on as someone else, it's not too confusing to know where I have to be onstage. I've actually been a swing most of my career; three of my four Broadway credits I was a swing and two of the four national tours I've done I was (am) a swing.

10. Was this always your life long dream?

Performing professionally I guess was always a dream that I didn't fully realize until high school. Now, it is a constant dream to perform good work in whatever capacity that may be. It was goal of mine after performing in high school and at KSU. It's the uppermost echelon of the theatre world and I was (am) determined to get (back) there.

11. How hard would you say it is for someone to make it in this business?

EXTREMELY! I'd say at best when one walks into an audition room for any job, at the VERY BEST it's 35% talent and 65% other that determines if you'll be considered. So work, work, work!

12. How do you feel KSU helped you assisted you in the pursuit of your career?

I learned from then Communications professor, Dr. John Gentile that theatre is a way of life and that gave me a hunger to do as much as I could within the program and to look outside of it to pursue as many performing opportunities as I wished. It made (makes) me a very versatile performer. I also minored in Music, English and Communications which offered me other performance opportunities at KSU and the tools to look at performances from a whole new perspective.



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**SOLUTION
DON'T CHEAT
OR DO, WHATEVER
SOLUTION**

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EVERYONE LOVES A GOOD MOVIE QUOTE AND HOROSCOPE

Tell us the movies these quotes are from and you could win tickets to NCG Cinemas!

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

Times will be tough this week but remember, life's a garden; dig it.

TAURUS (APRIL 20 - MAY 20)

In the priorities of your life, remember the rose goes in the front big guy!

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 21)

Trust in your new methods, they are tested. 60% of the time they work EVERY time.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 22)

In the screenplay of your life, don't read the script. Let the script read you.

LEO (JULY 23 - AUG. 22)

This week you'll be feeling like the king of the world, but don't lose the ones you thought would never let you go.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 - SEPT. 22)

Take the time to weight your options because someone will make you an offer you can't refuse.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23 - OCT. 22)

A lover in your life will realize their mistake but you'll realize that frankly, you don't give a damn.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23 - NOV. 21)

Pain heals. Chicks dig scars. Glory is forever.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22 - DEC. 21)

Your friend will feel passionate about a new thing that she is trying. Make sure you have what she is having.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 - JAN. 19)

You may think he had you at hello, but make sure he shows you the money!

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 - FEB. 18)

While driving this week, be weary of cops because you will feel the need for speed.

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