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Kent State University President to Be Guest on PBS 45 & 49 NewsMaker Akron Special

KENT, Ohio — Nov. 22, 2006 — Viewers will have an opportunity to get to know Kent State University President Lester Lefton, in one of his first television appearances, on a special PBS 45 & 49 **NewsMaker Akron** program. **NewsNight Akron** host Vincent Duffy will talk with Dr. Lefton about his background and goals for the university on the special, which airs Friday, Nov. 24 at 9 p.m. on PBS 45 & 49 and repeats on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 5 a.m.

Dr. Lefton became Kent State University's 11th president in July 2006. Prior to his appointment, he was senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at Tulane University. A Boston native, he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Northeastern University. He holds a Ph.D. in experimental psychology from the University of Rochester, where he held a U.S. Public Health Service Predoctoral Fellowship.

About NewsNight Akron

NewsNight Akron airs every Friday night at 9 p.m. on PBS 45 & 49 and offers spontaneous, lively, in-depth discussions about issues that affect the lives of people in greater Akron. Hosted by Vincent Duffy, director of programming and operations at 89.7/WKSU-FM, **NewsNight Akron** features a roundtable discussion with a panel of local journalists that covers both breaking news stories on topics such as education, the community and local business, as well as ongoing subjects including elections and major news stories. Serving as regular panelists on the show are Steve Hoffman, political writer at the *Akron Beacon Journal*; Jody Miller, editor and publisher of *Bath Country Journal*; and Ed Esposito, Joe Jastzremski and Larry States, all of whom are members of the Rubber City Radio Group news staff.

About PBS 45 & 49

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