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The votes have been tallied, the winners have been selected and the bragging rights can

begin. Take a minute to look at the winners and let us know what you think. The Sentinel staff has highlighted some of the winners with reviews based on your top picks.

You chose everything from Prillaman Hall as "The Best Bathroom on Campus" to Taco Bell as "The Best Place for Late Night Munchies." There were some close votes on

"The Best Off-Campus Housing" and "The Best Sushi Place," but our main goal was to allow you, the reader, a chance to pick what appears in The Sentinel this week.

Your favorite didn't win? Remember this time next year to vote on which you think is best. Thanks for all those who voted and enjoy!

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The KSU Spanish Short Film Festival is back! Come and enjoy award-winning Spanish short films for FREE! This is the 3rd Spanish Short Film Festival that Dr. Ernesto Silva, Interdisciplinary Studies and Foreign Languages, and Kate Bundy, KSU Alumna, have organized, and it shall prove to be eye-opening, cultural and entertaining! These short films come from all over Spain and range from 1 minute to 22 minutes in length. We will be screening 5 shorts per night, 10 short films in total. Please bring your friends and family to enjoy these shorts, but please remember that these are for mature audiences.

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Mellow Mushroom strives to offer more than great pizza, providing entertainment such as popular open mic night, which takes place on Thursdays.

BEST PIZZA PLACE: Mellow Mushroom

Chardae Sanders Staff Writer

Chastain Road is not only home to KSU, but also the home of the best pizza place in Kennesaw. The Mellow Mushroom franchise started from humble beginnings 39 years ago in Atlanta, Ga. Since then it has expanded throughout the south,

Opening in December of 2005, the Kennesaw location prides itself on the connection it has with the KSU population. "We love KSU," said Victor Miltiades, part owner of the Kennesaw location, "and its students and faculty!"

Showing their appreciation for KSU's business, students and faculty are offered a 20 percent

discount every Tuesday. Those who may not be able to make it on Tuesdays can take advantage of Mellow Mushroom's daily food and alcohol specials. Keep in mind, however, that these drink specials are only for people aged 21 and over!

Miltiades stresses that his Mellow Mushroom location is the perfect place for students. "What better food for a college student than pizza?" Miltiades said.

Mellow Mushroom strives to be more than just be a pizza joint, as they also provide weekly entertainment. One of its busiest nights, open mic night, takes place on Thursdays.

Here, students, faculty and friends can come out and express their thoughts through song or poetry.

KSU senior, Andres Diazgranados enjoys open mic night. "The ability to eat great food while enjoying new talent on Thursdays is a Mellow Mushroom plus for me," Diazgranados said.

With great specials, a nice patio and a bunch of televisions, it is evident why students gravitate to Mellow Mushroom. The daily specials and delicious food is perfect after a long day of classes.

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Lauren Cox, a senior at KSU, is also a fan of the local Mellow Mushroom. "The food is delicious and they have super quick and friendly service", s Cox said.

When it comes to the best-selling item among students, it's a toss-up between cheese and pepperoni pizza., "They are so close in sales it's hard to pick a clear cut winner," Miltiades said.

As KSU continues to grow in population, Mellow Mushroom wants students to know about the other items their menu offers. Though they have the best pizza according to voters, they also have delicious items like wings, salads and calzones just to name a few.

Miltiades loves his location because he is looking for to a strong partnership with KSU. "Over 85 percent of our employees are students," said Miltiades. "Hopefully we will continue to be the place to go for great pizza."

For those who want to enjoy a great meal at a good price, be sure to visit your neighborhood Mellow Mushroom pizzeria.

Mellow Mushroom's psychedelic decor adds to the overall charm of the unique pizza joint.



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Brandon Comer Contributor



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Taco Mac, however, does not have this issue. Walking into Taco Mac, your eyes automatically shift towards that shiny wall surrounded by neon signs containing around a hundred beautiful taps and two hundred bottled varieties displayed behind the bar. But that's not all that catches

your eye.

On just about every sign-covered wall, you'll find a variety of sports games on huge flat-screen televisions that could entertain any sports fan. Along with the incredibly large variety of beer and alcohol, the ambiance is very welcoming and family-friendly and your wallet won't hate you when you leave.

The service is great and personable, and their menu has never disappointed me, personally. This isn't just some bar where you must be 21 to enjoy yourself. It is appealing

to everybody.

"They have fantastic food and we can always watch whatever game is on that night! Great place for friends to go eat!" sophomore Lauren Baxter said.

However, when you do turn 21, the fun starts with Taco Mac. This Atlanta-based restaurant has given beer connoisseurs some incentive to buy their beer. You may find cheap college beer there, probably gathering dust because why drink that when you can choose anything from pale ales to IPA's and lagers all the way to the darker, heartier stouts.

In addition to the ridiculous choice of brew you want, you can join what is called Taco Mac's "Brewniversity". You are issued your own card, which allows you to keep track of what beers you've bought. You can also see where you rank amongst the others around you and after 13 beers you receive their famous grey "pledge" shirt.

If you come in Thursday evenings and buy one of their beers of the month, you also get a free beer glass. Asking students around campus why Taco Mac would be considered to be the best place for beer,

they all bring up the variety that Taco Mac has to offer.

"You can't find a bigger selection at a better price anywhere else," junior Joey Sabbagh said.

Plain and simple, Taco Mac has an incredible variety of beer, not to mention all of the other mixed drinks they offer for those who don't appreciate the taste of beer. Their service is great and they provide incentives to Brewniversity members.

If you're 21 and haven't experienced Taco Mac, I'd advise you to put this paper down and go try it.

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BEST WORK OUT SPOT: KSU REC AND WELLNESS CENTER

Roderic Graham Staff Writer

There are many reasons why the KSU Recreation and Wellness Center was voted the best work out spot. The Recreation and Wellness Center is always packed with KSU students who are trying to get fit, enjoy one of the many group fitness classes or just play some basketball in the gym.

“It’s convenient for students who stay on campus, easy to meet up with friends for work out motivation and the guest passes are significantly cheaper than other gyms,” sophomore business marketing major Casey Waldsmith said.

Each floor in the Recreation and Wellness center has great workout equipment. The first floor contains weights and strength building machines. Students who are looking to experience a great cardio workout should start on the second floor where the treadmills, elliptical and bikes are located.

There are two basketball

courts located inside the Recreation and Wellness Center, and students can also check out different equipment, like tennis rackets, basketballs and even hula-hoops. Besides sports equipment, students can also rent equipment for camping and hiking or a bicycle.

“The equipment is a big reason why I am attracted to the gym,” junior exercise health science major Ervens Germain said. “The gym has everything I need in order for me to complete a successful work out.”

Different group fitness classes are also offered at the Recreation and Wellness Center. There are over 70 classes offered though out the week including hip-hop aerobics, cycling, yoga, Pilates and Zumba.

“The classes are easy and you don’t feel intimidated to go to them,” sophomore Biochemistry major, Michael Feldt said.

Many students take advantage of student personal trainers, as well as the fitness



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attendants and instructors. All personal trainers are certified and can design custom workout programs based on the need of the client.

Wellness, Intermural Sports and Nature Bound outdoors programs are also offered.

Students who want to educate others about fitness should take advantage of the Fitness On the Fly program, which allows a student to

create their own personal fitness activity and instruct a class for their participants. A designated time and on-campus location will be assigned to the instructor.

The Recreation and Wellness Center is open seven days a week and the hours of operation are great. On Monday-Thursday the facility is open from 6 a.m. until midnight, Friday from 6 a.m.

until 9 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Great classes, state of the art equipment, convenience and a friendly environment are reasons why the Recreation and Wellness center is the best work out spot. For more information on trainings, workshops and fitness classes please contact the Department of Sports and Recreation.



The KSU Recreation and Wellness Center allows for students to stay healthy and in shape with quality weight machines and treadmills.



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SWEETWATER BREWERY



Photo courtesy of SweetWater Brewery

Julie Roser Staff Writer

SweetWater Brewery in Atlanta, Ga. provides KSU students with the opportunity to tour the brewery and have a beer or two.

Located off the corner of Piedmont Road and Monroe Drive in Midtown, Sweetwater is only a short drive on I-75 South from Kennesaw, Ga. Many KSU students travel to SweetWater to enjoy the beer, atmosphere, bands and overall experience that the SweetWater Brewery has to offer.

Senior business finance major Jordan Gotreaux said, "I go sometimes for enjoyment, but I have also gone with some partners for a management class. It was a brilliant decision. We got an A."

SweetWater originated in Boulder, Colo. by University of Colorado graduates Freddy Bensch and Kevin McNerney. On the road to success, Bensch and McNerney first had college part-time jobs handling kegs on the loading docks of a local brewery.

The boys were not only rewarded with pay but also with free beer. They revived their knowledge in fermentation science while attending the American Brewers Guild, located in California.

Bensch and McNerney decided to make their passion a reality when they moved to Georgia and started the SweetWater Brewery in Atlanta on Fulton Industrial Boulevard

in 1996. Shortly after, the phrase "don't float the mainstream" became their motto and what they based their brewing on.

After 17 years since moving to Georgia, Bensch and McNerney now have their second location in Midtown and have outgrown their expectations.

SweetWater Brewery opens their doors to the public and allows for tours on Wednesday through Saturday, every week. The tours allow around 20 people to look around the brewery and try many different samples of beers. Tours are free; however, tickets are sold for \$10, which includes six sample tickets for brews and a pint glass from the SweetWater gift shop.

Some college students that do not enjoy beer have visited the SweetWater Brewery. Dozie Nkemka, a sophomore business major, explains how he enjoys SweetWater Brewery: "I don't exactly like beer, but I enjoy the experience of going to SweetWater brewery with my friends," Nkemka said.

At SweetWater, KSU students can always find year round brews: Inda Pale Ale, Blue, Extra Pale Ale 420, Exodus Porter, Georgia Brown and Lowryeder IPA.

Now students can also taste new releases such as Happy Ending, Road Trips, Motor Boat, Festive Ale, Waterkeeper Hefewelzen and Fifteen. Also available are the current "Dank

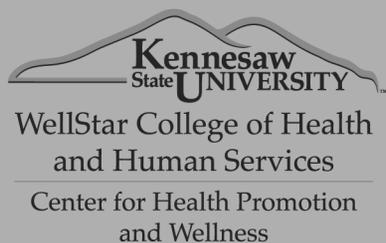
Tank" series, which includes Dank Tank and Crank Tank brews. With all these variations provided by SweetWater, there is always something to quench the thirst of hard working college students.

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BEST PLACE TO STUDY: LIBRARY



Amy Freeman Staff Writer

The Horace W. Sturgis Library has been voted the best place to study. The library offers extensive archives and special collections such as the Bently Rare Book Gallery and Special Collections that are housed on the ground floor, along with the Difazio Children's Literature Collection and the Robert B. Williams Teen Literature Collection, located on the second floor of the library.

Upon entering the library, students have numerous locations where they can carve out their own space. They can settle in to complete homework, write that last minute paper or begin researching for class projects or papers.

The third floor of the Sturgis Library has been repurposed into the graduate library.

"It is a dedicated space with staff especially trained to help graduate students with their research," said Rita Spisak, Librarian and Library Instruction/Outreach.

For those serious students who seek out the quiet solitude of the library, the third floor graduate library is the best place to escape any distractions and focus on their studies.

Shannon Hawks, sophomore and international affairs major,

said, "I study at least twice a week for about three hours in the library, because when I'm there, I know that I shouldn't be on Facebook or my cellphone."

Early Childhood Education major and junior Esra Gharim agreed with Hawks regarding the library's new title of Best Place to Study.

"You're in an environment where everyone else around you is studying and you feel more motivated to study," Gharim said.

Students can call, text, visit a librarian in the research clinic, schedule a one-on-one session with a librarian or use the live chat service, which is available 24 hours a day.

"Research help is always available," Spisak said.

The library currently has a total of 15 study rooms; 10 of these rooms are available by reservation only and are located in the graduate library.

"I prefer to study on the third or fourth floor because that is where most of my research mediums are. The Library is probably the best place on campus to study due to the availability of private rooms for group studying, cubicles and materials" senior American history major Michael Macius said.

OwlSpace houses the other

five rooms, which are located on the ground floor. Students can use this area to take a break and enjoy a collection of popular magazines such as People, Cosmopolitan, Men's Health, PC World, Vogue and Wired. In case a student needs a quick snack or a caffeinated beverage, there are also vending machines available to help provide the last burst of energy needed to finish an assignment. These rooms are open and available on a first come, first served basis.

KSU's library not only wants to assist students with their academic endeavors, but they also strive to provide a way for students to "Paws and Relax." On April 30, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., the KSU Center for Health Promotion and Wellness collaborates with the library so that "Stressed out students can take a break and pet a pup," Spisak said.

Students can also look forward to the upcoming renovations for the library. According to Spisak, the state legislature recently approved \$4.4 million for library renovations. Plans are to makeover the first and ground floors.

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BEST OF KSU

BEST OF KSU: BEST HANGOUT: THE GREEN

Robert Pless Staff Writer

Located in front of Kennesaw Hall and behind the Student Center, the large patch of lush green grass known as The Green was voted by KSU students as the best place to hang out on campus.

Usually highly populated in the later part of the spring semester, The Green definitely sees its share of ultimate frisbee players, runners, dog walkers and even the occasional LARP (Live Action Role Play) excursion.

"I voted for The Green because it is a great place to relax during class breaks. The trees are great for hammocks," senior communication major Sarah Huff said.

Frequently, students will create makeshift hammocks between the multiple trees that surround the perimeter of the green and take a catnap in-between class. An attempt was made to interview some

of these people, but you never want to wake someone up, right?

The green is host to many of KSU's outdoor activities, such as the annual KSU Day, which features amusement rides and fun obstacle courses, and other campus events like the end of last year's Homelessness Awareness Week, when participating students slept on the green for the duration of the weekend.

Frequently, in the warmer months, various clubs and organizations will place informational tables on the green during high traffic hours to spread the knowledge of their organization and hopefully attract new members.

"The green is the best place to hang out on campus because of the versatile crowd of people you get to surround yourself with," said Pashonia Robinson, a junior communication major.

The Green is a wonderful spot

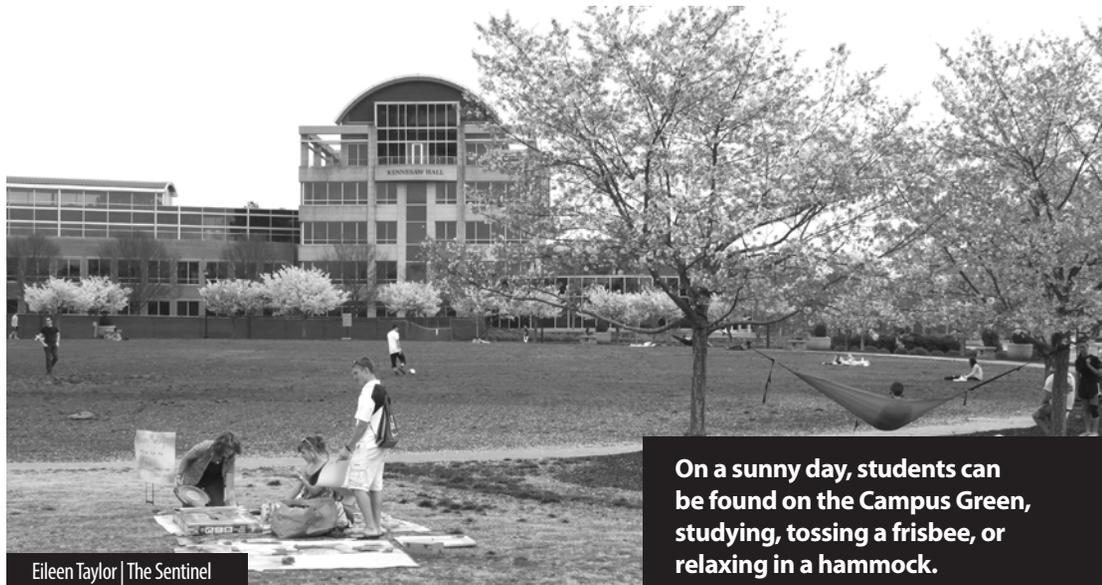
to people watch and is often an ideal place for an artist to sharpen their skills.

"I come out here to sketch because it's usually so nice and quiet," said Stephanie Funk, a KSU graduate and teaching assistant.

Health and fitness practices are no stranger to activity on The Green. People frequently run, walk or jog the circular brick path that surrounds the green, part of it hidden by the shade of the trees.

"Sometimes, after class, I come out here to run laps if it's nice enough outside" junior communication major David Murphy said.

The versatility of what can be done on the green coupled with the now warming temperatures and frequently bright skies give more than enough explanation to why KSU students voted this the best place to hang out on campus.



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On a sunny day, students can be found on the Campus Green, studying, tossing a frisbee, or relaxing in a hammock.



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BEST ACTIVITIES ON THE GREEN



2nd Hammocking

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BEST OF HIKING: KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

BEST OF KSU

Mark Stanhope Staff Writer

KSU students chose Kennesaw Mountain as their favorite place to hike when compared with other popular locations such as the Silver Comet Trail and Red Top Mountain in a survey completed on Wednesday.

KSU's namesake has been considered the best hiking spot for a variety of reasons, including the historical earthworks, natural surroundings and many different multipurpose trails. Also, with Kennesaw Mountain being only a stone's throw away from campus, it's no surprise this hiking spot towered above the competition.

Alongside hiking, Kennesaw Mountain offers former battlefields at the head of most trails for visitors looking to picnic or relax. It truly is a perfect place for anyone wanting a nearby outdoor adventure or just a little quiet

time.

With warm weather quickly approaching, the trees on the trails provide ample shade, making a hike all the more refreshing.

Site of Civil War battles in 1864, Kennesaw Mountain is regarded as a park with great historic value. A museum and visitor center devoted to the battle sits at the mountain's base, providing a history lesson through diagrams and Civil War memorabilia.

Amenities, such as restrooms and water fountains, are accessible at the visitor center.

The trails provide an excellent outlet for students looking to get in shape. Runners, joggers, walkers and even horseback riders are all welcome on the trails. There is a portion of the mountain that allows visitors to hop in a van and ride to the top.

Exercise health science major Amandi Cooper frequents

Kennesaw Mountain, and enjoys the trails leading to the top of the mountain as well as the paved road for the vans. "I like running both but prefer the road. The trail is just a little too steep for me," Cooper said.

Several benches are conveniently placed on the way up the main trail, providing both comfort and a scenic view of the area below.

And speaking of scenery, the view from the top of Kennesaw Mountain is one feature no other trail in Georgia can offer nature enthusiasts. A reward for having reached the top, visitors can indulge in a view of the surrounding landscape, provided with maps of the area and notes on the battle that took place at the summit.

Civil War-era cannons are still mounted at the top, a reminder of the grim battle that took place on the slopes below.

For this reason,

Communication major Zach Clark chooses Kennesaw Mountain as his preferred place of hiking. "It's very peaceful and has a nice view," he said. "Plus, it's close and convenient, so you don't have to drive very far to see it."

The experience offered for hikers at Kennesaw Mountain is unparalleled this side of the Appalachians, with open fields, plenty of shade and a breathtaking view.

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