STUDENT AWARDED GRANT FROM NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

COLUMBUS -- Kate Mueller, a sophomore at The Ohio State University, has been awarded a $2,400 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities Younger Scholars Program. Mueller is a double majoring in philosophy and German at Ohio State.

A 1991 graduate of Massillon Jackson High School, she is the daughter of Rick and Jane Mueller of Altamonte Springs, Fla., formerly of Massillon.

Mueller, who was a National Merit Scholarship finalist, is attending Ohio State on a Distinguished Merit Scholarship.

The Younger Scholars grants, which were started in 1984, are presented to encourage the nation's most promising undergraduate students in humanities to work with faculty in undertaking a research project.

Mueller is the first Ohio State student to receive the Younger Scholars grant. She is one of 82 students in the nation awarded the grant this year.

Mueller will receive $2,000 to support her research this summer. Her project advisor, Dan Farrell, chairperson of the Department of Philosophy, will receive $400.

Mueller's project is titled "Kant's Theory of the State: Discovering Freedom in Society." The aim of her project is to
trace the development of German democracy while focusing on the connections between political philosophy and politics. She will research the political writings of Immanuel Kant, the father of German Idealism, for her project.

Mueller plans to use this project as a stepping stone for her senior honors thesis, which she will write in 1994-95, after a year of study at the University of Hamburg.

Mueller said the project will also help in her intellectual endeavor as a philosophy scholar.

"Although gaining insight into the great and influential writings of Kant will certainly contribute to my intellectual development, the experience of working through this process will, in my estimation, contribute even more to my development as a scholar in the humanities." she said.

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OHIO STATE STUDENT FROM GAHANNA NAMED YOUNGER SCHOLAR

COLUMBUS -- Marcus Orin Jones, a resident of Gahanna and a student at The Ohio State University, has received a Younger Scholars Award from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Jones is the second Ohio State student in two years to receive the honor. Last year, Kate Mueller was recognized.

The award consists of $2,500 to fund research work by an undergraduate student. The award is based on a proposal that the undergraduate student submits on a topic previously unexplored in the humanities.

Jones will study German militarism and the historical and political writings of Hans Delbruck, a German historian of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

"By carefully examining the thought of one of Imperial Germany's most prominent political commentators, I hope to enrich and sharpen our understanding of one of the most consequential eras in Germany history," Jones said in defining his award-winning proposal. He hopes to trace Delbruck's perception of the ideology that contributed to the rise in militarism in Germany.

He will study this summer with Williamson Murray, professor of military history at Ohio State.

Jones is one of 51 students in the United States to receive the Younger Scholars Award this year. He is a 1992 graduate of Gahanna-Lincoln High School.

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