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Through her journey, she discovers that in the looking glass, we may all just be a little mad. “This year marks the third annual spring production,” says Auld. “It was a hard choice to decide what should follow last year’s very successful production of May 4th Voices. That was a very intense piece that allowed us to not only mark our history here at Kent State, but also reach out and include members of our community in our activities. So after that piece, I wanted to go in a different direction, but still give us a way to connect not just with our campus community but our area’s community as well. Through the Lookingglass was a great fit for that. It allows our students to explore a little bit more fantasy and whimsy with their work, yet still connect to people with a production that can be familiar, and yet at the same time challenging.” Auld will direct the play as an ensemble piece, giving everyone in the production process a voice in the creative outcome. He thinks it is important for the students to be able to act on stage and be involved in crafting what goes on there, taking ownership of the production.

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CAMPUS EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

34th Annual Engineering Technology Opportunity Expo - Feb. 25, 5:30-8 p.m., in the Student Union, Founders Hall

Annie - Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m., at the PAC

Guitar Phenom Shaun Hopper - March 1, 7:30 p.m., at the PAC

MLA Workshop - March 1, noon in the Academic Learning Commons

Discovery@Kent Searching Workshop - March 2, at noon in the Academic Learning Commons

The Oak Ridge Boys CELEBRATION TOUR - March 5, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., at the PAC

Ginny Balbridge to present “Business Networking With Confidence” - March 6, 7 p.m., at the PAC

Avoiding Plagiarism Workshop - March 7, noon in the Academic Learning Commons

APA Citations Workshop - March 14, noon in the Academic Learning Commons

New Business Start-Up Workshop - March 14, 9 - 11 a.m. in the Academic Learning Commons

Spring Break - March 21-27, No Classes.

Graduation/Job Fair - March 16, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Student Union

Late Nite Catechism - April 1, 7:30 p.m. at the PAC

Alumni Day of Service - April 16, 9 a.m.- noon at the New Philadelphia Homeless Shelter

Student Research Colloquium - April 18, 7 p.m. in ST 126

K-9 Demonstration - April 21, noon, sponsored by the Criminoology and Justice Studies Club

Business Tax Requirements Workshop - April 21, 8:30 a.m. at the Toltoy Technology Incubator

Student Computer Designed Art Exhibition - April 21, 7-9 p.m. at the Tuscarawas County Center for the Arts

Spring ’16 Gameapalooza - April 22, 6 p.m. - 3 p.m. in the Cyber Cafe, sponsored by the Technology Club

Scholarship Golf Outing - April 29, noon at Union Country Club

College Credit Plus Information Session - May 2, 6 p.m. in the PAC

New Business Start-Up Workshop - May 9, 11 a.m. at the Toltoy Technology Incubator

Grant Writing Workshop - May 10, 9:30 a.m. - noon, in S&T 113/107

Commencement - May 13, Ceremony at 7 p.m., Graduate Check-In at 6 p.m. at the PAC

MESSAGE from the DEAN

Dear Kent State Tuscarawas Community,

I was nearly certain that we were going to skip winter altogether. However, the snowstorm that hit our region on February 13 served as a reminder that we still have a little while longer to endure the cold and snow. The time at home gave me the opportunity to reflect upon much good news. I am pleased to report that once again our first year retention rate (fall to spring) improved over the prior year, indicating to me that our first-year students took very seriously their pledge to graduate at opening convocation. I encourage those students that returned to continue to make good on that commitment as we move toward fall registration. Should you require any help or guidance in the process, please do not hesitate to reach out to your advisor, or even your friendly dean, who will help you point in the proper direction.

I recently received word from SGA that students would like to see improvements in the classroom furniture, particularly with regard to the old tablet desks and lack of left-handed desks. As a left-hander, I feel your pain. As was the case with classroom technology, where significant improvements have been made, we will plan to systematically replace the old desks with a combination of newer desks and tables. This may take a few years, but students and faculty should begin to see changes by the fall semester.

Speaking of plans, the campus will be involved in the upcoming months in developing our own strategic visioning document. This document will be consistent with the vision of the university, but be tailored to our campus. I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Pam Patacca and Dr. Steve Minnick have agreed to co-chair this important activity. A steering committee is in process of being appointed and will include representation from several major stakeholder groups. Once finalized, the plan will help guide our academic, co-curricular, student support and administrative decisions as we move forward in the years to come.

In terms of events and activities on campus, I hardly know where to begin. We will host Taste of the World, Engineering Expo, Women Supporting Students, the Broadway Show Annie and a wealth of academic and cultural activities. Please follow me on Twitter @tuscsuean and @kstusculto to get a flavor of all activities designed to engage students and members of our community.

Regards,

Bradley A. Bielski, Ph.D.
Dean and Chief Administrative Officer
Women’s 2015-16 Basketball Team
Record 11-11

Men’s 2015-16 Basketball Team
Record 18-4

There’s an invasion coming to campus - a Food Truck Invasion, sponsored by the Kent State Tuscarawas Golf Team. Food Trucks from the Akron/Cleveland area will come to campus for three dates during Spring Semester 2016 and four dates at the outset of Fall Semester 2016.

Featured Food Trucks will be: Betty’s Bomb Ass Burgers, The Slop Truck, Swenson’s Drive Ins, Sauced Wood-Fired Pizza, Manna Food Truck, The Orange Truk, Stone Pelican Rolling Café, Krav Food Truck and more.

Invasion dates are Tuesdays from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on April 12, 26, May 3 and continuing September 13, 27 and October 11 and 25. The public is invited. A $1 entry charge will include a drink and a hand stamp in order to purchase food. The events are being held as a fundraiser for the golf team. According to Golf Coach Rob Brindley, “The fundraiser will support the golf team’s travel during the season and help pay for tournament entry fees.”

In celebration of National Engineers Week, Kent State Tuscarawas is holding the 34th Annual Engineering Technology Opportunity Expo on Feb. 25 from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Student Union. The expo is open free to the public.

“The engineering technology department is proud to once again host the engineering expo with our partners in industry and area high schools,” says Lori Bears, interim director of engineering technologies. “This year, our faculty trained more than 80 high school students aspiring to one day be engineers in new and challenging competitions which will be presented that night. Our engineering student clubs will have projects and interactive demonstrations on display for the campus community and public to participate in and enjoy.”

Participating companies will have representatives available to address questions regarding availability of jobs, skill requirements, expected salaries and career opportunities in engineering. They will also have displays featuring information on various products they manufacture.

The awards ceremony for the high school competitions will take place at 7 p.m. Participants from 13 area high schools were trained in digital logic, 3D modeling and printing, photo illustration and robotics. The annual bridge contest, co-sponsored by the campus and the Tuscarawas Valley Society of Professional Engineers, will recognize first and second place winners, who will be given the opportunity to compete in the international contest to be held in Chicago, IL.

Meet Our Featured Student

DALTON SPROWL
Sophomore, Middle Childhood Education Major

Hometown: “I am a 2014 Indian Valley High School graduate, and I live in Port Washington.”

Why Did You Choose Kent State Tuscarawas? “I love that Kent State Tuscarawas is so close to home, it only takes me 20-25 minutes to get here. The staff is accommodating and always gives me personal service when I have questions.”

What Do You Like About Middle Childhood Education? “It’s very inviting. The professors are very receptive to questions from students, such as explaining the Praxis tests. They give a really nice roadmap for the course requirements to complete my major, which outlines what classes to take when and how long it will take to reach my goal of graduation.

What Have You Liked About Your Classes? “The classes are interesting. During fall semester, I took Education in a Democratic Society with Adjunct Professor Abby Contini. She taught us what to expect day-to-day as a teacher. The course also covered the issues in education across the state and nationally Mrs. Contini helped us see both sides of the issues and encouraged us to form our own decisions. We learned about Common Core in teaching, how to deal with students from all backgrounds, disabled and disadvantaged students making sure no matter what the student’s need, we as teachers can meet their needs. It was a really good class.”

Campus and Personal Activities: “I like to use the gym facilities, exercise room and play basketball. I especially like spending time in the library. I am a student worker on campus, plus I work at Buehler’s and on our family farm.”

Interesting Fact: Dalton was named the 2014 Tuscarawas County Fair King!