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### BURSAR'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES NEW TUITION PAYMENT PLAN

Students stand in line at the Bursar's Office while waiting to pay their tuition.

Shaddi Abusaid News Editor

**The KSU Bursar's Office now offers an interest-free payment plan for students seeking to break up the cost of tuition into multiple payments over the course of several months.**

KSU is working with Nelnet Business Solutions, a Nebraska-based lending company that specializes in providing student loans, to fund the new payment plan. The payment option, which became available to KSU students July 1, covers up to \$5,500 in student expenses per semester.

KSU Bursar Rita Adams said she is excited about the new plan and thinks it will be helpful to students and their families who are working to cover the costs of college.

"It's brand-spanking new," Adams said. "Students can get enrolled as early as July and

their payment plans would run through October. They can start with as little as 40 percent down and then payments are due on the fifth [day] of each month."

Students who apply for the program sooner are required to put less money down and can make smaller payments up until the October due date. Students who apply by August 5 are required to make a 60 percent down payment and are given two months to pay the balance. Those who apply by the August 22 deadline are also required to put 60 percent down, but they must pay the remaining balance by October 5.

"A lot of our students, even though they might receive financial aid, don't receive full financial aid," Adams said. "It's that unexpected last portion of the balance that they have to pay that usually gives them

a little bit of difficulty. We're thinking this payment plan will help students in that situation."

Adams, who began working at KSU in 1998, has seen the university's student population nearly double since she arrived.

She said she enjoys her job and having the opportunity to help students become financially successful.

"We like to think that they learn just as much inside the classroom as they do outside of it and we like to be a positive part of that," she said.

Tenisha Carrington, a junior studying International Affairs, said the plan sounds like a good idea.

"I think it'll be easier for students to pay certain amounts at a time," she said.

The Nelnet payment plan is available at [www.mycollegepaymentplan.com](http://www.mycollegepaymentplan.com).

#### Fall 2013 Payment plan available on July 1, 2013

Last day to enroll online	Required down payment	Number of payments	Months of payments
July 22	40%	3	Aug-Oct
Aug 5	60%	2	Sept & Oct
Aug 22	60%	1	Oct only

#### Spring 2014 Payment plan available on November 4, 2013

Last day to enroll online	Required down payment	Number of payments	Months of payments
Nov 20	30%	4	Dec-Mar
Dec 19	40%	3	Jan-Mar
Jan 14	60%	2	Feb & Mar

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# NO CHANGES TO CAMPUS SMOKING POLICY

Shaddi Abusaid News Editor

**After analyzing the results of the Smoke-Free Campus Survey sent to students, faculty and staff during the Spring semester, KSU has decided not to make any major changes to its current smoking policy.**

The survey was compiled, sent out and analyzed by the A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service and Research, an institute within KSU that conducts telephone and Internet surveys for the university and other non-profit organizations

throughout Georgia.

The principal investigator of the survey was Randy Hinds, Kennesaw State's vice president for operations. Hinds came to the Burruss Institute and asked them if they would research the KSU community's opinions about the current campus smoking policy.

More than 26,000 surveys were sent to the e-mail addresses of KSU students, faculty and staff.

Hinds said in an email that the results of the smoking survey proved to be inconclusive and

that KSU would "continue with the current arrangement."

According to data provided by Hinds, of the 5,387 people who completed the survey, 13.2 percent of respondents identified themselves as smokers while 86.8 percent said they did not smoke. Ten percent of respondents did not answer that particular question.

The results show that more than two-thirds of all survey respondents believe "the university's current smoking policies provide a good balance between the rights of all

individuals," and 31 percent of those who took the survey said they regularly encounter secondhand smoke on campus.

"In an effort to increase the comfort of our campus community, there are plans to relocate some of the more problematic smoking areas further away from building entrances," Hinds said.

Nicholas Boyd, a sophomore majoring in Information Systems, said he does not mind KSU's current smoking policy but thinks the smoking areas could be moved farther away

from the buildings.

"I think they can move the smoking areas away from the walkways a little," Boyd said. "They are a little too close. I think if they moved [them] away, people would have less of a problem."

Boyd, who took the survey last semester, said it would be very nice if they offered smokers a covered place to smoke.

"Some people smoke under the awning but there are always cops around, especially if it rains, so I'm not going to take that chance," he said.

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News Editor

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## Wednesday

- Student Nurses Association CPR Training Course  
Prillemen Hall, Room 1101  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Molecular Biosciences Intrest Group Guest Speaker:  
Wyatt Strutz  
Clendenin Building, Room 2005  
10:30 - 11:30 p.m.
- Desire2Learn Training Course  
Burruss Building, Room 477  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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## Thursday

- First Year Orientation  
All Day

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## Friday

- ROTC Club Commissioning Ceremony  
Burruss Building, Room 151

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## Saturday

- Student Nurses Association CPR Training Course  
Prillemen Hall, Room 1101  
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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## Sunday

- August Minimester - First Day of Classes

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## Saturday

- August Minimester - Last Day of Classes / Final Exams



# POLICE BEAT

Police Beat is compiled weekly from Kennesaw State University's Safe and Sound Police public records. Names are removed for privacy.

Shaddi Abusaid News Editor

## UNDERAGE DRINKERS ARRESTED

KSUPD Officer B.J. Cortolano noticed a white Honda Civic traveling without headlights as he patrolled Campus Loop road just before midnight June 17. After pulling the vehicle over, Cortolano made contact with the driver of the vehicle who told him the car belonged to a friend and that she thought the headlights turned on automatically. The woman had three passengers in the car with her, all of

whom were younger than 21. While the driver was getting her drivers license, Cortolano noticed the smell of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle. The driver denied that she had anything to drink before admitting to taking "half a shot." The three passengers also admitted drinking. After testing positive for alcohol, all four occupants were arrested for underage consumption.

## SHAKY SPEEDER

KSU Police Officer D.A. Mason observed a man in a white vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed as he turned out of the Suburban Lodge onto Busbee Parkway just after 1 a.m. July 13. Mason followed the vehicle and observed the car fail to maintain its lane several times. According to the police report, the driver accelerated rapidly as if he were attempting to elude the officer. Upon pulling the

vehicle over, Officer Mason noticed that the driver appeared to be very shaky and nervous. Mason said that the driver continually looked around "as if he was planning to escape" and never gave "a straight answer" as to what he was doing at the Suburban Lodge. The man consented to a vehicle search but Mason found nothing incriminating and the man was released without incident.

## SUSPICIOUS EMPLOYEE

Officers Nelson and Putnam were dispatched to the Town Point Offices at 10 a.m. July 1 in reference to a suspicious-looking black male who appeared to be wandering around looking in windows. After searching the building for the suspect, the responding officers were notified that a man matching the description was on the building's second floor. Not knowing whether this man was the individual they were

looking for, Putnam asked the man if he had any ID. The man asked, "What for?" and insisted that he had done nothing wrong. He told the police that he was a KSU employee who worked in the Athletics Department. The man, who continually refused to provide any ID, was arrested and charged with obstructing law enforcement. It turns out the man has not worked for KSU since 2010.

## FOURTH OF JULY DUI

In the early hours of July 4, Officer Mason observed a woman in a black Lexus fail to maintain her lane while traveling east on Chastain Road. According to the police report, the vehicle activated its blinker, slowed down and appeared to attempt to enter the highway traveling the wrong direction. The vehicle then abruptly moved across four lanes of traffic without

signaling. Upon pulling the vehicle over, Officer Mason detected the odor of alcohol on the 19-year-old driver. The driver admitted to drinking earlier in the evening before registering a blood alcohol content of .038 percent. The woman was arrested for underage DUI and her car was impounded where police discovered a marijuana grinder and a glass pipe.

# MUST CLINIC SHUTS DOWN amid budget strains

Mark Stanhope Staff Writer

**A clinic headed by the Wellstar College of Health and Human Services closed Friday, July 19, due to a "combination of factors," according to a statement released days before by KSU.**

The clinic opened in 1998 and required roughly \$200,000 annually to operate, an amount that Richard Sowell, dean of the Wellstar College, said was too costly for the university to continue funding.

"We will find other ways to continue our collaboration as both of our institutions move forward," Kennesaw State President Daniel Papp said in the statement. "I am sorry that we must take this action, but a combination of factors has led to this decision."

Ike Reighard, CEO of MUST Ministries, said KSU's School of Nursing provided invaluable resources for those in need who used the clinic. "We were sad to

see it end because [KSU] was very professional in the way they handled everything."

"We thought up until late June that they would be continuing," Reighard said. Following the news that a long-time employee at the clinic would be leaving, and with funds running out, KSU had no option but to cut the project.

MUST Ministries provided the office space for the clinic but nearly everything else was provided by KSU. When the university's support ended, the clinic was forced to close its doors.

Money was collected primarily from donations, endowment funds and writing grants. Dr. Sowell said on the closure, however, that the clinic was run by a number of owners, which he called a consortium. "It progressed after I got here," he said. "But some of our partners, for various reasons, left the

consortium, which dwindled down until about 2002."

"We realized afterward that we were providing most of the services. MUST was still providing a home for it," he said. "And we were providing the rest of it."

The real reason the clinic had to close, Reighard said, was because of the shift from a small trailer to a larger office complex from which the clinic operated. With this change came a broader focus, with more people seeking treatment than anticipated.

"The goal was, initially, to serve as some kind of conduit to treat people," Sowell said. "And then place them in a more permanent situation with healthcare providers in the community." But the patients became attached to the medical staff treating them, and many never left for a different provider.

So where will those without insurance turn now that the clinic is no longer an option? Reighard said that MUST offers no similar projects for the roughly 1,600 people from across the community who were registered patients at the clinic.

"It really put us in a bind," he said. "We are in a search now for partners. We're hoping and praying we can find some

quickly. We were caught off guard, so we're running in that direction right now." As for KSU, any role in the future may be more academic.

"We'd be willing to support and place students in internships and have faculty volunteer, but it would not be the major role of having the responsibility of funding and running the clinic," Sowell said.



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**MUST Ministries' Clinic closes its doors after 15 years of operation.**

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# INTEREST RATES ON STUDENT LOANS DOUBLE

Shaddi Abusaid News Editor

**Members of Congress are currently working toward passing a bill that would lower interest rates for students borrowing money for school after rates doubled July 1, 2013.**

The piece of legislation voted on in the Senate Wednesday, July 24, will tie students' interest rates to the market, which means that rates will fluctuate annually. The bipartisan bill, which is expected to lower interest rates to 3.86 percent for both subsidized and unsubsidized undergraduate loans, is expected to be voted on by the House of Representatives sometime this week.

"The legislation that had kept the rates at 3.4 percent expired on June 30," said Sarah Baumhoff, KSU's associate director of Financial Aid. "At that point in time, the rates for both subsidized and unsubsidized loans went to 6.8 percent so that is where they stand currently."

Baumhoff said the compromise in Congress will set interest rates annually according to the U.S. Treasury 10-year borrowing rate. Once a loan is signed, those interest rates will be fixed for the life of that loan.

"It will be 5.41 percent for graduate students on unsubsidized loans and the parent PLUS loan rate would go to 6.41 percent," Baumhoff continued. "It would be retroactive back to every loan that was certified as of July 1 so everybody would get the new interest rate—even if they've signed something already."

According to financial aid data provided by Baumhoff, KSU had 15,686 students with federal loans during the 2012-13 year. Of those students, 79 percent received a

subsidized loan.

Dean of Student Success Michael Sanseviro said he remains optimistic that an agreement will be reached to minimize the impact on students.

"Most KSU students receive financial aid of some kind, and many do rely on loans that will be impacted by any change," Sanseviro said. "It is difficult to predict the level of short-term impact, but there is no doubt that there will be long-term ramifications."

Sanseviro said the students most directly impacted by the increased rates will be those who accept unsubsidized loans because their interest begins accruing immediately.

"I suspect if the interest rate is higher than desired, many students will avoid taking loans or minimize the amount of money they borrow and instead choose to work as much as possible," he said. "The more hours students work, the less time they have to study and invest in important leadership and service activities."

The proposed legislation would also set caps on the interest rates to protect

students and their parents.

The bill will ensure that rates do not exceed 8.25 percent for undergraduate students, 9.5 percent for graduate students and 10.5 percent for students and parents who accept PLUS loans.

Baumhoff said people often asked her why the interest rates were set the way they were because they seemed like arbitrary numbers.

"This is now tying it to something that parents and students can see because it's the U.S. Treasury rate," she said. "But that means the rates can change—that means they can go up and down—but they're putting caps on it, and I think that it makes sense that it flows with the market."

Sanseviro said he supports keeping interest rates as low as reasonably possible, but he is equally sensitive to why rates fluctuate.

"It took a really long time to pay off my student loans, but I have absolutely no regrets," he said. "Without those student loans, I would never have been able to complete my education, and my education has been the best investment of my life."



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# UNCOVERING THE TRUTH BEHIND GENETICALLY MODIFIED CROPS

Danielle Alvarez Contributor

**There was a time when farming was romantic-when the clove of a season made the farmer's mind turn in wonder, excited about the new cycle of crops to come-when days spent tending fields made the hazy weariness of an evening a right.** There was a time when farming was honest-when natural alternatives made the use of things like pesticides unnecessary, and seeds were sown with great integrity. But here we are today in this tumultuous technology era where aircrafts navigate themselves, children are raised by video games and our food has itself a rewritten heritage.

With the help of political power, biotech corporations such as Syngenta, DuPont, Bayer and Monsanto have debauched not only the concept of farming but also what comes out of it. We here in the U.S. have been consuming genetically modified (GM) crops, in one form or another, for more than a decade now.

There is great consumer upset surrounding this because there was no way for them to know. The world's leading producer of GM products, Monsanto, claims there is no difference between conventionally farmed crops and GM crops. As seen on the FAQ section of their website, they mean to address safety concerns by stating it is only logical to assume GM crops are no different than their conventional cousins. How are we to understand the word 'modified' then? And if there were no difference, why was Japan in such a tizzy this past May with the Oregon GM wheat field finding? The Japanese people and their government have worked together in earnest to ensure GM crops are not cultivated on their land or sold in their markets. It could simply be a matter of preference considering their history of all-natural farming methods; however, we should all take note that GM crops could pose serious risks to human health. In the

documentary "Seeds of Death," Dr. Jeffery Smith, executive director of the Institute for Responsible Technology shared some startling news. Studies performed by government and independent scientists found, in relation to control groups, lab rats fed a diet supplemented with GM crops had exponentially higher death rates. Babies were born sterile. Tumors began to form on reproductive organs. Disruption of endocrine systems began to surface alongside severe allergies.

In addition to these negative health findings, GM crops and their companion pesticides deplete the minerals and microorganisms that should be present in our soil. Without their presence, our produce is actually less nutrient rich. GM crops also upset sensitive ecosystems by their monoculture layouts-acres upon acres of a single corn, soy or cotton crop, in essentially barren soil, with hardly a bird or bug in sight. Growth patterns

such as these do not exist in nature, and if they do, nature destroys them. However, in all the artificiality perhaps there lies a greater goal. Perhaps Monsanto has their sight set on the selfless act of feeding our starving associates of humanity. Well, probably not. Executive Director of Green Peace International Kumi Naidoo explains there is a "false assumption" that world hunger is due to a lull in food supply. According to Naidoo, there is more than enough food to go around, and world hunger has its basis in more relevant "social, economic and environmental issues." So, it is like futile attempts of ripping crab grass out of your lawn. Many forget the roots grow deep, and in a few days there is double the crabgrass and double the work. Purporting world hunger will be solved through the creation of higher yielding crops is an oversimplification of the more serious problems we are facing.

So, if GM crops are not the solution for world hunger and

are potentially dangerous to our health and environment, what is their purpose? Why not transition to local organic farming? It does not damage the environment and it does not cause a laundry list of diseases. In fact, organic farming methods are just as efficient as GM and conventional methods. The International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development reported in 2007 that organic and sustainable agriculture had the same and higher yields than GM and conventionally farmed crops. With this revelation, things shift into focus. If all GM products were kicked to the curb and replaced by organic sustainable farming methods, two key things would happen: A lot of suits would not be as rich as they are right now, and people worldwide would see an increase in their health.

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Political Science Major**



Cartoon courtesy of Emily Seed

OPINION

# ↑ INCREASE ON STUDENT LOAN RATES



Mark Leszczynski Contributor

**One of the most highly discussed issues concerning college students right now is the increase in student subsidized loan rates.** As of July 1, 2013, any new Stafford loan accepted by a student has an interest rate of 6.8 percent. Before July, rates were fixed at 3.4 percent. Rates have essentially doubled overnight, and students who depend on loans to pay for college will be paying more in the long run for highly sought after college degrees. According to the White House website, 262,000 students in Georgia alone have taken advantage of student loans to help pay for college. Even if you are not a borrower, the increase in rates will directly affect you and your future. Students should not be as upset with rate increases as they should be with the impact student loans have on the economy and on the value of college degrees.

Let us be honest, the rise in loan rates will likely not stop students from continuing to borrow or from continuing to enroll at universities. Financially conscious students will find other means of financial aid such as scholarships or part-time jobs to supplement their tuition. The majority of other students will absorb the rate increase begrudgingly, possibly mutter remarks under their breath and continue to borrow without a second thought as to the possible consequences of student debt. Why? Because many students like former Cole's College MBA graduate Megan Lemke believe, "until there is a post-secondary education system that makes more sense and caters to the demands in the current workplace, an undergraduate degree will continue to be a necessity for even the most mediocre of students." Simply put, today's college degree is the equivalent of a high school diploma thirty years ago; so, if students want any chance at succeeding in

today's fragile economy, they will do what it takes and jump through whatever hoops they need to in order to get that piece of paper. Unfortunately, the consequences of such determination can include irresponsible decisions. According to a study conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in November of 2012 "outstanding student loan debt [was] at \$956 billion" nationwide. Nearing \$1 trillion, the U.S. student debt is about one-sixteenth of the entire national debt, which affects everyone. Not only does the outrageous amount of debt weigh down and burden our economy, it is a gross realization that most college students are biting off more than they can chew when it comes to furthering their education. Accrued college debt is a dilemma that is exponentially growing due to increasing enrollment and tuition hikes. The rise in interest rates will only add to the dilemma. In a

study conducted by Donghoon Lee entitled "Household Debt and Credit: Student Debt," the U.S. has seen a "70 percent increase in the number of borrowers" accepting student loans between the years of 2004 and 2012. Increasing numbers of borrowers result in more and more students leaving college burdened by larger amounts of debt than previous college alumni. Furthermore, an increase of borrowers means more students are able to afford college, who otherwise would not be able to. When more people have degrees, the more competitive the job market becomes and the more devalued a degree becomes as well. With the good comes the bad. To be fair, students have been fortunate to have had the low 3.4 percent interest rates for the past five years. Rates were cut from 6.8 percent in 2008 due to the financial crisis. Now that the economy is getting stronger and rates are going up in every financial sector, it was only a

matter of time before student loan rates went back to their initial percentage. College is a long-term investment, and students should realize that an investment such as college may or may not be worth it. Though student loans may increase a student's access to college and possibly a future career, it does not promise either nor does it prevent borrowers from potential financial woes. Each student borrower must holistically examine his or her own financial status and determine whether or not the consequences of student debt are worth the commitment. For determined students who do take advantage of student loans, college students should be somewhat humbled by the opportunity to finance his or her education in the first place because Stafford loans are based on financial need and not credit worthiness.

**Mark Leszczynski, Senior English Major.**

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## ARTS AND LIVING



The Peace Cafe adds an element of excitement to the Suites lobby.

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## UP RESIDENTS ENJOY exclusive events

Devon Zawko Contributor

**There are few places on campus with a balcony overlooking live concerts in an outdoor amphitheater.**

The amphitheater is one of many bonuses specific to the residents of University Place (UP). With the addition of UP Phase 2 last year, UP now makes up one-third of the total resident population. Residents enjoy the new faux leather furniture and the latest wooden cabinetry found nowhere else on campus.

UP's largest event last year boasted 2,500 students at the Bubba Sparxxx performance. Last year, the Resident Housing Association put on a big carnival-themed event outside UP housing. Students had the opportunity to take pictures with animals certainly foreign to Kennesaw including a monkey, an alligator, a snake and a tarantula. Additionally, the "Get in Gear" events offer nearly two full weeks of activities for residents each year. These events provide students with a way to socialize with other members of their resident community.

There are monthly events as well. The UP Council has a Cupid Café where residents

can fill up on sweets and have the opportunity to send a flower or stuffed bear to their crush. During UP's '90s-themed party, residents were slimed Nickelodeon-style with real homemade slime. Many of these functions included a raffle and prizes. When students start cramming for their final exams, UP provides a midnight breakfast with much-appreciated caffeine pick-me-ups and brain fuel courtesy of IHOP.

Besides the ongoing festivities, UP prides itself on nest communities. According to UP Residence Director Jared Campanella, UP garners more specific interests and lifestyles than any other community. Nest communities like the military veteran, athlete and foreign student dormitories are made up of residents who share commonalities.

"When veterans come back and want to start in school, they have that support system and other veterans they can talk to and relate too," Campanella said. With such an accommodating environment, University Place is a great place for any variety of KSU students to call home.

## A GUIDE TO FRESHMEN SUITES

Kim Renner Contributor

**When you are a rising freshman and you have just decided to attend KSU in the fall, you are probably wondering what it will be like to completely uproot yourself from your parents' house, where you have possibly grown up, and start a new life on your own.**

You may be anticipating living with random roommates. You are probably leaving a thing or two behind and will have them in the back of your mind as you move forward toward your future. These are the first baby steps.

There is the obvious excitement and anticipation of who you might meet there and who you will become because, after all, the first year of college is determinant of what direction your life will take. Just the thought of handling this immense change used to give me a bad feeling in the pit of my stomach.

You may think you are going to do one thing, and then college changes everything based on the experiences you encounter. These experiences

make us who we are and begin forming new personal values as well.

When imagining what freshman year of college will be like, most will immediately picture where they are going to live. Your dorm room is often the place you will spend most of your time. You will invite new friends over, have movie nights with your roommate and endure seemingly endless homework sessions.

The University Village Suites is an all freshman dorm, so everyone there is around the same age and fresh out of high school. There is a kind of camaraderie that forms between you and your hall mates, whether you realize it at the time or not.

Living in the Suites is great because even though the rooms are slightly smaller, it is a great experience living in close quarters with people since you will get closer to them much faster than you would in other dorm buildings. It forces you to interact with other people on campus and have fun from the very first day you move in.

Going out and experiencing the events your RAs plan is encouraged. It makes meeting people easier and most of the people you meet will live in your building. The activities are pretty fun most of the time and sometimes there is free stuff involved!

Try to get as close with your roommate and hall mates as you can. It comes in handy and makes your first year in college a lot more fun! You should also talk to the people in your classes often. Make at least one friend in every class. This way you can ask them to get together and work on homework, lean on each other when one of you missed class and hopefully already have a project partner picked out.

Go outside as much as possible. Walk around campus even if you do not have to go to class yet. Walking outside is a very easy way to meet more people, especially on the Campus Green. Meeting people is what college is all about, is it not? And making good grades, of course.

UP features some of the most beautiful spots on campus.



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# AFFORDABLE SUMMER FASHION

Anna Streetman Contributor

**Summer is the time that most students – except those taking summer classes – like to kick back and relax.** But just because you are taking it easy, does not mean your wardrobe has to. Summer weather opens up a whole new closet full of adorable clothes specific for

the season.

The prospect of keeping in fashion for summer may seem daunting. Who wants to spend a whole bunch of money on new clothes, right? Luckily for KSU students, affordable fashion is available right around the corner.

Town Center Mall is right by the KSU campus. If you have a car, you do not have to drive more than a mile. And even if you do not have a car or simply want to save gas, the B.O.B shuttle bus has a route to the mall.

"B.O.B. was really convenient

for my friends and me. We didn't have cars last year so we really relied on the B.O.B. transportation to get us to the mall," said sophomore Psychology major Bella Tase. "It was great!"

The mall might seem a little overwhelming. There are

dozens of stores. Where do you find what is cute and what is cheap? Even more so, what is in right now?

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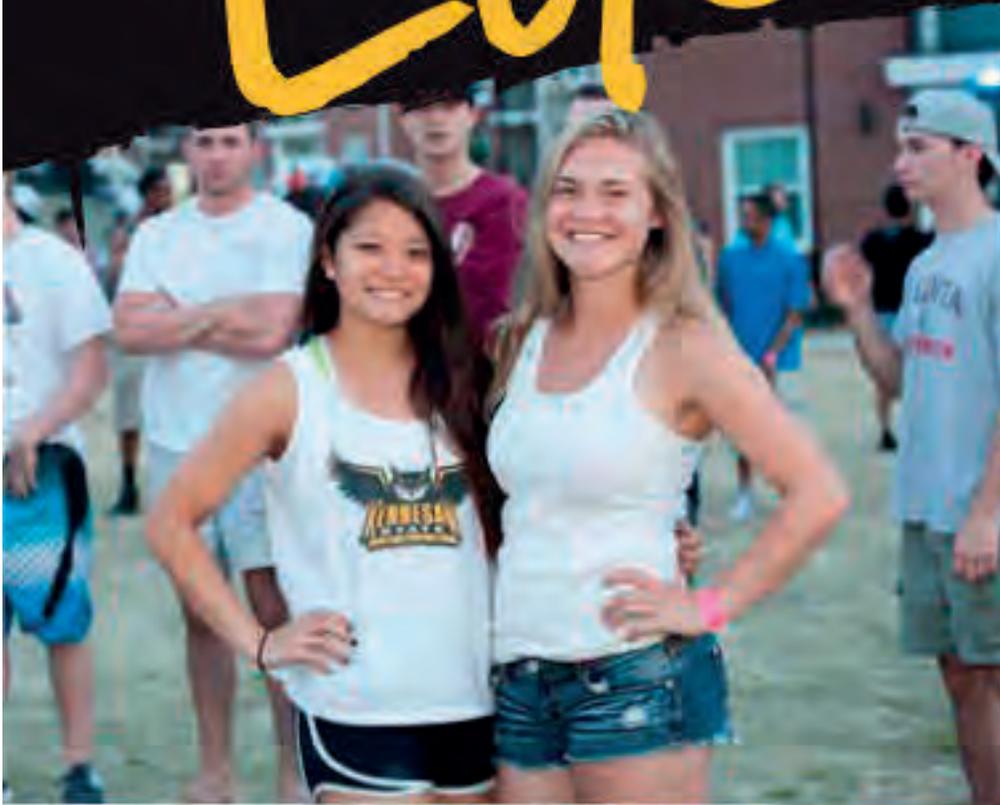
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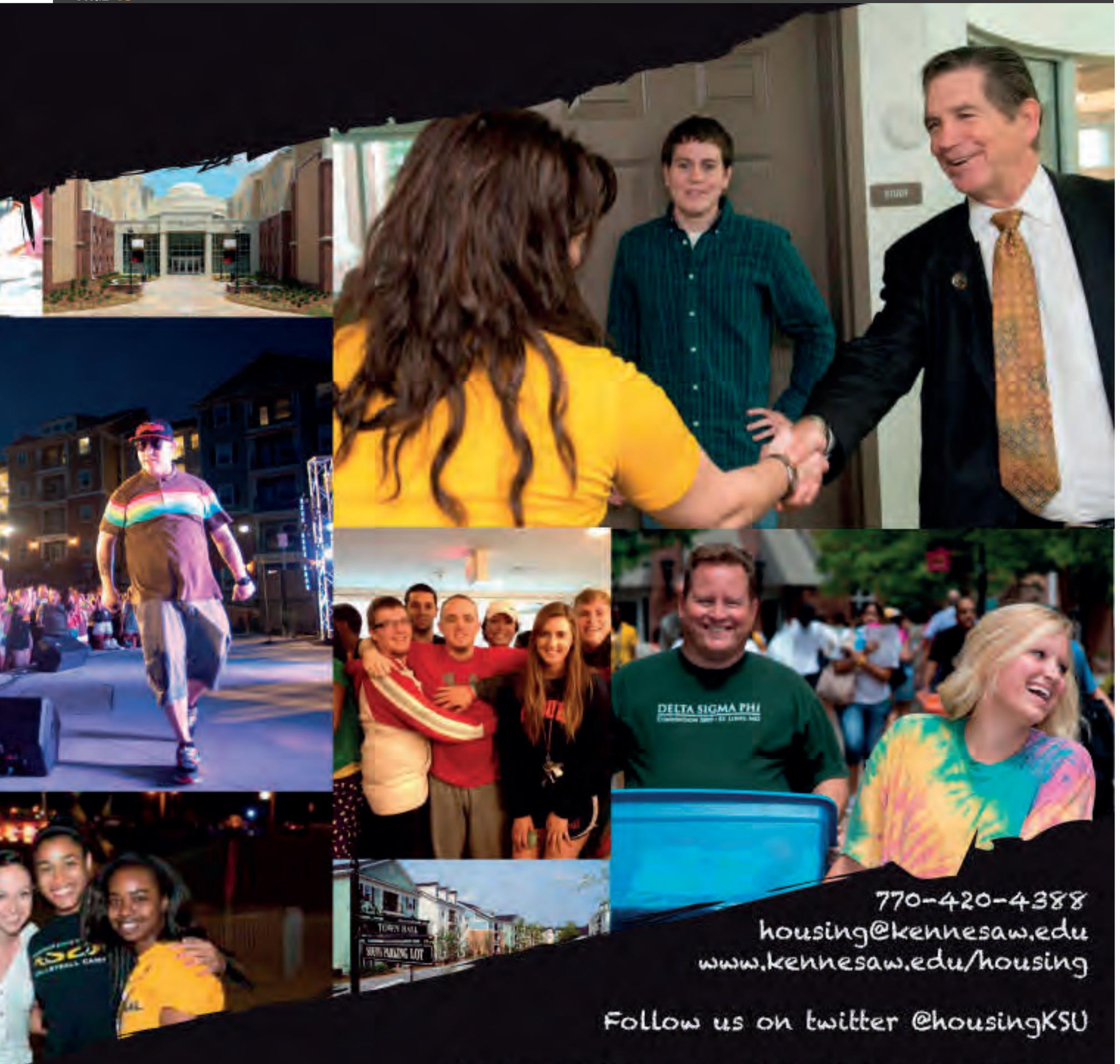
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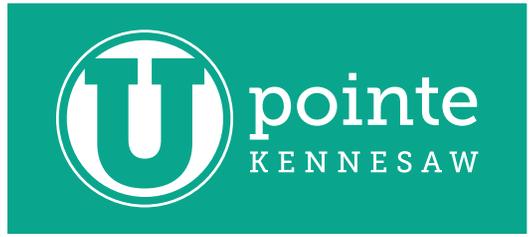


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# NEXT GENERATION game consoles announced

Mike Strong Arts & Living Editor

**Video game culture is growing ever more popular each year and is constantly changing to adapt to new technology.** It has been about seven years since the last major gaming consoles, the Xbox 360 and the PlayStation 3, were released in the U.S. Now Microsoft and Sony, manufacturers of the 360 and PS3, respectively, have announced their follow-ups to each console. Both Microsoft's Xbox One and Sony's PlayStation 4 will be available this holiday season.

Both companies are taking fairly different approaches to their devices and each console will for the most part appeal to a different audience. The new Xbox is taking the route of an all-in-one device, hence the name. It will focus on multimedia features alongside being a gaming console.

Much like devices such as the iPhone, it will allow someone to watch movies, play music and video chat. The video chat will be enabled through Skype using the system's Kinect camera.

The included camera is a huge part of the console itself, as it will be required for the console to operate at all. While some may not like this requirement, it actually enables some unique features such as face recognition and incredibly accurate voice control.

One interesting use of the facial recognition is the system's ability to detect who is sitting in front of the screen, automatically sign in the user and set up their preferred controls for games. Voice control can be used to instantly switch between programs on the system. For example, the user can have the system play live television while using features such as Skype or gaming by simply saying "Xbox,

watch TV." The motion controls and multimedia features the console enables lets the system appeal to a much wider audience than those who just want to play games.

While the Xbox One attempts to draw in casual users and families, Sony is doubling down on the core gamers with its upcoming PS4. Over the summer, Sony has shown off many great looking exclusive games for the PS4, hoping to draw in those who were turned off by Microsoft's focus on non-game features.

While the PS4 does have a camera like the Xbox's Kinect, it will not be required and will not be as integral to the console's operating system. The biggest part of the system though, is the controller's share button. This button will allow the user to instantly upload and broadcast their game footage. While the Xbox One can do this to a certain extent, the PS4 seems to have a more robust system for communicating with friends and streaming gameplay live. An example of this is the system's ability to actually let a friend take control of your game for a time in order to help you out.

Both systems are of course much more powerful than their predecessors in the graphics department. The difference in graphics between the two will undoubtedly be minimal, much like the current generation of consoles. But there is no denying that the companies are shooting for vastly different audiences based on the current trends in popular technology. These systems are major investments with the PS4 launching at \$399 and the Xbox One at \$499. Come holiday season, it will simply be up to the consumer to decide which system best fits their interest.

“ THE NEW XBOX IS TAKING THE ROUTE OF AN ALL-IN-ONE DEVICE ”

Courtesy of Microsoft



“ SONY IS DOUBLING DOWN ON THE CORE GAMERS WITH ITS UPCOMING PS4 ”

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The Red Hot Chili Peppers headline Saturday's packed lineup.

# MUSIC MIDTOWN SET TO ROCK ATLANTA

Roderic Graham Staff Writer

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### For two decades, music fans have traveled to Atlanta for the Music Midtown Festival.

Music legends like Sheryl Crow, LL Cool J and Train are just a few artists who have given mind-blowing performances in the past and this year will not be any different. Music Midtown will be a two day event held at Piedmont Park on Sept. 20 and 21. One of the best things about the event is that it caters to a variety of music listeners by hosting artists of different genres.

The lineup for Friday, Sept. 20 includes Journey, Jane's Addiction, 2 Chainz, Phoenix, Cake, North Mississippi Allstars, The Mowgli's and Drivin N Cryin. Journey is the headline band for Friday. The band has acquired an extremely large fanbase with four decades of music. Another popular artist performing on Friday's lineup is 2 Chainz. 2 Chainz is an Atlanta native who gained notoriety while performing with rapper

Ludacris. His second album will be released two weeks before the festival.

Saturday's lineup has twice as many performances. The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Queens of the Stone Age, Imagine Dragons, Weezer, Kendrick Lamar, Arctic Monkeys, the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Tegan and Sara, Black Lips, Reignwolf, The Neighbourhood, ZZ Ward, Mona and Capital Cities will all perform Saturday. The Red Hot Chili Peppers is another band with a huge fanbase and will perform songs that span more than 3 decades. Kendrick Lamar and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs are popular mainstream artists that will attract a large crowd. Saturday will surely be a packed day at Music Midtown with all of these awesome artists.

"I like Music Midtown because it is an opportunity to hear a lot of great bands and gain exposure to new ones" said senior Communication major Ellen Eldridge. "The festival is

really crowded with a lot of anxious fans and the bathroom lines are ridiculously long, but everything else is great."

If you are planning to drive to Music Midtown, coordinators of the event suggest arriving early or utilizing public transportation. Food, souvenirs and even alcohol can be purchased at the festival.

Music Midtown offers 3 ticket packages: General admission is \$110 for two days or \$50 for one day. \$500 VIP two day tickets are available as well as \$250 for one day only. Super VIP tickets are only available as a two day pass and cost \$1000. The VIP packages offer private entrances, air conditioned bathrooms and complimentary food. Two day general admission tickets can be purchased early for only \$90.

For more information on Music Midtown follow @musicmidtown on twitter or visit the website [www.musicmidtown.com](http://www.musicmidtown.com).

Courtesy of Haesoi Won



Fernanda Perez Contributor

# INTERNING AT CNN: Making dreams a reality

## Nothing is impossible.

The constant repetition of this phrase has made its significance meaningless and dull. People always hear it but never truly believe it. I was guilty of being one of those people, my parents always throwing it at my face like some kind of wet towel. It has become an overused and useless phrase. This summer, its meaning changed when I obtained my first internship at the CNN Headquarters.

I have always been a dreamer, thinking that if you really dream it you will end up living it. I could not have been more wrong. This past year has been a rude awakening for me. I have come to the

realization that dreaming deeply about something will get you nowhere; the only way to actually get anything is by acting on those dreams.

This past summer I did just that. Action was the only answer; I could not just sit there dreaming and hoping for something. I had to go, work hard and get it.

On April 11, I talked to Thomas Gray, the internship coordinator for Communication majors at KSU, and asked him if he could help me get an internship. All I wanted was experience. Surprisingly, he told me "a student must have at least 60 hours toward graduation" in order to get academic credit.

The problem was that most internships I looked at required academic credit.

I had just finished my freshman year. Taking 15 hours each semester made me end the year with just 30 hours total. I needed 30 more.

I decided to take the matter into my own hands, spending nights and days filling out internship applications and constructing my resume, as well as writing lengthy e-mails and making phone calls.

On June 3, 2013, I got a break, I finally got the call. I got the internship of my dreams, working at the CNN Headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

I will never forget walking

into CNN on June 17 for my first day. The atmosphere, the people and the smiles all seemed so surreal. Everyone was helpful and happy.

I met many anchors there as well. One of my favorite was Carlos Montero, who is the anchor for the morning show "Café CNN" on CNN en Español.

I had the opportunity of being in a behind-the-scenes atmosphere. The producers, the directors and the staff all knew their job very well and had fun doing it.

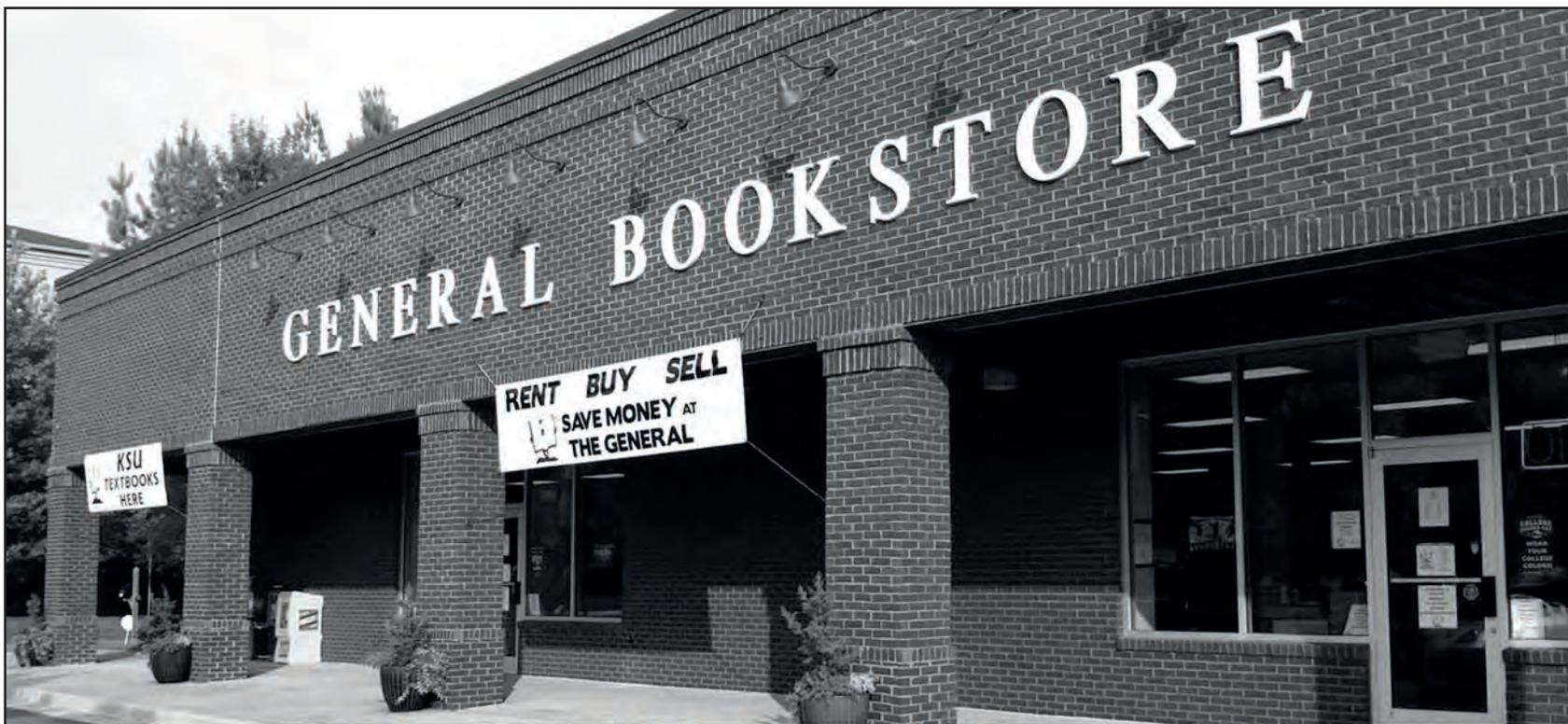
As the final days of my internship approached, I asked Cristina Ruiz, director of the marketing department for CNN en Español, "What was it like to

have me as an intern?"

"It's been great, Fernanda," she responded. "It's been a new experience for us, and I hope you learned many things from this experience."

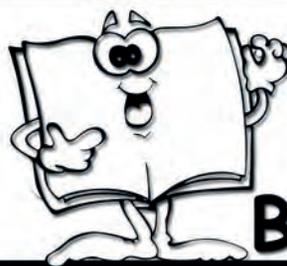
One day I hope to make it into the broadcasting or journalism world. This might have felt impossible a couple months ago but now it is becoming a reality. Next summer, I hope to intern in New York City for "Anderson Cooper 360." I am willing to work hard to achieve this.

My new quote is, "Don't tell people your dreams. Show them."



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## LOCAL PREP STARS FIRST TO COMMIT to varsity football program

Mike Foster Sports Editor

**Just one year ago, both Chandler Burks and Taylor Henkle knew almost nothing about KSU, let alone had either of them attended a sporting event on campus.**

In fact, Burks and Henkle, both rising juniors on their respective high school's football teams (South Paulding and Kell), were leaning toward a future of playing collegiate football at Mercer and Georgia Tech, respectively. On June 25, Burks' environment had drastically changed. He sat in the coach's office at Fifth Third Bank Stadium, and without a doubt in his mind, he committed to become the first ever varsity football player for KSU.

"I called coach Bohannon and told him I wanted to talk with him," Burks said. "He said, well come on in to my office. I knew when they offered me back before spring ball that there was something special going on there."

Henkle, the first Cobb County product to commit and second overall commitment, saw that special something as well.

"I saw a lot of things that I hadn't seen before," Henkle said of the campus. "Honestly, I think the dorms are tops in the country. Those are legit dorms that any athlete would love to be able to live in. There was just a bunch of awesome stuff that I never knew was in my own backyard."

It was a relationship in the waiting for Henkle. A safety and receiver for the Longhorns, who play on Friday nights just four miles away from KSU campus, Henkle wasn't being heavily recruited. He had been overshadowed by defensive stars Quincy Mauger and Brendan Langley—both current freshmen defensive backs at the University of Georgia. Georgia

Tech seemed a likely option for Henkle, however, thanks to the recruitment by the Yellow Jacket's assistant coach, Brian Bohannon.

On March 24, Bohannon accepted the job as KSU's first football coach, and his interest in Henkle followed him closer to Henkle's own home. Two months later, Bohannon offered a scholarship to Henkle.

That was when Henkle began to notice what was already in place on the KSU campus: the dorms, the dining hall, the stadium. He said he was shocked with what was already in place.

"I'm assuming from the locker room that they built the stadium knowing there'd be football there one day," Henkle said. "That's a pretty cool, top-of-the-line locker room."

Now Henkle will head into his senior season with all eyes on him. Not only is he committed to play for a brand new Division I (FCS) program, but he's one of the top products in the same county. Henkle has been named to the Marietta Daily Journal's Elite-11 team, and the journal's sports editor and producer of the award-winning Cobb Football Friday, John Bednarowski, thinks highly of the young star.

"I think Henkle is the best player in Cobb County," Bednarowski said.

Burks, who has played multiple skill positions including quarterback, also found his way to KSU through coaching relationships. Tim Glanton, who is now the A-backs coach for the Owls, was the head coach at South Paulding for Burks' first three years.

"Not too long after they offered me (coach Glanton) ended up leaving and going to KSU," Burks said. "I started doing

my research and everything was so appealing to me."

Apparently the appeal was good enough to lure Burks away from a heap of other schools who were recruiting him. According to Burks, Mercer, Georgia Southern, Georgia State, Lafayette, Lehigh, Harvard, Yale, Fordham and Western Kentucky all were bidding for his talent.

"Since then I've been so excited," Burks said. "I know everybody at KSU is excited."

Burks and Henkle have made quite the commitment, but they insist both of their pledges are hard. Their commitment will mean having to redshirt and spend an entire year without playing an official game—a commitment other 2014 recruits will have to make to the program.

"It's tough knowing you have to go a whole year not stepping on the field against another opponent," Henkle said. "Getting that one year of not really having to worry about other teams could benefit us coming into the new program, though. To be able to get the team together and bond on and off the field—it can really be a good thing for us."

So far the program has four total commitments, and season tickets for the opening season in 2015 are already halfway to being sold out. The first-ever team will be composed of redshirt freshman from the 2014 committing class, true freshman in 2015, and walk-ons, which could potentially include members of the current club team, which is entering its second season.

"It's going to be a great experience, and I'm blessed to be a part of it," Burks said.

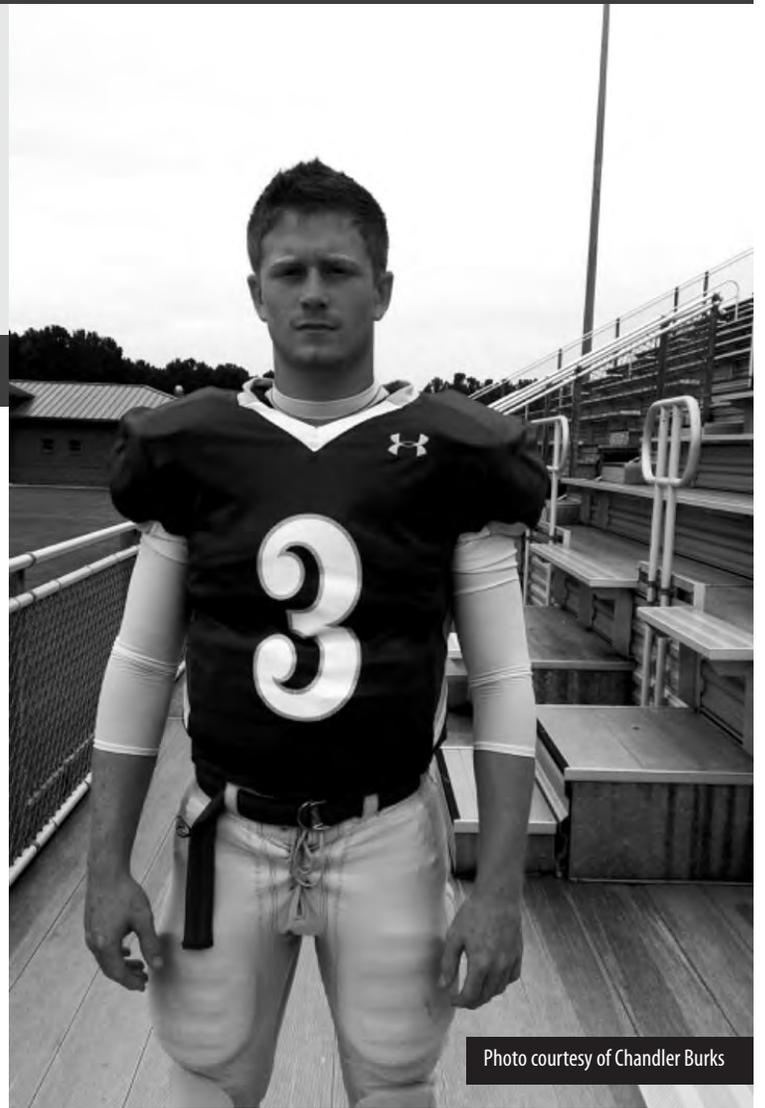


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**Chandler Burks of South Paulding High School became the first to ever commit to KSU's varsity football team.**

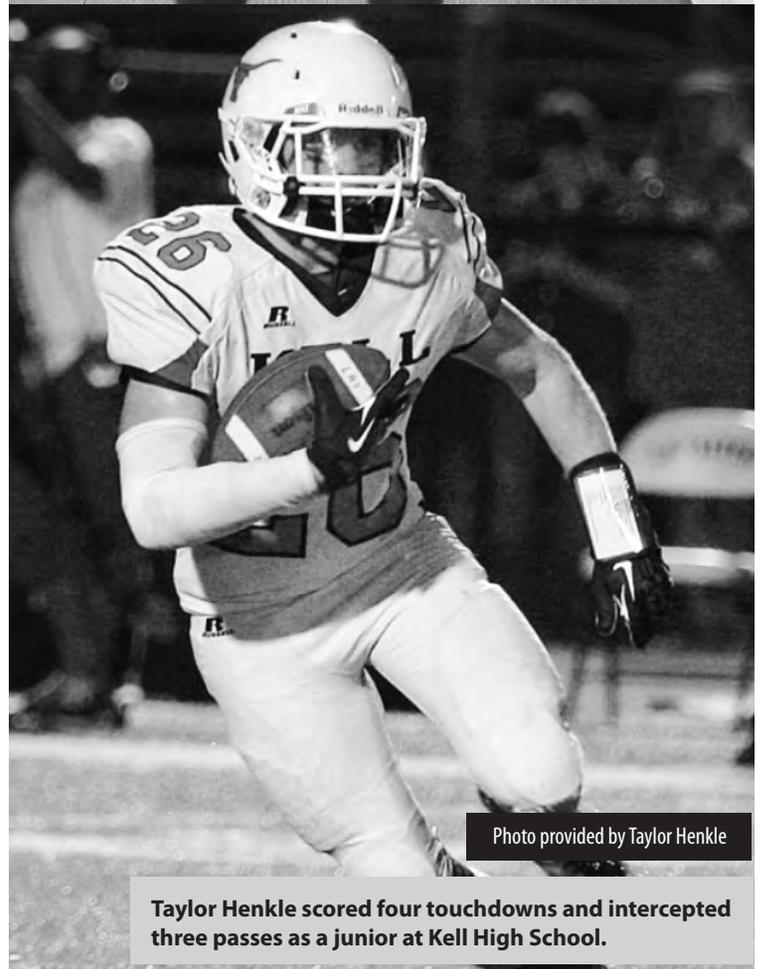


Photo provided by Taylor Henkle

**Taylor Henkle scored four touchdowns and intercepted three passes as a junior at Kell High School.**

**SPORTS**

# CLUB FOOTBALL FINDS FOOTING OVER OFFSEASON

David Almeda Staff Writer

**KSU's club football team is looking to build on its first year of existence, and despite last season's win-loss record, this year's squad has a lot going for it.** The team is looking to further evolve and organize, and team president Daniel Starovasnik is optimistic about the team's outlook for the new season.

"We're going to have a full playbook, so we're actually going to be running like an actual team should," Starovasnik said. "We're not going to have an 'everybody playing every position' concept like we had last year. We had receivers playing as corners, as well as punting and kicking blockers and returners. This year we're looking to be more specified."

Because they only dressed about 25 players per game last season, the team was forced to improvise, which led to many

players starting at multiple positions.

Thankfully, this year the Owls plan to dress about 50 players per game. Head coach Joseph Courson sees the increase in numbers as an opportunity to have practices of a higher caliber, and with that, a team that is better ready to perform.

"When you have more players, you have a lot of things you can practice on," Courson said. "The one-on-one training is kind of limited because you have certain people playing out of position. So hopefully with having more numbers, we can implement the type of offense and defense that we want to play out there and have guys fresh and ready to play in the fourth quarter."

Another issue the Owls faced last season was the absence of a venue worthy of hosting football games. Their home turf

was an 80-yard, recreational field with makeshift goalposts that had no bleachers for the fans. This season, the Owls hope to remedy this by playing just down the road at Sprayberry High School. The contract to play there isn't exactly finalized yet, but team vice president Dominic Oates says that it's essentially a done deal.

"We actually have the contract drawn up now," Oates said. "We're just trying to basically cross our T's and dot our I's at this point. It's pretty much about 95 percent done."

Oates believes that playing in an actual stadium that is suited for football will vastly improve the game day experience.

"I think what it'll do for the fans, players, and everybody involved is that it gives a real sense of football," Oates explained. "As opposed to just being at a practice field with

some lines drawn up, you're in a real stadium, you've got that atmosphere that a football stadium tends to bring to the game."

With a club football team in place, some might wonder what role it can have in cultivating potential players for the future varsity team. Courson sees his team's potential new function as a substantial reason why the team is expecting bigger numbers.

"I like how it's going to bring a lot more kids that were maybe not interested in playing football to get out there and showcase their talents with us, and hopefully have an opportunity to transition into [Coach Bohannon's] team," Courson said.

"I think this year we've got more organization, we've got more interest and things seem to be falling into place," Oates

said. "We're just energized this year. We feel like have a chance to make some noise in our conference and nationally."

Coach Courson sees some room for improvement, but feels very strongly about his team's chances.

"Playing football is not just a game, it takes a lot of study and a lot of hard work," Courson said. "I think if everybody gels together and realizes the guy beside them is trying to achieve the same thing, which is to win ballgames, I think we'll be great. I'm not disappointed in last year. Last year was the beginning. With any new program you start, it takes some time to get it off and running."

The Owls will play their season opener Sept. 9 at home against Columbus State.

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# KSU'S RUGBY COACH leaves legacy

AJ Howard Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of David Conyers

**KSU club rugby coach David Conyers came to the U.S. hoping to create community interest in the sport.**

**To have a conversation with KSU men's rugby coach David Conyers is to be the audience of a man in constant transition.**

Coaching on campus, working with select teams, volunteering or working as a handyman—Conyers extends himself as often as possible. Not even two months removed from winning a major international championship, Conyers is already searching for the next challenge.

The 55-year-old Australian led the USA South rugby squad to the North American Caribbean Rugby Association title, defeating Trinidad and Tobago 28-16 in June to claim the United States' first International Rugby Board trophy as a provincial team.

Winning a tournament against full international sides while only using a regional team is a difficult enough task, even with a full practice slate. Conyers' USA South team,

however, did not have that luxury.

"People don't have the time to go to a camp the week before that or take time off work," said the coach. "It's just hard to do."

The irregular nature of the time commitment allowed Conyers to continue coaching KSU's club team, while also volunteering his time in various administrative roles—and even teaching children—throughout the rugby community. He further augmented the difficulty with an extra responsibility he had been tending to since Spring Semester 2010—he was a full-time student at KSU.

The unexpected journey began in 2007 while Conyers was still living in his native Australia. Attempting to set up a tour of Georgia and Florida for a rugby team that he coached, Conyers ended up in touch with the coaching staff at KSU. A friendship developed between Conyers and the head coach, one that eventually had a major payoff.

"A few years later, he asked me if I ever want to come back to help him coach," Conyers said.

That 2009 invitation to come to America came at the ideal time for Conyers. His business had taken a hit in worrisome

economic times; his health had diminished under extensive pressure, causing two heart attacks.

Physical trouble is what the veteran coach cites as the main reason for the move. Conyers said the doctor warned him that, unless he changed, a fatal incident would be coming soon. Conyers' response was swift: Frigidplex, his company, was sold, and he made the move of more than 9,000 miles to Georgia.

Kennesaw was a temporary destination to begin with, but Conyers soon found that his goal of advancing the culture of rugby was even more important in the U.S. He even enrolled at KSU in 2010 as a 51-year-old, picking sports management as a major.

"Australians are pretty nice," he explained, "but I just fell in love with Georgia."

Success came immediately for the Owls, as KSU won a state title in 2010. The club also reached the Division I playoffs only two years after reaching that distinction.

On-field results seem secondary to the globetrotting Conyers, though.

"We're not just about teaching them sport," he explained. "It's like a code of

conduct for the students."

Conyers departs in August from his post for the Owls in order to finish up his degree with a four-month internship in his homeland. He will be working with Lloyd McDermott's foundation to foster the rugby development of indigenous Australians through scouting, training and education.

A post-graduate mission—which he gave himself—of helping another group develop through the sport of rugby awaits.

"I would really like to do something here in America with Native Americans," Conyers said.

Conyers' study abroad in Uganda with disabled children—"I took Kennesaw T-shirts down and gave them all shirts and a ball"—and his other travels have given him a wealth of experience. A non-traditional student to the highest degree, Conyers will be the first to show gratitude, even in the face of all the gifts and knowledge he has given others.

"It's been the best four years of my life," he said. While listening to the excitement in his voice, there doesn't seem to be much room for disagreement.

## 2013 Club Football Schedule Released

(All home games at 3 p.m.)

9/8	Columbus State	10/12	Hartford
9/15	North Georgia Sports Academy	10/19	Clemson
9/21	@ Clemson	11/3	@Macon State
9/28	@ Columbus State	11/9	Macon State
10/5	Rollins College	11/16	@ Rollins College

**SPORTS**

# OWLS PREPARED TO HIT THE FIELD

Sarah Woodall Staff Writer

**KSU's women's soccer team is prepared to improve on its 10-8-1 finish from a season ago.**

The Owls are currently gearing up for their first exhibition game against Wofford University at the newly named Fifth Third Bank Stadium, which is scheduled to take place on Aug. 9. Head coach Rob King noted they had some success the previous year, despite finishing with a first round loss to North Florida in the Atlantic-Sun Championship Tournament. King feels that his team has a much better chance this year.

"I think we laid out the ground work for this year, with our returning players, and we brought in a lot of good players this year as well," King said. "I think we laid the foundation and we're ready to get started this year with a very challenging schedule."

KSU is slated to play in two tournaments before A-Sun Conference play officially begins. The Owls will first travel to the University of Tennessee on Aug. 23, where they will match-up against Tennessee Tech and powerhouse schools like Oklahoma in the UT Vols Tournament. The Owls biggest

test will then take place at the Carolina Nike Classic in Chapel Hill, N.C., on Aug. 30, where they will face Duke, Georgia State, Mississippi, Samford, Troy, and the defending national champion North Carolina.

King noted that beginning the season with really tough opponents like North Carolina will certainly give his players a real test, and the results will help with any needed adjustments going forward.

"Regardless how that game goes, we take a lot of positives from that game, and it's one that after you play the National Champions, you really have got nothing to fear with anybody else you play," King said.

King expressed a lot of confidence in both the returning veterans and incoming freshman in a previous interview. As for the freshman newcomers, there will be eight new pairs of legs to add to KSU's rotation. Newcomers include forwards Shannon Driscoll and Maggie Gaughan, midfielders Suzanne Arafa and Monica Herrera, flank midfielder/forward Cassidy Kemp and goalkeeper Olivia Sturdivant.

Midfielder Katrina Frost will enter her junior season as the

leader of the Owls offensive attack. Frost was an Atlantic Sun Conference first-teamer as a redshirt sophomore. She scored 10 goals and recorded three assists for the Owls' offense. Midfielder Kelsey Barr returns for her senior season after making the All-A-Sun second team last year. Barr led the Owls last year in minutes played (1,175) and played in every single minute of conference play.

Danielle Grey burst onto the scene as a freshman and ended her first season with the Owls as an All-A-Sun freshman team member.

"We've got an outstanding group of 2013's coming in, and what better way to start than by showing them the gold standard for women's college soccer," King said when referring to their matchup with North Carolina.

According to King, the hard work and commitment have already been present in the offseason, and with an upcoming match against National Champion North Carolina in several weeks, that is all the motivation they need to have a successful season.

KSU opens Aug. 23 against Tennessee Tech.



Matt Boggs | The Sentinel

**Katrina Frost earned All-Atlantic Sun Conference honors last season after scoring 10 goals as a sophomore.**

## 2013-14 Atlantic Sun Conference Members

<p><b>East Tennessee State Buccaneers</b> Johnson City, TN</p>		<p><b>Lipscomb Bisons</b> Nashville, TN</p>		<p><b>Northern Kentucky Norse</b> Highland Heights</p>
<p><b>Florida Gulf Coast Eagles</b> Fort Myers, FL</p>		<p><b>Mercer Bears</b> Macon, GA</p>		<p><b>USC Upstate Spartans</b> Spartanburg, S.C.</p>
<p><b>Jacksonville Dolphins</b> Jacksonville, FL</p>		<p><b>North Florida Ospreys</b> Jacksonville, FL</p>		<p><b>Stetson Hatters</b> DeLand, FL</p>

## DEPARTMENT HIRES NEW cross country coach

Zack Myers Staff Writer

Joel Pearson will assume the role as KSU's new cross country coach, according to Thursday's announcement by director of track and field, Andy Eggerth. Pearson will be the first cross country coach since the retirement of Stan Sims, who coached the program from 1994 until 2011.

"I'm excited to welcome Joel Pearson to Kennesaw State," Eggerth said. "His uplifting motivation, coaching knowledge, distance pedigree, and recruiting success will be great attributes for our athletes and our program."

Pearson is joining KSU just one year after being named the head cross country and assistant track and field coach at North Carolina A&T. In his one year at A&T, his team had the second best cross country finish in school history and set eight school records.

"This is a tremendous opportunity," Pearson said. "I would like to thank Athletic

Director Vaughn Williams and the Director of Track and Field Andy Eggerth for bringing me into the Owl Family. KSU has a rich history of success, and I am confident we can move up quickly and compete on a national level."

Before working with the Aggies of NC A&T, Pearson was the director of track and field operations at the University of Iowa. He was an assistant cross country and track and field coach as well as recruiting coordinator at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW), a Division I school in Indiana. He also held the head coach position of the cross country and track and field units at Whatcom Community College in Washington, where he coached four collegiate cross country All-Americans and one conference champion.

In addition to his experience coaching school cross country and track and field teams, Joel

Pearson, along with his father Jim Pearson, founded the Harrier Track Club in 2009. The Harrier Track Club is an Olympic Development Center in North Carolina. Jim Pearson was a USA 50-mile Champion and held the American 50-mile record.

Joel Pearson has coached eight USATF All-Americans, five Community College All-Americans, three USA Junior National Qualifiers, an American Junior 50k Track Record Holder, and an El Salvador National Junior 800m record. Pearson was also named NWAACC North Region Cross Country Coach of the Year twice.

He has a USATF Level 2 Certification in endurance and combined events, as well as being a USATF Level 1 Certified Instructor.

Pearson graduated from Evergreen State in Olympia, Wa., with a Bachelor of Arts degree with double majors in history and coaching.



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