

# UPDATES FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNING ASSOCIATION

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## CHATS WITH KIRK

By: Samuel Brinton

Ever wanted to share your point of view but never felt like it made an impact? Consider Monday, November 23rd to be your lucky day. At 5:00 p.m. the very first "Chat with Kirk" is coming to K-State. Yes, that's right; President Kirk Schulz will be taking your questions and giving you his perspective on the happenings here at KSU. Every single student at K-State will be given the chance to login and ask the President of K-State about issues that are affecting them, ranging from financial to academic and everything between.

So how do you get to take part in this amazing opportunity? On Monday, access the K-State homepage and select the Chat Button, or access the site directly at [www.chats.ksu.edu](http://www.chats.ksu.edu). You will need to provide your username and password so that the chat can be limited to K-State students. You can submit a question and a moderator will forward it to President Schulz, unless it is deemed obscene or offensive (keep it PG Wildcats!). Not exactly sure what to ask? The sky is the limit and President Schulz is ready to do his best at answering them.

If you need some suggestions try one of the following:

- How has the transition to K-State been?
- What is going to happen to my tuition cost next year?
- What do you love most about Manhattan and K-State?
- What do you see as KSU's greatest challenge in the coming years?
- What can students do to make K-State a more accepting environment?
- How do I deal with a professor who won't forgive an H1N1 absence?
- What is your favorite type of Christmas cookie (okay that's a stretch!)?

There you have it! On Monday, November 23, 2009, let's fill the chat room with President Kirk Schulz for the first of many "Chats with Kirk" to ask him the things we want to know about K-State and let him know what we think about the issues which affect us all. Here at Kansas State University you are never far from the most powerful administrators, best faculty and strongest student leaders, and this is your chance to go straight to the top for the answer. So connect and chat!

## UPCOMING DATES:

- Chats with Kirk  
Nov. 23, 5:00 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Break  
Nov. 25-30
- Student Senate Meeting  
Dec. 3, 7:00 p.m.
- Dead Week  
Dec. 7-11
- Commencement  
Dec. 12
- Finals Week  
Dec. 14-18
- Winter Break  
Dec. 19-Jan. 14

## ROCKIN' REC EXPANSION

By: Grant Hill, Eli Schooley and Morgan Adams

On November 13, 2007 K-State students voted for expansion of the Peters Recreation Complex, commonly known as "the Rec." A majority of students voted to update and expand facilities and programs to meet the needs of the ever-expanding K-State population.



In addition, students voted to increased efforts to enhance the pursuit of a lifestyle that incorporates physical exercise and healthy lifestyle habits as a foundation for positive growth. The Peters Recreation Complex is one of the few facilities on campus that is completely funded by student investment.

Included in the expansion is a cardio and weight area that will be expanded from 10,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet and updated with new equipment, an additional multipurpose room, a MAC (multi-activity court) gymnasium, a 43-foot climbing wall and a new southern entrance. Also, a new lounge area with flat screen televisions, wireless Internet access, couches, tables and chairs will be added. Plans are

to include another parking lot adjacent to the new southern entrance to the Rec Complex and to lengthen the running/walking track from 1/8 mile to 1/5 mile. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2010 and be completed by late Fall 2011.

The proposed expansion and renovation of the Recreational Complex will cost an estimated total of \$21 million. The bond will be paid for with monies from the student activity fee. The proposal was that \$20 per student per semester would be collected until Fall 2011, when the project will be completed and the expansion opens for use. At that time, \$20 more will be collected for a total of \$40 per student per semester until the bond is paid off in 27 years.

## ESPN GAME DAY PROCEDURES

By: Kate Bormann

As many of you might have heard, entry into the K-State vs. KU Men's Basketball Game at Bramlage Coliseum this year will be based upon a points reward system. The new system should cut back on the amount of time waiting outside of Bramlage, and reward those who regularly attend basketball games. Rather than a lottery system, seats will be awarded to students who have attended the most basketball games of the season. Students can collect points by attending any of the nine games prior to the KU game. Each game will be worth one point, with a total of nine points.

In order to ensure that entry into the stadium is done as safely as possible, SGA has worked with the Athletics Department to create a pre-registration procedure. Students can be registered in groups consisting of 1-10 people, and can sign up at [www.kstate.sports.com/powercatpregame](http://www.kstate.sports.com/powercatpregame). The average number of games attended



by the members of the registered group will determine the groups place in line. In case of a tie, the group that registered first will get closer seats.

Registration will close on January 22, 2010. If you have any further questions about the KU ESPN Game Day procedures please contact Nate Warren at (785) 532-7392 or [nwwarren@kstatesports.com](mailto:nwwarren@kstatesports.com). The Student Governing Association looks forward to the Game Day and hopes to see all of you there!

Look for our next edition in the spring semester! With further questions you can contact SGA at [www.ksu.edu/sga](http://www.ksu.edu/sga).