

US-QUARTERLY

DEAR DEAN PADAK~



Welcome to the first issue of the online Undergraduate Studies (US) Quarterly. As many of you know, US has been part of a reorganization in Academic Affairs during the past year and now reports to a new unit entitled Institutional Research and Student Success (IRSS). IRSS also includes Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (RPIE), the Graduation Planning System (GPS), and

Student Success Programs - First Year Experience. As we become more comfortable with the new structure, the primary strength of US continues to be a well-qualified staff with a deep commitment to helping our students achieve their educational and personal goals.

Currently, Kent State is a rapidly changing environment, an environment ripe with excitement and promise as well as challenge. In future Newsletter issues, I'll try to keep you apprised of some of these changes and how they might affect US and the work you do for students. I encourage each of you to submit feedback,

questions, comments or concerns you have regarding US, Kent State, or higher education as a whole to Jacob Roope (jroope@kent.edu) who will compile your thoughts and submit them to me. If you wish to remain anonymous, please indicate so in your e-mail.

Thank you for all of your hard work on behalf of Kent State University, and congratulations on the completion of another successful semester. I wish you and yours a Happy Holiday season!

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES HOLIDAY GATHERING FRIDAY

DECEMBER 12, 2008 11:30 – 1:30

IN THE OLSON HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

Please bring a dish to share. \$2 will be collected from each person attending to cover the cost of purchasing chicken. Please give your \$2 donation to Lynn Davis by Dec. 10

Bring a \$10 wrapped gift if you wish to participate in the "Gift Exchange Game"

RSVP to Lynn Davis by December 10 and let her know what you will be bringing to assure that a variety of dishes will be available.

ldavis5@kent.edu or x20965

To submit content, ideas, suggestions, or feedback, please contact Jacob Roope at jroope@kent.edu or

Student Advising Center

The academic advising home for Exploratory and first year students in the colleges of Technology, Nursing, Arts and Sciences, Communication and Information, and Architecture and Environmental Design. The Student Advising Center provides academic advising for 1,800 Exploratory majors.

Student Advisors Include:

- Mary Jane Boos
- Karen Clement
- Marty Deep

- Bianca Ford
- Trinity Jeter
- Michelle Limle
- Laura McGlothlin
- Bruce Mitchell
- Jamie Reynolds
- Maria Robertson
- Jude Rule
- Marcus Tullio
- Steven Antalvari

Headed by Assistant Dean:
Douglas Neitzel



Be Advised!

National Student Exchange



For six years, Pamela Jones has spearheaded the National Student Exchange Program at Kent State University (NSE). NSE provides students with affordable and practical opportunities to experience new and diverse settings in which to study and live.

NSE Requirements:

1. Undergraduate students with 30 or more completed credits are eligible
2. Full-time Student Status

3. Overall 2.50 GPA
4. Good Standing (academic, conduct, financial)

Students who choose to participate in this exciting opportunity also have the opportunity to receive course credit at the institution that they serve join. Possible locations include: New York, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Idaho, Nova Scotia and many more! The best components of the NSE program is that students pay Kent State tuition, there are no

out-of-state fees or costs; tuition waivers apply; financial aid awarded to students applies; most scholarships awarded to students apply; and finally, students enroll in class that earns credit towards their degree.

NSE has found that exchange within the U.S. and Canada can be just as exhilarating and culturally enriching as international study and one of the most significant experiences of a student's undergraduate education.



“How far that little candle throws its beams. So shines a good deed in a weary world.”

-William Shakespeare-

Kent State United for the Gulf Coast

Kent State United for the Gulf Coast provides aid to the citizens of the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast region affected by Hurricane Katrina through the skills and talents of Kent State University students, faculty, staff and friends.

As we continue to support the residents of this region, we are providing the Kent State community with unique educational experiences and opportunities for personal enrichment through organized volunteer trips, fundraising activities and additional service projects.

These efforts represent a lasting partnership between the university community and the residents of the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast region, and

they exemplify the Kent State University strategic principle of "Engaging with the World Beyond Our Campuses."

Kent State United for the Gulf Coast recognizes the need for consistent relief in the Mississippi Gulf Coast area which is why we are continuing our efforts. We welcome you to join us as a volunteer on our upcoming relief trip. Our 2009 Spring Break Trip will be March 21-28.

You may visit our website at: www.kent.edu/biloxi or contact us by phone at 330.672.9292 for more information.





Ahari T. Salal is the Clerical Receptionist for Undergraduate Studies' First Year Advising Center, Lake Hall. She loves reading, cooking, especially trying new dishes, the two latest, (White chicken chili and Lamb roast done on the grill), Favorite color is Purple, but she loves any bright spring colors. Pet peeve, when someone asks a question they already know the answer to. Has been with US since October 2007.

Dennis Rule is Program Assistant 11 - Academic Success Center - who provides clerical support, manages ASC four budgets, time keeping for 131 tutors, peer mentors, and SI leaders. He also keeps Assistant Dean Munson supplied with Ballreich's Potato Chips (she's addicted to them) and candy. February of 2009 will mark his 16th year at Kent State. Dennis has been with US since its inception.

Quotable Quotes

"Monday is an awful day to spend 1/7th of your life."

"If the #2 pencil is most popular, why is it still #2?"

A senior citizen named Barney was driving down the freeway, when his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice. She sounded urgent as she warned him, "Barney, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 280. Please be careful!"

"Heck," replied Barney, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

Pre-College Programs

The Pre-College Programs include: PSEOP, OSEA, PCAN, and Upward Bound. PSEOP is designed to provide qualified public high school students with the opportunity to enhance their high school education with college experience. PSEOP also is intended to replace coursework available in high school or to provide student with a full-time college course load.

Upward Bound is designed to provide academic support to eligible students interested in education

beyond high school. Upward Bound Programs at Kent State University are a set of federally funded TRIO pre-college initiatives designed to assist target area students who meet program criteria to successfully graduate from high school, prepare for and enter into the college of their choice. TRIO programs help students overcome class, social, academic, and cultural barriers to higher education.

Kent State University's Upward Bound also offers a challenging and exciting year round program which includes leadership, academic, career, cultural enrichment, and

social activities that help students realize the benefits of pursuing a college education. The program and its services are at no cost to the participant!



Academic Success Center



The mission of the Academic Success Center (ASC) is to help students who have gained access to Kent State to earn their degrees and achieve their goals by

providing academic and personal support. The ASC offers several services such as tutoring in math, writing, and computers and many other services.

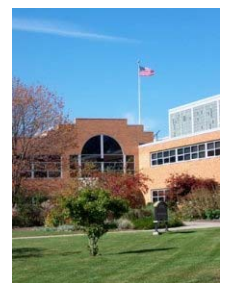
The program is available to students at no charge. The student must meet specific criteria to be eligible for tutoring. The ASC offers study groups, writing, and peer mentoring (which offers drop-in tutoring) in many LER courses, along with helping students with time management and study skills. Other ASC services have no eligibility requirements and are available to all students. Student

Support Services is funded by a federal Student Support Services (SSS) TRIO grant.

Students may stop by the office, preferably during the first week of the semester, in 207 Michael Schwartz Center to fill a tutoring application. The application may be obtained online at www.kent.edu/asc.

$$\frac{x^2 - 4}{x + 3} = \frac{x - 2}{x^2 + 5x + 6}$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \quad A(t) = A_0 \left(1 + \frac{t}{n}\right)^n$$





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TECH CORNER

-MSC lab computers are now updated with new Optiplex 755s (with 2GB RAM) - look for faster computing at the lab.

-Flashmail for students has been taken over by Google - Students can sign-up by going on to <http://google.kent.edu/>

-Tech Requests/Issues are now handled through Help-

desk ticketing system - the one-stop system for all the departmental tickets.

-All the department machines and laptops with the exception of lab machines are now secured with McAfee Endpoint Encryption (MEE). MEE secures the hard drive and prevents access to members outside Kent State thus securing the data on the system if stolen.

-All the Department machines and laptops are upgraded with new MS Office 2007.

-Undergraduate Studies tech department now uses MS Project 2007 to keep

track of all the web projects to be more efficient in terms of deadlines.

-New US website (<http://explore.kent.edu/>) is launched and is designed by the programmers in the Tech Dept of Undergraduate Studies.

If you have any questions regarding Undergraduate Studies Technology, please contact Rose Tran by phone 330.672.0969 or by e-mail at rmtran@kent.edu

ALWAYS:

- Restart your system if something goes wrong & save your documents on the network drives.
- Run Windows Update if you see a yellow icon on bottom right corner of your monitor screen.
- Log-off your computer before leaving for the day & send an email to request laptop/projector set-up.
- Sign green file before checking out laptop/projector/camera (applies to U.S. check-out equipments).

TECH TIP:

DECEMBER 2008							JANUARY 2009							FEBRUARY 2009								
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
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December Holidays Christmas - 25 New Year's Eve - 31							January Holidays New Year's Day - 1 Martin Luther King, Jr. - 19							February Holidays Groundhog Day - 2 Valentine's Day - 14 President's Day - 16								

DECEMBER:

Events: Old Yuletide Feaste (KSU Ballroom, 7pm-11pm) 4th-6th; **Undergraduate Studies-Holiday Gathering on the 12th from 11:30 am-1:30 pm in the Olson Hall Conference Room.**

Announcements: 7th- Classes End; 8th- Final Exams Begin; 13th- Commencement; 18th- Final Grades Available; Winter Break Dec. 15- Jan. 19; Offices Closed- 24-28.

JANUARY:

Announcements: New Year's Day Observance- Jan. 1st; Degrees Available in FlashFAST-11th; MLK Jr. Day- Jan. 19; Spring Semester 2009 Begins - Jan. 20; Graduation Application Deadline for Graduate Students-23rd; Chinese New Year- 26th.

FEBRUARY:

Announcements: Groundhog Day- 2nd; Valentine's Day- 14th; President's Day-16th;