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Under the proposal submitted in the spring to the Education Department, Kansas State would house CAMP and contract the service out to other schools with eligible students.

Fanning said at the same time the department denied Kansas’ grant, the Education Department renewed a five-year grant for a Kansas State program that targets high school students.

Lynn Bretz, the University of Kansas’ director of university communications, said the university wanted to have a strategic plan to continue its program.

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program for migrant workers’ children, especially as federal funding declines.

Fanning said if the grant was approved, the program would give students more choices.

“We had a number of migrant students that just completed high school and had jobs in the local community. They couldn’t leave because they needed the employment,” Fanning said. “Now they can attend university while continuing to work.”

He expects to hear in the next few weeks whether the Kansas proposal was approved.

Fanning said he has heard the Education Department has received far more requests from schools to renew CAMP grants than it will be able to fund. He said he hopes the state’s reworked grant application will be helped by the fact that Kansas ranks seventh in the nation for the number of migrant and seasonal farm workers.
Trey Shipley On KU Honor Roll

Trey Shipley of Lakin was among the 4,690 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas, who earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2007 semester.

Trey, a senior, is an education major. A Lakin High School graduate, he is the son of Sue and Price Shipley.
Midwestern Music Camps attract more than 380 youngsters

LAWRENCE — More than 380 junior high and high school students from Kansas and 16 other states arrived at the University of Kansas this summer to attend one of four Midwestern Music Camps.

KU’s School of Fine Arts and Department of Music and Dance offer the camps. David Clemmer, director of athletic bands and assistant band director at KU, leads the camps. The camps provide instrumental, vocal and keyboard students a variety of musical experiences, including opportunities to participate in full symphony orchestras, choirs, bands, jazz ensembles and music classes.

Participating in this year’s junior high camps was Ethan Banman of Larned.

KU’s Midwestern Music Camp was created in 1935 by former band director Russell L. Wiley. Under Wiley’s direction, the camp became the second largest and second oldest music camp in the United States. The camp was often visited by some of the world’s most well-known conductors and artists, such as Andre Previn, Percy Grainger, Sir Vivian Dunn and Carmen Dragon.
LU’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences awards scholarships

LAWRENCE — The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas honored 46 students with more than $53,000 in scholarships this spring and is planning a reception for the recipients to take place in the fall semester.

The scholarships were available to outstanding freshmen, sophomores and juniors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences during the 2006-07 academic year. The scholarships, which are made possible by gifts to KU Endowment from alumni and friends, were awarded based on merit, need or both.

Area students receiving scholarships include: Larned: Ann Frances Giessel, daughter of Tom and Sheryl Giessel, Sport ScienceBSE, Senior. C.E. Spahr Scholarship and Human BiologyBA, C.E. Spahr Scholarship.

A reception to honor the recipients is planned for Sept. 27. KU’s fall term begins Aug. 16.

Scholarships provide funds that may be used for tuition expenses only. Awards provide cash that may be used without restrictions.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences enrolls more than 17,000 students and encompasses 53 departments and programs. Nearly half of the students at KU earn their bachelor’s degrees from the College. Courses in the College cover hundreds of subjects including history, literature, chemistry, biology, art history, mathematics, anthropology, psychology, foreign language and political science.
LAWRENCE — The Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas recently announced 128 new Sen. Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholars for the 2007-08 academic year.

The recipients, all 2007 Kansas high school graduates, represent the largest class of Dole scholars since the program began in 2005. Funded by NASA, the scholarships are distributed among the state’s four congressional districts to ensure the broadest statewide participation.

“This year, the Dole Institute received a second federal grant, and we are able to offer nearly three times the number of scholarships as in each of the previous two years,” said Bill Lacy, institute director.

The scholarship program began with a federal grant that funded 40 scholarships each in 2005 and in 2006. With the addition of the 128 scholarships awarded this year, the total number of Dole scholars comes to 208.

The new scholars will enroll this fall at one of the six Kansas Board of Regents universities or Washburn University in Topeka. Regents universities are KU, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University and Wichita State University.

Aligned with the primary mission of the Dole Institute, the scholarship program encourages young Kansans to get involved in politics, government and community service.

“Dole scholars represent the best among Kansas high school graduates,” said Barbara Ballard, director of the scholarship program and associate director of the Dole Institute. “Dole scholars are required to engage in 100 hours of civic activities annually. We hope that their experiences will influence them throughout their lives to become involved citizens.”

Recipients receive a $1,000 scholarship, renewable for three years, and commit to completing 100 hours of civic activities annually. Kansas high school seniors who have volunteered in community and public service in their communities and who have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale are eligible.

The Dole Public Service Scholarship is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a department of Scholarship America, a national nonprofit educational support and student aid service organization that seeks to involve and assist the private sector in expanding educational opportunities and encouraging educational achievement. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, disability or national origin.

Information in this list is in the following order: Hometown City and ZIP Code, First and Last name, High School Attended, University and Major, Kansas Congressional District Representative, listed by District Number and Name.

List of 2007 Dole Public Service Scholars from this area:

- Barnes 66933 Renae Weaver
  A Linn High School Emporia State University Elementary Education 1st District: Jerry Moran
- Clyde 66938 Emily Koch K Clifton-Clyde High School Kansas State University Pre-Pharmacy 1st District: Jerry Moran
- Hanover 66945 Cindy Bruna J Hanover High School Kansas State University Social Work 1st District: Jerry Moran
- Hanover 66945 Adrienne Meyer T Hanover High School University of Kansas Business 1st District: Jerry Moran
- Palmer 66962 Emily Meyer A Linn High School Kansas State University Biology 1st District: Jerry Moran
- Palmer 66962 Natalie Wilgers R Linn High School Kansas State University Kinesiology 1st District: Jerry Moran
- Waterville 66548 Marij Coon J Valley Heights High School University of Kansas Pre-Medicine 1st District: Jerry Moran
Ellsworth — The following Ellsworth Correctional Facility employee was recognized for 20 years of state service:

In October 1986, Jina Murrell began employment with the State of Kansas at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita, as an Office Assistant III. She transferred to the Ellsworth Correctional Facility in April 1988, as an Office Assistant III and was subsequently promoted to a Secretary II in September 1988.

In June 1991, Jina’s position was reallocated to a Secretary III. Jina was promoted to an Office Specialist (Records Clerk) in the Records Department in November 1993. In September 1994, she was promoted to Correctional Facilities Specialist II in the Policy and Compliance Office. Jina subsequently was promoted to Human Resources director in June 2007.

Jina is the daughter of Janice Bieberle and the late Lee C. Bieberle Sr. of Claflin.
College-bound migrant workers focus of grant efforts

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Stan Herd unveils
new crop art creation

By Doug Rich

Stan Herd, Kansas based crop artist, unveiled his latest creation June 25 near Lawrence, Kan.

The work of art is a one-acre replica of the new postage stamp released by the U.S. Postal Service to commemorate National Pollinator week (June 24 to 30). The crop art depicts a Southern Dogface butterfly on a Veronica flower, one of four stamps in the series. The pollinator stamp series includes a hummingbird, a bat, and a bumble bee in addition to the butterfly.

John and Karen Pendleton, owners of Pendleton's Country Market near Lawrence, Kan., donated the land for Herd's new crop art production.

Chip Taylor, a professor of insect ecology at Kansas University, suggested the project to Herd. The crop art and the stamps were created to educate the public about the importance of pollinators.

"We would not have the diversity of vegetables and fruits we have on our tables without these pollinators," Taylor said. "We need that diversity out there."

According to the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign, animal pollinators are needed for the reproduction of 90 percent of flowering plants and one-third of human food crops. Domestic honeybees pollinate approximately $10 billion worth of crops in the U.S. each year.

At the unveiling of the new crop art, Taylor said that we are losing pollinator habitat at an alarming rate.

"Take the essential habitat out and we will suffer in the future," Taylor said.

The Easter weekend freeze in Kansas had a detrimental effect on pollinators and other desirable insects in Kansas, according to Taylor. Thanks to an unusually warm March, plants were 12-days ahead of schedule this year. Two days of 16 degree weather killed early developing insects like paper wasps, bumble bees, and some butterflies.

"It will take two years to recover from the freeze," Taylor said.

The crop art piece contains 3,000 marigolds, 2,000 petunias, soybeans for the green areas, and 40,000 pounds of sand. Elevated viewing stands have been built so the public can get a bird's eye view of the artwork.

"Chip Taylor gave me an opportunity to invest my art in an effort that makes a difference," Herd said. "My art is at its best when it contributes to the community."

Judy Raney, Lawrence postmaster, said the U.S. Postal Service expects this series of stamps to be very popular and have ordered a large printing of this series. Raney said the U.S. Postal Service gets 50,000 suggestions every year for new postage stamps.

"It is a wonderful way to raise awareness of great causes," Raney said.

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CROP ART — Stan Herd puts the finishing touches on his latest crop art creation. The crop art is a replica of a new postage stamp issued in conjunction with National Pollinator Week. Herd’s latest creation can be seen at Pendleton’s Country Market near Lawrence, Kan.

NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK — Chip Taylor, professor of insect ecology at Kansas University, introduced Stan Herd at the unveiling of Herd’s latest crop art project. Taylor asked Herd for his help in bringing attention to National Pollinator Week. Pollinators like butterflies, bats, bumble bees, and hummingbirds are essential for maintaining our diverse food supply.
Marsh receives scholarship

Hannah Marsh of Hillsboro has been named a Sen. Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholar for the 2007-08 academic year.

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Marsh is a 2007 graduate of Hillsboro High School. She will be attending Wichita State University, pursing a degree in exercise science.
KU gets tough on illegal downloads

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LAWRENCE - In an attempt to deter students from illegally downloading music or movies in University of Kansas' student housing, the school has instituted a zero-tolerance policy.

Beginning this fall, university officials said they will deactivate ResNet Network access for students in residence halls if they are notified of a copyright violation and an appeal is denied. Students could still access computers on campus labs and use their university e-mail addresses.

The previous policy used a three strike system, but with an increasing number of complaints from organizations and pressure from the Recording Industry Association of America, officials decided to make the change.

The association recently announced it had sent 408 pre-ligation settlement letters to 23 universities, including the University of Kansas. Association spokeswoman Cara Duckworth said illegal downloading is disproportionately high on college campuses.