Hall attends KU Midwestern Music Camp

LAWRENCE – Drew Hall, Burlington, was among more than 380 junior high and high school students from Kansas and 16 other states who attended one of four Midwestern Music Camps on University of Kansas campus this summer. He attended the Senior High Camp.

KU’s School of Fine Arts and Department of Music and Dance offered the camps, and David Clemmer, director of athletic bands and assistant band director at KU, lead 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.
Chapman awarded Dole Public Service Scholarship

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. Among the recipients is Waverly High School graduate Dentin Chapman. He will be attending Washburn University, majoring in business finance/administration.

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"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.

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"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."

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College-bound migrant workers focus of grant

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) - A group of universities and community colleges has been collaborating in an effort to obtain federal funding for a program to help college-bound children of migrant workers.

Kansas State University will lead the effort, which will also include the University of Kansas, Emporia State University, Garden City Community College and Kansas City, Kan., Community College.

The $2.1 million grant request Kansas State submitted would be for five years, reach 148 students and provide tuition for 12 credit hours per semester and a living stipend.

The collaboration began after the U.S. Department of Education denied the University of Kansas' grant request to continue its College Assistance Migrant Program. The CAMP program had paid tuition for six credit hours and $750 in living expenses per semester for up to 24 students a year.

When the grant renewal was denied, a group of college officials started discussing how to collaborate and provide services throughout the state, Kansas State's Bob Fanning said. Fanning is director of a program that helps children of migrant workers finish high school and assistant director of Kansas State's English as Second Language program.

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 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.
KU’s Dole Institute announces 2007 public service scholarship recipients

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2007 Dole Public Service Area Scholars
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Bailey Waugh J., Edna, Labette County High School, Pittsburg State University, Biology, 2nd District: Nancy Boyd.
Marsh receives scholarship

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LAWRENCE-- The University of Kansas School of Fine Arts awarded scholarships to McPherson High School graduate Anna Elizabeth Koehn at a recent gallery show.

Koehn was awarded the Pat J. Ellis Art Scholarship, Harley S. Nelson Family Scholarship in the Arts, Donald and Evelyn Louthian Scholarship and the Wendy Talbot Memorial Art Scholarship.

The daughter of Daniel and Kim Koehn is a senior at KU majoring in ArtBFA. Award and scholarship winners were selected by a faculty committee that judged nominated art projects displayed in KU’s art and design building.
GRAHAM RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

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The new scholars were formally announced during a June luncheon meeting at the Dole Institute.
New doctor at Family Health Center, Morris County Hospital

Dr. Melissa Herrman, a family medicine physician, will join the staff at the Family Health Center of Morris County and the Morris County Hospital effective August 1. Dr. Herrman attended Emporia State University, the University of Kansas School of Medicine and recently completed a Family Practice Residency at the Cox Health System in Springfield, Missouri. Dr. Herrman specializes in family medicine with a special interest in obstetrics, women's health and preventive medicine.

Dr. Herrman is married to Tate and they are the parents of twin boys, Nicholas and Kyle.