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Students at Kennesaw State University are preparing for a new school year, and students from Southern Polytechnic State University will be joining them shortly in Jan. 2015. For Southern Poly students, this upcoming fall semester will be their last semester as SPSU Hornets.

When President Papp first announced the consolidation last year, resistance arose from both schools. According to some students, tensions seem to have settled for now. Many believe the consolidation will work out for the better of all in the end.

Junior Computer Engineering Technology major Marquis Cook is an SPSU student who believes the consolidation will benefit both KSU and SPSU. In the beginning some students were upset, but now Cook and his friends feel "neutral" about the upcoming consolidation.

Cook did notice, however, that tension still rests among some upperclassmen who were planning to graduate from SPSU.

Junior Communication major, Kim Cox, whose sister is majoring in Industrial Engineering at SPSU, said her sister used to be worried about graduating from KSU, considering SPSU is known for engineering.

"But then she also didn't want [her diploma] to say Southern Poly, because they wouldn't exist anymore," said Cox. "[Now] she knows that the people who will hire her will know about the merger, and they'll just care more about her degree and work experience."

According to the consolidation website, students enrolled in SPSU before Jan. 2015 and who graduate in

spring 2015 or summer 2015 may choose for their diploma to say "Southern Polytechnic State University" or "Kennesaw State University."

Cox supports her sister by encouraging her to do well in her classes and celebrating her accomplishments. "We'll always think of her as graduating from Southern Poly," said Cox. "It's sort of weird to say she graduated from Kennesaw State, because I still don't picture them as one school yet."

Nevertheless, Cox believes KSU will be better and stronger after the consolidation is complete. "I think if you give five or ten years, it will be a really good thing; but now it's hard to see all the benefits," she said.

According to the consolidation website, the consolidation is expected to be finalized by the fall semester in 2015.

Most courses will be offered on both campuses, except for those pertaining to a degree that one of the campuses do not offer. For example, computer-engineering courses will be offered on both campuses, since both schools currently offer that degree. However, only KSU offers a degree in Biochemistry, so the majority of the courses for that major will be held on the KSU campus.

We're all about keeping an open line of communication during the transition. If you would like to discuss this topic further or share your stories with us on social media, we encourage you to do so on facebook.com/ksusentinel or tweet us @ksusentinel.

SGA BEAT

Jackson Walsh Staff Writer

The Student Government has been spending its summer vacation gearing up for the fall semester. In preparation for the consolidation, Kennesaw State University's SGA has been working with Southern Polytechnic State University's SGA on OWG 76, an operational working group between the two schools to create one unified Student Government that will represent all students.

The next item on the agenda is to work on bylaws for the consolidated SGA. "It is important to both groups that the consolidated SGA remains a voice for the students and an avenue for them to address their concerns," said SGA President Eric Johnson.

The SGA is primarily concerned with making a smooth transition out of the controversial consolidation. The young men and women on both schools student

governments respectfully have a bright future ahead for student representation of issues along with growth of the university as a whole. The trademark line often used in spring is being applied "Fly and Soar".

The SGA retreat will be held from Aug. 8 to Aug. 10 in Chattanooga, TN. The purpose of the retreat is to prepare officers for the upcoming fall semester and outline goals for the school year. President

Johnson will also be meeting with the Board of Regents at the end of July.

Students who want to join SGA must attend two SGA meetings, which occur on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. and conclude with signing in with the secretary. Then students should contact either the secretary or executive aid to schedule an interview. A quiz on the SGA's constitution and Policy Procedures manual is also required for membership.

OWL EVENTS

Kaitlyn Lewis
News Editor

Don't miss any OWL Events! Check back each week for a new calendar of KSU's upcoming events. Don't see your event? We want to know! Please send event information to newseditor@ksusentinel.com

Thursday

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- **KSU Summer Farmer's Market**
East Parking Lot
4:00p.m.- 7:00p.m.

Saturday

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- **"Virginia Dudley and American Modernism" exhibit opens**
Joe Mack Wilson Building
Art Gallery
11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Saturday

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- **Second major opening of Zuckerman Museum**
Zuckerman Museum of Art
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

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- **Summer Commencement**
Convocation Center

Sunday

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- **Back to School Concert**
Bailey Performance Center
7:30 p.m.

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PRO TIP #1

USE ALL OF YOUR MEAL SWIPES! THERE ARE TONS OF ON-CAMPUS DINING OPTIONS



The newly purchased BrandsMart property will not only serve as a bridge between KSU and SPSU, but also extra space for campus projects and activities.

Photo Courtesy of Jeffery Tucker

LOCAL LAND PURCHASE LINKS KSU AND SPSU

Sierra Hubbard Staff Writer

Kennesaw State University finalized the \$9.9 million acquisition of the old BrandsMart USA property on Busbee Drive this summer to serve as a link between the two campuses of the consolidated university in 2015.

The purchase, funded by state bonds, includes 17 acres of land and the 113,000 square-foot retail building already on the property. Planned projects span from laboratory space for the Department of Health Promotion and Physical Education to a new student health center. With the launch of KSU's new football team

in the fall of 2015, this plot of land will also house the new marching band's practice center.

One key objective was to create a link between the current Southern Polytechnic University campus and KSU's main campus. With the final consolidation quickly approaching, the facilities here will be accessible to students on both campuses. Those who currently attend SPSU have many varying opinions on the acquisition and whether or not it will be effective in its goals.

Paul Gatens, a junior studying mechanical engineering at SPSU, believes the projects will have a positive impact. "I

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definitely think this will give students more recreational opportunities," Gatens said. "It will give a much-needed boost to school morale, which I currently see as being very low."

Rosa Garcia, a sophomore and construction management major also at SPSU, does not agree that this boost to morale will occur so easily. "Imagine feeling obliged to have 'school spirit' and support for a team and school that stripped away your identity," Garcia said. "So, as far as a linkage between the schools that will help morale and such, I do not really believe it will be great in the beginning, but it does force the two

schools to address the issue sooner."

She does, however, think that the projects planned are an asset to the university. "As a prior marching band member myself, I most definitely believe that a marching band is important and should be considered," Garcia said.

"Without a doubt, Kennesaw is going to want to have the best football team, and accommodating the marching band will give them a better chance to have the best band too, leaving no room for mediocrity in any area."



As part of the construction on the Dr. Betty Siegal Student Recreation and Activity Center, KSU will be building tennis courts (left) and indoor activity center (right)

Photo Courtesy of Jeffery Tucker

WANT TO STAY FIT AT KSU? NO PROBLEM!

Jessica McLeod Contributor

As all students and parents who set foot on the Kennesaw State University campus can tell, there is a lot of change going on. The construction on campus includes major renovations and additions to the current recreation center. The finished center's official name will be the Dr. Betty Siegal Student Recreation and Activity Center.

With the renovations of the current center and the 127 square feet of new construction the center will be a total of one 172 thousand square feet.

The first design team set to work in May of 2010. In collaboration with the Board of Regents, the KSU foundation has been working to provide the students with the best recreation center possible.

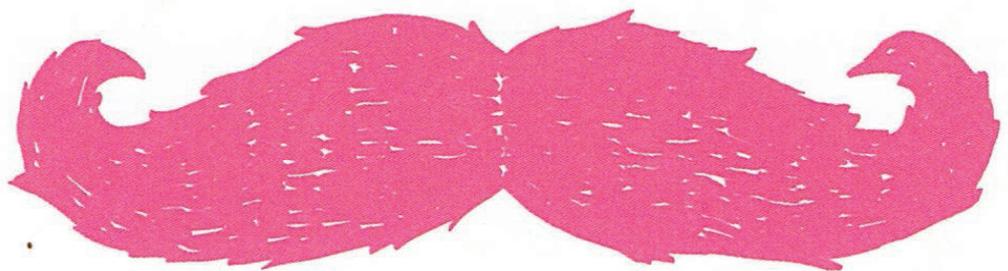
According to Vanessa O'Hara, the Campus Planner II, the new recreation center will include a four-court basketball court, an outdoor leisure pool, an eight lane and 25 meter lap pool, a 44 foot tall rock climbing

wall, a multi activities court, three racket ball courts, seven multipurpose rooms, 25 square feet of free weights, an indoor track and more. The upper level will consist of cardio equipment.

Moving outside, there will be eight tennis courts, one basketball court and two sand volleyball courts. In addition to all of this, students will also be able to rent outdoor sports equipment such as kayaks and camping equipment. The bike shop, Wellness Center and Department of Sports and Recreation suite will be housed in the new recreation center as well. O'Hara said the funding for all these new renovations and additions come from student fees.

When the recreation center is completed, all students will have the opportunity to get as fit and physically healthy as they desire. As of now, students can start utilizing the new part of the building in Jan. 2015 and the outdoor and renovated portions in March of 2015.

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OPINION



M.O.S. TO OWL EXPRESS

Steven Watkins Staff Writer

When I was 20, I spent the better part of 2008 patrolling crowded, dusty streets in Al Anbar, filling an incalculable number of sand bags, and generally staring off into nothing for hours on end in a wooden post. I had eagerly joined the Marine Corps about a week after graduating high school and spent the next year and a half in work ups in preparation for an Iraq deployment. For seven months my fellow lance corporals and I toiled the miserably hot days away in a combination of the aforementioned activities, all the while dreaming about the day we could return home to air conditioning, capitalism, and yes, even college classrooms. Then, something happened.

The deployment ended, and quicker than even the most optimistic of us could have imagined - we were home. I found myself faced with a number of sudden realities: that building something up in your mind for seven months will usually lead to disappointment, that even though I'd been gone, life back home had continued, and that this thing—this great undertaking that had dominated the entirety of my existence for the past three years—was over, and that no one seemed to care.

The prospect of transitioning from a military career into college can be uncomfortable, awkward, painful, and all of the above. You might find yourself unable to relate to the classrooms full of twenty-

some things who have no idea what the max effective range is for an M-16 A4 service rifle on a point target. Speaking from my own experience, I'm here to tell you that you're not alone. Better yet, you're in very good company. In 2012, the Department of Veterans Affairs counted roughly 945,000 student veterans in the United States. As a student veteran who's almost completed his degree, I have here three major pieces of advice that I learned the hard way, and that I'd like to offer you with the hopes of making your transition easier than mine was.

1. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Like I mentioned, there are others like you who understand what you're going through, and KSU happens to be an excellent

college for the prior military. The Veteran's Resource Center in particular, located in Willingham Hall, the VRC is full of student veterans like you who have experience navigating the bureaucratic nightmare that is the VA, and have helped hundreds of vets like you with the transition to civilian life.

2. There are countless resources available to you—use them. This advice stems heavily from the first piece. The VRC can direct you to a virtual goldmine of grants, scholarships, discounts, and advisors to make the education process and easier one. Anything from VA benefits, to the Georgia Hero Scholarship (that thing is great) can be yours. You need simply to go get them.

3. Don't define yourself

(strictly) by your military experience. This last one rings a bit personal, but I've found that it holds true for many others like me. Don't get me wrong—you should be proud of what you've accomplished and what you've sacrificed, but don't let it dominate the forefront of your life for the rest of your life. It took me years to learn this the hard way, but dwelling on a single year of your life is an excellent way to miss out on the years that follow. Swap stories with fellow vets, have a beer with your old squad members, but move on, explore, and experience what else life has to offer.

WHAT TO EXPECT AS A FRESHMAN

Kaitlyn Lewis News Editor



College is a completely different environment than high school, and transitioning can be a great learning experience for students. As a former freshman starting her sophomore year in the fall, I know what it is like to be the new student on campus. Many things have changed since high school, so I've made a helpful list to help you succeed.

1.) You are free to roam.

Unlike high school, you are no longer stuck in a brick building for seven hours with only five free minutes in between classes. You do not have to report to the lunchroom during lunch. Depending on the availability

of the class you sign up for, you can make your schedule the way you want it to be. There are no teachers or administrators to tell you where to go.

2.) You are on your own for the first time.

Many freshmen have just moved into campus dorms and are living on their own for the first time. I spend most of my day on campus or at work. I provide most of my own meals, and pay for my own gas. It does not matter if you are living in a dorm, in an apartment or at home; college will teach you how to live on your own.

3.) You are stressed often During my first semester of

college, I signed up for 15 credit hours and took a part time job working 20-30 hours a week. I felt like I was going nonstop, even on the weekends. One of the only things that you can be sure will not go away in college is homework. Some of my friends who took 8 AM classes were still writing essays and doing homework at midnight the same day. College is simply stressful overall. Living away from family and friends, homework and simply being in a new environment are some factors known to cause stress in many college students.

4.) You'll often have to choose between having a

social life, good grades and a good night's sleep.

The weekends are a perfect time to catch up on sleep lost from a busy week but also a perfect opportunity to hang out with your friends. You know you have two essays due the following Monday. You know you'll have to choose to spend your time wisely, but you'll find yourself spending the day watching Netflix all day instead.

5.) You're 100% responsible for your own grades.

This will be a wake-up call for many freshmen. Most of us are away from our parents, and they can't "punish" us for getting a bad grade. Your teachers are

not there to cheer you on, and there may be too many students in your class for the professor to care about each individual. It's all up to you; you can determine the grade you get in a class.

6.) You are the one who decides your own future

No can tell you what your major should be. You are free to pursue whatever career you want, but opportunities will not land in front of you. You can seek internships and opportunities in order to build your desired career path.



Becca Morrow Production Manager

YES, YOU CAN FAIL KSU 1101

Thinking back to my hot mess of a freshman year, I can't believe that four years later I'm still standing in one piece. From failing two classes, being put on academic probation, changing my major three times and losing the HOPE scholarship, my first semester at KSU didn't turn out to be what I had expected at all. College can be overwhelmingly exciting as a freshman. You get the chance to start over new and forge your own path. Maybe you see yourself stepping out of your comfort zone that you stayed in during high school. No matter what you think now, whatever your expectations are, the reality will likely be very different.

The first class I went to was KSU 1101 at 8 a.m. I thought, 'Hey, 8 a.m. won't be so bad, I woke up earlier than that for high school. It'll be easy.' Nope. After that first class, I may have gone to two more classes at

the most before the semester was half over. Getting up early for class seemed less important than staying up late and running around with my new friends. Little did I know that if I had paid better attention to the syllabus, I would have seen that there was an attendance policy stating that if you miss three or more classes, you automatically fail the class. I showed up for the midterm, realized that I had officially failed my first college class, and slowly let it set in on my walk back to my dorm room. I didn't tell my parents because I was too embarrassed, and even worse than that I decided to try and ignore it completely. I kept focusing more on the new clubs I had joined and the parties I was being invited to. I was happier that I was socially succeeding and didn't see it as a big deal that my grades weren't up to par. Until my parents got a letter in the mail that I had been put on academic probation. I

finished my first semester with a 1.75 GPA and suddenly I was in a place I never thought I'd be in.

“ IT TOOK FOUR SEMESTERS OF 4.0 GPAS TO PULL MYSELF OUT. ”

The next semester, I planned to study more and party less. I thought I'd retake KSU 1101 and it'd be a piece of cake. I thought I could handle all of

my problems without anyone's help. After all, I was in college, right? I should be able to handle things on my own. Again, I was wrong. Class took a backseat again to going out with friends and going to Panama City for spring break. I brought my GPA up to a 2.0, but it wasn't enough to keep myself from losing the HOPE scholarship. Now I really felt like I was drowning in a pool that I'd never get out of. It took four semesters of 4.0 GPAs to pull myself out. It wasn't easy, but it wasn't impossible.

Coming to terms with your own failures is the only way you can overcome them. Even more so, begin your college career on a good foot so that you won't have to work ten times harder to fix your own mistakes. The most important piece of advice I can give you is to never hide anything from your parents. Especially things like slipping grades. Your parents are always going to be there to help you

and forgive you. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Sometimes getting a little help in the beginning can keep things from getting even worse and spiraling out of control.

Push yourself to succeed. Join clubs and student organizations, but never forget that your number one goal will be reached by sitting in the classroom. Once you find a major you're passionate about, immerse yourself in all of the education that you can. For me, that major was communication. Once I started taking communication classes my sophomore year, I realized that I wasn't skipping class because I was so interested in what my professors had to teach me. College can be one of the best or worst experiences of your life, but ultimately it is up to you what you will take from it. Let it be something wonderful.

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ANIMAL LOVING INTERNS WANTED

Nadia Abdulahi Staff Writer

Looking for a fall 2014, spring 2015 or summer 2015 internship? Well, look no further. Southern Estate Alpacas in Adairsville, Ga. is looking for biology, communication and marketing interns. Owner Liz Bates says the internships are paid upon completion of training.

"Over the past two years we have partnered with many students in the animal science program at Berry College and would be more than proud to extend that opportunity to the students of Kennesaw State," Bates said.

Bates is excited to present

these internship opportunities to KSU students. "I truly believe you are going to have some takers for this opportunity," she said. "I think a lot of kids will welcome the opportunity to truly do something different and apart from anything they have ever done before. It is definitely an icebreaker when people find out that they are working or interning at an alpaca farm—it definitely peaks the interest of many people. Besides, being around the animals is fun. It is not threatening, [interns] will not get hurt and they really are going to learn a lot when they

are here. You have my word."

Here is what Southern Estates is looking for:

"For biology majors, Southern Estates offers preceptorships on animal husbandry and the medical aspects of our farm management. Work pertaining to animal health will involve blood draws, fecal parasite counts using centrifuge and fecal flotation, along with ultrasound technology to determine pregnancy and hands on work with our herd. We also maintain health records on each and every animal on the farm that this intern would have responsibility over, including the data entry and

subsequent follow-up.

"For marketing and communication majors, we need an individual to help continue the development of our website and marketing materials. This will help us market to prospective livestock investors and the general public as we offer tours, farm store and educational seminars. The intern that falls under this category would have the opportunity to have interface with the general public regarding tours and education, and thus have a working knowledge and understanding of both the alpaca and our dairy and myotonic goat businesses."

Communication and marketing interns can also work from home to work on website design and marketing materials.

"These interns can complete off-site work for website design and marketing but naturally, I want that person to have an understanding of the farm and have visited it."

Speaking of farm tours, Southern Estates is featured sporadically on Groupon for the general public to visit. Even without Groupon, the farm tour will not break the bank and is truly a one-of-a-kind experience.

"The owner, Liz, is wonderful," said Dianna H., a reviewer of Groupon. "Great for class field trips. Well worth the drive and hope to visit again."

Here are the prices of the farm tours available on Groupon: \$19 for a farm visit for two (\$40 value), \$39 for a farm visit for four (\$80 value) and \$59 for a farm visit for six (\$120 value).

For more information about the internships, farm tours, and educational seminars, feel free to contact Liz Bates.

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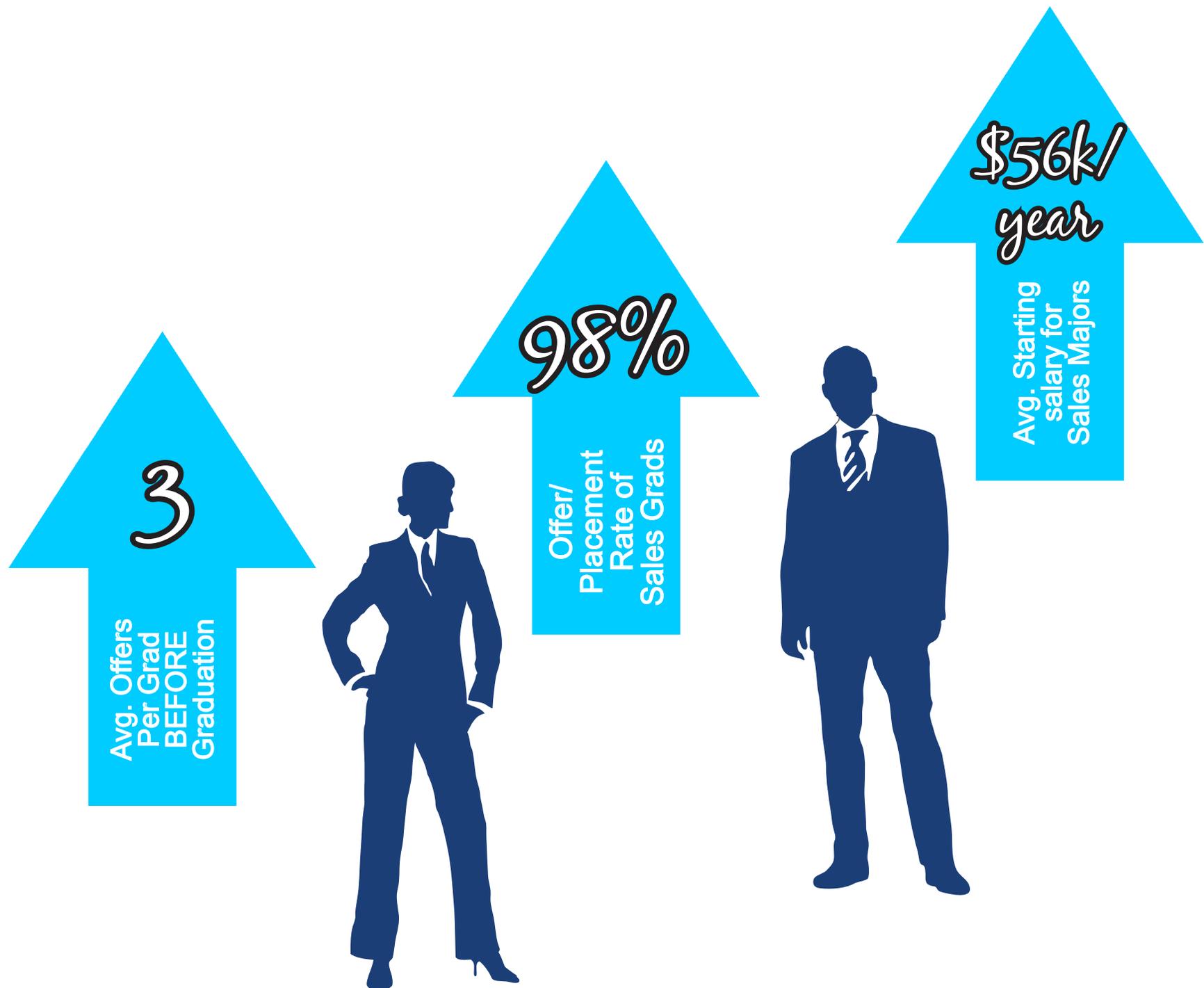
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Owner Liz Bates has a great passion for all of her animals

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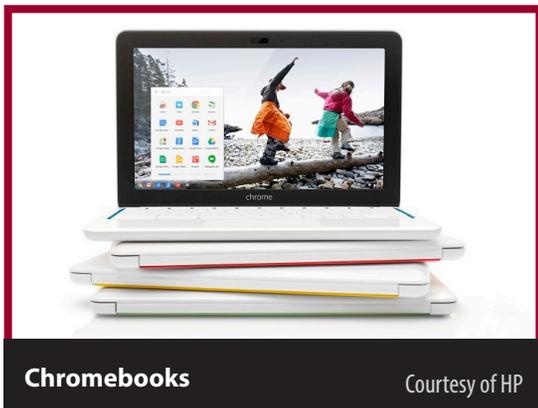


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DORM LIFE CHECKLIST

Mike Strong Arts & Living Editor

The start of a college career is an incredibly exciting prospect. An entire summer can be spent planning and visualizing the setup of a perfect dorm room or apartment. Moving off into your own private living space brings an unparalleled sense of freedom and responsibility. And the experience can be even better if a friend is set to become your roommate. With just about a month left to plan out your new home, here is a checklist of some essential items to make sure you have when moving in.



Chromebooks

Courtesy of HP

✓ LAPTOP:

This one might seem like a bit of a no-brainer, but finding the perfect fit can actually be quite challenging if you do not know what to look for. While there are computers available around campus, having a personal portable computer can be a life saver when you need to work from the commons or during a nice day on the green. The wealth of options for laptops and tablets is astounding and surprisingly cheap as well. If you are willing to spend upwards of \$400 to \$500, HP and Lenovo laptops include the most bang for your buck. Many Lenovo laptops, such as the well-known thinkpad, are specially designed for student and business functionality. Chromebooks are also a great choice for a little less money. They are as lightweight as a laptop can be and offer lightning fast speed and cloud-based file saving. But if you are looking for something cheap and small, any tablet that is running Windows 8 is a great choice as you will be able to use the full office suite. And as a special tip, if you have to buy office separately, you can save yourself \$300 by using your student email to get Office 365 Student for just \$80 for four years.

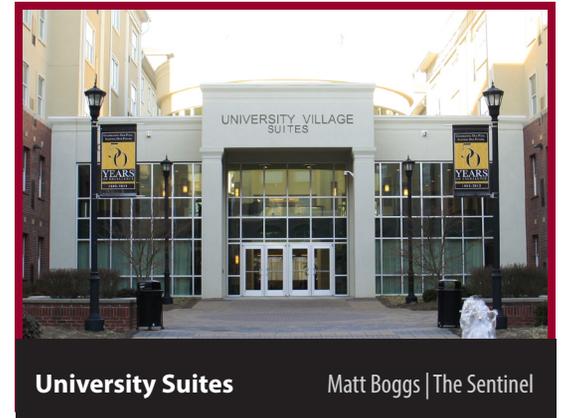
✓ MINI-FRIDGE:

You probably did not assume that you would need to bring your own fridge, since all on-campus housing comes with fridge in one size or another. But the truth is, the provided fridge will never be big enough to accommodate everyone's food. Whether you are sharing a mini-fridge with just one roommate in the suites or a full sized one in the other units, the shared fridge will fill up very fast. It is incredibly useful to have a private one to keep in your individual bedroom. Not to mention it might take some time to trust your new roommate with your food.



Mini-Fridges

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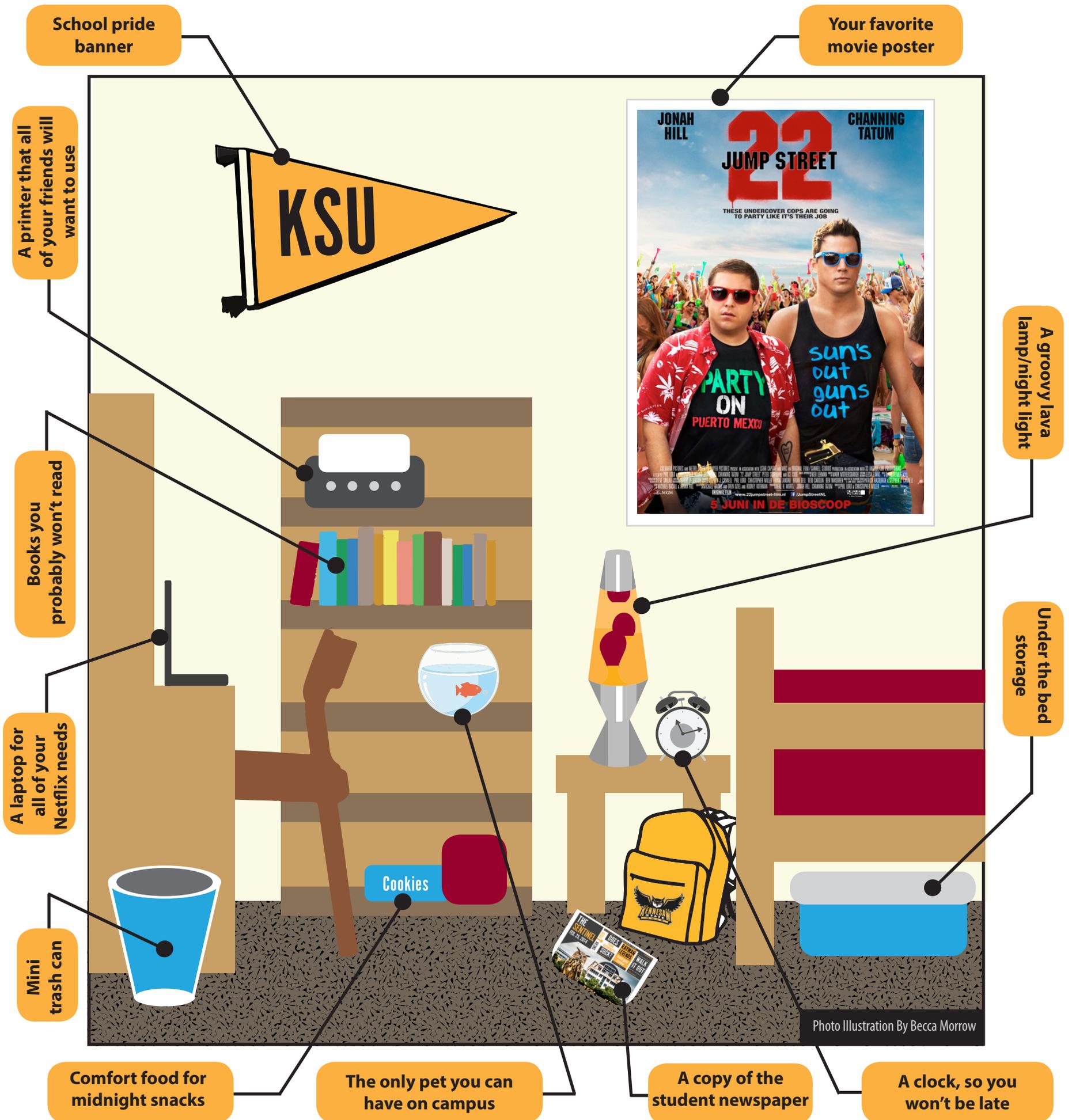
University Suites

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✓ TV:

Depending on which unit you are moving into, the ideal television size will vary. For those moving into the suites, do not bring a TV any larger than 26-32 inches. The desk that is provided is only large enough to hold a 26 inch on the desk and, at most, a 32 inch on the upper shelf. For those moving into dorms like University Village or Kennesaw Place, you will have a living room that can accommodate a TV of any size, as well as a desk that does not have a space-limiting upper shelf. The ideal size for a TV that will be placed in the living room is anything between 40 and 50 inches. Of course, you can settle for less, but if you do not want to cramp up the room by moving the couch close to the TV stand, go with something fairly sizeable.

ANATOMY OF A DORM ROOM



CAMPUS HOT SPOTS

Get your lift on, bro. (Callout to #17 Library)

The best place to study on campus (Callout to #17 Library)

Locally grown goodness found here (Callout to Campus Greens)

Cheer on your KSU owls at basketball games (Callout to #100 The Commons)

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The best place to meet new people and get involved. (Callout to #100 The Commons)

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PRO TIP #2

DON'T LEAVE YOUR BACKPACK OR COMPUTER UNATTENDED - PEOPLE STEAL!

PRO TIP #3

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ON-CAMPUS JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS

PRO TIP #4

GET ENOUGH SLEEP (SERIOUSLY.)

TIPS FOR CHOOSING A MAJOR

Brandon Comer Staff Writer



Figuring out your ideal major will ensure that you end up in the right classes

Matt Boggs | The Sentinel

Many of you are just starting your college career.

For those who are, welcome! We all know that one question looming in the back of most beginners' minds: "What in the world am I going to major in?" Believe me, you are not the first to worry about this and you surely will not be the last. Good news! You do not have to know immediately.

Kennesaw State offers a myriad of paths to take in college. Even better, they offer their students a glimpse down each one. From psychology and

sociology in the Social Sciences building to business in the Coles College of Business across campus, KSU has so much to choose from.

Take the time and research. Look into generalities, such as how much a profession pays, but also ask yourself what YOU want to do. Sure, you can pursue a stable career doing something monotonous, or you could take a risk and do what you really want. This is not meant to scare you, but this is the rest of your life you are planning.

A good way to begin this journey is by sitting down and writing what you consider to be your passion in life. One subconscious rule of thumb is that people sway toward what they are most comfortable with. If that is helping others, begin by asking yourself more detailed questions such as, "What kind of help would I like to give?" This can steer you closer toward your desired major.

First year advising also has its benefits. Secretly, they are best at helping you plan your course

of action throughout college in order to obtain your goal of this degree. In fact, freshmen are required to have at least one meeting with their adviser each semester of their first year. So it would be wise to inquire about choosing a major while you are there already.

College is a learning experience for us all. Many of us will change majors in our career due to different reasons; some of us will change our majors more than others. Do not be afraid to pursue your dream. It does not matter if it

takes until your second year to decide what that dream is. Like anything else in life, choosing a career path is a process and a pretty important one at that. Enjoy it and cherish all of the experiences that you, as a Kennesaw State student, are about to add to your memory bank because you will not get these years back.



Save the date!

ALL INCOMING STUDENTS

Fall 2014 First-Year Convocation & Induction Ceremony

When: Friday, August 22, at 5:00 p.m.

Where: Convocation Center
KSU campus

Bring your family and friends to share in this once-in-a-lifetime event to formally welcome all incoming students into the KSU community of scholars!

For additional information visit www.kennesaw.edu/fyconvocation/
Questions? Contact us at fyts@kennesaw.edu.

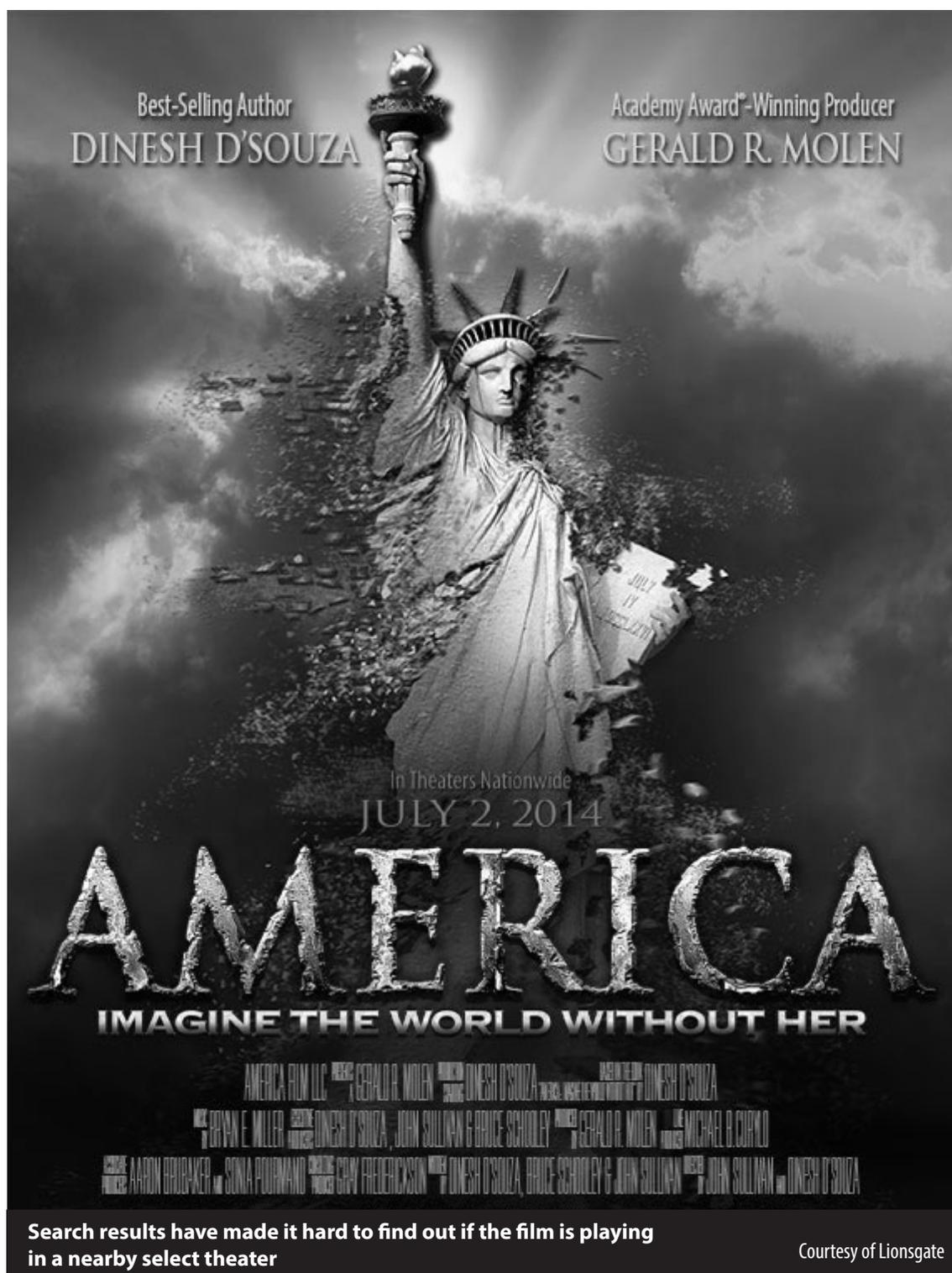


First-Year Convocation Ceremony

August 22nd
5 p.m.
Convocation Center

“AMERICA” FILM REVIEW: PATRIOTISM MEETS CONTROVERSY

Devon Zawko Staff Writer



The controversial documentary “America: Imagine a World without Her” has been described as “patriotic drivel and overt anti-liberal rhetoric” by movie critics. Referring to the movie as “patriotic drivel” proves the point of Dinesh D’Souza’s movie; in that America has become obsessed with American shaming. In “America,” D’Souza sheds light on the liberal indoctrinated “history” books, that are required reading by most universities, and how these books are written to guilt induce young Americans into feeling ashamed by their nation.

The documentary is broken up into several segments that fairly describe a liberal argument and the conservative counterpoint. I say fairly because unlike mainstream documentaries like “Religulous,” D’Souza interviews liberal scholars and politicians without cutting the film for cheap comedy. The liberal rhetoric focused on in this film is that America is a thief. America has stolen Native American land, labor, resources overseas, and worst of all, the American dream.

As a reader of this review, all of these points probably appear to be matters of fact, not matters of opinion. In fact, D’Souza points out that these ideas are found in Howard Zinn’s “A People’s History of the United States,” an ultraliberal history book that was certainly better received by critics and university professors

than D’Souza’s “America.” Parts of D’Souza’s “America” are flashbacks of historical scenes which confound the liberal shame narrative. Many critics claim these scenes are “hypothetical” and “simply for shock value.” Perhaps they read “A People’s History of the United States;” if they did, these historically accurate stories would not be found there.

The stars of these stories include Madam CJ Walker, the first female (not the first African-American female) self-made millionaire fifty years after slavery had been abolished. On the other side of the spectrum, there is William Ellison, a horrible African-American slave owner who owned more than 60 slaves and helped fund the confederate war. Then, of course there is no good movie without everyone’s favorite, Abraham Lincoln.

For people who are not history buffs, the film also focuses on present day public figures. There is an interesting segment on Hillary Clinton. It follows her journey from a young Goldwater conservative, to her college days when she wrote a thesis on her good friend Saul Alinsky’s “Rules for Radicals.” It ends with her serving as Secretary of State in the Obama administration.

D’Souza begins by saying there are people in America who want a world without America. Warning: left leaning moviegoers may leave the theater with an uncomfortable sense of patriotism.

Search results have made it hard to find out if the film is playing in a nearby select theater

Courtesy of Lionsgate



Football head coach Brian Bohannon addresses the media on Feb. 5 after signing 29 players to the program's first incoming class.

Matt Boggs | The Sentinel

THE FINAL STRETCH

Last year of hurdles set as KSU prepares for kickoff in 2015

Mike Foster Sports Editor

Kennesaw State's varsity football team doesn't play its first official game until next September, but that doesn't mean the next twelve months won't be eventful.

Head coach Brian Bohannon, who was hired last March after 17 years of tutelage from current Georgia Tech head coach Paul Johnson, has been busy with his staff, hosting prospect camps for local high school talent and middle school camps to help continue to engage the community with the program. It's now time for Bohannon to work with college athletes.

29 graduating seniors signed letters of intent to play for Bohannon on February 5, but August 18 will mark the first day of work for Kennesaw State's crop of freshman football players. Coming to campus: The Georgia Sports Writers Association player of the year and Atlanta Journal Constitution Class AAAA player of the year, Jaquez Parks, who quarterbacked Griffin High to a 56-35 state championship victory in his senior year. Former McEachern High defensive lineman McKenzie Billingslea was also a surprise signee. Overall, three quarterbacks signed, along with three tailbacks, two receivers, five

offensive lineman, six defensive lineman, two linebackers and six defensive backs.

Walk-ons, who were invited back to practice with the team after a spring tryout, will also be a part of the 2014 roster. Bohannon said there's currently 14 who are for sure on the team for now.

Bohannon, who's in his first head coaching job, said the chills are still there. "There's no doubt we're super excited to get kids on campus," Bohannon said. "I think we are all excited to get back on the field and coach. It's been since Dec. 31 of 2012 since I've actually been on the field for a practice or a game. It's what I love to do."

The hurdles to make? The weight room floor will be installed this month, equipment will ship in at the beginning of August, and practice in gear will begin September 8. The team will also hold a homecoming scrimmage on October 11, and the official Adidas uniforms the team will wear in its inaugural year will be unveiled at some point in the fall.

Director of athletics Vaughn Williams, who worked tirelessly with the Georgia board of regents and football exploratory committee to bring football to Georgia's third-largest university, needs all the time he

can get as well.

"We're at 417 days, and when we get down to 365 you know it's going to fly right by," Williams said Wednesday. "We've got a lot to do before this thing kicks off."

Williams led the way, overseeing an Adidas contract and a new athletic brand in 2012, as well as the introduction of the live owl mascot Sturgis. Kennesaw State has also started its marching band and received numerous sponsorship in the past few years. The two major preparations left for Williams is to finalize the approval for a new press box at Fifth Third Bank Stadium, as well as renovations necessary for the accommodation of the four varsity sports teams that now share the former soccer-specific facility.

"We hope we will hear back from the board of regents at the end of this summer," Williams said about the thumbs-up for the necessary stadium renovation. "We've been designing and working with contractors and working on pricing so we can get it going. That's the major thing that needs to be done in the stadium."

Williams said that the stadium will not see significant additions in seating in the

near future. Fifth Third Bank Stadium currently has a listed capacity of 8,300. Kennesaw State reached 3,000 sold season tickets on June 10, not coincidentally thanks to a burst of interest following the baseball team's run to the NCAA Super Regionals. At that point, only 600 slots remained on the 3,600-seat allotment, with the other seats designated for students. A lottery system and a first-come, first-served system were presented in March as options for student ticketing.

"When you find out that 85 percent of your tickets have been sold out and we don't even play for a year, that tells you right there the investment the community is making in Kennesaw State," Bohannon said.

"It's neat to be here at this time," Williams said. "So many people have wanted football here for a long time. It's humbling, but it's also neat to hear them talk about how long, but that it's finally happening."

Bohannon completed the team's 11-game inaugural schedule in the spring. Kennesaw State will open play Sept. 3, 2015 against East Tennessee State in Johnson City, Tenn., before playing its first home game against Edward Waters on Sept. 12.

The Owls, who will compete as associate members of the Big South Conference, will host three conference games in Gardner-Webb, Monmouth and Charleston Southern, while also hosting Paine College and Point University.

The non-conference schedule is not daunting, but it's just right for Bohannon, who wanted to schedule teams also in their infant years.

"Winning is contagious. Losing is contagious," Bohannon said. "We can play Alabama or Georgia and get a paycheck, but we want to build a winning culture here."

All Kennesaw State football players will redshirt this season, giving the true freshman four years to set the bar for the teams of the future. Bohannon said competing against juniors and seniors in conference will be challenging enough, but that he has high expectations for growth.

"Our goal is to win the Big South. There's no sense in being in a conference without that goal," Bohannon said. "We told our first class that there's no reason you can't be competing for a championship before you leave here, and I think that's realistic."



Bill Edwards is the second Miami (OH) player to join the Owls in as many years.

Courtesy of KSUOwls.com

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER REDHAWK

Grad students, Edwards, joins refreshed hoops roster.

Mason Wittner Staff Writer

Bill Edwards will be the second former Miami (OH) basketball player to follow his former assistant coach, Jimmy Lallathin, down south in as many seasons.

Edwards, a 6-foot-6, 245 pound forward, is expected to make an immediate impact both on the court and in the locker room.

"Bill is bringing a ton of experience and maturity to our program," said head coach Jimmy Lallathin in a statement to KSUOwls.com. "He's intelligent and passionate in the game

and can play multiple positions. I'm familiar with Bill and he's familiar with me from my time at Miami, so it's a great fit for a one-year deal. He's going to be a major contributor for us throughout the season."

Edwards' path is similar to former Redhawk Drew McGhee, who came to Kennesaw State last year with a year of eligibility remaining and hoped for increased playing time as a graduate student.

McGhee's plan fell through when he suffered a career-ending leg injury in the team's

first exhibition game.

Edwards transferred to Miami (OH) after his freshman year at Penn State and was forced to redshirt his sophomore season due to NCAA transfer guidelines. After having his first two seasons with the Redhawks cut short due to injuries (wrist in 2011 and a knee in 2012) Bill averaged 7.3 points and 3.3 rebounds per game in 2013.

"I think he's going to be a terror against zones, he's a guy that can read and understand where to get in to the holes of zones" Lallathin told

KSUOwlHowl.com. "I really see the offense facilitating through him when he's on the floor."

The Owls hope Edwards' experience, offensive prowess, and leadership qualities will transfer over as Lallathin looks to right the ship in his first season as the team's head coach.

Kennesaw State was in turmoil for most of last year, finishing 6-25 amidst the mid-season departure of former coach Lewis Preston. Lallathin took over as interim in January and led the Owls to three

conference wins, just as many as Preston had in two seasons.

Aside from reconnecting with Edwards, Lallathin also courted former North Cobb High standout Jordan Neff, a former Florida Gulf Coast Eagle, as well as former Quinnipiac guard Kendrick Ray. Ray will redshirt this season, per NCAA rules. Neff, who's coming off an injury of his own, is awaiting an official response on his eligibility.

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PRO TIP #5

REGISTER FOR
INTRAMURALS OR
CLUB SPORTS.
THERE'S A SPORT
FOR EVERYONE!

EXTRA Q & A WITH DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS VAUGHN WILLIAMS

Mike Foster Opinion Editor

On KSU baseball's run to the NCAA Super Regionals

"...It was an obvious breakthrough. When you have a traditional sport like baseball do something like that, which I believe they can do, it was a great indicator, I hope as people are still talking about it, of the potential of this athletics program."

On catcher Max Pentecost, who was drafted No. 11 overall in the MLB Draft by the Toronto Blue Jays

"...He represents everything that we talk about. He was a great student, a great human being, a great character, hard worker, teammate, all of those

different things that make a great Owl."

On KSU having three teams ranked as DI programs for the first time in school history

"...This is just the beginning. We are going to make this university proud."

On the A-Sun possibly reconfiguring postseason tournaments with absence of Mercer, ETSU, and Northern Kentucky still in the DII-DI transitional period.

"...The trick is how many teams are allowed in? Does everyone get allowed in?" Williams said there will be conference calls this week to

decide the A-Sun tournament formats. There are currently just seven postseason eligible teams in the conference.

On preserving the rivalry with Mercer

"...It's already in the works and has been discussed with all of our coaches. We've been talking with the athletic director and president down there and they're interested in it. Both institutions are committed to this rivalry."

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Despite now being in separate conferences, Williams insists the KSU-Mercer rivalry will live on.

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PRO TIP #6

GO TO THE GAMES! THEY'RE FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS.

2014 SOCCER SCHEDULE



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EXHIBITION:
@ CLAYTON STATE
FRIDAY, 8/10
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HOME

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Kaew Preamchuen has eclipsed her sister, Ket, in U.S. Amateur qualifications.

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Preamchuen qualifies for U.S. Amateur on KSU's home course

The Preamchuen name has become the epitome of Kennesaw State women's golf over the last few years, though Kaew seems to have finally caught up with her sister.

After leading the Owls through another stellar campaign in 2013-14, Kaew Preamchuen, a rising senior from Thailand, shot a 73 on Tuesday at Pinetree Country Club to qualify for the 2014 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.

Kaew has now qualified for the championship twice, with her previous mark in 2012. Her older sister, Ket, who also led the Owls during her tenure, qualified in 2011.

"The USGA Amateur Championship is the most

elite amateur tournament in the nation," head coach Rhyl Brinsmead told KSUOwls.com. "I am so proud of Kaew for qualifying again and ecstatic Kennesaw State will again have representation at this event."

Pinetree Country Club is KSU's home course for the men's and women's golf teams, sitting just west of campus. It was one of 18 sites that hosted the 18-hole qualifiers.

KSU's Ines Lescudier will also compete in the U.S. Women's Amateur, which will be held July 14-19 at The Home Course in Dupont, Wash.

Men's golfers also turn in big performances

Rising senior Jimmy Beck bypassed a chance to defend his title at the Georgia Amateur Championship to earn a top-10 finish at The Players Amateur Championship at Berkeley Hall

Club in Bluffton, S.C.

Kelby Burton also carried his momentum from the Owls' season into the summer, finishing in second place at the Georgia Amateur Championship in Macon, Ga.

Tennis teams showcase prestige in classroom

Both the men's and women's tennis teams earned all-academic recognition from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association on Friday. The award goes to any collegiate tennis program with a cumulative GPA above 3.20.

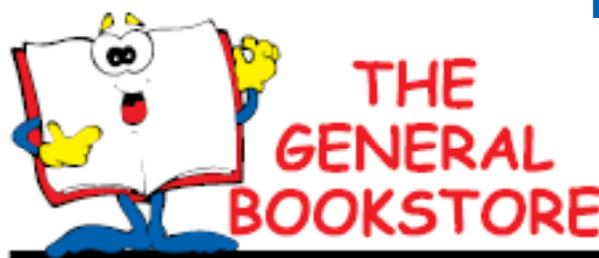
Individuals Alexandra Apostu, Jana Hueckinghaus and Virginie Stein were recognized on the women's team, while Alex Pena, Louis Theodor, Jorge Wilton, Maksim Yorsh, Jake Bouchillon, David Durham and Siman Pritchard all earned recognition for the men's team.

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