

THE CONNECTION

The Official newsletter for the EHHS Office of Diversity Outreach and Development

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

**NOTE
TAKING
TIPS**

- Read ahead before class and take pre-notes
- Highlight key points and important terms
- Re-write notes and use flashcards for repetition
- If using a laptop or other electronic device, make sure to back up files in case of a computer crash

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THE ORIGIN OF THE BLACK SQUIRREL

Black squirrels were brought to Kent State University in 1961 by Larry Wooddell, who was the grounds superintendent, and “Biff” Staples, a retired Davey Tree employee. They called the mission “Operation Black Squirrel”.

Wooddell first saw Black Squirrels while traveling through Chardon, Ohio. He was confused and surprised to see their distinct Black color. After researching the Black Squirrels he learned that the creatures were dying off due to them being out numbered by predators in Chardon.

Because of this, eventually the squirrels died off in that area. After learning this Wooddell began to look for them else-

where. His friend “Biff” found a multitude of them in Ontario, Canada on a business trip.

The pair worked with the



Black squirrels are originally from Canada!!!

Unites States and Canadian governments to transport Black Squirrels to Kent in a time period of around 6 months. In 1961 they drove to Ontario to pick up 10 Black

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Squirrels that were captured by Canadian wildlife authorities. The Black Squirrels were released in Kent, and over-time mixed with the indigenous squirrel population.

The Black Squirrel is regarded as the unofficial mascot of Kent State University. Events like the Black Squirrel festival and businesses such as Black Squirrel Radio shows the impact that these creatures had—and still have—on campus life for both student and staff here at Kent State University.

Our small companions have made a reputation for themselves as being interesting, annoying, and fascinating creatures. Now you Know!

RECORD SETTING FRESHMEN CLASS

The Fall 2013 Freshmen Class has broken the record for the largest freshmen class ever to attend Kent Sate University. This year’s Freshmen class totals 4,314, that exceeds the previous record set in 2011 with a total number of 4,284.

The Average GPA of this year’s freshmen class is 3.30, which means that Kent State is enrolling students with a high chance of retention and 4 year graduation.

Kent State has also set record numbers for total enrollment

on Kent Campus with a Fall 2013 head count of 28,019 students. With the expanding campus and renovations to the city around the University, Kent State is becoming a highly sought out institution of Higher Learning.

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DOD MISSION

Focused on creating an inclusive and diverse learning environment within the College of Education, Health and Human Services, the Office of Diversity Outreach and Development provides high impact outreach services and resources which stimulate an increase in the recruitment and retention of underrepresented student populations into the college's various majors and programs.

DOD VISION

Office of Diversity Outreach and Development will be the hub that engages and educates a diverse group of students, faculty and staff through our immersion, mentoring, and professional development opportunities that contributes to progressively increasing the retention of underrepresented students and students of color in our various majors and programs.

Stay Safe On Campus! Here Are Some Tips From Officer Michquel Penn (u307@Police.kent.edu):

- **Charge your cell phone**
- **Be aware of your surroundings!!**
- **Walk in groups**
- **Walk in well-lit areas**
- **Know how you're getting home**
- **Carry an ID and small amount of extra cash**
- **Watch out for your friends!!**
- **Don't leave drinks unattended!!**
- **Know the symptoms of alcohol poisoning**
- **If you choose to drink alcohol, know your limit!**

MEET THE DEAN OF EHHS

Dan Mahony is the Dean of Education Health and Human Services and also a professor of Sports management. Before He came to Kent State University he was a professor and a administrator at the University of Louisville. Before becoming a faculty member he worked in Public Accounting and intercollegiate athletics.

His administrative positions include: Sport Administration Director, Department Chair, Associate Dean, Assistant Provost and Associ-

ate Provost. Dean Mahony has a Bachelors Degree in Accounting from Virginia Tech, a Masters Degree in Sports Management from West Virginia University, and a Doctorate Degree from The Ohio State University.

He has published over 50 articles in the areas of Sport Consumer Behavior and Intercollegiate athletics. He has also published several chapters and one book. Also, in 2007 Dean Mahony won an award for his contributions to the field of Sports Management, presented to him by the North American Society for Sports Management.

We are extremely privileged to have a Dean with such remarkable creden-

tials, and expertise. Rest assured, you are in good hands here in the College of Education Health and Human Services.



"I have had the great pleasure to serve as dean of our college for over 5 years. During that time, one of the top goals in our strategic plan has been to increase our commitment to diversity. I am very pleased that the Office of Diversity Outreach and Development is helping to lead the way in these efforts." -Dean Mahony

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