By Rita McPeak

The future of the KSUSC Art Gallery is in doubt since the theft of paintings on display there.

The gallery, located in the lobby of the Fine and Professional Arts Building, was displaying the works of Steve McCallum, a former KSUSC student and KSU graduate.

Three paintings, valued at $300 each, were reported stolen at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 29 although campus security believes the theft may have occurred the previous weekend.

Entrance may have been through the theater door, which had been taped open. It is believed the thief could have owned a truck or van, because it may have been difficult to fit them in a car.

Insurance adjusters have investigated the theft. Insurance had been taken out on the display, but it was $250 deductible. One hundred and fifty dollars was taken from the gallery budget and $100 of an insurance allotment from the fine arts budget.

There is now a question of keeping the gallery at its present location or moving it to a safer building on campus.

Emily Bukovec, gallery director, would like the gallery to remain on the campus for the PFA building, for it would give art students and outside artists an opportunity to display their works and would be a place for public viewing of the quality of work done at KSUSC.

She added the gallery had, in fact, been preparing to expand its facilities. Bukovec believes it is important for art students to have the opportunity to view displays of quality craftsmanship. She thinks the proper place for the display is the lobby of the FPA building.

"It's important for an art building to look creative," she said.

Dale Wearest, assistant director for Business Affairs, suggests transferring the gallery to the Learning Resource Center (LRC). He believes there is more than adequate space for wall hangings and displays and considers the LRC the "safest building on campus."

"I agree with Mr. Wearest," commented Sgt. James Mitchell, coordinator of University Security. "There are more people on duty in the LRC at all times."

Dennis Prichard, assistant director of the Learning Resource Center, briefly explained the security system at the LRC. He said there are two security systems. The first, called the 3M Tattle-tape, protects library materials.

All library materials have a metallic strip that must be demagnetized by a librarian before removal from the library. If an attempt is made to pass magnetized materials through the inspection gate, an alarm will sound and the gate will close.

April "Foul" Day proved to be a success.

More than $200 was collected from the foul shooting contest held in the HPER Building on April 1.

The first places for the most number of baskets went to Karen Shaheen and Randy Wilhelm. Second places went to Virginia "Sue" Moore and Joe Hoopingarner.

All proceeds will be split between the Stark Scholarship Fund and the HPER Club.

Gym is open to students.

The open gym schedule is as follows:

Monday 12 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Tuesday 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Wednesday 12 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Thursday 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday 6:15 p.m. - 9 p.m.

(This schedule is effective until April 15.)

Pollyanna number 13 awarded.

Pollyanna were awarded to Mr. Greg T. Warner, Graphics manager, Mr. Robert E., coordinator of Continuing Education, Nancy Sanschgi, typesetter, and John Egeti, Graphics student employee.

Testing Center has new schedule.

Tests and quizzes given in the Testing Center will be available during the new hours. The Spring schedule is as follows:

Monday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tuesday 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Thursday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

LRC to hold open house.

There will be an open house in the Learning Resource Center on Sunday, April 17.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Learning Resource Center, the open house will be a program to familiarize the public with our facilities. The program runs from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Archery Team has qualifiers to championships.

Team members Cindy Groves, Dennis Mathie, Carol Lisicki, Gus Elopio and John Morehart have qualified for the college team championships at Madison College in Virginia.

The second security system, according to Prichard, is in effect after the library is closed. The American District Telegraph System (ADT) has two sections. One section safeguards the doors of the building. If they are tampered with, an alarm will sound within the building and also at ADT Headquarters in Canton.

The other ADT system is electronic and works much like radar. Any movement inside the building also sounds an alarm, both in the building and at headquarters.

True, the LRC is the safest building on campus, but that safety is only after business hours. The theft of the paintings in the PFA building may have occurred while the building was open.

Bukovec believes instead of moving the painting, the PFA building should have a better security system that would ensure the protection of any art work displayed in the building.

Wearest explained the campus must adhere to its budget, and an increase in campus security is feasible.

Mitchell admitted the type of theft in the PFA building can't be prevented unless a total security system is used, with some type of continuous surveillance.

With his staff of 11 part-time security officers, Mitchell realizes this can't be done, but he and his men are working to provide the campus with an adequate security system.

Continuing Education Offers Unique Courses

Continuing Education is offering a wide selection of classes for spring quarter.

According to Tom Auld, coordinator of Continuing Education, some of the most popular classes are hang gliding, fencing, real estate and belly dancing.

Hang gliding begins with ground school training where students learn how to handle the kite by using a simulator.

Actual flying will take place on April 30 in Malvern. Students all wear crash helmets and although there have been scrapes and bruises, there have been no major accidents.

Chuck Slusarczyk, hang gliding instructor, designs, builds, and sells the kites. He also competes in hang gliding competition all over the U.S.

Auld stated that although the students in fencing class have only been fencing for 6 or 7 weeks, they take it seriously. "Some students become very good at it," Auld said.

Three KSUSC students placed in the Thistleland Community College fencing tournament last quarter.

Kathy Seth won first place in the women's finals. Helen Douglas took sixth place.

Chris Schurrer took fourth place in the men's finals.

Real estate has become a very popular class because it is required by state law for anyone wanting to get their real estate license.

Belly dancing is a class that Auld was reluctant to offer but he received so many calls requesting it that he decided to try it. Since he began offering it a year and a half ago it has received a great deal of interest.

Other classes have also been started because of student suggestions. Questionnaires are sent out to get student ideas. Gardening and quilting were started this way.

A certain number of students are needed to sign up for a class or it will be cancelled. Auld explained that unlike the regular classes at a state college, Continuing Education classes receive no state money. Because of that students pay for the entire cost of the class.

Another difference in Continuing Education classes and regular classes is the students' attitudes. They are not forced to take Continuing Education classes and they don't have to worry about a grade. These classes are taken because the students are interested in the subject.

Students who are now enrolled in college on a full time basis can receive a discount when enrolling in Continuing Education classes.

People over 60 years old can enroll in most Continuing Education classes free as long as they have lived in Ohio for one year.

Continuing Education classes will be offered again first summer session.
Russ Frank Accepts New Position

John Sokol retired recently after ten years as building superintendent at the Kent State University Stark Campus. Sokol was the first building superintendent on the Stark Campus — he watched KSUSC grow from a single building to the four it currently boasts. Replacing Sokol is Russ Frank, who was formerly equipment supervisor on the Stark Campus.

Frank has been working at KSUSC since 1967. He was working here at nearly the same time and developed a strong friendship over the years. They plan to remain in contact with each other, even though Sokol moved out of town.

"I liked working with John," commented Frank. "He was a good man to work with, and I miss him."

Mr. Frank’s family owned much of the property on which the campus now stands, which, of course, is how Frank Road got its name. Russ, in fact, farmed the surrounding lands himself, before the original building was constructed.

Commenting on the difficulties of the “Winter of ’77” gave the maintenance crew, Frank said that he thought they did a good job, considering the equipment and manpower available.

“We did well last winter even though it was an especially bad winter,” stated Frank. “We just behind one, and that was when one of our two glosses broke down.”

“We’re hoping to get some new equipment when the new maintenance building is completed.” Frank concluded.

Sokol came to the Stark Campus in April, 1967 when the first building, the Social Science and Humanities Center, was still under construction.

Russ Frank

Sokol was surprised by the near total absence of student-related damage on the campus during the time he worked there. He stated that apart from occasional writing on walls, there has rarely been damage that could be traced to a malicious student.

Sokol was given a commemorative plaque and a check for $100 at a testimonial dinner held in his honor at Rubsels Restaurant.

“We all know John as a multi-talented person,” Director Jack D. Morehart continued. "He always remains pleasant and cooperative with every student."

“John always remained calm and treated people with dignity,” Morehart continued. “He never lost his cool in all ten years as an employee of the university. He has been a loyal, hard working employee.”

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Russ Frank

Sokol’s job was to oversee all maintenance on the Stark Campus. His duties included maintenance of Stark Tech, which is adjacent to KSUSC, as well as the four buildings of KSUSC.

“I really enjoyed working at the Stark Campus,” said Sokol. “But I just got bashed up at four or five in the morning and pushing snow — which I did for nearly a month straight this winter.”

After leaving KSUSC, Sokol will be living in southern Florida in semi-retirement. “I looked at moving to Florida as an adventure, I would like some new experiences in my life,” he commented.

During his ten years at KSUSC, Sokol has seen thousands of students come and go.

“Students have really changed over the years," said Sokol. "Students today are much more peaceful then those of ten years ago. Back in the day they were often at each others’ throats over simple things.”

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