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# BEST EATS



**Brittany Maher** Editor in Chief

It's time again for The Sentinel's annual Best of KSU and once again we've consulted trusted experts on all things Kennesaw: KSU Students! After all, who better to offer insight on what's good in Kennesaw than the students who venture the town and campus daily? Each year, students vote to decide on their favorite places to eat, meet, play and study around Kennesaw. Our growing community has so much to offer it's students, and your votes have narrowed it down to the very best. This year, we've expanded our list of nominees and divided them into four categories including Best Eats, Best on Campus, Best in Town, and Best Sports. Whether you're hiking Kennesaw Mountain, playing Frisbee on the Campus Green, or sitting down at your favorite date night restaurant - we encourage you to use this issue as a guide when exploring all Kennesaw has to offer. When you're out and about, use the hashtag #BestofKSU to share your experience with @KSUsentinel.



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# BEST LATE NIGHT SPOT

# COOKOUT

2ND WAFFLE HOUSE  
3RD STEAK N SHAKE

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Imogen Farris Staff Writer

Cook-Out is the new fast-food sensation spreading quickly through the southeastern states with a new location that opened recently on Chastain Rd. near campus. The restaurant certainly has that quick and cheap fast food feel, but with a unique interior that will make you feel like you're in a log cabin with KSU memorabilia on the walls. The food is delicious with

unbeatable prices. The Cook-Out tray comes with one entrée item, two sides and a beverage for a grand total of \$4.99. Cook-Out is certainly unique with its side items and offers a wide variety from corn dogs to chicken wraps. If something sweet is what you're after, Cook-Out also offers 40 different flavors of milkshakes. Cook-Out is open late – till 3:30 a.m.

Sunday through Thursday, and 4:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday. While guests can eat inside the Cook-Out restaurant, there is also a walk-up window option and a drive-thru. With great food, fast service and cheap prices, Cook-Out is definitely the best late night spot in Kennesaw.



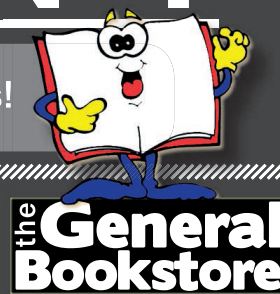
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# BEST ON CAMPUS

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2ND OWL SPACE  
3RD THE GREEN

## BEST PARKING DECK

CENTRAL DECK

2ND WEST DECK  
3RD NORTH DECK

## BEST ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

2ND ARC  
3RD VILLAGE SUITES

Andrew Connard Contributor

**The University Village, often referred to as UV, is one of the most beautiful places on campus, and many students have made it their home.**

Water fountains, brick walkways and grassy recreational fields that separate the various apartment complexes make UV feel like a tiny town inside of Kennesaw State University.

Aside from its aesthetic appeal, UV is a practical place to live. Students living in UV are closer to the heart of the KSU campus than those living in the Kennesaw Place (KP) and Austin

Residence Complex (ARC).

"[UV is] a nice eight-minute walk to just about everything on campus. It's very convenient," UV resident, freshman psychology major Jake Lott said.

On-campus residents aren't the only ones talking about the buildings in UV. After visiting the Kennesaw campus, sophomore marketing major Andrew Mastraccio from the Marietta campus said he liked UV's apartment-style dorms and how it make the buildings more open and spacious.

The buildings in UV are

equipped with a commodity that the buildings in other locations do not have: elevators for everyone to use. These easy-to-use elevators are a big time saver on move-in and move-out days.

UV offers a modern and homey feel, and its location and practicality as an on-campus residential location set it apart from the other on-campus housing options. It's easy to see why it was chosen by students as the best on-campus place to live.



Photo by Matt Boggs

# BEST CAMPUS HANGOUT

## THE GREEN

2ND THE COMMONS

3RD STUDENT CENTER

Toni-Ann Hall Staff Writer

**The Green is an unofficial backyard space embedded into our campus.** As soon as temperatures hit 70 degrees dogs, flying discs, sunglasses, short shorts, hammocks and all things summer related suddenly appear. I always feel as though I'm on vacation when I walk past the Green on a sunny day. No, it's not because of the yoga-doers and the makeshift tanning stations; it's the atmosphere and the sheer joy that I encounter when everyone seems to be on the same page – the "let's have a great time" page. Even when the weather isn't optimal, there is never a time when this infamous

grass area lacks people eating, relaxing or having fun.

My experiences with the Green began my freshman year. During the annual first-year convocation ceremony, I anxiously walked to the Green to be a part of the inaugural aerial photograph of all of the first-year students in attendance. Later on that same semester, I took shortcuts through the Green to get to my HPS class. When I started getting involved in more organizations on campus, I found the Green to be the default spot to garner the interest of passers-by. Currently as a sophomore, I

spend time on the Green with friends doing nothing short of procrastination, but still manage to consider those experiences enjoyable and worthwhile.

You can take a solo walk, go for a run, set up a picnic, play Ultimate Frisbee, recruit members to an organization, have long talks with a close friend, get introduced to new people or have a snowball fight before you grab a hot meal from the Commons just steps away. Regardless of the activity of your choice, the Green lives up to being KSU's ideal, central location for student hangouts.



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**Mike Strong** Arts & Living Editor

The twin-peaked landmark adorning our school's logo is a great place to spend the day outdoors. From its storied history to its grand view of the surrounding area, trips to Kennesaw Mountain never get old. The summit itself rises 1,808 feet at its highest point, which can be hiked up to in about 1.1 miles. The summit is the highest point in the core metro Atlanta area. There are 2,965 acres of natural beauty to explore and learn about.

The National Battlefield at Kennesaw Mountain is the site of a crucial Civil War battle. With Union forces fortified on the mountain, Sherman ordered a long-winded frontal assault against the northern end of the mountain. Confederate General William T. Sherman's assault on the mountain was his most significant assault on the Union forces.

Aside from the 18 total miles of trails available to hike, there are a variety of activities to do on and around the mountain. The facility at the base features an interpretive center, a museum and many self-guided tour trails. Visitors can check out a 35 minute movie detailing the Battle of Kennesaw. There are plenty of designated picnic areas at the base of the mountain and visitors can also take a drive to the top of the mountain to enjoy the vista while chowing down on lunch. It is also worth noting that the mountain is a major stopover location for migrating songbirds, making it a great site for watching more than 25 species of birds. So long as the sun is shining down, Kennesaw Mountain is a great place to take your loved ones, be they a date or a beloved dog in need of a walk.

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# BEST NETFLIX BINGE

ORANGE IS  
THE NEW BLACK

2ND FRIENDS

3RD HOUSE OF CARDS



# ORANGE IS the new BLACK

Mike Strong Arts & Living Editor

**It was a close battle between our top three Netflix binge nominees.** The recent addition of the entire "Friends" catalog barely missed first place, with House of Cards also falling shortly behind in third. But in the end it came down to the widespread appeal of "Orange is the New Black." The comedy-drama series first hit Netflix back in July of 2013 and has since gone on to receive a second season and even a renewal for a third and fourth.

The series received 12 Emmy award nominations in 2014. The series tells the story of Piper Chapman, who is sentenced to 15 months in prison for a crime

she committed 10 years ago. She meets a number of fellow female inmates who colorfully decorate the strong supporting cast. The show has an incredible sense of community that, oddly, almost makes you want to get behind bars just to experience the bonds that the ensemble cast built up on-screen. As her sentence ensues, we learn more about her backstory as well as how the other inmates came to their imprisonment.

What makes this series so appealing is its masterful mix of comedy, drama and crime. It has an air to it in which the viewer never really knows whether something is meant to be funny

or not. The show has the highest quality writing, as expected from a Netflix original series. Season 2 manages to shake things up for the main character, and thus for the viewers, as she transfers to a new prison away from the inmates she has come to call family. The tension can get quite thick, only to be broken by any of the numerous inmates in the supporting cast. If you have not seen them already, seasons 1 and 2 make for a great early summer binge. Then Netflix subscribers can expect to begin their season 3 binge on June 12, 2015.

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# BEST SPORTS

## BEST INTRAMURAL

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3RD SOCCER

## BEST COACH

MIKE SANSING 

2ND BRIAN BOHANNON 

3RD NITRA PERRY 

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### ICE HOCKEY

2ND LACROSSE

3RD RUGBY

## BEST VENUE

### FIFTH THIRD BANK STADIUM

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# BEST GAME

BASEBALL BEATS WILLIAM & MARY IN 10TH  
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**2ND** SOCCER BEATS LIPSCOMB IN A-SUN SEMI-  
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**3RD** WOMEN'S BASKETBALL BEATS XAVIER  
ON DEANDREA SAWYERS GAME-WINNING  
3-POINTER FOR 61-60 WIN - DEC. 22, 2014

Chris Raimondi Sports Editor

#### First Place:

After winning the first game of a three-game set against the William and Mary Tribe, Kennesaw State's baseball team battled through a slugfest in game two back in mid-March.

Down 12-11 after blowing a one-run lead in the ninth inning, KSU had to stage a rally in extra-innings.

With one out in the 10th inning, outfielder Taylor Allum hit a single to centerfield, followed by a Justin Motley single and a Chris McGowan walk. With the bases loaded, freshman infielder Grant Williams stepped up to the plate and reached on a fielding error by the Tribe's shortstop and scored Allum to tie the game.

The Owls' next batter Griffin Helms singled to center and brought home the game-winning run which earned KSU the second win of the series and sent them on their way to their first three-game sweep of the season.

After battling the full 90 minutes, the Owls and Bisons went into over time both scoreless. It wasn't until double over time when freshman Khatra Mahdi scored the game-winning goal to send KSU into the conference finals.

Mahdi entered the game as a substitute just seconds before she netted the decisive goal assisted by Julia Nelson. The Owls became just the second No. 6 seed to advance to the A-Sun finals. FGCU ended up beating KSU in the finals 3-1.

#### Third Place:

Just two days removed from a game-winning 3-pointer from point guard Karly Frye against Gardner-Webb, Deandrea Sawyers hit a 3-pointer with one second left in regulation to give Kennesaw State women's basketball team a 61-60 win over the Xavier Musketeers for a non-conference game Dec. 22, 2014.

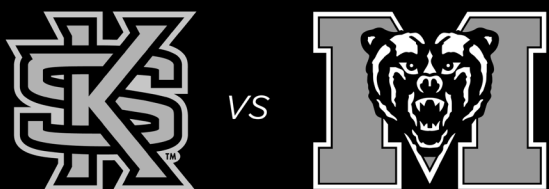
#### Second Place:

After breezing by Jacksonville in the first round of the Atlantic Sun Tournament with a 5-0 win, Kennesaw State's soccer team entered the semifinals as the No. 6 seed against No. 2 seed Lipscomb Nov. 7, 2014.

The shot extended the Owls' then-winning streak to seven games in which KSU entered A-Sun play at 11-4. KSU finished the season 17-13, 6-8 in the conference, and lost in the first round of the conference tournament.



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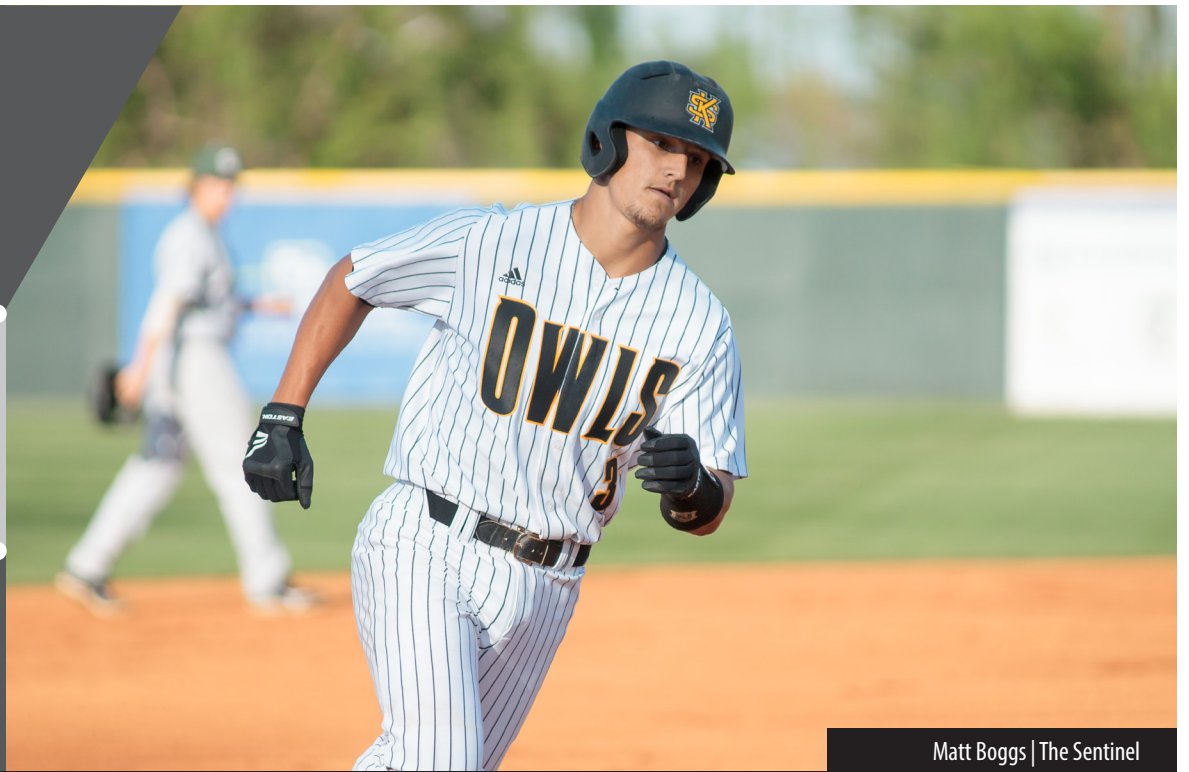
# BEST MALE ATHLETE

## MAX PENTECOST



2ND ANDRE DORSEY 

3RD YONEL BROWN 



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**Arguably the best athlete to step foot on Kennesaw State's campus, Pentecost put together one of the best seasons in KSU history.** Pentecost held a .422 average with nine home runs, 61 RBIs, 24 doubles and 30 walks, all of which led the team his senior season.

The 2013-14 Owls went on to reach the super regionals and fell just short of a trip to the College World Series.

Pentecost won the Johnny Bench Award for the best catcher in college baseball and also earned College Athlete of the Year at the Atlanta Sports Awards.

He is now with the Toronto Blue Jays organization after being drafted No. 11 overall in last summer's MLB First-Year Player Draft.



Courtesy of KSUOwls.com

# BEST FEMALE ATHLETE

## KELLY MARCINEK



2ND MAGGIE GAUGHAN 

3RD KRISTINA WELLS 

**Kelly Marcinek has been the most dominant offensive player in the two years she has been on KSU's volleyball team.** Marcinek led the Owls in kills her freshman year and again this year when she recorded 323 kills and averaged 2.99 kills per set.

The sophomore out of Illinois finished second in blocks with 52 and tied the KSU record for kills in a match when she had 24 against USC Upstate.

# BEST JERSEY

BLACK FOOTBALL JERSEY

2ND PINSTRIPE BASEBALL

3RD GOLD FOOTBALL/BLACK BASEBALL



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