Debaters Need Support To Survive

by Sharon Pala and Bef Friel

Intercollegiate debate at KSUS involves only a small handful of participants. The program has good potential for future debaters, but could die without student interest and outside backing.

Debater Chris Pfender explained that he and Dennis Kincaid were classified as "Varsity Debaters" when they face four-year colleges such as Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati. In essence, debaters coming from two-year programs such as KSUS are labeled "Junior Varsity." Thus, sophomores Kincaid and Pfender as our "Varsity Squads" have been up against the best from some of Ohio's largest and most prominent schools.

And although Montage could not attain the duo's overall record, the next four years held great promise as they went to State Competition on April 5 and 6. Pfender noted that the Greater Ohio Regional competition, hosting a 1-5 debate, was turned into major colleges. A 3-3 was needed to continue.

Pfender stated that the team "has much to look forward to" next year, but added that he was quitting the squad. He gave three reasons for his decision.

First, he said, that if he wins the KSUS Vice Presidency he would rather use debate time for his office. Next, Pfender said more than half of his time was spent traveling to high school debate and tournaments such as those run by the Ohio High School League, who has been his partner since their sophomore year of high school.

Finally, he commented that he was dissatisfied with some of the decisions of the judges.

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Let's Talk About Nothing Much!

by Sharon Pala

Perhaps KSUS's first June graduation ceremonies can be subtitled "Much Ado About Nothing Much." Hours of preparation have been invested into a Sunday observance for approximately 160-200 applicants where only half of which will participate in the actual rites.

But "Graduation Circumstance", traditional gowns, and academic caps may have been seen as a waste of time in regard to the actual degree associate.

Two academic measurements will be favored at the graduation ceremonies - the Associate of Science in Criminal Justice and the Associate of Arts in General Studies (A.A.):

The latter degree, in fact, is the sole reason for June Graduation, '74.

In an analysis of the new degree by Montage last quarter, general education was seen as a program, but only from the standpoint that it would offer the foundation for further education. Although two year associate degrees have been widely accepted across the nation, the value of a very general two year degree is questionable.

The A.A. degree is apparently no more than a psychological move to increase higher education. This basic concept is acceptable but not worthy of such high approval and respectability as a Bachelor of Arts degree. Furthermore, it certainly can not be more than a requirement to form a formal ceremony.

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You are encouraged to write on any university-related subject. The paper should be a forum for your views. Letters may be condensed by Montage. All must be signed. Names may be withheld. Please add your telephone number to letter. Send to room 13, FEAC.

MAY 4 CEREMONIES TO BE HELD

Special May 4 Memorial ceremonies will be held on the Kent State University Campus on May 4, and Saturday, May 6.

May 4th Memorial activities will commence on the afternoon of May 1, when the May 4 Memorial Room in the Main Library will be officially dedicated. The special research room is set aside for books, newspaper accounts, and photographs dealing with the May 4, 1970 incident.

A vigil will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Allison Krause, Warren Beatty, Jeff Timmerman, and Sandy Scheuer being killed. Four students will stand in the hour-long vigil in the spots where each of the four students were shot.

This night's activities will also include the premier performance of "The Truth About Kent State," which will alternate on the Commons following the vigil.

The KSU Center for Peaceful Change will sponsor the vigil, march, vigil, and noon speech.

A peaceful Change member, a Peaceman Change member, will coordinate the May 4 afternoo mceremonies, which are to begin at 2:30 p.m.

The following speakers will appear on the Common include Jane Fonda; Daniel Ellsbeg, civil rights leader; Julian Bond, Ron Kovic, a Viet Nam veteran who spoke at Kent State, and Dean Kahler, a student wounded in the May 4 shootings. Sos Kume Roy, representative of Kyma residents will also be featured. Kyme is the name of the Cambodian side against the dictatorship and was the word used to support the U.S. government.

Brent Collins and Holly Near will provide music at evening workshops to begin at 7:30 p.m. They will "issue oriented and skill centered" and will instruct interested parties in "taking information and using it in a non-violent way and then, apply it to resist continued American support of Thiue and Lon Nol regimes," Tom Sticht.
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**Campus Briefs**

Anyone wishing to join a Photography Club should contact Sharon Pala at 495-8928 or 495-9906, ext. 342. Please leave your name, address, and telephone number.

The annual Graduate Student Exhibition of the KSU School of Art Gallery will be on display at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, April 29 until Friday, May 17. The show features art work produced during the current year by graduate students.

Applications for September Experience are available in the Student Affairs Office. Some school areas have a deadline of May 30 so students are urged to pick up forms as soon as possible. September Experience is required for some College of Education students while it is optional for others.

Contact Student Affairs, 101, SSHC for further information.

**Deb Spencer Is Delegate Hopeful**

"I am running to show that I give a damn," stated KSUC freshman Debbie Spencer, delegate for the Democratic National Convention. She is running as a representative of the 16th Congressional District.

Spencer explained that the experiences that she has had by working with area party officials make her appreciate the problems that the candidate has. For example, she said that the red tape that the candidates go through was surprising. She is working on Brad Karan's 16th Congressional District campaign.

Karan is running as a Democrat in the May primary against John Freedman. Spencer hopes that her involvement will prove that to people older than herself that younger generation does care. Voting will take place on May 7.

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**SC Baseball Is Underway For The Season**

Sunday, April 21 was a truly exciting day if you’re an avid kite flyer but just the opposite if you happen to be a baseball pitcher. The latter was the case as Lakeland Community College and Kent Stark combined for 42 runs and 49 hits in a wind-shaken doubleheader at the SC field.

The first game seemed to be proceeding normally enough with Lakeland taking a 4-3 lead into the fifth inning and then it happened. It was almost magical as the wind seemed to take every ball hit in the air over the left field fence. When the fifth had ended Lakeland had scored nine runs (including three home runs in succession) and SC, none.

The young Cobra team tried valiantly to cut the 13-3 lead, scoring six in the fifth and four in the sixth but Lakeland finally prevailed 15-6.

Wagner worked the first innings for the SC team and Perks the last three.

Tim Reardon willed the hot bat for the Cobras in the game with a perfect four for four and Bob Furbee went three for four. Furbee and Kevin Brenneman hit home runs in the losing cause.

In the second game the Cobras got a look at the Lakers hot-shot pitcher Jim Graham, sporting an 8-0 record. The lead changed hands six times in the second game and the score was deadlocked going into the seventh, 5-5. In the seventh SC’s starting pitcher Bob Pendelbury was relieved by Longsworth. It was Longsworth who would take the defeat as Lakeland shoved two runs across to take the game 7-5.

The hitting stars for SC in the second game were Furbee with three hits and Kevin Brenneman and Roy Morris with two hits each. Furbee and Tim Keaton hit back to back homers for the Cobras in the fourth.

Lakeland’s record now stands at 11-1. Stark is 2-2.

The two SC victories came two weeks earlier at the expense of Walsh College. The Cobras swept doubleheader 12-5 and 8-1. Mike Halikdes picked up the opening victory and Bob Pendelbury took the second.

Statistics were unavailable but baseball coach Bob Austin said the key to the double victory was the Cobra defense.

On paper it would seem the Cobra baseballers have their backs against the wall. Gone from last year’s 25-7 super team are the likes of Howard Furbee, Don Buttry and ex-minor leaguer Jerome Pratt. Only five players are back from that team and only one of them are on the all-important pitching staff.

However, Coach Austin is impressed. Although he admits the pitching staff is weak he cites the youthful Cobras outstanding defense, hitting and speed in the outfield. The Cobras comeback against the very strong Lakeland team shows the team has the intestinal fortitude but the team is youthful and made its share of mental errors in the Lakeland doubleheader.

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