State Grants Provide Link With Future

Campus to Install Satellite Dish

by Debra Drucedow

Two state grants, acquired through a program created by the Ohio Board of Regents, are allowing Kent State-Stark to gear up for the future. The grant money will allow the regional campus to enhance its educational opportunities through the purchase of a satellite dish and will enable Kent Stark to initiate a program intended to define and meet the problems and needs of its students.

The grant program, according to Assistant Dean Kendall K. Ward, was created to allow state higher education campuses the opportunity to make their already outstanding programs even more excellent and to ease Ohio’s transition from product-based to service-oriented employment. Ward called the state program a “phenomenally adventurous” undertaking and added that “nothing like this has ever been done before” in Ohio.

The grants Kent Stark was eligible for were both competitive and guaranteed, Ward said. They were competitive in that acceptable proposals, outlining what improvements would be made with the funds, had to be submitted. The money then was guaranteed upon state approval of the proposals. Kent Stark was as a grant: 1) an Academic Excellence award and, 2) a Productivity Improvement grant.

The academic excellence grant will allow the campus to improve two already strong departments: foreign languages and biology. Ward said the state has set aside $65,000 a year for three two-year periods to make those departments “state-of-the-art.” For this grant, Ward said, “we feel it is a problem that needs attention.

The dish will allow Kent Stark to receive and copy foreign language programs from such places as Mexico, Canada and New York. What better way, Ward said, to teach a foreign language than by having actual broadcasts in that language, even if it’s the news; the benefits will be tremendous.

The dish will also increase Kent Stark’s educational opportunities through its teleconferencing abilities. Ward explained. For example, Kent Stark will be able to receive medical conferences from such facilities as the North Eastern Ohio College of Medicine in Rootstown, supplying special programs for the chemistry, natural science and biology classes here. Satellite link-up with other universities, such as Ohio State, will also be possible, Ward said—there are any number of possibilities.

The second grant Kent Stark has been awarded, $65,000 based on a two-year productivity, improvement program will enable the campus to address such problems as attrition, the student drop-out rate. Attrition is a problem not only on this campus but on many others, Ward said, “in this we are not unique.” However, he added, “we feel it is a problem that needs attention.

“First thing we did,” after receiving state approval for the productivity grant, Ward said, “was to hire Dr. James Stanley” as Director of Student Development. One of Stanley’s tasks, Ward explained, is to study the flow models and statistics indicating what kind of students Kent State is “losing and why we are losing them.” Through those studies, he added, we will be able to determine if students are dropping out because of “something inefficient we are doing.”

“If students choose a different goal,” he clarified, “or if they meet their goal while they’re here— that’s okay. But, what we don’t want is for students who start a goal here to become frustrated at not being able to complete it” because of something Kent Stark may lack.

Stanley will also be looking into aspects of Kent Stark’s developmental education program, Ward said. By monitoring this program which is intended to better prepare students who may be lacking in such basics as math or English, Stanley will be able to determine if improvements are needed.

Another of the student development director’s tasks will be to help create a course in critical thinking. Ward feels such a course would both challenge and benefit students by allowing them to apply aspects of critical thinking to their college careers.

Stanley will also undertake the task of assessing how well Kent Stark helps its students set “life goals.” Ward said, “Many students come to us not knowing what they want to do.” He explained, counseling programs may be set up to help students better determine what majors they may want to pursue.

A portion of the productivity grant will support Dr. Stanley’s position for two years. Ward said, after which the position will be evaluated. If it proves to be of its intended value, the position will be made part of the regular budget.

News Briefs...

Honors/Convocation

U.S. Rep. Ralph Regula, R-16 Navarre, will be the guest speaker at the annual Honors Convocation Friday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 100 on the Kent Stark Campus.

The convocation will be a combined Academic Honors Awards program and a graduation for two-year associate degree candidates. Also, students that are on the Dean’s List will be honored along with those who have achieved academic excellence. Kent Stark Campus scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors from Stark County Departmental Awards and the Distinguished Teaching Award will be presented, and the new officers of the Student Government will be introduced.

There is no admission and everyone is invited to attend. A reception for students, parents, friends and family will immediately follow the ceremony.

Dean Bittle

On a recent visit with Dean William G. Bittle, Assistant Dean Ken Ward reported that Dean Bittle is recuperating well from the heart attack he had on Naval Reserve Duty in Key West, Fla., Feb. 12.

Dean Bittle conveyed many thanks to all of those who sent cards, flowers and well wishes.

Free Walk-in Math Tutoring

Free walk-in math tutoring is available in the Student Development Center. The SDC is located in Room 11 on the lower level of KSU-Stark’s Learning Resource Center.

The hours for the free math tutoring are Monday through Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday hours are 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The walk-in program allows students to identify problem areas, find extra resources in math, and work on a one-to-one basis with a tutor. All tutors are advanced A-level students.

Other free individual tutoring is available in subjects such as English and Science (by appointment). For more information on the tutoring program and other SDC opportunities, contact Jean Forman, SDC Coordinator, at extension 360, or stop by the Student Development Center.

Road Repair to Begin

Tired of bumping down Cobra Road? Cheer up—the road will be repaired this summer.

Recognize this face? (Kent Stark alumni Kent Rothermel)
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Student Government Elections April 9-10

Theresa Price, a Student Government presidential candidate, states in her campaign platform that, if elected S.G. President, she will do her best to provide the leadership necessary to make Student Government the kind of governing body which listens and responds to KSU Student's students, thus, allowing them maximum self-government.

The Chronicle has opened its pages to candidates running for Student Government offices. The following is a platform statement by vice-presidential candidate, Dawn Dennis. S.G. elections will be held April 9 and 10 on the lower level of the SSA building.

I, Dawn Dennis, feel that I am the best candidate for Student Body Vice President. I have been involved in Student Government for two semesters and I am the treasurer of the Political Science Forum. I enjoy working with people and try to get involved in as many student activities as possible. My platform consists of:

1. I will try to unify the student body with a philosophy which I believe is reflected in the creation of a Forum with the Dean.
2. I will try to provide more involvement for the non-traditional students by scheduling activities in the evening, and making more family-oriented activities.
3. I will try to get more students interested and involved in Student Government.

Finally, I will try to make Kent State University Stark Campus a more enjoyable place to be.

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Tips for Non-Trads

By Carol Boreman

- Attending college causes unavoidable changes in priorities, daily routines and family relations that of the non-traditional student. However, effective time management may ease the situation.

- Effective time management begins with planning, organizing and scheduling your time. This is done by planning the activities and tasks you must fulfill, organizing them on the basis of which are most important, and scheduling the necessary time for them. It would probably be helpful to write down all of the activities and tasks that need your attention, and set aside a reasonable amount of time for each.

- Another key to good time management is to schedule your most demanding tasks for the times when your mind and body are most alert. If you are a morning person, or the evening type, utilize your best hours for study or work. As you adjust priorities, daily routines and the assignment of your time, you are in a larger sense, adjusting your own lifestyle.

- If you have a family to take care of, you have already given much thought about how attending college may effect your relationships with them. The key to success in this sensitive area is to keep all those lines of communication open. Sit down with your family and talk it over when things seem overwhelming. Emphasize the importance of your education and acknowledge the added burdens it may place on all of you.

- The more you, your family and friends understand and accept the fact that some changes in time management will be necessary, the easier it will be for all of you to adjust to them.
Theatre Visuals
... a glimpse into the past ...

That era of change, influenced by the Vietnam War, created a fashion of long hair, an introduction to open drug use and ragged clothes, which suggested a manner of defiance and revolt. The result of some of that defiance is still remembered each May 4, when the anniversary of the four Kent State students who were killed in 1970 is observed.

The theatrical visuals reflect not only KSU-Stark's play performances of the '70s, but also an era of reform and change, capturing an important aspect of American history. The theatrical nostalgia collection will continue to grow. If anyone has any play performance posters of years gone by, and would like to donate them to this visual collection, contact Sally Markham in the business administration office.

Don't spoil nature... leave only footprints.

Album Review:
The Rolling Stones' Dirty Work

by Frank Vazzano

When rock megastars like Prince and Bruce Springsteen are in the studio, hype, rumors and expectations abound. Such has certainly been the case with Dirty Work, the long-awaited new LP from the 'greatest rock 'n' roll band in the world,' the Rolling Stones.

But let's face it: aside from a couple of transcendent singles (Angie, Beast of Burden) the Stones' last breath of greatness was 1972's Exile on Main Street, and at this point a new Rolling Stones album means little beyond the event itself. Sure, we heard some good meat and to a mass of bruises.

All the sincere moments on Dirty Work stem from guitarist Keith Richards and Ron Wood who, at their best, entwine with sadistic gems like "gonna pulp you in two." But by classic Stones standards this is mediocre stuff, and everything the band does appears to be some shrewd commercial maneuver. Had it With You is good enough to stick to my ribs for awhile, but in Winning Ugly, when Jagger sings, "I wanna be on topforever on top and damn the competition...I never turn a hair, just like the politicians," it's difficult to accept his satirical intentions.

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Darrell West Assumes Communications Post

by Carol Boreman

Darrell Thai West, Communications Coordinator, is getting adjusted to his new appointment at Kent State Stark, which began on Feb. 3.

As Communications Coordinator his responsibilities are handling internal communications, such as the Intercom, and such external communications as advertising and publicity.

West is a graduate of Ohio State University and he attended both Marquette Graduate School of Journalism in Milwaukee and Cleveland State University as well. He has his bachelor's degree in communications, radio and television.

He currently resides in Canton, but is looking forward to relocating to the Canton area.

"I'm very pleased so far," West said of his job, and "I'm looking forward to a long-term association with Kent Stark."

Students Reflect Upon Space Shuttle Tragedy

By Connie Doolan

A poem written by a talented student, Mary Tummel, was chosen by Ms. Betty Foulk, Director of Student Services, to send to the family of Christa McAuliffe, the teacher who perished in the explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger.

The poem was portrayed as the feelings that the entire KSU Stark student body and faculty had about the tragic space shuttle explosion.

Mary Tummel had written the poem because of her respect for teachers. She is majoring in education.

The touching poem was read during a time of reflection in the Interfaith Ministry service.

Mary Tummel is one of the 1,000 students who visits at the Interfaith Ministry.

Interfaith Campus Ministry Fellowship, counseling, and more...

By Connie Doolan

Interfaith Campus Ministry is an organization in room 200 of the SSA building that ministers and counsels to any student or faculty member from Kent State Stark or Stark Technical College. The co-directors of Interfaith Ministries are Sister Mary Noel, who has been a campus minister for one year, and the Rev. Thomas Douce, who has been a campus minister for sixteen years.

Questions asked at recent interview with Sister Mary Noel may give students a broader look at the campus ministry and its services.

Q: What are the goals of Interfaith Ministries?

A: There are many goals, but basically, to have a voice of church on campus and to fulfill the belief that God is a God of love.

A Different Story, a film produced by Norman Lear, was recently presented by the Interfaith Ministries.

The film showed the discrimination towards handicapped persons by some prospective employers. Its theme was "Hire the handicapped, they are people, too."

Those who watched the film also participated in a short discussion after its showing. One important aspect of the film was brought out by the co-director of Interfaith, Sister Mary Noel. She pointed out that though the film was produced for employers, it was also important for students and faculty of Kent State Stark to look at it because of the increased number of disabled students currently attending this campus.

Interfaith is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

International Cookbook:

by Michelle Boston

For those who enjoy cooking, especially foods from different cultures, the Foreign Language Clubs have good news for you!

They are in the process of collecting recipes from students, faculty, staff, and administration, for an International Cookbook.

Along with foreign foods, American regional recipes will also be included, and recipes and specialties of local restaurants will be highlighted.

The cookbook, which is scheduled to go on sale sometime in April, will be moderately priced.

The proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will go toward a scholarship for a foreign language student attending Kent State Stark next year.

Dr. Mullen and Mrs. Bush of the Foreign Language Department are hoping to get much support from the Kent community and would like to wish everyone "Bon Apetit!"