CANCER RESEARCHERS & THEIR QUEST FOR TAXOL

“LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US.”

HEBREWS 12:1-2
SHOW A TENDER FACE.

“Like the grasses showing tender faces to each other, thus we should do, for this was the wish of the Grandfathers of the World.”
A Lakota visionary named Black Elk said it.
It’s ours to do it.

RESPECT DIFFERENCE

The University of Kansas

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Taxol cannot reach its full potential as a cancer-fighting drug until scientists discover how to replicate the complex molecule.
On the cover: (clockwise from upper left) Researchers Gunda Georg, Les Mitscher, Val Stella and Dick Himes.
Two years ago I tried to kill a story that wouldn’t die. Jerri Niebaum, then staff writer for Kansas Alumni, had written a short feature for our Hilltops section about Gunda Georg, associate professor of medicinal chemistry, who had won a grant from the National Cancer Institute to copy a cancer-fighting substance called taxol.

Taxol comes from the bark of 100-year-old yew trees. Of course, the supply of yews cannot begin to meet cancer patients’ demand for taxol, so Georg wanted to find a way to make more taxol faster.

But she had just begun her research. I was cautious. I also had run out of room on the Hilltops page. Let’s wait and see what Georg comes up with, I told Jerri.

Months later Jerri started to ask more people about taxol. She remembered that Val Stella, professor of pharmaceutical chemistry, had mentioned taxol when she had interviewed him in 1988, after he won the Honor for an Outstanding Progress Educator (HOPE). He was finding new dosage formulas for taxol.

We wondered who else on campus might be working on taxol. Last October Jerri tracked down two more names: Dick Himes, professor of biochemistry, and Les Mitscher, University distinguished professor of medicinal chemistry. Himes wants to pinpoint how taxol kills cancer cells. Mitscher has found a renewable source of taxol in the needles of trees in the Himalayas. The University has been negotiating with pharmaceutical firms to begin supplying the substance from these trees.

The taxol story leaped from the “hold file,” where it had languished. I wanted it on the cover. Jerri raced out to interview the researchers.

But University negotiators put us on hold. “We’ll be ready for your next issue,” the negotiators told us in October. And in December. And in February. We read about taxol in other magazines. The stories mentioned other universities, but not KU. We knew what they were missing, but we couldn’t tell.

Finally the University decided it could wait no longer. Without divulging details of the negotiations, KU announced Mitscher’s discovery. Now we can tell you not only about his breakthrough but also about the other scientists and their painstaking work.

A story like taxol is a rare opportunity. The rewards of University research are not often so easily described—or so powerfully felt by the public. Taxol research could save lives.

Every day we benefit from many university students without even thanking scholars: We use oil found by new drilling techniques. We drive on sturdier bridges. We fly in safer airplanes.

And our children might take classes taught by today’s scientists—or their former students. Remember that Stella, now a University distinguished professor, has won the HOPE award. Stella, Georg, Mitscher and Himes are among eight scholars who work with the Wesley Foundation Scholar Program in Cancer Research, training graduate and postdoctoral students.

Jerri Niebaum, now an assistant editor, found a yew last week at KMart. It wore a heart-shaped tag with a message from a Michigan nursery that promises to save clippings to help make taxol. If you call a 900-phone number, the nursery will donate a portion of the proceeds from the call to taxol development.

Jerri planted the tree in her backyard, where she has put in a garden so huge that there’s barely lawn left to mow. She’s impatient for her green things to grow.

They will, with time. Like research. And good stories.

—Jennifer Jackson Sanner
Class not dismissed

The article “Crunch Time,” (March/April), exposes a perennial problem at KU—never enough money from the state coffers to do the jobs at KU the way they should be done at the state’s “flagship university.” It’s an excellent article.

However, in featuring the exit of Mike Gaines, the article gives the impression—unintentionally, I’m sure—that Mike was the only professor who was teaching Biology 104 during the past 22 years. Many excellent professors besides Mike did teach and are teaching Biology 104.

I taught every academic year and almost every summer session for 15 years. Others, excellent teachers all, who have taught Biology 104 include: Lawrence Woodruff, Robert Hersh, William Coll, Edward Shaw, Kenneth Armitage, Karl Stockhammer, Michael Maher, Sally Frost, Del Shankel and Charles Wytenbach. There are probably others who names I haven’t included.

Biology 104 has always been taught by a coterie of biology professors who were and/or are excellent teachers.

Mike’s exit is a severe loss, but Biology 104 will continue to be well taught at KU.

Eugene C. Bovee
Professor emeritus of biology
Lawrence

Family practice

The article, "Medical Records," (January/February) was interesting. I enjoyed it very much.

But there is a small error in the captions on page 28. The medical college to which the Rockefeller Foundation made grants was the Peking Union Medical College. I am sure that the "Union" came before "Medical" because in Beijing’s (then known as Peking and Peiping) social circles of the 1920s and 1930s it was known by its abbreviation, "PUMC."

I come from a PUMC family. My father was on the teaching staff of the department of otolaryngology in PUMC. Our late Chancellor Ernest Lindley, while on his round-the-world trip in 1940 went to the PUMC hospital for treatment. His contacts with my father resulted in my going to KU, enabling me to join the proud ranks of KU alumni.

M.H. King, e’44
Taipei, Taiwan

A matter of money

As a graduate student employee of the University, I thank you for your story (March/April) regarding the need to improve compensation of graduate employees, including the need for the full fee waiver passed by the Legislature this spring.

While equity alone argues sufficiently for improved compensation, a more competitive package will enable KU to attract and retain a larger share of the best graduate students.

It appears the Kansas Legislature has chosen to point KU down the path toward academic excellence.

Many within the KU community deserve recognition for their hard work toward achieving this result. I hope they can work together to see that higher education remains a top priority.

David A. Reidy Jr.
Philosophy graduate student
Lawrence

A grand prize

Editor’s note: Letters flew in from across the country to help us place the orphan Jayhawk patch pictured on a calendar page of the March/April magazine. It seems the cloth bird must have been a reward for an ancestor who participated in the 46-year-old KU Reading Program.

The program, now sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education, recognizes school children who read a designated number of books. Students first receive a certificate—with a picture of KU’s campus across the top—and a gold seal. If they collect enough gold seals, they receive the Jayhawk patch. Here are a few of the comments we received from alumni who eventually followed their own prized Jayhawks up the Hill.

I started the reading program in 1961 at Nieman Elementary School in the Shawnee Mission school district. I finished in 1965 with four gold seals and a Jayhawk patch like the one pictured.

My parents framed the certificate and the patch for me, so I remember both very well. And I can’t deny that my early familiarity with KU and the University’s attention to me, encouraging me and rewarding me for doing something I loved to do anyway, influenced my decision to complete my undergraduate education there.

Dana Elaine Carr, d’75, g’83
Shawnee

I received my Jayhawk in 1965 at Overland Park Elementary School. I always treasured my “K” Jay, as I called it, and the certificate that sported a picture of the KU campus. I am proud to say that my certificate has four gold stickers, one each for the years 1962-65. At the risk of sounding sentimental I remember carefully adding each one of those stickers, studying the blue-tone picture of the KU campus, and thinking how much I wanted to go to the University of Kansas—whatever it was.

Carl R. Von Fange, c’75, g’78
Lenexa

History in the making

Thanks to the alumni who joined me for the Quantrill’s Raid tours during Alumni Weekend—especially to those of you who shared family stories about the raid. Such memories are vital to historians as we try to complete and preserve the details of the raid, along with other chapters from the state’s early days.

I invite anyone who has family recollections from the raid or the Civil War era to write me. You may put your stories in letter form or record your comments on cassette. I appreciate your help.

Paul Stuewe, g’76, g’80
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Museums

The Museum of Natural History is sponsoring its 25th annual "Summer Workshops for Young People," daily classes for groups of children aged 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 and 10-12 to explore nature at museums across campus. Classes fill early, so call 864-4773 for enrollment information about positions remaining for this year or to get on the mailing list to receive next year's brochure.

June 1-July 31

Also at the museum, view "Robert M. Mengel: A Life With Birds," a collection of drawings and paintings by Mengel, who was curator of ornithology at the Museum and professor of systematics and ecology 1967-1990.

Through Aug. 2

Spencer Museum of Art: Celebrate "Spirit of the Nineties: Contemporary Quilts."

June 13-July 25

and see ceramics by J. Sheldon Carey, KU professor emeritus of glass and ceramic art who invented a technique for creating one-section pots more than three feet tall.

Through Aug. 2

Museum of Anthropology: View "Faces and Figures," masks, puppets, dolls and other artifacts representing the human form.

Through July 26

Kenneth Spencer Research Library: Peruse poems by Walt Whitman in the main gallery.

Through June 30

Music and Dance

Midwestern Music Camp presents junior high bands at 11 a.m. in Murphy Hall.

June 13, 20

Midwestern Music Camp showcases senior high choirs and orchestras at 11 a.m. in Murphy Hall. Senior high bands perform at 2 p.m.

June 27, July 4

Midwestern Music Camp features jazz recitals at 7 p.m. every Friday during the camps. Other faculty and honors recitals are scheduled throughout June. Call the camp office, 864-4730 for information.

June 12-July 3

Theatre

University Theatre performs this year's summer Shakespeare production "As You Like It" at 8 p.m. in Murphy Hall.

July 10-12, 17-19

For tickets to music, dance and theatre events, call the Murphy Hall Box Office, 864-3982.

University Calendar

Summer classes begin

June 2

Independence Day closes offices

July 3-4

Summer classes end

July 24

Community access enrollment for fall is 6-7 p.m. in Strong Hall.

Aug. 18

Fall classes resume

Aug. 24

Summer workshops sponsored by the Museum of Natural History capture young people's interest in nature, June 1-July 31.
Say it ain't so

Eat at Joe's. Kansas tradition demands. Joe's being Joe's Bakery, late-night purveyor of hot, glazed doughnuts and the finest egg-salad sandwiches west of New York.

Lawrence this spring mourned the death of the man behind the dough, Joe Martin Smith. Family members say Smith, who was 65, had been ill for about two years.

Joe never lost his business sense nor his sense of humor. Although he sold the bakery to his son, Ralph, in 1980, he still helped out daily at the venerable Ninth Street doughnut hole. And, as Ralph likes to tell it, “He said that while he was always getting older, his customers stayed the same age.”

What a good Joe.

Wildcare

Refuge Takes Refuge

Budget pressures have forced the University to set free Wildcare, a 12-year-old program that rehabilitates injured wild animals. Previously housed by KU's Animal Care Unit, the organization now will survive on donations.

Wildcare director Nancy Schwarting says the service, staffed almost entirely by volunteers, conducts public-education programs and helps heal more than 1,000 hummingbirds, eagles, squirrels, bobcats and other wild animals.

To continue care for hurt and orphaned critters, supporters this spring formed Wildcare Inc. Schwarting, who was named executive director, plans a yearly budget of about $25,000. Individuals and businesses last year gave about $19,000 in donations and in-kind contributions.

Wildcare Inc. will abandon its Malott Hall nest June 17 to lease a parcel of Sunflower Farm, a KU property east of Lawrence. May the creatures still find comfort.
Deliver the letter the sooner the better

Long lines make for long faces. To eliminate both and to better manage enrollment, the University this spring began a system for students to pay fall 1992 tuition and fees by mail.

After reaching the end of the enrollment lines, students received tuition and fee estimates with their schedules. To keep their fall classes, they must send either the full amounts or $100 deposits by July 31.

By collecting cash early, administrators can add or delete classes before they begin.

Sounds like an idea we've all been waiting for.

To honor the University's busiest bookworm, the KU Friends of the Library this spring dedicated in Chancellor Gene A. Budig's name Mount Oread's 3 millionth volume. Their gift, *Die Historischen Karten zur Entdeckung Amerikas [Historical Maps on the Discovery of America]*, is a limited-edition, German compilation of maps from Columbus' times. The book was first published a century ago.

The oversized atlas, No. 385 in a printing of 650, was updated in 1991 for the 500th anniversary of Columbus' discovery. It now tempts scholars as one of nearly 400,000 volumes in Malott Hall's Thomas R. Smith Map Library, which ranks 12th among its U.S. public university counterparts.

William Crowe, dean of libraries, says the German mapbook also guides attention to an example of the preservation challenge the KU system faces: A copy of the 1892 first edition is among many books that await refurbishing in the Spencer Research Library and could be worthless within a few decades if not soon preserved.

**Graduation Gazette**

Approximate number of degrees conferred: 5,300

Cost to earn a four-year baccalaureate degree: $18,000-$32,000

Cost of cap, gown and tassel for baccalaureate degree candidates: $7

Cost of same for graduate degree candidates: $8

Cost of doctoral hood: $7

Approximate number of diplomas never claimed by 1991 graduates: 200

A "must see" for this year's graduates:

a videotape of the ceremony available from the Division of Continuing Education for $29.95

Length of time (in days) to set up the stadium: 17

Length of time (in days) to clean up the stadium: 7

Number of Facilities Operations employees who set up and clean up: 150

Square yards of red carpet laid for the march into the stadium: 574

Number of potted plants that decorate the stadium: 225

Average length (in minutes) of the procession: 75

Average length (in minutes) of the program: 35

Average time (in minutes) to confer all degrees: 10

Average number of attendees: 25,000

Number of KU police officers on hand: 36 (the entire force)

Average rainfall (in inches) during May: 5

Average rainfall (in inches) during year: 34

Chance for rain during Commencement: good

Last time the ceremony was moved indoors because of rain: 1981

Reason more ceremonies haven't moved indoors: luck

Traditional song that begins the grand march: "The Procession of the Nobles," from Rimski-Korsakov's opera "Mlada Traditional"

Number of other songs played: 5

Average number of times "The Procession of the Nobles" is played: 7

Comment by Commencement Committee Chairman Stephen Grabow about the ceremony:

"It's both a sacred cow and an endangered species."
Ducks declare open season on Jayhawks

Coach Roy Williams this spring lost two assistants faster than the Associated Press could say he was National Coach of the Year. The University of Oregon, it seems, thinks mighty highly of his program.

First the Ducks called Roy's best friend and top assistant, Jerry Green, to head their flock. Green then made his top assistant Mark Turgeon, who had just coached KU's junior varsity to a 22-1 season.

At the annual team banquet, Green said goodbye via videotape; Turgeon promised he would always be a Jayhawk.

After wearing such proud plumage, it's tough to start quacking.

CLASS of their field

Jeff Weinberg tries to smooth students' ways through college. Jim Henry tries to ease their entry into the real world. In March, senior class members embraced the efforts of both men with Citation for Leadership and Achievement in Student Services awards.

Weinberg, d'64, g'70, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, and Henry, d'69, g'70, EdD'76, associate director of the University Placement Center, are the first co-recipients since the CLASS Award was established by the Class of 1987 as a companion to the HOPE, the Honor for an Outstanding Progressive Educator.

Weinberg joined the staff in 1970 after teaching at Lawrence High School. Henry began work at KU as a student in 1967, when he came to the Hill after 15 years of active duty as a Navy pilot and intelligence officer. He retired in 1985 after 31 years of service.

To be thanked by the students is especially memorable, both men say. "To me this is the best award of all," Henry says.

The CLASS from the Class of 1992 is dear to Weinberg because his eldest daughter is a May graduate. Of course, she was not on the selection committee.

After all, Weinberg and Henry needed no special favors.
University fares well in tight budget year

Kansas higher education held its own in this year’s battle of the budget, although a last-minute cut took 1 percent across-the-board and left KU and other Kansas Board of Regents universities feeling slightly bruised. University officials have not yet determined where to trim, but they must remove about $1 million from KU’s Lawrence campus budget and $675,000 from the Medical Center budget, excluding salaries.

Administrators had submitted a budget that they labeled “modest.” They still didn’t get all they had asked for, but with a 3.6 percent Regents budget increase (before the cut), average salary increases of 3 percent, a full tuition and fee waiver for graduate teaching assistants and funding to rebuild Hoch, they call this a winning session.

“The 1992 legislative session was clearly productive for the University of Kansas,” says Chancellor Gene A. Budig. “It protected our academic programs while providing some resources to meet pressing needs.”

The turning point came in late March, when the federal Medicaid program provided $185 million to reimburse Kansas for excess dollars spent on care of indigent patients. Gov. Joan Finney recommended that the state spend $18 million of the one-time funds to rebuild Hoch, which burned when it was struck by lightning last June. The Legislature concurred with Finney’s recommendation, and the University has received $500,000 this year to begin planning. KU will receive another $5.5 million in FY 1993, and the balance will come in 1994 and 95.

Administrators hope that Hoch, which provided 7.3 percent of KU’s teaching space before the fire, will be open for classes by fall 1995. The new interior will include a 1,000-seat hall, two 500-seat halls, four 50-seat classrooms and office space. Half of the building will house stacks for the adjacent Apanrch Science Library. An overhead passageway will connect the two buildings.

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The Legislature passed a FY 1993 Regents budget that included an overall increase of 3.6 percent, then at the last minute cut 1 percent from the top.

Administrators now must decide which appropriations to trim.

Also topping administrators’ priorities for the session was the issue of salaries. The Legislature provided faculty and classified staff salary increases that will average 2.5 percent beginning July 1 and will go up another 1 percent in January. Salaries are separate from the general-use budget bill and are not affected by the 1 percent cut.

Although KU had wanted a 5 percent salary increase, Budig says the smaller amount still will help the University remain competitive. “We protected our salary base at a time when many universities are facing deep faculty and staff reductions,” he says. “KU is not… Even though our faculty and staff deserve more, they should be able to maintain their current positions relative to other colleges and universities.”

Thomas Beisecker, courtesy associate professor of communications studies and chairman of the Faculty Senate executive committee, hopes the increase will be enough to prevent faculty flight. Earlier this spring, two top-ranked faculty members announced their resignations, citing budget difficulties as one reason for leaving (See Kansas Alumni, March/April).

“This puts us in a holding pattern,” Beisecker says. “But does it solve the faculty salary problem at KU? No. We hope legislators next year will address the inequities that still exist. We have reason to believe we’re moving in the right direction.”

D. Kay Clawson, executive vice chancellor for the Medical Center, also is concerned that the gains are inadequate. Because salaries in private medical practice have been accelerating at nearly twice KU’s rate, he says, the public positions are losing their appeal. “Our people who make from $62,000 to $65,000,” he
New job spurs Meyen to take stock of past

Like many people who receive a handsome promotion, Edward Meyen, named April 9 as the new executive vice chancellor for the Lawrence campus, thanks mentors and colleagues who have helped him along the way.

But Meyen also credits a spotted Poland China pig.

As a high-school student in his small hometown of Sutherland, Neb., Meyen studied vocational agriculture. He entered a contest and won the pig from Sears Roebuck. While raising the pig for his school project, he decided he wanted to teach vocational agriculture. He would need to go to college.

"That pig may not have qualified me to be executive vice chancellor, but it caused me to think about going to college," Meyen says. "My family had not had those opportunities."

When his family moved to Denver, Meyen found out he couldn't qualify for Colorado State University's vocational agriculture program because he had never lived on a farm. Taking a friend's advice, he enrolled at Colorado State College at Greeley, where a faculty member turned his interest toward special education. He then began a career that indeed prepared him to become an executive vice chancellor.

Meyen, 54, earned his master's at Greeley and his doctorate from the University of Iowa. He joined the KU faculty in 1973 as professor and chairman of the department of special education. In 1978 he became associate vice chancellor for research, graduate studies and public service, working with then-vice chancellor Frances Horowitz. Eight years later he became dean of education, directing the transition to the five-year degree program.

He will begin his new job this summer, succeeding Del Shankel, who has served as interim executive vice chancellor since 1990, when Judith Ramaley left KU to become president of Portland State University.

The School of Education will be led by acting dean Richard J. Whelan, Ralph L. Smith distinguished professor of child development. Whelan twice has chaired the department of special education and since 1988 has been associate dean for graduate studies and outreach for the education school.

Through his own administrative stints, Meyen has come to know the challenges confronting KU—the most important of which, he says, is improving...
public understanding of higher education, especially research universities. "Typical citizens don't always identify the benefits of research, even though they may derive many," he says. "We have to find ways to make the public understand the specific benefits."

And faculty members can offer the best examples, he says. "It's not enough for the public to know that a faculty member teaches two or three courses a semester. Unfortunately, many times that's all the public is told."

Meyen hopes to highlight the research, class preparation, advising, mentoring and public service that demand time from faculty members.

And he hopes to continue his own teaching. He says he will shoulder one course and advise doctoral students.

For now, he is listening to the needs of campus leaders. He learned from Frances Horowitz that a broad context is essential for a top administrator.

He also hopes to emulate Horowitz's attitude. "Her optimism is where we derived our strength. The University is going to face problems and criticism, but you've got to be confident."

"After all, many universities would trade problems with us. They'd trade faculty and students with us. And they'd certainly trade basketball teams."
"I think," Eastman says, "we’ve both earned a summer off."  

Federal office rules
KU properly handled harassment complaints

The U.S. Department of Education has determined that the University appropriately processed sexual harassment complaints filed against two law school faculty members. A report from the department’s Office of Civil Rights reached KU officials May 4. It called the University’s actions timely and equitable.

The findings resulted from an investigation begun last December, after an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union in October had made public the complaints of four current and former students of the law school. The women had requested the ACLU’s help because they didn’t think the University was processing their complaints quickly enough. They had filed separate complaints against two law professors in May and June 1991.

The civil rights office concluded that the University did not violate Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972. The regulations prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities operated by recipients of federal financial assistance. The office also determined that the University had followed its grievance procedures for investigating reported incidents of sexual harassment.

"I am gratified that the Office of Civil Rights has recognized that the University has procedures for addressing complaints and has been following those procedures," says Del Shankel, interim executive vice chancellor. "We are committed to reviewing and improving our procedures and to addressing the concerns of complainants while fulfilling our obligations for due process and confidentiality."

One woman filed a complaint in late May with the Office of Affirmative Action, which resolved the case Oct. 1. Women filed three separate complaints in early June with the Office of Academic Affairs. The University has maintained confidentiality of the proceedings and of both parties in the cases.

Questions about the University’s handling of the cases were addressed this spring by a task force of faculty, staff and students. The committee has recommended that the University:

- include in its definition of sexual harassment specific examples of harassment and harassing language and clarify that harassment can occur between people of the same sex and University rank,
- clarify formal and informal procedures used in harassment cases,
- extend the time limit for action in such cases to one year from the date of incident,
- develop a more centralized system for handling complaints,
- link procedures for handling complaints to other disciplinary procedures,
- define sanctions that may result from findings of sexual harassment,
- develop a clear statement on consensual relations between faculty and students,
- develop a policy to protect the rights of both parties and provide penalties for false charges,
- take steps to increase confidence in the handling of harassment complaints, including regular public reporting of outcomes from hearings or other administrative actions,
- educate the KU community about sexual harassment, both to prevent harassment and to enforce policies.

Shankel hopes to act on the recommendations before the fall semester.
Campaign passes goal and nears conclusion

Alumni, friends and associates of the University now have committed more than $277.3 million toward Campaign Kansas, exceeding the campaign's goal of $177 million.

In some areas, the University's Endowment Association has received even more support than was anticipated, securing funds for the future. However, some areas of need have still not met their goals. As the campaign nears its end June 30, these priorities top the list.

The University's greatest need is for unrestricted dollars. These funds allow the University to venture into new areas of learning and teaching and to respond to changing needs and unforeseen opportunities. KU had hoped for $39.5 million in unrestricted gifts and commitments and so far has received $34.3 million.

In addition, campaign leaders had set a goal of $6 million for museums; gifts and commitments total $4.2 million. And for equipment purchases and repair, the University had wanted $14 million; $10.3 million counts toward that goal.

The campaign has surpassed its target for construction and renovation, receiving $24.7 million for the Lawrence campus and $4.1 million for the Medical Center; the total goal was $28.5 million.

Contributors also have shown strong support for libraries, offering $7.7 million. The University had asked for $6 million.

And program enhancements now exceed $41.3 million; the campaign's modest objective had been $1 million.

Gifts and commitments for students total $35.9 million, including $3 million for scholarship halls. Campaign leaders had hoped to aid students with $23 million. And a goal of $22 million for faculty support has been exceeded with gifts that total more than $26.6 million.

Gifts benefit students, unrestricted accounts

Three recent Campaign Kansas gifts will help boost the track program, provide academic merit scholarships and support unrestricted needs.

Kermit D., P'55, and Beverly B. Hollingsworth, Scottsdale, Ariz., have committed $35,000 for scholarships for students who participate in track and for students who live in scholarship halls. Their gift is made through a charitable remainder trust.

A former resident of Battenfeld Scholarship Hall, Kermit Hollingsworth lettered in track and in 1953 was Big Eight high-jump champion. An Alumni Association annual member, he is a retired pharmacist with Eli Lilly & Co. Beverly Hollingsworth is a retired registered nurse. They are members of the Chancellors Club, KU's major-donor organization.

"I attended KU on athletic and scholastic scholarships," Kermit Hollingsworth says. "I want to provide for somebody else the same opportunity I had."

Helen Buchenau Seymour, C'27, Houston, has pledged $100,000 to establish the Frank, Elizabeth and Helen Seymour Memorial Scholarship Fund in the School of Social Welfare. A retired social worker with the American Red Cross, Seymour provided the charitable remainder trust in honor of her husband, Frank, C'27, and his sister, Elizabeth Seymour, and included funds from each of their estates. They died in 1990.

As a student Helen Seymour lived in the Wankanta Cooperative House, an early scholarship living group. A life member of the Alumni Association, she and former housemates have circulated a round-robin letter for 65 years. "Our love for the University and for each other," she says, "still shines bright."

Chancellor Emeritus Raymond F. Nichols, C'26, G'28, has pledged $25,000 for unrestricted use and scholarships. From the gift, $5,000 will supplement the Clytie Nichols Fund, an undergraduate scholarship fund he began with $6,000 at the death of his wife. Clytie Wiley Nichols, D'31, in 1977. The fund shows preference for freshmen from Larned; both Ray and Clytie grew up in Pawnee County near Larned.

The remainder of Nichols' recent gift will support the University's unrestricted endowment fund. "Mr. Nichols has left a legacy that will not soon be forgotten," Del Shankel, interim executive vice chancellor, says, "not only in financial resources but in time and energy devoted to the University."

Nichols began his KU career when he became executive secretary in 1929. He served as vice chancellor from 1962 to 1965 and as chancellor from 1972 until his retirement in 1976. A 1969 winner of the Distinguished Service Citation, he in 1977 received the Fred Ellsworth Medalion, the Alumni Association's highest honor for service to the University. Clytie Nichols received the Fred Ellsworth Medalion in 1975. Nichols is a life member of the Alumni Association and an honorary member of the Association's Board of Directors. He belongs to the Chancellors Club and the Endowment Association Board of Trustees.

DO UNTO OTHERS: Kermit Hollingsworth says he could not have attended KU without track and academic scholarships. Now he and his wife, Beverly, are giving future students a head start.

GOOD NEIGHBOR: Nichols, who lives just south of campus, has devoted more than six decades of service to the University. His gift will continue his support for many more years.

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Softball team scores World Series berth

To hell with high drama. Kansas had had its fill of cliffhanger softball games with Big Eight nemesis Oklahoma State. With a trip to the eight-team Women's College World Series at stake, the host Jayhawks rocked the Cowgirls, 4-0, May 16 to sweep the double-elimination NCAA Region VI Tournament and turn Jayhawk Field into a dusty dance floor.

Amid the tears and hugs, of course, a cooler of water poured down on Coach Kalum Haack, who hoped he might be doused one more time, about a week later in Oklahoma City, site of the NCAA championships May 20-24.

The regional championship put 11th-ranked Kansas, 45-8, in the College World Series for the first time since NCAA sponsorship began in 1982. Under former Coach Bob Stanscliff, the Jayhawks had reached the AIAW College World Series twice and had advanced to regional NCAA games in 1983, 1985 and 1986.

"This is the greatest feeling ever," said Christy Arterburn, a senior shortstop from Hialeah, Fla. "We said we wanted to win the Big Eight, and we didn't do that. But we didn't lose confidence."

I'll take this over the Big Eight anytime.

In a sense, the Jayhawks recaptured Big Eight supremacy by beating the Cowgirls in their most critical meetings of the year.

Two weeks earlier, Kansas had dropped a pair of 1-0 decisions—including a 24-inning marathon that was the longest game in league history—to OSU in the Big Eight Tournament. After their second-place conference finish, Kansas players pitched for another shot at the sixth-ranked Cowgirls, whom they'd defeated three times in the regular season. They got it when the NCAA sent Oklahoma State and Western Illinois to KU for the May 15-16 regional.

Western Illinois went home quickly, losing 4-0 to KU and 2-0 to OSU. Then, in the final Friday contest, the Jayhawks eked past the Cowgirls, 1-0, on a bases-loaded walk in the eighth inning. OSU needed a sweep the next day. Kansas refused to hand over the broom.

In the title game, which appropriately started at high noon, a dramatic defensive play set the stage for a KU victory. With runners on first and second and two out in the bottom of the second inning, an OSU base hit to left looked like it would score the game's first and perhaps only run—all but one of their seven previous games had ended 1-0.

But senior left fielder Jennifer Frost rocketed the ball to junior catcher Erin Wahaus, who blocked the plate and held on in a brutal collision to end the inning. "That," Haack said, "was the biggest play of Jennifer Frost's life....I'm just glad nobody was hurt."

Then, with two outs and facing a 3-2 count in the top of the third, Camille Spitaleri smashed a line-drive single to right-center that easily scored Kelly Bongatti from second base. Kansas weathered another OSU threat in the fourth, then tacked on three insurance runs in the seventh.

"I was just happy we were aggressive," said Haack, who in his fifth year at KU earned Big Eight and Midwest Region Coach of the Year honors. "I told them that when we come out hard, hit the ball and play aggressively, the sky's the limit. We didn't hold back."

Kansas' intensity, he figured, had something to do with senior Spitaleri. A .352 hitter with five homers, 10 doubles and six triples, she was sure to become a three-time All-American at third base.

With Arterburn, she had recorded 121 putouts, 237 assists and seven double plays entering NCAA play and had helped Kansas post a near-perfect .968 team fielding percentage.

"She really sets the tone," Haack said. "She gets her teammates pumped up and gives them confidence. I think she especially gives the pitcher confidence, because she knows if the ball is on the ground toward third, Camille is going to get it and it's going to be an out."

Indeed, sophomore pitcher Stephanie Williams, with a 30-4 record, had little cause for self-doubt. Nevertheless she seemed shaky at the start of the regional title game, so Haack took her aside. "I told her, why the hell do you think you have a 30-4 record?" Haack recalled. "She just mowed them down after that."

If Williams could continue mowing down batters, the Jayhawks figured to fare well in the World Series. Seeded sixth, Kansas first faced third-seeded Fresno State (50-14) May 22. Arizona (No. 2) and Long Beach State (No. 7) composed the top half of KU's bracket. In the other bracket were top-seeded UCLA, No. 4 California-Berkeley, No. 5 Florida State and No. 8 Massachusetts.

Although his players had never advanced so far in NCAA play, Haack was on familiar turf. His alma mater, Sam Houston State, won two NCAA Division II titles when he was an assistant coach and, in two years as an assistant at Nebraska, he helped the Cornhuskers to runner-up and third-place finishes in the Division I College World Series.

"This is more special," Haack said, "because it's my first trip as a head coach. I knew when I came here we had a shot to do this fairly quickly. The support was here from the administration. The facilities were in place. And I knew I could recruit.

"All that matters now is we have a chance to show we belong."

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Living for the City

By Bill Woodard

Urban Issues Confront Aspiring Architects in a Kansas City Studio

Daniels and DeMichele settled on this plan for a landmark riverfront park at the birthplace of Kansas City, Mo.
If St. Louis natives Jack Daniels and Michael DeMichele had their way, Kansas City, Mo., would boast a riverside landmark to rival the Gateway Arch.

As members of KU’s Kansas City-based architecture and urban design studio, the Missourians had a chance to show their bold idea. One of the studio’s 1991-92 projects was to design a historical, archaeological park along Kansas City’s Missouri riverfront to commemorate the city’s founding. So Daniels and DeMichele drafted a grand scheme: a glass monument rising 300 feet and stretching 260 feet on a natural limestone base. Just imagine the post cards. Take that, St. Louis.

But first the two had to sell the dream to their professor, Glen LeRoy, and to Lisa Lassman Briscoe, the Kansas City official who eventually would pitch the studio’s ideas in Washington, D.C., to win funding for the park.

LeRoy and Briscoe put on the brakes. An all-glass structure next to a 19th-century National Historic District? Briscoe and LeRoy didn’t quarrel with the girth of “La Migracion.” They just couldn’t abide the materials. They jokingly named the edifice “the crystal cathedral.”

“To me, it was a little crass, not sensitive to the neighborhood,” says Briscoe, project administrator for the Landmarks Commission of Kansas City’s Planning and Development Department. “I have to be realistic about what I take to the public—especially the National Parks Service.”

After a two-hour tussle, Daniels and DeMichele compromised. They changed the principal materials to canvas and steel, retaining two large expanses of glass that still would offer a western panorama of the river and a window on a large European-style plaza. “It was their choice; Glen left it up to them,” Briscoe says. “My bottom line was that I could not sell the glass palace in Washington.”

Daniels and DeMichele stubbornly defend their glass house, but they say they understood why LeRoy and Briscoe threw stones. “In a way,” DeMichele says, “we lost. But this is where the real-world part of this studio kicks in. In Lawrence, it wouldn’t have mattered if this were glass because no one but the professor was going to see it. But our work might have political impact, so we bowed to their wisdom.”

Far more than the 40 miles of blacktop between, such lessons ultimately separate the Kansas City studio from its Lawrence cousins in Marvin Hall.

Since 1987 KU has stationed one of its fifth-year architecture and urban design studios in the big city. By moving their drafting tables up the interstate, the students have the chance to resolve urban design issues and put their pencils to real projects.

Their home for the fall and spring semesters is the basement of Epperson House, an endearingly aged stone manor on the University of Missouri-Kansas City campus. Equal-opportunity landlord UMKC boards a similarly sized studio of Kansas State architecture students on the second floor. Three days a week, these Jayhawks and Wildcats gather in the large first-floor meeting hall for a required professional-practice class.

In its first at-bat in 1987-88, the studio took a swing at planning the future of Kansas City’s riverfront district. That venture was such a hit that then-Kansas City mayor Richard Berkley appointed LeRoy, associate professor of architecture and urban design, to the Port Authority, which governs riverfront development. Since then LeRoy’s students have won further acclaim from city officials, architects and community groups for envisioning corridors of economic development for the Southtown area, charting renovation of Union Station and its connection to the downtown convention center, and constructing an overview of the city’s parks and boulevards system.

For 1991-92, LeRoy says, “we came full circle, back to the riverfront.” As they created schemes for two proposed city ventures—a downtown light-rail train system and the historical park on the site of the Town of Kansas, birthplace of Kansas City, Mo. (see story, p. 20)—LeRoy’s students once again drew near the Missouri River’s edge and plunged into the choppy currents of local political, business, social and residential interests.

“It’s a dose of reality that we just don’t have in Lawrence,” Jack Daniels says. “When we first started, we made presentations to civic and business leaders almost every week. It was really weird and we used to get stressed out. Nowadays people come in all the time and it’s no big deal.”

The presentations didn’t unnerve fellow student Julie Wellner, e’82, a licensed architect who already runs her own firm and worked for six years as an associate with one of the city’s largest firms. Wellner, 32, with this studio completed her bachelor’s of architecture degree—her ticket to be licensed outside Kansas and Missouri. She says her return to the classroom was unexpectedly fulfilling. “I’d never studied or practiced urban-design issues and, if not for the nature of this studio, I don’t believe I would have gotten anything I didn’t know already,” she says. “I became excited about learning again.”

Because of her experience, LeRoy treated Wellner as a graduate assistant—she helped teach a construction-documents class to her 17 classmates and coordinated the studio’s graphic-arts class at Bishop Hogan High School (see story, p. 20). She also created a brochure on the light-rail project for the Area Transportation Authority.

Both of our projects have immediate relevance for Kansas City,” Wellner says. “We have had to stay within real budgets; we have had to consider all the social and political forces that come to bear on projects of this magnitude. It always drove me crazy in school, for example, that you were told there was a budget but never told how that budget affected what you were designing.”

While there is no fee for students’ work, LeRoy receives funding for expenses. This year the Planning and Development Department’s Landmarks Commission contributed $4,000 for materials to design the archaeological park, and the ATA spent $12,000 to map out the light-rail system. The agencies also hosted public receptions and presentations at Municipal Auditorium and Bartle Hall.

The events each attracted about 300 of Kansas City’s most influential citizens. LeRoy, in his 12th year on the KU faculty, contends that the students’ work in the city should be subject to scrutiny by the public, not just by professors.

In return for modest financial support, the Landmarks Commis-
LeRoy hands his students a tangle of urban issues, then helps them sort the pieces.

Clients are especially grateful for the uninhibited ideas that professionals wouldn’t dare express, LeRoy says. Professionals cannot take the risks that his “kids” can. “What we’re about is the power of vision and ideas,” he says. “We present options, and because this is student work, we have an aura of dismissibility. This allows for public debate. If the work is good, they can say ‘Wow!’ If it isn’t good, they can dismiss it because, after all, it’s just student work.

“Not many people will dismiss it, though.”

And not many have. For instance, local attorney Mike Burke says the studio’s riverfront project in 1987-88 helped focus development. “It had a real seminal effect,” he says. “It established links for various projects, showing the potential for tourism, for recreational use, for private development, for commercial activity.” Burke serves on Kansas City Riverfront Inc., the not-for-profit organization that grew five years ago from the Mayor’s Riverfront Redevelopment Task Force.

“We only have one riverfront,” Burke says. “It’s far more than just coming up with a pretty picture because there are all sorts of constituencies that must be pulled together. Glen understands that.... The students don’t work in a vacuum either. They understand that their ideas, even though they may be ambitious, must also be perceived as workable.”

To make sure their imaginations don’t stray beyond practical boundaries, students sometimes consult the professionals. When choosing their proposed pathways for light rail, the students sought help from Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff, the firm conducting the engineering-alignment analysis. The students knew that runaway costs could derail the project.

“They told us they can’t afford to have the rail turn too many times because it slows down the train, it’s less efficient and costs more to maintain,” says John Ahrens, Lawrence senior. “Also, it’s better to choose streets already wide enough to accommodate light rail, because the federal government looks closely at the dollars-per-mile it costs to do a project.”

Ahrens oversaw construction of a 9-foot-long scale model of downtown Kansas City, Mo., that will shuffle between the ATA offices, City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce. “It’s one thing to talk about vision and another thing to actually see it,” says Jim Pritchett, ATA director of marketing and light-rail planning. 
"Probably the most important work the students do is present possibilities to us and to the public. This model, for example, is a tangible representation of what could happen, and that in itself is pretty exciting."

He particularly likes the fact that the students planned stops for commerce along the light-rail route. For instance, they envision a renovated Muehlbach Hotel—once Kansas City's grandest landmarks—as a hub near the convention center. Such details, Pritchett says, show the students' precocious sensitivity to downtown's long-range concerns.

"This is not just blue skies and Buck Rogers," says Pritchett, who aims to start construction on the downtown light-rail phase by 1996. If the rails run as he hopes, the train ultimately would include stops at the international airport to the north and the sports complex to the east. The ATA, he says, will use the student plan to guide the upcoming studies that precede the request for federal funds.

Likewise, student ideas for the riverfront park will one day be part of the landscape. City Council member George O. Blackwood Jr., '69, a longtime riverfront-development advocate, believes the park soon will take its place as a vital link between the City Market district and the river, where a seafood restaurant already is planned for a renovated wharf building. "It makes eminent sense," he says. "You could call it an idea whose time has come. You could say Lisa Briscoe and Glen LeRoy had more vision than the rest of us. You could say we got lucky, or all of the above."

Because funding for the park remains uncertain, Briscoe says, the KU studio had to create possibilities that demonstrated everything from retention of the site as a historic landmark to its potential as a grand-scale historical, commercial center. The students gave her five options, including Daniels' and DeMichele's toned-down glass citadel. "I feel comfortable trying to sell any one of them," she says.

The setting in which the riverfront project and other work develops could not be duplicated in Lawrence, LeRoy says. Kansas City, with its vast political spectrum, larger population and greater ethnic diversity, provides a richer backdrop. "The students are uncomfortable initially because they lose the relative protection of Marvin Hall," he says. "This situation forces them to be responsible to someone besides their instructor, and I'm on the line as much as they are."

Max Lucas, dean of architecture and urban design, stresses the need for both kinds of studios. "Kansas City is an excellent experience for those students interested in urban design," he says. "It wouldn't necessarily be a good choice for students interested in traditional architectural building design. It would not give them the kind of background they want to have."

LeRoy concurs. "There isn't any litmus test for what architectural education ought to be," he says. "I'm attempting to apply economic, social, political theories to design, rather than spatial theories. They've had four years of spatial theories, and I assume they are reasonably competent designers."

So, unlike more secluded architecture students, LeRoy's students get out a lot: to city hall, local businesses and neighborhoods.

"We walked every single block you see on that downtown model," says Laura Wunderlich, Washington, Mo., senior. "We documented each building's style, use, height, condition. We did historical research. We had meetings with all sorts of people, mixed it up. There's intrinsic value in that alone."

"I'm much more confident now than when I began. When I interview for a job, I'm more relaxed and I know what kinds of questions to ask. I can see where I've come from the four years in Lawrence and I can see where I'm heading after graduation. "It's a good feeling to know you're not lost somewhere in the middle."

Wellner contributed a decade of experience.
At Hogan High,

**KU students teach skills for design—and college survival**

Danny Kiefer’s computer-designed, balsa-wood bridge was a thing of beauty. But it collapsed when Glen LeRoy tested its strength.

“IT had a weak point and it twisted apart,” says Kiefer, a senior at Kansas City’s Bishop Hogan High School whose drawing and painting skills have earned him an art scholarship to the University.

But LeRoy didn’t chide him. “He helped me understand why it fell apart.” Kiefer says of the KU associate professor of architecture and urban design. “He helped me apply trigonometry and geometry somewhere besides math class.”

The School of Architecture and Urban Design’s Kansas City studio this spring concluded its second year of teaching “Graphic Communications for Technical Professions” at the inner-city parochial school near the UMKC campus. KU students earn three hours credit for sharing with LeRoy the duties of planning, teaching and grading the graphic-arts course for a dozen high-school juniors and seniors.

Sister Barbara Aldrich, Hogan’s principal, says limited finances have prompted the school to form partnerships with higher education. These include the KU-taught graphic-arts class, physics courses through Rockhurst College and a course in early childhood care through Penn Valley Community College.

“We couldn’t possibly provide this diversity of class offerings any other way,” says Mary Kay Heili, director of development, who first approached LeRoy about the project. Heili says Hogan needed help after the retirement of a nun who had taught, among other subjects, drafting. The school dropped the course, but after students petitioned to restore it, Heili turned to LeRoy, a fellow parishioner at nearby St. Peter’s Catholic Church. LeRoy proposed expanding the course to include more fluid drawing methods and computer skills, and the collaboration began.

Minority students account for 87 percent of Hogan’s 200-student enrollment, and 90 percent of Hogan graduates pursue post-secondary education. One of the school’s most daunting tasks, Sister Aldrich says, is convincing teen-agers from disadvantaged backgrounds that they can succeed in and beyond high school. “Many come here not believing they can attend college, and not just because they can’t afford it,” she says. “We have to convince them that they are smart enough, that they are capable.”

So while the graphic-arts class may improve her students’ drawing and drafting, Sister Aldrich says, their interaction with LeRoy’s students also instructs. The KU students answer questions about tuition costs, scholarships and college life in general. “When the KU students mention they are stressed from working on a project,” Sister Aldrich says, “it sends a strong message to our kids. They see how hard they must work to be successful, but they also see that it is possible for them to achieve success.”
MEMENTOS of a city's childhood are central to proposed park

A Civil War tradesman's token, a bone toothbrush and an old doorknob have opened the way for an archaeological park on the banks of the Missouri River.

The relics were uncovered this spring during excavations of the Town of Kansas, birthplace of Kansas City, Mo. Mary Adair, archaeologist and collections manager at the Spooner Museum of Anthropology, and four KU students dug eight test plots—and hit pay dirt in three. The archaeological team shared its findings with Glen LeRoy's architecture and urban design studio, which has developed five options for a proposed park on the site.

"Most cities develop right on top of their original roots, but Kansas City is different," says John Hedden, g'92, Adair's field assistant and archivist who in May received his master's degree with honors. The unearthed clues have convinced them that there are intact archaeological deposits that could help tell the history of the city and of America's westward expansion.

Located just north of the City Market district, the four-block area by the Missouri River gathered residences and commerce for settlers as far back as 1821 and was a chief outpost first for steamboat trade, then for wagon trains on the Santa Fe Trail and later for railroads. Fortunately for archaeologists, the parcel has been virtually undisturbed since its abandonment as an industrial area in the early 1900s. Excavation continues this summer through the Kansas Archaeological Field School, a course offered jointly by KU and Kansas State University.

Spurred by reports in the local media last year that the city hoped to develop the site as a historical park, Adair, g'77, g'81, Ph.D.'84, proposed KU's involvement to the City Planning and Development Department, which blessed her request with a $10,000 grant for a study to determine whether the site had archaeological significance.

Before they turned a spade of dirt, Adair and Hedden first dug into city records, dusting off old tax rolls, deeds, titles, plats, atlases. They also plundered local newspaper files. "I think of it as detective work," Hedden says. "You want to rediscover the people who were the shakers and movers of their time, so you transport yourself back by reading the newspapers from the period. If you know who the editor is and where he's sitting when he's looking out the window and writing that two new buildings are going up just south of his building, you know better where to dig."

Their shovels revealed intact mid-19th-century artifact deposits and intact architectural remains. Among the other finds were the hand of a tiny porcelain figurine, a metal clothes fastener, several porcelain bottle stoppers and numerous fragments of dishes, medicine containers, ink wells and beer bottles—the last in great abundance because several breweries bubbled along the riverfront in the 1800s. Some of the heirlooms were exhibited in April at the KU architecture and urban design studio's Town of Kansas presentation.

The city is negotiating to purchase the site from the Kansas City Terminal Co. and other railroads, says Lisa Lassman Briscoe, project administrator for the department's Landmarks Commission.

She says the KU archaeologists have helped demystify their field for the general public. "Most people experience archaeology in museums, which are sterile environments," she says. "We intend for park visitors to experience archaeology firsthand, perhaps even going underground and looking at the stratigraphy, seeing the artifacts in place."

Based on the initial excavation, Adair is urging the city to fund a second dig at former building sites—a scattering of stone foundations are still visible. Meanwhile, Hedden will direct the six-week summer field school.

Typically, Hedden says, the field school has searched for prehistoric artifacts at various northeast Kansas sites. This will be the school's first historic dig and its first study of what early city-dwellers left behind. Urban archaeology has thrived in the past decade, he says.

"There's a definite interest in America now to retrace our cultural history," he says. "The oral tradition has pretty much died off, so we've lost that direct link to the past. But through research and archaeology we can rediscover what happened in that time period."

It seems archaeologists—and the rest of us—can learn to treasure history's trash.

Hedden and Adair unearthed foundations from the Town of Kansas.
THE

Taxol, a drug derived from slow-growing yew trees, is the latest hope for cancer patients. But the miracle remains in the distance.

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Scientists are working fast to fix taxol’s flawed vexing side effects, a structure that’s maddening to copy, and a dwindling natural supply.

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Amid the clamor for answers, KU researchers close in on safer treatment, smoother synthesis, and a new, more plentiful source.

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BY SYNTHETICALLY PRODUCING AND ALTERING A CHAIN OF ELEMENTS ON ONE SIDE OF THE TAXOL MOLECULE, GUNDA GEORG WORKS TO DISCOVER A RENEWABLE AND MORE EFFECTIVE VERSION OF THE DRUG. SHE'S GETTING CLOSE.

Researchers spend their careers chasing insights down the halls of science. Their strides are long and measured; now and then they peek over their shoulders to check on the competition. Sometimes an inspiration urges them toward a sprint.

A breakthrough in cancer research has sent them running breathlessly. Taxol, a molecule contained in yew trees, has shown remarkable strength against some of the toughest human cancers. Preliminary tests by the National Cancer Institute have shown that 35 percent of patients with refractory ovarian cancers—tumors that resist other drugs—respond to taxol. A few now are cancer-free. And a first trial of taxol in early-stage breast cancer patients has produced positive results in almost half.

"We have seen complete remissions with taxol," says Matthew Sueness, NCI’s program director for grants in the division of cancer treatment. "The duration of those remissions has been in some cases a few months; in some, a year. Most have been partial remissions, with more than a 50 percent reduction of the tumor but not a complete eradication.

"But we are definitely seeing an increase in survival."

In response, experts in the United States and Europe are beating paths toward something even better. Their toughest obstacle is taxol’s limited supply. So far the only form deemed safe for clinical use comes from the bark of Pacific yew trees. To treat one patient, at least three 100-year-old trees must be felled.

"The race is on to find a better taxol," says Gunda Georg, associate professor of medicinal chemistry. And Georg, who in 1990 received a three-year, $300,000 NCI grant to develop a semi-synthetic source of taxol, is among scientists who are setting the pace.

Georg’s research begins with a substance called baccatin III, a major part of the taxol molecule that is abundant in yew needles and could be harvested without killing the trees. After extracting the baccatin III, she connects a chain of elements that she designs in the laboratory to complete the copycat taxol. She has so far designed eight of these taxol analogues for testing by NCI. As Kansas Alumni went to press, she had reviewed test results from two and found that the molecules killed cancer cells as well as taxol but not better. She will continue to make tiny structural changes until she finds a new, improved version.

But Georg isn’t cloistered in her laboratory, preparing to emerge one day with a test tube full of the magic formula. She knows that she and other researchers must collaborate if cancer patients are to get their taxol sooner. So she organized a symposium on taxol during the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society April 7-9 in San Francisco. Her initiative paid off. The 850-seat auditorium of the downtown Marriott hotel was overflowing.

Among those seated on the floor was another KU researcher at the forefront of taxol research. Lester A. Mitscher, University distinguished professor of medicinal chemistry. Mitscher, whose work takes him around the world in search of novel plants for use as medicines, has developed a method for extracting taxol and baccatin III from the needles of a yew tree found in the Himalayan region of Asia. The University’s April 20 announcement of his discovery won international press attention.

Mitscher found the trees with the help of a former KU associate, Rao Gollapudi, g’82. Gollapudi led him to the trees about two years ago after Mitscher had attended a conference on taxol and had set out to find a renewable source. Gollapudi now is a researcher at Fujisawa Lyphomed, a Chicago pharmaceutical firm. The researchers and the University are...
Mitscher

The leaves of an ornamental yew tree in the Himalayas are rich in taxol. Les Mitscher knows where to find the trees and how to harvest the drug. Now he hopes a pharmaceutical firm will translate his discovery into new hope for cancer patients.

pitching the discovery to pharmaceutical firms in hopes of becoming a major taxol supplier.

Meanwhile other scientists on the Hill cultivate other branches of taxol research. Valentino J. Stella, University distinguished professor of pharmaceutical chemistry, has patented produgs of taxol—modifications of the molecule—that may be as effective as plain taxol but less toxic. Stella holds a contract with NCI to test new compounds and has assisted the development of taxol dosages safe for humans.

At a more basic scientific level, Richard H. Himes, professor of biochemistry, has studied the biological activity of taxol, which kills cancer differently from all other cancer chemotherapies. By better understanding taxol, he says, scientists can make it work more efficiently and can look for other more abundant materials that might provide a similar action. Himes has ready access to alternative forms of taxol: He regularly tests substances for Georg, Mitscher and Stella.

Researchers nationwide consider taxol the hottest cancer drug to emerge in 10 to 15 years. But taxol first appeared in the nation’s laboratories nearly 30 years ago—with little fanfare. Monroe Wall and M. C. Wani of Research Triangle Institute, N.C., discovered it in 1964 among thousands of plant and animal by-products they tested for NCI’s natural-products screening program. With assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, NCI from 1960 to 1981 tested moss, lichens, fungi, molds, trees, insects and animal extracts in search of substances that might fight cancer. The tests found taxol.

But the substance remained an obscure anomaly until 1979, when Susan Horwitz, a biologist at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, figured out why it killed cancer. While some anti-cancer drugs work by destabilizing a protein that helps cells divide, taxol actually super-stabilizes the protein, she found, glueing it in place so cells cannot divide. This mechanism excites scientists. Never before have they found a drug that works this way.

The drug is particularly captivating to Dick Himes, a specialist in enzymes and proteins who has devoted much of his life’s work to a protein called tubulin—the key to taxol’s action.

Tubulin forms tiny, hollow tubes called microtubules, which provide a scaffolding to support cells throughout the body. When a cell gets ready to divide, its chromosomes position themselves in the center of a football-shaped skeleton of microtubules. Before the cell divides, the microtubules bond with the two sets of chromosomes. The football then pulls apart, helping the chromosomes separate.

"Obviously, if you can do something to stop the functioning of the microtubules," Himes says, "you’ve stopped cell division." Drugs that interfere with cell division work especially well against cancer because tumor cells divide rapidly. That’s why rapidly dividing normal cells, such as hair cells, also die during chemotherapy treatments, causing hair loss; damage to intestinal cells causes patients to vomit.

Himes for more than a decade has studied a class of natural plant compounds, vinca alkaloids, that kills cancer by combining with tubulin and preventing its formation into microtubules. Now his fascination is taxol, which uses a different but potent tactic. Taxol sticks to microtubules after they form, preventing them from functioning.

Himes keeps a steady supply of tubulin that he isolates from the brains of cattle. (The slaughterhouse in DeSoto provides the raw materials.) He has developed a series of tests to determine whether compounds brought in by Georg, Stella or Mitscher are gumming up microtubules as well as taxol does. Himes also tests new compounds against tumor cultures.

But Himes’ interest in taxol goes beyond lab work for his colleagues. He wants to figure
out exactly where the tubulin and taxol link. With Georg, he has set out to find the answer by using a process called photo affinity labeling. By marking the taxol with light-sensitive chemicals, they can trace its point of contact with the tubulin. By understanding the connection, he says, chemists—including Georg—could design a molecule that might fit even better.

"If you can design a drug differently so that it bonds better," he says, "lower concentrations are needed for the desired effect. And that means less toxicity for the patient."

NCI began preliminary clinical tests of taxol in the early 1980s. Only the sickest patients could participate. NCI didn’t expect to cure anyone, only to see how the drug and the body would interact. As Life magazine stated in a May 1992 article, the early tests were to determine "what kind of doses kill cancer, and what kind of doses kill people.” In 1983 a patient died.

After nearly abandoning taxol research, NCI officials instead decided to devote new resources to developing a better dosage formula for taxol. They called on Val Stella at KU for help. Stella, PhD ‘71, has been studying how to help cancer drugs reach their targets since he took over KU's contract with NCI in 1983. His work is funded by $225,000 a year through the contract, initiated in 1979 by Stella's mentor and a KU legend, the late Takeru Higuchi, Regents distinguished professor of pharmacy and pharmaceutical chemistry, who died in 1987.

"We're sort of the trouble-shooters for the NCI," Stella says. "Our job is to come up with dosage forms that could be used initially in animals and ultimately in humans."

Stella's early work with taxol included a study of injection materials. He found that patients were receiving a fair amount of a plasticizer, used to keep IV tubing pliable, along with their medication because the plasticizer bonded with the injected liquid on its way into the body. "So you have very sick patients," he says, "receiving something that's reasonably toxic." Stella in July 1991 published an article in American Journal of Hospital Pharmacy that describes alternative materials that can safely line IV tubes.

A stickier problem with taxol is its insolvability. In its pure form taxol is a "brick," Stella says; the body simply can’t tolerate injection of solid materials. Stella and other researchers have found materials that dissolve this "brick" and smooth its transition into the body—the most common is a modified detergent. But most bodies reject the stuff. In early trials, as many as 50 percent of patients went into shock because of an allergy to the detergent. To limit the reaction, physicians must administer dosages of steroids or antihistamines that can prepare patients for treatment. They now administer the drug through an IV, drip by tiny drip, over 24 hours.

But taxol causes other woes. Although more discriminating than many cancer chemotherapies, taxol damages some healthy cells along with the cancerous ones. Doctors often can’t give patients enough to kill cancer without also destroying vital nerve tissues and bone marrow. NCI researchers discovered recently that when they supplement taxol treatments with drugs to boost bone-marrow production, they are able to increase the taxol dosage and improve their results. But such research has only just begun; many more combinations of drugs must be tested before taxol can reach its full potential.

Meanwhile Stella for the past five years has worked to develop a prodrug—a modified taxol molecule—that could battle cancers as well as taxol without exposing patients to danger from the detergent. Stella revealed his findings in an article he co-authored with Dick Himes and several assistants in the January 10, 1992, edition of the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry. By linking various strings of elements to two separate sections of the taxol molecule, the researchers discovered numerous combinations that killed cancer cells as well as taxol with less toxicity.

In October 1990 Stella used grant money to

By attaching various elements to the taxol molecule, Val Stella has made modified versions of the drug that kill cancer as well but are less toxic. He has filed national and international patents for these and any similar "prodrugs" and holds a contract with Bristol-Myers Squibb for their development.
file a broad-based patent in the United States to cover several of the compounds and any new ones that work with a similar mechanism. He then recruited Bristol-Myers Squibb, the nation's second-largest pharmaceutical firm, to pay for and defend foreign patents in nearly every nation of the world. In exchange, Bristol-Myers controls development of any commercial products that result from discoveries included in the patent.

Stella anticipates that his prodrugs won't reach patients much before the year 2000. "If Bristol-Myers said tomorrow, 'We're going to put all our energy into developing Val Stella's taxol prodrug,' it could probably be done in five years," he says. "But I don't see the company making that kind of commitment. They're still at the stage of trying to figure out how to get taxol out of the bark of yew trees."

Although researchers are beginning to develop a renewable taxol source, the bark of yews remains the only supply that has been tapped for clinical use. But the costs—both actual and environmental—of cutting three or more 100-year-old trees to treat one patient are exorbitant. The scenario pits cancer patients against nature in a fight for survival and has churned debate among scientists, environmentalists and ethicists. A sore spot for some has been the endangered Northern spotted owl that nests in yew trees of the northwestern United States, now the healthiest source of taxol-rich bark.

Meanwhile researchers cling to a tree that already has fallen on hard times: For years loggers have cut the scraggly yews to make way for valuable Douglas firs and other trees. Scientists scramble to get enough taxol for their research before the prototype disappears.

NCI in 1991 signed over the responsibility for gathering taxol to Bristol-Myers Squibb. The firm has agreed to supply enough taxol for clinical trials in exchange for exclusive access to NCI data on taxol. Bristol-Myers is preparing to file for new-drug approval this summer, NCI's Matthew Suffness says. And a study of 300 patients launched by NCI this year—the broadest study so far—will become the basis for the firm's marketing strategy. Although Suffness is reluctant to estimate how long the Food and Drug Administration will spend with the application, he expects the agency's full attention. "It obviously will be given a fast-track for review," he says. "[Approval within] a year from now wouldn't surprise me. But that's really just a guess."

And approval will only intensify the demand on taxol's short supply. In anticipation of a market boom, Bristol-Myers already has signed contracts with researchers who are on their way to producing a synthetic form of the drug. Les Mitscher offers an alternative.

Throughout most of history, humans have relied on flowers, herbs, barks and other plant materials for medications. "Some familiar ones," Mitscher says, "are digitalis, used for congestive heart failure. There's penicillin. And surely everyone knows about morphine. There are important anti-cancer drugs that also come from natural sources. The garden periwinkle is used for certain kinds of cancers. Quinine for malaria... There's an ancient tradition of these things."

But unfortunately the plants don't grow with Rx numbers marked on their stamens—or with child-proof caps. So scientists have to tangle with a bunch of them in order to determine which are poisons and which are miracles. Mitscher enthusiastically accepts the task. "Nature's imagination," he says, "is much better than any chemists."

Mitscher has traveled the world in search of specimens. "This year I've been in Egypt, Panama, Denmark, Pakistan, Cameroon," he says. "I've collected on every continent except Antarctica." He catalogs plants used as medicine by indigenous people: He currently is fascinated by a species used as an antibiotic by local populations throughout Panama, Puerto Rico, Nigeria, Kenya, India and...
Malaysia. "We go through probably 1,000 plant extracts," he says, "to get 100 keepers. Of those, one might amount to something."

So the discovery of taxol—and its short supply—naturally caught Mitscher's attention. In 1990 he participated in a conference organized by NCI director Samuel Broder. When he returned, he met with his associate Rao Gollapudi, who knew of a Himalayan yew tree related to the yews of the northwestern United States. Fresh samples revealed that the needles of the Asian trees were rich in taxol.

But the drug degrades shortly after the leaves are cut, so Mitscher has developed a process for extracting the taxol quickly. He also has established contacts with an Indian firm to provide more materials. "We've confirmed that there are substantial amounts of yew trees there, and we've isolated pure taxol from these materials so that it's not an analytical artifact. It's not something that masquerades as taxol. It is taxol."

Mitscher also has helped to set up a plantation of Himalayan yew trees. Although he says "it's too soon to tell if it's working," he hopes to discover that with careful cultivation the leaves of younger trees can be harvested for their taxol. "The trees take up to 150 years to grow," he says. "The need is today."

As news of taxol's discovery spreads, patients become more and more desperate for the drug. Researchers nationwide have reported hundreds of telephone calls from patients and family members begging for taxol. At Florida State University, a man was caught wandering the halls in search of taxol for his mother, who was dying of breast cancer.

KU has not reported similar incidents, but to protect their work—and anyone desperate enough to mess with it—researchers keep their taxol under lock and key. "This is not a home remedy," Mitscher says. "It's not willow bark for making a tea. This is something that, no matter how desperate people are, they need to get through legitimate, medical channels. Otherwise they could kill themselves."

Susan Arbuck, a clinical research scientist at NCI, has seen firsthand the critical need for more taxol. Since NCI signed the agreement with Bristol-Myers last fall, Arbuck says, 1,000 women with refractory ovarian cancer have received taxol on a compassionate basis from NCI. Many women could benefit from the treatment: In 1989, she says, 12,000 women died from ovarian cancer and another 43,000 women died of breast cancer. But NCI cannot afford to use up its limited taxol supply for patients who might do just as well with drugs that are less scarce. "Although we hope taxol will work," Arbuck says, "it may not. We could treat many women with a drug that is in small supply just to see that it is not working."

We're waiting for alternative supplies to become a clinical reality."

Gunda Georg heeds the urgency of the task she shares. "Women out there are waiting to be admitted for treatment," she says. "So it's an ethical problem of who you're going to give the material to for research. You can't just give it to people to play around with."

So Georg uses an analytical scheme that uses very little taxol to get very big results. A specialist in medicinal chemistry, Georg has applied a fairly simple technique—called the Topliss Scheme—to chart combinations of elements that might change the taxol molecule just enough to make it better without curtailing its potency. She expects to have 10 analogues ready for testing by the end of the year. "These compounds may all have good activity," she says, "but they could also have some special properties that might be good for drug development. For example, if we could show that some of the substituents we are introducing would enhance solubility, that would be extremely useful."

Meanwhile Georg's competitors are hot on taxol's trail. During the American Chemical Society conference in April, Stanford scientist Paul Wender was swarmed by the national press when he announced that he had pieced together critical parts of taxol and would soon have an all-man-made molecule. Also fielding calls from reporters is Robert Holton at Florida State University, who last May patented his own semi-synthetic form of taxol. He now holds a contract with Bristol-Myers to develop the product. And French researcher Pierre Potier during the symposium spoke for the first time in the United States about taxotere, his semi-synthetic derivative of taxol now under clinical investigation by the French pharmaceutical firm Rhone-Poulenc Rorer.

Although she admits the race to find a new taxol is fast and furious, Georg focuses still on the direction of the entire pack rather than the finish line. That's why she decided last August to organize the taxol meeting, which was added to the conference agenda as a "late-breaking" symposium. "Normally you have a lag time of possibly nine months between completing the research and publishing the results," she says. "At a conference you will hear those results much earlier. I think it brings the field forward."

Georg can't help but enjoy all the excitement—medicinal chemists don't often make headlines—but she does worry that, with all the attention to taxol, the public sees giant leaps where she and her colleagues have made small steps.

For instance, she guarded her optimism about Wender's announcement. "I thought he was going to reveal that he had finished the total synthesis," she says. "That's the rumor that I had heard. That was not the case. We still have a long way to go, and certainly somebody like Wender is going to get there eventually."

But even when he does, she says, Wender's synthetic taxol will be more beneficial to other researchers than to cancer patients, who still must wait for scientists like Stella to develop taxol into a drug that can fend off their disease without hurting them. The most valuable lesson from the conference, she says, is that "this is a damn hard problem. And it's going to take a little longer than we thought."

"If you read the statistics, it's not that taxol is curing every cancer there is. People are very excited about taxol, but the results are showing only about a 40 percent remission rate in ovarian cancer. That's pretty good, but it's far from 100 percent."

"What's really exciting is that taxol is a new lead."

Although she led the symposium, Georg did not make a big splash of her own while in San Francisco. In fact she had to turn down an invitation to the national press conference because she was busy lectures about her taxol analogues. One paper about her work was published this spring in Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters, and another is under review by the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry. She did give the popular press part of her time later in the week: She was interviewed for a regional CBS broadcast and for a feature by "Impact Environmental Reports," a national syndicate that covers environmental issues.

Since the University released news of Mitscher's discovery, he has spent hours answering phone calls from the press. The day after he was featured in a Wall Street Journal article, the London Times and a German news service called.

Mitscher remains cautiously vague when discussing plans for his discovery. To protect negotiations underway, he won't disclose the name of the firm that is supplying him with needles from India. But the questions he aches to answer come from cancer patients. He wants most of all for his discovery to help provide taxol to those who need it.

"My mother and my mother's mother both died from ovarian cancer," he says. "It is not certain that if taxol had been available that it would have saved them, but it might have."

"If I could do anything to help people in an analogous situation, I would feel that my career is justified..."
LIVE WIRES

Radio players crackle the airwaves with comedy

The actors perfect their onstage antics for the audience. From L to R are Tamblyn, Posten, Greusel, Solomon and Meier. Crohan tickles the keyboard in the background. Listeners can catch the audio act on the FM dial at 91.5 in Lawrence, 90.5 in Emporia and Manhattan, 88.1 in Iola-Humbolt and 89.7 in Atchison. The next broadcast is 8 p.m. July 10.

By Jerri Niebaum
These are the voyagers of a startling enterprise. They boldly go where no radio show has gone before. With Darrell Brodgon as their captain, they explore a new frontier of comedy, gliding through public-radio airspace to fling puns at mind-warping speeds. They traverse the daily news to leave footprints on every icon, to flip sand at every public figure.

They are the crew of the Imagination Workshop.

And their mission has become quite a success. Brodgon, who keeps his feet grounded as program director at KANU-FM, set the workshop in motion nine years ago. Now he hopes to chart the comedy series' widening path to stardom with a $123,645 production grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). CPB twice has bestowed upon the Imagination Workshop a Gold Program Award for Best Live Entertainment: the show also has earned a CPB Gold Award for outstanding technical achievement. In 1991 the International Radio Festival named the workshop the Best Comedy Show.

Roll the tape from March 28 to hear what the critics rave about.

"Yeah, hello, Mr. Detwyler? Yeah, this is Bill down to the nuclear power plant." (This guy sounds like he might hang out with Homer Simpson and his friend Barney down at Mo's Tavern.)

"I'm sorry to bother you, but it's my first night here and we got a weird noise coming down from the reactor." Loud shoooshing sound. "Yep, that was it. Hello? Well, I don't know. It's kind of a big booming sound. Know what I mean? Shook the whole dang building. Should I be, you know, worried about it?"

By now, the audience has caught on and is chuckling loudly. Like many Imagination Workshop skits, this one leaps from the daily news, which in March reported an unusual sound under investigation at the Wolf Creek Generating Station in Burlington. Wolf Creek officials closed the plant until the Nuclear Regulatory Commission decided the cause of the noise was nonthreatening and approved the plant's reopening.

After the radio booms and crackles with sounds of the fictional plant's explosion, actor Rick Tamblyn, b'79, opens the show with another phone call: "Yeah, NRC? Hello. I got a message for you: Live from the Lawrence Arts Center, it's the Imagination Workshop!"

The airwaves bubble with a sip of the show's theme song, "Slipped Disc" by Benny Goodman, then actor Gene Carr steps up to the microphone. Carr's booming voice harks back to radio theatre's early years, when announcers introduced sponsors and programs with all the drama of Moses handing down the Com-
mandments: "Wheaties, the Breakfast of Champions, brings you the thrilling adventures of Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy."

Carr's 1992 announcement heralds "another thrill-packed adventure with Bush-man and Quayle. As the story opens, we find our two heroes in their secret hideout, the fortress of ineptitude." The skit follows the U.S. super-leaders as they "go amongst the people" at the unemployment line. Enter a legion of disadvantaged heroes: Unemployed Woman, Homeless Man and Major Deficit (who, of course, offers a generous campaign contribution). Bush-man quivers. Quayle looks on.

"We have a little fun at everyone's expense," admits Brogdon, who writes most of the show's material. The March performance paraded through a feminist talk show at "KPMS Radio," an advertisement for "Firmware Computer Condoms" ("because when you insert a disk into your computer, you're sharing your computer with every computer that disk has been with"). A "Red-Neck Movie Round-up" (starring two men in feed hats who gave two thumbs-down to any film without car chases, explosions and scantily clad women), and the adventures of "Star Trek Babies" aboard "The Starship Underpants." Also featured were the show's regular stars: "Mobile Homes," a sleuth with seamy sidekicks, and "Buck Naked," who adds new perspective to a moonlit frontier.

Brogdon describes the Imagination Workshop as "the Saturday Night Live of radio." And he's getting ready for prime-time play. "I'd like for us to be able to do a nationwide broadcast from Lawrence, Kansas, every weekend," he says. "This [CPB] grant will get us started in that direction."

The grant will finance performances about every six weeks next year, beginning May 20. It also will provide marketing funds, payment for the actors, creation of a part-time writing position and a stipend for Brogdon so he can make the workshop part of his day job. "This is the first opportunity we've had to spend normal work-day time on the Imagination Workshop," Brogdon says. "Prior to this, we've had to squeeze it into the nooks and crannies of our extra time."

Their rare moments have entertained a growing audience. The live performances, which in May moved from the Lawrence Arts Center to Liberty Hall, 614 Massachusetts St., routinely sell out nearly a week before showtime. Taped versions of the 1990-91 broadcasts aired last summer at 60 stations across the United States. Listeners tuned into statewide public networks in Vermont, North Dakota and West Virginia and citywide stations in San Francisco and Seattle. "And for some reason," Brogdon adds, "we're real big in Alaska. We've got seven or eight stations that carry the show."

To tune more ears to the program, Brogdon has devoted a large chunk of the grant funds to the discretion of Judy Keller, KANU development director and a master's student in business. Keller has distributed cassettes and press packets to the 350 National Public Radio affiliates across the United States. In addition, two KANU delegates earned the station identification at the annual public-radio conference May 6 in Seattle.

KANU, which the University has operated on campus since 1932, previously had notified stations about upcoming performances through the Dataphone Communication System (DCS), which transmits correspondence via satellite. Keller expects the new materials to attract more interest.

"I think distribution can only grow," she says. "It's very exciting to see a program as unique as the Imagination Workshop reach across the country. It speaks well for KANU and for KU in general."

Brogdon heard his radio calling as a child in Kerrville, Texas. Although he was born after radio had lost its central spot in the nation's living rooms, Brogdon says he learned to love radio from his mother and grandmother. His mother would interrupt his regularly scheduled after-school TV programs to announce that "Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy, was a lot better than that piece of garbage."

"I went through my whole childhood hearing. 'You're going to be warped when you grow up if you keep watching that stuff.'" Brogdon recalls. "As you can see, she was absolutely right."

But his mother's message convinced Brogdon to supplement his TV habit with old radio recordings. He followed the trail of "Gunsmoke" back to its beginning as a CBS radio show. And he uncovered the files of "Dragnet," which first captured audiences as an NBC radio program. He found himself humming tunes from the "The Stan Freberg Show" and even gave fresh air time to his mom's old favorite, Jack Armstrong.

"It's fun to suspend your disbelief for 15 minutes when you hear one of those old shows," he says. "They really are from a different planet now."

Brogdon got his first radio job as a disc jockey shortly after high-school graduation and went on to complete a broadcasting degree from North Texas State University (Now the University of North Texas), Denton, where as a student he worked at three stations simultaneously. He worked at a public-radio station in Beaumont, Texas, before joining KANU's staff in 1982.

Howard Hill, KANU station manager, recalls an early meeting with his new program director. At KBLU in Beaumont, Brogdon had helped organize an annual fund-raiser featuring old-time radio shows such as "The Lone Ranger" and "Buck Rogers in the 22nd Century." Brogdon wanted permission to gather a troupe that would perform similar radio plays on KANU.

Although the voices of Fred Allen, Jack Benny, and Red Skelton still echoed through Hill's memories, he was skeptical. "I had grown up on radio drama," he recalls, "so I was intrigued by the idea. But, frankly, I didn't know what future it had at KANU."

Still, he admired the energy and expertise of his latest recruit. "And I knew that if I could keep Darrell Brogdon happy," he says, "I could keep Darrell Brogdon." So, with Hill's blessing, Brogdon began to build the Imagination Workshop.

Hill now is sold on the idea. "Radio comedy is an extremely important part of the history of broadcasting," he says. "To fur-
ther that art form is a contribution that Darrell and his colleagues and the rest of us at KANU are all making to the medium we love.”

While Brogdon had to hear about radio’s golden days second-hand, actor Gene Carr, 71, remembers when radio was turning up for its heyday. At age 6, he listened on a primitive crystal set. “Mother and Dad and I used to pass the headphones around,” he recalls. “Sometimes I’d take one piece, and Dad would take the other. Then mother would switch with Dad.

“We were riveted to that box. There was nothing to see, but it generated some marvelous images.”

During the Depression the family got a battery-operated radio. “We’d try to make the batteries last longer,” he recalls, “by punching holes in the bottom and setting them in a pan of vinegar. I’m not sure that ever worked, but it was our theory anyway.” Anything to keep the precious system working. They didn’t want to miss a single note of Art Tatum’s jazz piano.

Radio technology has surged forward since Carr was a boy, but the Imagination Workshop mixes high-tech sounds with some of the crude theatrics that tickled audiences of his generation.

Bill Crahan, who teaches guitar and piano lessons in Lawrence, creates the show’s audible ambiance with a combination of pre-recorded and live music and sounds. He plays digitally recorded tapes on an electronic keyboard to portray the sinking of a ship or the eruption of a volcano. But for simpler sounds he relies on old-fashioned effects that he builds in a carpentry shop behind his house. He designed a 3-foot door with holes bored in the frame to create a solid click when closed. He built a screened box with a spiky lid that crashes glass and emulates a window breaking.

Mary Ellen Kriehg, a sound-effects crew member, adores a good thunderstorm, especially if she gets to shake the BB-filled balloon that makes the thunder. And the dust flies when Kriehg and crew partner Kathy Fain play a duet of horses’ hooves with coconut shells carefully ker-thumped in a dishpan full of gravel.

“Those effects,” Brogdon says, “are as old as radio.

In its early days, the Imagination Workshop conjured even more spirits from radio’s past. From 1963 to 1985, Brogdon says, the troupe performed radio plays in the KANU studio at Broadcasting Hall on campus. In 1985 Brogdon began the live broadcasts to draw attention to the show. Just for fun he started adding comedy sketches and phony commercials between acts. The first, he recalls, was an ad for Mom’s Restaurant, “where you eat what’s put in front of you.”

The audience ate it up, so Brogdon soon offered an all-comedy menu. Mom might not approve—it’s like a meal of desserts—but fans can’t seem to get enough. And for actors the sweet pick-ings are irresistible.

“This is like theatre without the work,” says Margi Posten, a free-lance voice artist in Kansas City (she’s on call as “the Voice of Sprint”). “You don’t have to memorize lines. There’s no blocking. You don’t have to wear a special costume. And you get to play six or seven different parts a night.”

In fact, the show is such fun that the actors, many of whom are paid radio professionals, have until recently volunteered their time for the five evenings of rehearsal and performance. “It’s like going to school if you do voices,” says Rick Tamblyn, the cast’s chameleon at the microphone and a free-lance radio actor. “Most of the time when I audition for a commercial I’ll have 10 or 15 minutes to look over a script and develop a character. Here I have five days to try things and to play off other actors. So I gather a whole catalog of voices I can fall back on.”

With paychecks from the grant now on the way, “there is a heightened excitement” among the cast, says Paul Meier, a KU associate professor of theatre and film. Before coming to KU in August 1988, Meier performed in more than 100 radio plays alongside such actors as Richard Burton and Paul Scofield as a member of the British Broadcasting Corp.’s Radio Drama Repertory Company. Now Meier hopes to be part of a cast that rises to such high esteem right here in Lawrence.

“If we’re going to be nationally syndicated and nationally known like Prairie Home Companion,” he says, “we had to go professional. This is the first step toward that.”

Not all of the performers are actors by day. Paul Friedman, a convincing “New York tough guy” on the air, is really a mild-mannered KU associate professor of communications studies. David Greusel, who plays Mobile Homes, keeps quiet about his mysterious radio life when on Monday morning he returns to work as an architect at Abend Singleton Associates in Kansas City, Mo.

But behind the radio dial, all of the actors’ voices blend to create a world you don’t have to see to believe. Roberta Solomon, a morning announcer on Lite 99.7 FM, says some Imagination Workshop fans prefer to listen without watching, “I closed my eyes,” one friend told her after a live performance, “because I couldn’t imagine that voice coming out of you.”

Solomon smiles. Such journeys into make-believe are the ultimate mission of the Imagination Workshop. She and fellow voyagers thrive on the chance to fill many roles throughout the trip. “Marti and I have both been men,” she says. “The guys have been women.”

“I got to be Barbie in the last show,” Posten notes. “And we’ve both been femme fatales,” Solomon adds.

“Old people and babies,” Posten says. “You can be anything you want.

“It’s theatre of the imagination.”

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IN GOOD COMPANY

Old friends reunite and remember when during Alumni Weekend

Like most new graduates, Mary Helen Wilson Hayman promised to keep in touch when she hugged her friends goodbye after their 1942 Commencement. But she meant it. With graduation flowers still fresh, she assembled the addresses of her 10 dearest classmates, who with Hayman had formed that year’s Torch Chapter of Mortar Board. She tucked the list into an envelope with a letter. Thus was hatched the 1942 Mortar Board round robin, a circling parcel of letters and photographs that for 50 years has lapped the group at least once annually.

The 11 women didn’t require the U.S. Postal Service to say a fond hello April 24-25. They were among more than 800 Jayhawks who returned to Mount Oread for the Alumni Association’s second annual Alumni Weekend, which featured reunions of the 1942, 1952 and 1967 classes.

Hayman, c’42, Chapel Hill, N.C., and her Mortar Board pals on Friday toasted their half-century of friendship with champagne and dinner in The Adams Alumni Center’s All-American Room. After they settled down to their salads, Doris Twente Hagen, c’42, Lake Stevens, Wash., offered up the weekend’s first “granny story,” a regular feature in letters of the past couple decades.

Her daughter and son-in-law had been discussing antique stores, she recounted, when their 7-year-old daughter had announced that the family already possessed antiques. Well, we have Grandma, she had explained. Then her 9-year-old sister had chimed in:

Grandma’s not an antique, she’s an heirloom. "So my daughter asked for her definition of an heirloom," Hagen said, "and the 9-year-old said, It is old and treasured."

Such precious moments—as well as bittersweet struggles—have punctuated the women’s letters over the years. "It’s been a comfort to me to realize that other people whom I admire very much have survived life’s various trials," said Nancy Kerber Barker, f’42, Los Angeles, an only child who considers the women her sisters.

The women’s sacred trust had begun during the spring of their junior year, when the seniors had "tapped" them for membership. The Mortar Board distinction earned them the confidence of administrators, who granted them keys to campus residence halls. Mortar Board convened after the
At the Oak Hill cemetery in East Lawrence, Paul Stuewe began his tale of the morning when Quantrill and his men killed 150 Lawrencians, many of whom are buried in this mass grave.

11 p.m. weeknight curfew, when doors were locked and stragglers were "camped." Barker didn't—or wouldn't—recall ever abusing her privilege. "What a dull bird I must have been," she said, giggling.

Returning Jayhawks, however, found the campus enticing; most didn't wander far. Festivities began with the All-University Supper Friday at the Kansas Union ballroom. The 320 alumni, administrators and faculty members honored Distinguished Service Citation recipients and recognized professors for superb teaching.

Nearly 100 alumni honored history Friday and Saturday during the Quantrill's Raid Driving Tours. Under direction from Paul Stuewe, g'76, g'80, Lawrence High School history and government teacher, the two packed bus tours stopped at points of interest from August 21, 1863, when William Clarke Quantrill had led 300 pro-slavery ruffians to ransack Lawrence in the early morning, killing 150 citizens and burning most of the town.

Alumni shared their own family stories of the bloody dawn. Among them was Linda Selig Marshall, d'67, g'81, assistant director of KU's Student Assistance Center, who reported that her grandmother, Nancy Jessie, had helped former State Sen. James Lane escape by rolling him in a rug when he sought refuge at her farmhouse.

At the end of Friday's tour, Stuewe loaned his microphone to Mary Louise Baker Liston, c'42, of Dallas, who had grown up commemorating August 21 at Lawrence's Quinny School. She was taught that the school had been spared from Quantrill's wrath because it became his gang's headquarters during the four-hour raid. Each year she and other grade-schoolers had dressed as pioneers and raiders to keep the story alive. Their teacher's father had been killed in the siege; so was the father of Liston's babysitter.

Stuewe added the recollections to the many tales that he has gathered from letters and family lore. In fact, he now wishes to talk with other alumni who might have stories to swap. Readers can contact him through the Alumni Association.

Some alumni chose to tour Lawrence on foot during the weekend. Early Saturday morning, 70 alumni, friends and students met on Campus West for the Student Alumni Association-sponsored Jayhawk Jog. The runners faced down 50-degree temperatures and gusty winds to compete in the 5- or 10-kilometer races, which stretched up Clinton Parkway.

The jog was a family affair for Beulah Davis, 72, who has sent four of her children through the University. Davis, of Newton, won the 60-6-over age group for the 5K in 32:02:3. Her son Jim, b'65, and daughter-in-law Nancy, of Burns, captured their respective age divisions in the 10K. "It's a glorious start for the day," Beulah Davis said. "We've been running together as a family for nearly 20 years, and it's fun to come back to campus."

Later that morning, 117 Class of '42 members received 50-year pins and citations as inductees into the Gold Medal Club. And about 150 former citemes returned for the club's annual brunch and meeting.

Across the street and down Lilac Lane, members of the Class of 1967 shared memories at a reception in the chancellor's home. A former resident of Sellards Scholarship Hall, Barbara Wiley Stover, c'67, San Antonio, recalled moments of solace smelling the lilacs and listening to the burbles of the chancellor's fountain. She also remembered splashier scenes: "A big thing, of course, was to get thrown in."

Stover reminisced with Linda Marshall, her freshman roommate. Only one Sellards resident had owned a car, they recalled, so a crowd would pile in and travel to Baskin-Robbins for 25-cent ice-cream cones. Another popular escape had been the Campus Hideaway, where Marshall recalled gobbling an "Idiot's
STARS OF THE WEEKEND

Winners of the DSC for career-long service to humanity were Philip Anschutz, b’64, a Denver business executive and philanthropist; Ada Sue Hinshaw, n’64, nursing research director for the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.; and Joseph Pichler, chief executive of The Kroger Co. in Cincinnati and a former dean of KU’s business school.

Photos of the men who joined Quantrill’s band to ransom Lawrence, including one of “Bloody Bill” Anderson, helped make the massacre more real to (l to r) Frances York Abbott, f’42; Lucy York Paden, c’43, g’66; PhD ’73; Glen Paden, e’42; and Howard Rankin, b’42, f’48, the 1942 class president.

Honored teachers were (clockwise from lower left) Chakraborti, Vats, Taunton, Oruch, Stanton, Mantle-Bromley, Willis, Carlson and Wailing. Roskam is not pictured.

Faculty award-winners included five who received the Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Classroom Teaching: Corinne Mantle-Bromley, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction; Roma Lee Taunton, associate professor of pediatric nursing; Tribhawani S. Vats, professor of pediatrics; Anne D. Wailing, professor and vice-chairman of family and community medicine, Wichita campus; and Ron Willis, professor of theater and film.

The H. Bernerd Fink Award went to Maria Carlson, assistant professor of Slavic languages and literature. Jack Oruch, associate professor of English, received the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award, and Annette Stanton, assistant professor of psychology, won the Silver Anniversary Teaching Award. The Ned N. Fleming Trust Award went to Swapan Chakraborti, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, and Jan Roskam, professor of aerospace engineering.

Delight,” an inexpensive pizza with black olives and pimento.

When the roommates’ recollections moved to the Kaw River, where they had cast off their shoes—and the rules of propriety—at “sandbar parties,” Leslie Spannuth Reed, d’68, Kansas City, Mo., couldn’t resist joining the conversation. “Did someone say sandbar parties?” she said, giggling. “That was my first date with my husband!”

Tim Reed, c’67, g’69, later confirmed that he had in fact asked Leslie Spannuth to join him at a keg party on the river after meeting her in front of the Rock Chalk Cafe earlier that day. The winding path to revelry, he recalled, had passed through some farmer’s land north of the turnpike bridge: “I couldn’t tell you how to get there now.”

But college fun was shadowed by fear for many KU students in 1967. “As long as you were a full-time student,” Tim Reed recalled, “you had a draft deferment.” And, like many of his classmates, Reed had left the Hill for Vietnam.

Also in 1967, Col. Julien LePage, b’42, Missoula, Mont., departed for his hitch in Southeast Asia. A veteran of World War II and Korea and now a retired professor of military science at the University of Montana, LePage served a year and a day in Vietnam. “I missed my 25-year reunion because of that war,” LePage said Saturday morning as he perused a photograph of that gathering. “I look at this picture and realize not only who has come back for the 50th, but those who have passed away.”

While members of both the 25- and 50-year classes had faced wars after Commencement, an elder alumnus recalled an earlier calamity that beset his class. Claude Brock, d’29, g’43, Wichita, finished his education degree at the onset of the Depression. Throughout the 1920s, he said, students had high-stepped to class in three-piece suits, tailored dresses, fancy hats and fur coats. “It seemed,” he said while visiting the Alumni Center Friday, “like everybody but me had a car, a fur coat and a checkbook.” But after the stock market had crashed the party, Brock was no longer alone in his search for work.

Brock and other alumni found comfortable accommodations in the hospitality room on the first floor of the Adams Center throughout the weekend. In fact some alumni could almost say they were home. Betty Allen Alloway, c’42, Kansas City, Mo., who sported her vintage letter jacket from intramural athletics, had lived at 1266 Oread Ave. when the Alpha Chi Omega sorority stood on the site.

The T-intersection of 12th and Oread also was quite familiar to Virginia Shrick Hess, ’41, who had lived in a rooming house at 1245 Oread Ave. “It was just this side of Brick’s,” she said, peering out an Alumni Center window and pointing up the block.

Brick’s Cafe was a touchstone for many among the 1940s crowd. Some told stories of first dates with future spouses at Brick’s or other local diners. Oliver Hess, ’42, remembered locking eyes with a lovely young lady over Big Apple ice cream. The moment had been a bit awkward since he actually was dating the girl’s roommate, but love conquered con-
Emily Miller and her husband, Ralph, one of 13 Jayhawks in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, swapped stories with the 50-year class Saturday in the Adams Alumni Center.

Terry Denker, g’90, l, and Nancy Davis, who came to campus with her husband, James, b’65, joined 70 Jayhawks who started Saturday’s festivities with a jog through Campus West. Davis earned first in her age division in the women’s 10k, and Denker earned third in the 10k for his age group.

venience. He and Virginia later married.

Alumni also wandered through memories as they walked the halls of the Adams Center, which are lined with campus photographs from University Archives. In one first-floor corridor John Harvey, c’42, Lake Forest, Ill., spied a picture of his mother, Rachel Mantzer, who had served as business manager of the 1902 women’s basketball team. Harvey said the photo brought back many memories of his mother, who had been proud of her place on a team coached by James Naismith, inventor of basketball.

The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame includes 13 Jayhawks, one of whom is Ralph Miller, c’42, who returned from Sisters, Ore., with his wife, Emily Jean Milam Miller, c’42. At the Class of ’42 dinner in the Adams Center Saturday night, Miller recalled his first meeting with longtime friend Bob Allen, c’41, m’45. Kansas City, the only surviving son of Phog Allen. He and Allen had faced each other as ninth-graders in the 1934 state junior-high basketball tournament. Miller’s Chanute team had defeated Allen’s Lawrence bunch, but "Bobby did me a big favor," Miller said. "He told his dad there was a guy down in Chanute whom he’d better keep his eye on."

The elder Allen grabbed his offspring’s tip. Miller lettered in both football and basketball for Kansas and started with Bob Allen on the 1940 NCAA runner-up team. He went on to score 674 victories as a college coach at Wichita State, Iowa and Oregon State.

Basketball also dribbled through conversations across town at the Eldridge Hotel, where 75 members of the Class of ’52 gathered for dinner. Bill Hougland, b’52, Wichita, and Bill Lienhard, b’52, Lawrence, both started on KU’s 1952 NCAA- and Olympic-champion teams, rebounded hoop memories by sharing a highlight film of the fabled season.

Class president Don Hull, c’52, St. Paul, Minn., and Bev Jennings Logan, c’52, g’83, Olathe, both former spirit squad members, remembered the thrill of backing the championship squad—and the iron-fisted reign of band director Russell Wiley. "He was very traditional, very conservative," Logan said, "and he told us we were to act like ladies and gentlemen, which meant that we girls wore skirts below our knees. And we wore those darned wool sweaters no matter how hot the weather was."

After the highlight film, Woody Davis picked up his guitar and Win Koerper joined him on the accordion to warm the crowd with a few cowboy songs, including "Ragtime Cowboy Joe." Davis, c’52, l’58, Kansas City, Mo., and Koerper, c’52, Scottsdale, Ariz., had hitched up their musical act at Kansas City’s Southwest High School and had continued to perform throughout college. "I really haven’t played in 40 years," Koerper admitted after enthusiastic classmates clapped the duo back for an encore.

The weekend’s finale arrived, fittingly, with Hull and Logan leading the ’52ers through the alma mater and the Rock Chalk Chant. "It’s been such a long time since we’ve done that," said Hull, who still can slip on his cheerleading sweater. "But it came back to me like it was yesterday."

"I’ll try to stay in shape for our 50th reunion."
Alumni board greets 3 new directors

Three new directors will join the Alumni Association’s Board of Directors July 1. They are David C. Evans, a’67, Lawrence; Nancy Bramley Hiebert, n’63, g’77, PhD’82, Lawrence; and Bernard E. Nordling, g’49, Hugoton.

They were elected by Association members in balloting that concluded May 1. Evans is a founding partner of Gould Evans Associates, an architecture firm. Hiebert is chief operating officer for a Lawrence medical practice, Preventive Cardiology. Nordling is a senior partner in the Hugoton law firm of Nordling and Tate.

Next year’s Board will be led by William M. Houglund, b’52, Wichita, who becomes chairman July 1 (members approved the title change from president to chairman in spring balloting). Assisting him as executive vice chairman will be John H. Stauffer, j’49, Topeka. Both were elected in January by the Board (see Kansas Alumni, January/February 1992). Houglund, who retired as president of Koch Oil in 1991, is a consultant to Koch Industries. Stauffer is president of Stauffer Communications Inc.

Houglund succeeds Glee S. Smith Jr., c’43, r’48, Larned, who, as a past president, will remain on the Board’s Executive Committee. Smith is a partner in the Larned law firm of Smith, Burnett and Larson and also practices with the Lawrence firm of Barber, Emerson, Springer, Zinn and Murray.

Also joining the Board July 1 will be two new vice chairmen, who were elected by the Board at its spring meeting April 23-24. They are Gene McClain, b’58, Chicago, and Sharon Hagman Redmond, d’60, La Jolla, Calif. McClain is president of Gene McClain Inc., an investment advisory firm. Redmond owns Redmond Development Co. They will serve with vice chairmen Gerald D. Blatherwick, j’58, St. Louis, and Linda S. Ellis, e’79, Houston, who were re-elected to one-year terms. Blatherwick is vice chairman of corporate communications for Southwestern Bell Corp., and Ellis is a downstream planning/analysis adviser for Exxon.

Retiring from the Board June 30 are three directors who have completed five-year terms. They are William P. Bunyan III, c’61, Dodge City; Sue Harper Ice, d’56, Newton; and Michael T. McCoy, e’72, m’75, Topeka. Also retiring are Donnann Stephenson, b’41, g’48, Santa Fe, N.M., and Victor J. Barry, c’68, Seattle, Wash. Stephenson retires after serving three one-year terms; Barry, a dentist, leaves after a single one-year term because of his new duties with a national dentistry organization.

Also leaving the Board is John C. Dicus, b’55, Topeka, who retires after nine years of service to the Association. He was elected by the members in 1983, served as executive vice president in 1986-87 and became president in 1987-88. Since 1988 he has remained a member of the Executive Committee and has chaired the Finance Committee. He also served two three-year terms on the Adams Alumni Center Board of Governors. In 1990 he received the Association’s Fred Ellsworth medallion for service to KU.

Board of Directors names alumni to posts

Several Alumni Association members will take their places on the boards of the Adams Alumni Center, the KU Athletic Corp. and the World War I Memorial Union Corp. They were elected by the Alumni Association’s Board of Directors at its spring meeting April 23-24.

Joining the Adams Alumni Center Board of Governors will be Glee S. Smith Jr., c’43, r’48, Larned; Kathryn H. Vratil, c’71, g’75, Prairie Village; and Larry Welch, c’58, Goddard. Smith, outgoing president of the Alumni Association, practices law in Larned and Lawrence. Vratil is a partner in the law firm of Lathrop & Norquist, which has offices in Overland Park and Kansas City, Mo. Welch is director of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson.

They will join Philip S. Humphrey, who was elected to a second three-year term, and Jerry M. Nossaman, d’60, who will chair the Board of Governors for a second year. Humphrey, assoc., directs the KU Museum of Natural History; Nossaman is a Lawrence dentist.

The Board of Directors also named David M. Carr, c’73, Wellington, to represent the Alumni Association on the KU Athletic Corp. Board, and John H. Robinson Jr., e’72, g’74, Mission Hills, to serve on the Memorial Union Corp. Board. Carr is vice president of the First National Bank in Wellington. Robinson is executive partner of Black & Veatch engineering firm in Kansas City, Mo.

Retiring from the Adams Center Board of Governors are John C. Dicus, b’55, Topeka; Judith Duncan Stanton, a’62, Prairie Village; and Jane Henney, former vice chancellor for health programs and policy at the KU Medical Center, who now is deputy commissioner for operations at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

On the athletics board, Carr succeeds Sara Clawson Colt, d’61, Lawrence. Robinson follows Gene Norton Jr., a’58, Overland Park, on the Union board.
Loyal KU volunteers earn Millie awards

Four alumni will receive 1992 Mildred Goddard Alumni Awards for their sustained volunteer service to KU in their communities.

They are Paul A. Borel, Great Falls, Va.; Dale W. Gordon, Wichita; Donald A. Johnston, Lawrence; and Robert M. "Nelly" Nelson, Lawrence.

Goddard, b'41, worked for the Alumni Association in various roles until June 1986, when she retired as assistant secretary for correspondence and research.

Alumni, Athletic and Endowment association representatives selected the winners, who will receive their awards at Association events in their home areas.

Borel, b'34, is a retired Central Intelligence Agency staff member. He was an Alumni Association vice president from 1987 to 1991, representing Washington area alumni. As president of the Metropolitan Washington alumni chapter during the 1950s, he and his wife, Miriam, revitalized the organization and built an active membership. He has recruited prospective KU students and helped many graduates establish careers in government service. In 1988 he represented Chancellor Gene A. Budig at the inauguration of Rafael Cortada as president of the University of the District of Columbia. He is an Alumni Association life member.

On campus he organized and chaired the 40th, 50th and 55th reunions of the Class of 1934. He is a past member of the School of Engineering Advisory Board and took part in the dedication of the Spahr Hall library extension in 1990.

Gordon, b'43, is principal shareholder of Jungkind Photo-Graphic Inc., a graphic arts supply and photographic store with eight branches.

He has benefited KU through financial support to academic and athletic programs and through his informal role as a KU ambassador in Wichita. When NCAA guidelines permitted, he for many years helped recruit student-athletes to the University. He is a life member of the Alumni Association.

As a member of the Campaign Kansas National Council and School of Business fund-raising committee, he helped begin Campaign Kansas with a $1.1 million leadership gift to establish a business school mentor program that provides financial aid to outstanding students and matches them with professors. The gift also benefits the football and basketball programs. He is a School of Business Board of Advisors member, the Williams Educational Fund member and a Chancellors Club life member.

As an undergraduate, he worked full time and was unable to attend any KU sporting events. In the early 1950s he became an avid fan of KU football after a friend took him to several games. He bought four season tickets in 1957 and has not missed a home game since. He gives away 12 other season tickets each year to boost interest.

Don Johnston, b'56, l'66, is corporate general manager for Maupintour Inc., Lawrence. He has volunteered extensively for KU through the Alumni and Endowment associations and the School of Fine Arts.

As a resident of Pittsburg for 17 years, he chaired the Crawford County alumni chapter and helped host annual Kansas Honors Program dinners. In Lawrence he served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1986 to 1991 and chaired the Adams Center's Board of Governors from 1988 to 1990. He is a life member of the Association.

He strengthened financial support for KU as a member of the Alumni Development Committee, which communicates the needs of higher education to the Kansas Legislature. As chairman of the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce KU Margin of Excellence Task Force. He heads the Campaign Kansas Lawrence Campaign, which raises funds for the Lied Center for the Performing Arts. He chaired the corporate and business fund drive for the Spencer Museum of Art. He belongs to the Chancellors Club and the Williams Educational Fund.

He is past president of the Swarthout Society and a member of the advisory committee for the School of Fine Arts and the Friends of the Theatre.

Bob "Nelly" Nelson, Class of 1944, is a retired KU staff member. He is often called "the Old Jayhawk" because of his enthusiasm for KU sports.

As program manager for the Division of Continuing Education for 32 years, he coordinated courses throughout Kansas in areas such as pharmacy, medicine, drug abuse, business and communications and real estate. He retired in September 1991.

As a volunteer, he has dedicated countless hours to athletics. He estimates that he has attended at least 1,600 KU football and basketball games in the past 52 years and hasn't missed a home game in 40. For 36 years he worked as a statistician or spotter in the press box. He also has organized breakfast and lunch meetings of the Jayhawk Quarterback and Basketball clubs. He is a Williams Educational Fund and Chancellors Club member.

For the Alumni Association he helped plan the 20- and 40-year reunions of the 1952 NCAA championship basketball team and helped conduct pre-game activities at away games. He is a life member.

He has served on the Homecoming Committee since 1977 and as a greeter and host for Band Day at South Park Center since 1980. He also hosts campus tours for high-school students. He has assisted the Marching Jayhawks on football bowl trips and other road games.®
Association seeks nominees for DSC

The Association and the University want to honor a few special men and women whose lives exemplify the best of the human spirit, and we need your help. If you know someone whose work has benefited humanity, tell us about him or her. The Association will accept nominations through Sept. 30 for the 1993 Distinguished Service Citation, the highest award the University and its Alumni Association bestow.

A committee of alumni and faculty will select as many as three alumni and one non-alumnus to receive citations next spring. To nominate someone for the DSC, please send a description of the candidate’s accomplishments along with supporting materials, such as newspaper clippings. To renominate previous candidates, please resubmit their names with any new information.

Send materials and the names and addresses of both nominee and nominator to the Executive Director, University of Kansas Alumni Association, 1266 Oread Ave., Lawrence KS 66045.

Rock Chalk Review

When the Jayhawks traveled to Dayton, Ohio, for the NCAA subregional tournament, the Alumni Association held pre-game pep rallies at Sneakers, a sports bar managed by a 1981 Kansas State graduate, Tom Scanlon. "The Big Eight is the Big Eight, and I'm happy to cheer for Kansas during the tournament," said Scanlon, who claimed he once put purple dye in the Chi Omega fountain. Scanlon changed colors for the weekend: He even did the Rock Chalk Chant.

The pre-game events drew about 200 Kansas fans on both days and featured the Baby Jay mascot, the KU Basketball Band and members of the Spirit Squad and Crimson Girls.

Former KU athletes cheering on the Jayhawks included 1968 Orange Bowl quarterback Bobby Douglass, '69, Chicago, and Kevin Pritchard, '90, starting guard on the 1988 national championship team who now lives in Nashville.

"The enthusiasm is just awesome," Pritchard said. "As a player, you're removed from this—they keep you focused on the game. You see the fans in the stands, but you don't think about what they do before."

One of the toughest jobs of the weekend fell to Dan Cummings, b'79, g'86, Overland Park. As a member of the team host committee for the Kansas City NCAA regionals, Cummings was in Dayton to congratulate and welcome the teams that would advance.

Of course he thought he would celebrate with the Jayhawks, and the UTEP players knew of his allegiance. "I couldn't hide it very well," he admits. "They teased me quite a bit."

Cummings found it especially hard to paste on a smile after the UTEP victory because he has hosted KU for several years in the Big Eight tournament, which the Jayhawks finally won this year—the first time since Roy Williams became
Window-dressing: Dick Trubey, p.42.
writes us in distress from Bella Vista, Ark., "Our new car looks positively naked without the [Alumni Association] Jayhawk decal that had to be sacrificed with our trade-in...[the] absence of Jayhawk identification is extremely important to us, inundated as we are by Razorback and Go, Hogs, Go! stickers."

Never fear, Mr. Trubey. We simply cannot abide a naked car. If you change cars or for any other reason need a fresh decal, please drop us a note: Director of Membership, Kansas Alumni Association, 1266 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66045.

Putting it all together: When you renew your Alumni Association membership, you'll receive a redesigned membership card that indicates your membership status for the Association and for The Learned Club, the private club at the Adam's Alumni Center that Association members are eligible to join. Membership renewal forms also will include an application for The Learned Club (annual dues: $60 for Kansas and Missouri residents, $25 for all other states). Exercise your options!

Class action: To keep 1992 graduates near the Hill, the Association this spring honored the new alumni with free six-month memberships that expire in September. Already, 222 have shown their loyalty by joining as annual or life members. If your son or daughter is a new graduate and you would like to extend his or her benefits beyond Sept. 30, contact us at (913) 864-4760 about membership options or use the application inserted at pages 44 and 45. Pass it along to any other Jayhawk you'd like to see become a member.

Continuing chapters: The Association will resume travel to its 70 U.S. chapters in August. Association staff and University administrators will try to complete all the meetings by December. Winter 1993 activities will include TV parties and other events hosted by the chapters. To learn more about organizing their own events, chapter leaders will attend a workshop in Lawrence Friday, Oct. 23, before Homecoming Oct. 24. If you're interested in assisting your local chapter leader, call the Association.

couch. "[Coach] Jerry Green was threatening to dump me, but after KU won, they said I was their good luck charm through the regionals," Cummings says.

He's planning for another chance when the NCAA regionals return to Kansas City. "I promised I'd see them in 1995."

George Woodward, associate vice chancellor and dean of international studies, in early March brought news of KU to 15 Jayhawks in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.

The farflung graduates gathered at the home of architect Dilip Shah, '65, where Woodward briefed them on the University's state budget needs, the Hoch fire and prospects for rebuilding, and Kansas basketball. The group also discussed forming a Puerto Rico chapter.

"It was a relaxed evening and a chance for us to get acquainted but also a chance for them to meet each other, since many of them didn't even know there were other KU folks living in Puerto Rico," says Woodward, who was accompanied by his wife, Eleanor, and Terry Weidner, associate director of the Center for International Programs.

Woodward hopes a chapter will form. In the past year, he says, alumni chapters have become active in Taiwan, Japan, Korea and France. "We're also looking at London," he says. "There's potential to do this in a lot of places. We just need to cultivate and encourage them."

ALUMNI EVENTS

June
13 Los Angeles: KU Night at the Ballpark, Kansas City Royals v. California Angels, 7:05 p.m., $8 per person. Pre-game ticket distribution party at Tree's Catch, 1929 S. College Blvd., 5:30 p.m. Contact Dean Brush, (619) 770-0510.

14 Parsons: Kansas Picnic, Big Hill Lake, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Rita Spradlin, (616) 328-2538.

19 Boston: Chapter meeting with Max Lucas, dean of architecture and urban design, 5-8 p.m., Tia's Bar and Restaurant, 200 Atlantic Ave. Contact Kristen O'Brien, (617) 431-6183.

Chicago: TGIF at Kincaid's, 950 W. Armitage, 6 p.m. Contact K.K. Neilsen, (312) 525-2714.

20 Boston: Reception for School of Architecture and Urban Design alumni at American Institute of Architects national convention, 5-7 p.m., Caisceri Hall, second floor of Boston Architectural Center.


July
10 Kansas City: KU Night at Starlight, "Peter Pan." Pre-show picnic, 7 p.m.; curtain, 8:30 p.m. Cost per person: $1 for show; $3 for picnic. Contact Jeff Stanton, (913) 642-1940.

August
San Francisco: Summer Picnic with Kansas State and Missouri alumni. To be held during the first week of August; fliers will be mailed with date and details. Contact Jim Davis, (415) 387-2861.
1933
Elmer Jackson, c. '33, received the 1932 Most Outstanding Black Man of Distinction Award earlier this year from Friends of Yates. He lives in Kansas City.

1936
David, e., and Maxine Crick Duke, '39, live in Gainsburg, Md. Their son, David, sought the GOP nomination for president.

John McFown, e., is a visiting professor of engineering at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden.

Charles Stough, c. '38, practices law with Stough and Catt in Lawrence and serves on the board of the Kansas Wildscape Foundation.

1937
Bill House, c. '39, recently inducted in the American Hereford Association's Hereford Heritage Hall of Fame. He lives in Cedar Vale.

William Stafford, c. g'40, a poet, recently received a $5,000 Senior Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. He lives in Lake Oswego, Ore.

1938
Frank Drake, e., was inducted earlier this year into the Hot Mix Asphalt Hall of Fame for his contributions to industry technology. He lives in Paonia, Colo.

1939
Robert Harrison, c., recently recognized by the Lawrence Board of Realtors for his 50-year career in real estate. He's managing broker of the Gill Agency.

1941
Richard Burdorff, p., recently received an award from Merck Sharp & Dohme, the U.S. prescription drug division of Merck & Co., for dispensing more than one million prescriptions. He is former owner of Olympic Drugs in Olympia, Wash.

William Foster, d., director of bands at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, was featured on a recent cover of Leblanc Bell magazine.

1942
Marynell Dyatt Reece, c., recently was named Kansas of the Year by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas. She lives in Scandia and is known for her volunteer service.

1947
Carl Henrichson, e., writes a weekly financial column in the Delaware Business Review. He's a retired stockbroker in Dover.

1948
Ruth Granger Stauffer, c., was a judge earlier this year in the selection of White House Fellows. She and her husband, John, '49, live in Topeka where he's president and chief executive officer of Stauffer Communications.

1949
Edmund Morrill, b., retired in February as senior vice president and chief savings officer of Capitol Federal in Topeka.

1950
Jack Delamaide, e., retired recently as an engineering and maintenance manager for National Southwire Aluminum in Hainesville, Ky. He and his wife, Darlene, live in Owensboro.

Earl Godby, e., and his wife, Freda, continue to live in Sewickley, Pa., where Earl's retired president of the Alcoa Foundation.

Hardy Scheuerman, c., retired last year from DuPont. He and his wife, Beth, live in Wilmington, Del.

Gomer Stukesbary, p., retired earlier this year as owner of B&G Pharmacy in Ness City, where he continues to live with his wife, Becky.

1951
Robert Pfieffer, b., serves as president of the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants. He's a partner in the Hays firm of Brungardt Hower Ward Elliott & Pfieffer.

Marjorie Crane Schnacke, c., has been appointed by the Kansas State Historical Society to oversee statewide fundraising efforts. She lives in Topeka.

1952
Cletus Kappelmann, p., continues to operate Cooper Drug in Augusta.

Donna McCosh Shay, d., is a speech-language therapist in Boulder, Colo.

1953
Jean Feuerborn Weaver, n., is active in a post-polio syndrome support group in Hazlet, N.J.

1954
Frank Rodkey, b., retired recently as a captain for TWA. He lives in Amelia Island, Fla.

Frank Sabatini, b. g'57, has been appointed to the Kansas Board of Regents. He's chairman, president and director of Capital City Bank in Topeka.

1955
Mary Demeritt Gordon, d., g'58, continues to teach visually impaired students in the Lawrence public schools.

1956
Sue Harper Ice, d., development officer at Prairie View Inc., also serves as president of the Wichita chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives. She lives in Newton.

James Kohn, PhD, recently was named a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He's assistant chairman and professor of chemical engineering at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Ind.

1959
James Rosecrans, p., lives in Wichita, where he's a pharmacist at Professional Pharmacy.

Ramona Rush, j. g'61, is a professor of communication at the University of Kentucky-Lexington.

1960

Cora Lee Price Noliendorf, c., has received a 1992 Chancellor's Award for Excellence from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she has worked 26 years as an instructor in the German department. A doctoral graduate of Stan-
ford University, she lives in Madison with her husband, Valters.

Gary Thompson, b. F68, g'74, works as University Registrar at Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio. He and Sandra Collins Thompson, '80, live in Bay Village with their daughter Anne. Their daughter Amy is a student at Kansas State University.

1961

Robert Barnhill, c, recently was appointed interim vice president for research at Arizona State University in Tempe. He lives in Phoenix.

Linda Ross Brown DeMello, f, owns an occupational therapy business. She and her husband, Tony, live in Visalia, Calif.

Howard Edde, g, founded a scholarship earlier this year at an Austrian charity school in honor of his parents. He lives in Bellevue, Wash., where he founded Howard Edde Inc.

Paul Kennedy, e, chairs the advisory board of KU's School of Social Welfare. He's director of the Colmery-O'Neal VA Medical Center in Topeka.

Jon Root, d, directs technology for the Witco Corp. in Oladeh. He recently received a Meritorious Service Trophy from the National Lubrication and Grease Institute.

Roger Sellers, e, serves as president of the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce and as DeSoto's city engineer. He lives in Shawnee.

Perry Walters, d, and his wife, Laurie, own and operate Wildhorse Orchard, nine acres of apple trees southeast of McLouthe.

Linda Browning Weis, d, owns Realty Executives in Manhattan.

1962

Capt. John Erickson, c, recently was appointed by Sen. Bob Dole, '45, R-Kan., as his liaison to the U.S. Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. John lives in Washington, D.C.

Keith Herrin, a, is a partner in Black & Veatch in Kansas City.

1963

Kent Converse, d, traveled to Vietnam earlier this year with a research team sponsored by the environmental group, Earthwatch, to study the habitat of the Eastern saurus crane. He lives in Carbondale and is a farmer and a part-time postal worker.

Dixie Kaufman, c, owns Rocky Road to Kansas, a store in Alexandria, Va., specializing in quilts, patchwork and pioneer folk art. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Ivory Nelson, PhD, is president of Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

Capt. Curtis Winters, e, serves as inspector general of the Naval Air Systems Command in Washington, D.C. He and Marian Jun Winters, d, live in Fairfax, Va.

1964

Richard Babcock, c, serves as president of Babcock & Associates in Springfield, Mo., where he and his wife, Teresa, live.

Wayne Pratt, e, e'66, is vice president of engineering for K-Flow in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Martha Ryan, d, g'84, teaches personnel and organizational psychology at Washburn University and is a business systems analyst at Security Benefit in Topeka.

Richard Stauffer, g, displayed his hand-blown glass recently at the Hutchinson Art Association Gallery. He's an associate professor of art at Emporia State University.

Jim Thompson, c, serves as president and chief executive officer of the Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center in Marietta. He's also a director of SciTrek, a science and technology museum in Atlanta.

Sandra Hays Van Hoose, d, PhD'91, associate academic dean at Saint Mary College in Lebanon, Pa., was chosen by the Kansas City Regional Council for Higher Education to study social change in Eastern Europe. She will travel to Hungary this summer to study educational reform.

1966

George Marshall, c, m'70, practices medicine with Hodges and Marshall in Salina, where he lives, and also conducts an outpatient clinic at Lindsborg Community Hospital.

1967

Charles "Terry" Arthur III, b, F59, chairs the board of Big Lakes Developmental Center. He's also a partner in the Manhattan law firm of Arthur, Green, Arthur, Conderman and Stutzman.

Daniel Leonard, d, teaches seventh-grade science at Moscow, Idaho, and chairs the budget committee of the Idaho Education Association. He and his wife, Joyce, live in Colton, Wash.

Gerald Pees, c, m'71, practices medicine with the Internal Medicine Group in Lawrence.

MARRIED

Barry White, g, and Mollie Hasenbank Armstrong, d, September 7. They live in Shawnee.

1968

David Bouda, c, m'72, recently became chief medical officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska. He lives in Omaha.

Elizabeth Gibson Brown, c, g'69, PhD'84, directs the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American Art in Washington, D.C. She lives in Bethesda, Md.

Diane Munroe Low, d, g'76, was recently named the Lawrence school district's nominee for a Kansas Master Teacher Award. Diane teaches English and geography at South Junior High School.

1969

Monte Mace, j, g'73, teaches magazine publishing and circulation at KU and owns Trio Publications.

John "Jack" Manahan, d, g'82, village manager of Park Forest, III., also serves as a site visit team member for the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration. Patricia Dalmynple Manahan, '85, teaches biology at Indiana University in Gary.

James Miller, c, manages human resources at Peterbilt Motors in Denton, Texas.

Richard Page, c, g'72, owns and is managing director of Intirrrua School of Languages and Translation Service in Los Angeles.

Janet Riley-Zuchter, c, has been named 1991-92 Outstanding Career Woman by the Lawrence Women's Network. She's an assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs at KU.

1970

Rosemary Shields Brouhard, d, g'77, teaches English and chair the language arts department at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. She and her daughter, Kristin, 16, live in Lenexa.

Gary Davenport, d, is vice president of Advantage Construction in Austell, Ga. He and his wife, Margaret, live in Alpharetta.

Frank Dunn, c, recently was promoted to captain in the U.S. Navy. He and his wife, Myra, live in Oakton, Va.

Preston Forrester, m, practices medicine in Kansas City, and Lucile Carter Forrester, g'76, teaches at Rosedale Middle School.

Daniel Goering, c, runs a Christian campus group at the University of Dortmund in Dortmund, Germany. He's a church planter for Opened Doors International.

John Longstrum, l, has been appointed by the U.S. Senate to the U.S. District Court in Kansas. He lives in Lawrence.

Kenneth Peterson, j, recently was named executive director of the Kansas Petroleum Council. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Topeka with their two children.

Ronald Wallace, a, is an architect with Mock/Wallace in San Francisco.

1971

Maureen "Twink" Canfield Lynch, g, PhD '81, resigned recently as director of the Topeka Civic Theatre to write about community theatre management. She and her husband, John, an orthopedic surgeon, continue to live in Topeka.

David Nutt, c, lives in Hutchinson, where he's national sales director for Lowen Corp.

Michael Toyn, b, is an assistant professor of finance at LaSalle University in Philadelphia. He and his wife, Denise, live in Ambler with their son, Jordan, 4.

MARRIED

William Welsh, c, to Deborah Tate, Nov. 23 in Kansas City.
1972

Harriette Stewart McCaul, c. is acting vice president for financial affairs at North Dakota State University. She and her husband, Kevin, g'75, g'78, live in Fargo.

Bruce Passman, c. g'75, Ph.D.'87, executive director of special services for the Blue Valley School District, was honored recently as the Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators' Special Education Administrator of the Year. He lives in Lenexa.

Charles Spitz, a. received a Distinguished Eagle Scout Award earlier this year from the Monmouth Council, Boy Scouts of America, in Oakhurst, N.J. He has been involved in Scouting for 37 years and lives in West Long Branch.

Romalyn Eisenstark Tilghman, c. g'74, owns Arts Rag, etc., a Long Beach, Calif., firm that specializes in communicating about the arts.

1973

Terry Balser, c. '76, serves as president of Citizens State Bank in Waterville.

Kurt Baursh, e. is senior manager of technology at McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis.

Roger Berger, c. a professor of statistics at North Carolina State University-Raleigh, has been named a fellow by the Institute of Mathematical Statistics.


Mani Lee, s. recently became superintendent of Larned State Hospital.

Thomas Rutherford, e. g'80, is a partner in Black & Veatch and a vice president of B&V Waste Science and Technology Corp. in Kansas City.

Gregory Schnose, c. m'76, practices medicine with the Internal Medicine Group in Lawrence.

1974

Robert Bruegger, d. is vice president of marketing and sales at Echlin Inc. He and his wife, Judith, live in Leawood.

Roger Dreiling, p. m'78, has been named Kansas governor-elect of the American College of Cardiology. He practices cardiology in Overland Park.

Sheri Pierce Williams, s. commutes from Topeka to Lawrence, where she's a social worker with SRS. She and her husband, Gary, '72, have two children, Danny, 14, and Katie, 10.

1975

Mikel Cerne, c. g'76, is vice president of Culligan of Greater Kansas City, and Jean Allen Cerne, g'73, is managing editor of Twins magazine. They live in Mission Hills.

Linda Callahan Hogan, p. g'77, directs licensing for Marion Merrell Dow, a pharmaceutical firm, in Kansas City, where she and her husband, Leon, '72, make their home.

Virginia Werbel, g. teaches American history in Glendale, Calif.

1976

Larry Desch, m. is an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

William, c. m'79, and Marcia Galle Gitchell, n'77, spent several weeks last year in a hospital near Palacios, Honduras, working as medical missionaries. The Gitchells live in Hutchinson with their children, James and Laura.

Richard Hird, j. is a shareholder and a director of the Overland Park law firm of Smithyman & Zakoura.

Michael Merrill, j. g'85, Ph.D.'88, manages the professional education division of Andersen Consulting, and Stephanie Kraus Merrill, c'77, g'88, teaches English at the Elgin Academy. They live in Geneva, Ill.

Chip Miller, c. g'81, g'86, is an assistant professor of marketing at Pacific Lutheran University in Puyallup, Wash.

1977

Brenda Barrand, d. g'81, and her husband, Jerold "Ken" James, j'70, live in Overland Park, where she is a speech and language pathologist with Shawnee Mission Public Schools and he works for KNHK Radio. They have a 1-year-old daughter, Kara Nicole.

Stephen Batman, b. recently was named a chartered financial analyst by the trustees of the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts. He lives in Dallas.

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Michael Hageman, p. g'82, Ph.D.'85, works as a senior research scientist at Upjohn Pharmaceutical in Kalama Zoo, Mich., where he and his wife, JoAnn, live with their children, Kelly, 4, Kristen, 2, and Daniel, who's nearly 1.

Leslie Guild Moriarty, j. recently received the 1991 Media Award from the Snohomish County/Camano Island Association of Realtors for her real-estate writings. She lives in Woodinville, Wash.

David Oliver, b. serves as president of Goodwill Industries of Tulsa, where he and his wife, Eva, live with Timothy, 5, and Katie, 2.

Mark Olson, j. has been named vice president of Jennings & Company, a market development and communications firm in San Mateo, Calif. He lives in San Francisco.

Victor Weers, b. works as a senior data communications analyst for M61 Data Services in Milwaukee.

Joann Cole Wood, g. is a social worker at Funston Elementary School in Wichita and a psychotherapist at Alternatives in Counseling & Therapy.

1978

Nolan Cromwell, b. recently became a special teams coach for the Green Bay (Wis.) Packers. He had been a defensive and special teams assistant with the Los Angeles Rams.

Timothy Googler, b. has been promoted to a principal of the Kansas City CPA firm of Mize Houser & Co.

Stuart Kowalski, b. i'81, recently became a partner in the Wichita law firm of Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Swartz.

James Law works for Esco Group Management in Gilbert, Ariz. He lives in Mesa.

Todd Swafford, b. is senior vice president and cashier of Citizens State Bank in Hugoton.

Terry White, d. and his wife, Nancy, live in Ottawa with their daughter, Laurie Ann, 3.

1979

John Ruhl, e. g'88, and Lynne Bessier, '81, Oct. 26 in Kansas City.

BORN TO:

Debbie Mitchell Fox, e. a. and Patrick, daughter, Lindsay Clarence, Dec. 27 in Chicago, where Debbie's an environmental attorney for Amoco and Pat is vice president of development for Amil Realty.

Brenda Barrand, d. g'81, and her husband, Jerold "Ken" James, j'70, live in Overland Park, where she is a speech and language pathologist with Shawnee Mission Public Schools and he works for KNHK Radio. They have a 1-year-old daughter, Kara Nicole.

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BORN TO:

William Pollard Jr., g. and Angelica, daughter, Michelle Cozo, Nov. 13 in Topeka, where William's a programmer for the Kansas State Board of Education. He recently wrote and published A Short History of the Methodist Movement.

Daniel, c. and Marla Higley Row, n'83, daughter, Abigail Lynn, Jan. 3 in Overland Park, where she joins a sister, Molly, 2. Dan works for Kemper Financial, and Marla works in the pediatric intensive-care unit at Children's Mercy Hospital.

Kevin Sundbye, c. m'83, and Kelly, son, Grant, Aug. 9 in Topeka.

Jeffrey, b. and Claire Cassidy Sussman, c. daughter, Sarah Ashley, Nov. 28 in Darien, Conn., where she joins a brother, Charlie, 8. Jeff is a vice president at Goldman Sachs & Co.

Ty, b. and Carol "Brie" Harmon Winters, c'80, daughter, Jamie
Davis goes gold in academe

If you had barged into one of Hoch's practice rooms in the late 1950s, you might have heard Nate Davis, d'60, tooting a gentle Mozart concerto on his clarinet.

But if you had entered stealthily, you might have caught him blasting a funky jam on the saxophone. He let it rip while a friend watched for "hall monitors."

Like many universities then, KU did not allow the playing of jazz in its rehearsal halls. "If you got caught three or four times," Davis recalls, "you got expelled."

Davis didn't get caught, but he got good.

Now director of jazz studies at the University of Pittsburgh, Davis tours regularly across the United States and Europe, and several of his 15 albums have won worldwide acclaim.

But even more important to Davis, he has helped to establish jazz as a legitimate—and thriving—academic discipline. The annual encore to Davis' programs at Pittsburgh is the week-long Jazz Seminar, which since 1970 has gathered such stars as Sonny Rollins, Dexter Gordon and Kenny Clarke.

Davis also has brought acclaim to his programs with the University of Pittsburgh International Academy of Jazz-Hall of Fame. He has gathered an international judging panel to annually induct two jazz legends.

Plaques in their honor hang in a hall of Pittsburgh's student union alongside paraphernalia from jazz history: Dizzy Gillespie's trumpet valve, a painting from Miles Davis, James Moody's flute and much more.

Davis reveres the hall of fame as his greatest accomplishment. "When I played with Ray Charles, Charlie Parker," he says, "that was personal. But my kids, my grandkids, will be able to look at these plaques and see names like Billie Holiday or Count Basie—and read about the great cultural contribution of these people."

A role model from Davis' own youth was an older boy from his Kansas City, Kan., neighborhood who had played with KU's Marching Jayhawks. "In the black community," Davis recalls, "that was a big thing."

When he was 15, Davis saved enough for a silver-tone saxophone from Sears and Roebuck and teamed up with a keyboard player. For a while, they had a regular gig at Frenchy's, a neighborhood pool hall. "All these rough cats were coming in there," Davis recalls, "but this cat, Frenchy, he loved jazz."

"Then this guy got pistol-whipped in front of us. Scared the hell out of us. We never went back."

When the teenage duet won $50 in a local contest, Davis took his half and headed for stardom in Chicago. His mother wasn't pleased. "My mother had always said go to college," he recalls, "that no matter how great you are you have to have an education."

He returned home to finish high school and enroll at KU.

Davis played weekly at the TeePee in North Lawrence and performed for parties and dances. He spent a summer touring Europe with the Jayhawk Jamboree, performing for U.S. military personnel.

After a Navy stint, Davis lived 10 years in Europe, where he shared stages with many of the jazz greats who now star at his seminars. He joined the Pittsburgh faculty in 1969 and in 1974 earned a doctorate in ethnomusicology at Wesleyan (Conn.) University.

Davis has brought intellectual respect to the art of jazz, but he hasn't lost his lust for the music. At the end of each Jazz Seminar, when discussions end and books close, the musicians tune up for a grand finale. "I made the seminar as scholarly as possible," Davis says.

"Then at the final concert we all get down, act a fool and blow."  

—Jerri Niebaum
Winter-Green offers shelter to island poor

Life for most people in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Krysten Winter-Green will tell you, is nothing like the idyllic escape portrayed in travel brochures. The islands of St. Thomas and St. Croix, she says, are more like Third World countries. "The only difference," she says, "is that we are an errant child of the USA."

Never mind the erratic electricity and water. Those are facts of life throughout the Caribbean. The problems Winter-Green cannot ignore include a homeless population statistically comparable to that of America's urban areas; a single-mother birth rate that is the highest of any U.S. state or territory; more violent crime per capita than in New York City; rampant illiteracy; and inadequate funds to rebuild after the September 1989 Hurricane Hugo disaster.

Winter-Green, 48, uses her sharp grant-writing skills and sharper wits to offer hope to the disenfranchised. As vice chancellor of the Catholic Diocese of the Virgin Islands, she has opened three homeless shelters since 1987 and now is building a hospice for terminally ill patients. She also oversees Catholic Social Services, four large schools and the women's religious orders for the territory. She seems to thrive on working the seven-day weeks and 18-hour days. "I believe this work is a blessing," she says. "I've received a gift of people's lives, people who are the poorest of the poor."

In early April the School of Social Welfare shared Winter-Green's story with 150 alumni and social workers during Social Work Day, when it awarded her the Outstanding Alumnus Award, also honored were Jolene Grabill, '76, and Goodwin K. Garfield, PhD '80, associate professor of social welfare.

Winter-Green visited her daughter, Piaf, a KU junior, and related to colleagues her struggles in administering the Bethlehem House program, which recently received a $1.3 million grant from the the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department to offer child care and employment assistance. The three shelters now provide food, beds, clothing and counseling to about 90 people nightly on St. Thomas and St. Croix. "Thanks to the grant," she says, "we now have the chance to help these people become independent. That's been our goal all along."

Winter-Green grew up in Wellington, New Zealand, the only girl among five brothers in a staunch Catholic family. At 15 she was sent to a convent, where she spent five years. Since then she has worked at Jesuit missions in India and the Australian Outback. She holds three master's degrees and had finished a year toward her PhD at KU when she returned to St. Thomas to oversee the Bethlehem House project.

Winter-Green had come to KU to study American social policy. Her successes, she says, pale beside the obstacles that remain. "When you can earn more tax credits for breeding horses than for child care, then I think you have some sort of problem," she says. "The poor in America are stigmatized by social policies."

She hopes to return to Kansas and complete her PhD. "I want to bring my experiences to bear within an academic framework," she says. "I'd like to help create change that could make their lives better."

Her award attests to the change she already has wrought.

—Bill Woodard

1981

Jonelle Birney is senior vice president of Fleishman-Hillard in Washington, D.C. She lives in Arlington, Va.

Jay Smith, c '84, serves as senior assistant counsel for the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department in Jefferson City.

BORN TO:

James, c. and Lisa Borden Burton, c '82, son, William Ray, Jan. 13. Jim is a project manager with KCI Consultants in Dallas, and Lisa is training coordinator and chief quality officer for Bank One Texas.

Robert, J. and Kathryn Peters Pittman, c. daughter, Claire Elizabeth, July 23 in St. Louis, where Bob's a manager with Southwestern Bell Telephone.

1982

Michael Grindell, b. manages staffing, marketing and bottle/can sales for Coca-Cola U.S.A. in Atlanta.

Norman Meek, c., is an assistant professor of geography at California State University-San Bernardino. He lives in Crestline.

LuAnn Bokenkroger Nauman, g. runs Teens H.O.P.E., a Topeka organization funded by the Centers for Disease Control to present programs aimed at preventing the spread of the HIV virus among teenagers.

Joy Peterson, p., is a pharmacist at the Hertzler Clinic in Halstead.

William Plybon, b. recently became litigation counsel for the Coca-Cola Co. in Atlanta.

Col. Steven Rausch, g. serves as editor-in-chief of Military Review, a U.S. Army professional journal. He is stationed at Fort Leavenworth.

Catherine Ruhl, m. is a certified nurse-midwife at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Jay, a. a. and Andrea Cohen Woodward, c '83, live in Hacienda Heights, Calif., with Joel, 4, and Emily, 1.

BORN TO:

Robert, c. m '87, and Lorraine Strain Brown, m. c c. daughter, Carolyn Leigh, Oct. 31. They are stationed in Okinawa, Japan.
Shelley Stroker Ezell and Neal, e’88, daughter, Darcie Nichole, Jan. 17 in Lawrence, where Shelley is an agent for Stephen’s Real Estate and Neal works for Ezell-Morgan Construction.

Mark and Lisa Boerger Ledom, d’86, daughter, Madeline Louise, Dec. 1 in Overland Park. They live in Lawrence with their sons, Mark and Matthew.

Andrew, a, a’83, and Sharon Packer Lewis, b, daughter, Sara Katherine, Sept. 6 in Colorado Springs.

Dennis Lindsey, e, and Stacie, son, Tyler Reynolds, Oct. 13 in Olathe, where he joins a sister, Jessica, 7, and a brother, Blake, 5.

John Omick, c, and Holly, daughter, Kendall Anastasia, Sept. 20 in Harlingen, Texas, where she joins a sister, Kelsey, 2. John is sales and property manager for Mason and Company.

Bonnie Stewart Rockwood, c, and Wayne, a’83, e’83, son, Casey James, Jan. 5 in Phoenix, where he joins two brothers, Ryan, 4, and Tyler, 2.

Kari Dyck Woods, b, g’90, and Bob, son, Anderson Hunter, Nov. 6. They live in Baldwin, and Kari works for A/S/K Associates in Lawrence.

Rochelle Lewis Kohn, c, and Steven, daughter, Allison Rae, Sept. 19. Rochelle teaches at the Methodist Hospital Day Care Center in Lubbock.

Donald, c, m’87, and Emily Farquhar Nease, g’87, daughter, Catherine Sue, Jan. 2 in Olathe. They live in Prairie Village.

1984

Terry Criss, b, is a partner in the Salina law firm of Hampton, Royce, Engleman and Nelson.

Lori Schick Donnelly, c, provides human-resources support for the prescription product division of Marion Merrell Dow. She and her husband, Pat, live in Kansas City with their daughter, Amy, 2.

Paul Mattson Jr., d, serves as president and clinical director of physical therapy at the Marietta Center of Rehabilitation in Marietta, Ga., where he and his wife, Alyssa, make their home.

Curtis Pickert, m, is in his second year of a pediatric critical-care fellowship at Arkansas Children’s Hospital. He and Julie Miller Pickert, n’82, live in Little Rock with their children, Jonathan, 7, Jamie, 6, and Jenna, 4.

Gary Smith, j, was one of four winners in the 1980 Career Photographers contest sponsored by American Photo magazine. He lives in Lawrence and recently received a grant from the Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts to serve as artist-in-residence at Associated Youth Services in Kansas City, where he will teach photography to young people.

David, b, and Shelly Stucky Watson, f’86, live in Lincoln, Neb., with their son, Nathan, who will be 1 June 25.

MARRIED

Elizabeth Blanz, c, to Philip Alford, Nov. 9 in Palos Verdes, Calif. They live in Malibu.

Kimberly Duncan, n, and Robert Hunter, b’86, f’89, Oct. 26 in Prairie Village.

Kim Hahnen, n, to Stephen Peak, Oct. 19 in Shawnee. Their home is in Lenexa.

Keith Schraad, c, to Jodi Swengel, Nov. 23 in Overland Park.

1983

John Byerley, b, recently was promoted to vice president of data processing at Clinical Reference Laboratory in Lenexa.

John Carmody, b, lives in Houston with his wife, Wendy.

Uday Kumthekar, g, is a principal engineer at Fluor-Daniel in Greenville, S.C.

Eric Wynkoop, g’86, has been a named a chartered financial analyst by the trustees of the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts. He lives in Kansas City.

MARRIED

Patrick Boppert, b, and Shari Ashner, c’84, July 20 in Kansas City.

BORN TO:

Stephen, j, and Sharon Bodin Flood, f’87. c’87, g’87, daughter, Molly Ann, Nov. 19. They live in Marietta, Ga.

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BORN TO:


Andrew, b. and Ann Showalter Cooper, n'86, daughter, Crosby Ann, July 9. They live in Overland Park.

Tone Berg Nelson, j. c'85, and Todd, f'85, daughter, Thale, Aug. 19 in Sioux Falls, S.D., where she joins a brother, Stener, 2.

Jennifer Fine Powers, j. and Dan, daughter, Tara Catherine, Jan. 24 in Austin, Texas, where Jennifer coordinates communications for the Continuum Co.

Stanley, c. and Teresa Kramer Rasmussen, c'85, daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, Jan. 19. They live in Lawrence.

Scott Wren, b. and Doree, daughter, Amelia Kathryn, Nov. 30 in St. Louis.

1985

Ross Brickley, g. recently became a long-term care pharmacy consultant with Neil Medical in Kinston, N.C. He lives in Raleigh.

Timothy Davis, g. owns an electronic design automation consulting firm in Denver.


Delome Godsey, g. g'88, is a senior engineer with Texaco in Houston.

Kathy Craven Grissom, c. serves as president of Luzier Personalized Cosmetics in Kansas City.

Lori Petrovski-Brown, c. coordinates sales for Bossler-Hix Personnel in Kansas City, where her husband, Kenneth, is an estimator/superintendent for Miller-Stach Construction. They have a son, Kyle, 1.

David Rolandelli, PhD, works as an investigator for the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights in San Francisco, and his wife, Mildred Alvarez, 29, is an assistant professor of psychology at San Jose State University. They live in Redwood City.

Paula Jo Rotert, f. is senior graphic designer for Midwest Living magazine in Des Moines.

Jurgen Scott, c. works as an inspector for the U.S. Customs Service in Miami, Fla.

MARRIED

Britton "Bo" Jones, g. g'87, and Lynn Kingsley, j'86, Nov. 16 in Prairie Village.

Phillip Lowcock, g. and Elizabeth Knight, c'87, Nov. 21 in Leavenworth. They live in Lawrence.

Scott Stewart, c. to Colleen Nelson, Sept. 7. They live in Kansas City.

BORN TO:

Diane Wagner Bracciano, f. and Thomas, c'88, daughter, Megan Lynn, Jan. 28 in Lawrence, where Tom coordinates building support services for USD 497.

1986

Anne Trani Chapman, c. last fall returned to Chicago after a two-year stint in London. She is a freelance casting associate and her husband, Guy, is an options trader with First Continental Trading at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Their daughter, Tegan Margaret, will be 2 Aug. 26.

Jill Keith Debord, f. lives in Lexington Park, Md. She and her husband, Lee, and their son, James Gary, who celebrates his first birthday July 7.

Jerry Jones, c. lives in Wichita, where he is an assistant public defender for Sedgwick County.

Kimberle Stark, f. is a project manager for North Creek Analytical, an environmental laboratory in Seattle.

MARRIED

Kenneth Boyd, c. to Ann Voll, Nov. 23 in Lenexa. They live in Overland Park.

Victoria Hiatt, j. to Todd Townsend, Nov. 2 in Phillipsburg. Their home is in Glenn Ellyn, Ill.

Sharon Stahno, b. to Sam Weems, Nov. 23 in Hays. They live in Lenexa.

Karen Tucker, c. to Rick Fox, Nov. 9 in St. Louis.

BORN TO:


Mark, c. and Amy Witt McFarland, b. daughter, Erin Mae, Oct. 21 in Garden City, where Mark practices law with Doering & Grissell and Amy teaches at Garrett Walker Elementary School.

1987

Timothy Clough, k. studies for a master's in landscape architecture at Kansas State University. He lives in Stafford.

John Collins, b. lives in Overland Park and is a senior financial analyst for United Telecon.

Carey Craig, f. is an employment specialist in the personnel department at HCA Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Kari Craven, f. works as vice president of direct sales for Luzier Personalized Cosmetics in Kansas City.


Jackie Gorman, f. is a human resources administrator for Gilbert/Robinson in Kansas City.

Amy Honaker, f. is a school social worker for Wyandotte Special Education Cooperative in Kansas City.

Marilyn Moore Layman, PhD, recently became superintendent of De Soto public schools.

John Lotz, f. does marketing communications consulting for Caterpillar Industrial. He and his wife, Deanna, live in Cleveland with their daughter, Marie.

Kevin Westhues, f. produces the 6 p.m. news at WOWT-TV in Omaha, Neb.

MARRIED

Andrew Bettis, c. and Lori Roberts, d'89, Nov. 9 in Kansas City. They make their home in Murry, Ky.

Staci Ketchum, j. and Brian Cross, f'88, Nov. 29 in Kansas City. Their home is in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Connie Reiman, c. and Jeffery Keeling, c'88, Sept. 14. They live in Lawrence, where Connie studies for a doctorate in child psychology at KU.

BORN TO:

Douglas, b. g'89, and Stephanie Neiger, f'90, daughter, Kelsey Hope, Sept. 2 in Kansas City, where Douglas is a senior analyst with Sprint.

Carol Spring Thawngmung, f. and Peter, daughter, Kayla Lynn, Dec. 16 in Lawrence, where Carol teaches flute at the Music Center.

1988

Jeff Brake, f. works as a reliability design engineer for Textron Marine Systems in New Orleans.

Traci Davis DePriest, f. has been promoted to tabloid artist for Payless Cashways. She and her husband, James, f'90, live in Leavenworth.

Guy Gaskill, f. is a bank vice president in Winona, where he also sells insurance and raises cattle.

Kathleen Harnish, g. serves as chair and president of Total Quality Consulting in Kansas City.

John Landgrebe, b. manages sales for Packard Plastic's cup division. He lives in Lawrence.

Darroll Miller, c. is a salesman for Syntex Labs in Chicago.

John O'Leary, c. f'g9, practices law with the Salina firm of Hapgood, Royce, Engleman and Nelson.

Stacey Stephen, b. manages Body & SouL, a retail store in Delmar, Calif. She lives in San Diego.

MARRIED

Troy Garrison, c. and Laura Woodward, j'91, Nov. 30 in Danforth Chapel. They live in Irving, Texas.


Patrick McCraney, c. and Rebecca McIntyre, d'90, Nov. 29 in Fort Leavenworth. They live in Lawrence.

Michele Stahlbaum, b. and Lee Staehr, b. Oct. 12 in Kansas City. They make their home in Westwood Hills.
Taylor reaps Pulitzer for USDA series

Deaths and illnesses from tainted meat. Systematic discrimination against minority farmers. A bloated bureaucracy that encourages widespread fraud in subsidy payments.

These are but a smattering of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's misdeeds that reporter Jeff Taylor, '90, helped document in an exhaustive December 1991 expose for The Kansas City Star.

For 16 months Taylor and special-projects partner Mike McGraw burrowed into the USDA for a series that ran last Dec. 8-14. Their investigation, "Failing the Grade: Betrayals and Blunders at the Department of Agriculture," helped prompt the Senate agricultural committee's current hearings. In April Taylor and McGraw captured the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting. Other KU graduates also contributed to the series: Mark Zieman, '84, directed the series as special projects editor, and David Eames, '89, illustrated the stories.

Taylor, 30, a reporter with the newspaper since 1984, says the series sprang from a desire to examine a single department of the federal government. "We hear so many complaints today about big government, about ineffective leadership that is beyond our control," he says. "We decided to focus on one department, break down the bureaucracy, trace the money, see what programs and jobs the taxpayers were financing."

To report the story, Taylor and McGraw conducted nearly 1,000 interviews. They traveled to 22 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. They amassed 35,000 pages of documents. They filed 70 Freedom of Information requests. In the three months before the series ran, they routinely worked 12-hour days, seven days a week.

The work wasn't glamorous. It wasn't danger-filled. There were no Watergate-style informants. "Most of it was just old-fashioned legwork, battling bureaucrats for information, that kind of thing," Taylor says.

For instance, he haggled with federal employees to retrieve the records he needed for a particularly telling comparison. He found that when the USDA sprouted under Abraham Lincoln in 1862, farms outnumbered USDA employees 2.04 million to nine, or 227,000 to one. By 1990 the department had one employee for every 16 farms.

As the series rolled off the press, the paper sent copies to the House and Senate agriculture committees. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., cited the articles in an impassioned speech that led to Senate oversight hearings. Requests for copies poured in. The Star reprinted the series as a special section; so far, the paper has mailed about 15,000 free copies.

Taylor's path to the Pulitzer started the summer before his senior year at KU, when he interned at the Kansas City Times, the morning paper that merged with the Star in early 1990. Needing money, he soon decided to work full time and postpone school. After the Star and the Times combined, Taylor joined the five-member special-projects team.

He and McGraw soon will take leaves of absence from the Star to turn their stories into a book. He figures they will take another swing at big government eventually. "We did what people want the press to do," Taylor says. "We dug. We were hard-nosed. We kept the public in mind. The public wants us to be aggressive but fair. I think we achieved that this time."

—Bill Woodard
Mary Karen Geraty, c., lives in St. Louis, where she works for Busch Creative Services.

Michelle Green, j., is a loan administrator at Parkway Bank in Overland Park.

Robert Jann, j., serves as president of BJ Enterprises in Chicago.

Patricia Krebbiel, n., is assistant director of the Lipid and Atherosclerosis Prevention Clinic at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

Jerome Lonergan, g., directs the Kansas Department of Commerce's division of existing industry development. He lives in Topeka.

Erin Watts MacGilvary, c., is an underwriter for Travelers Insurance in Dallas. She and her husband, David, live in Colleyville.

Michelle Bradshaw McComb, n., works as assistant head nurse at the South Austin Medical Center in Austin, Texas. Where her husband, James, is project superintendent for Akin-McComb Construction.

Pamela Niesluchowski, c., is a substance-abuse counselor at the Institute for Human Resources in Pontiac, Ill. She lives in Bloomington.

Manuel "Gary" Ortiz, g., directs personnel and is assistant city manager of Leavenworth, where he and his wife, Mary, make their home.

Heidi Johnson Puckett, d., teaches at Day Care for Exceptional Children, and her husband, Dennis, b'88, practices law with Wasker, Sullivan and Ward in Des Moines.

Lorna Reese, c., works as a human-resource representative for Arco Oil & Gas in Midland, Texas.

Craig Renner, b., is a loan officer at Thomas County National Bank in Colby.

Cheryl Scheer, d., lives in New Berlin, Wis., where she's a professional sales representative for Merck Sharp & Dohme.

Chris Stehno, c., is an actuary at William Mercer Inc. in Stamford, Conn.

Peter Stonefield, e., works as a main propulsion system engineer at the Kennedy Space Center. He and his wife, Laura, live in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Jeffrey Sturd, c., has been elected a commercial banking officer at Commerce Bank of Kansas City.

Suzanne Sweetman, c., studies optometry at the University of Houston.

Mary Elizabeth Robins Whitley, p., commutes from Lawrence to Leavenworth, where she's assistant pharmacy manager at Treasury Drug. Her husband, Michael, studies business at KU.

Jeff Young, m., recently became chief resident of internal medicine at Evanston Hospital in Evanston, Ill.

MARRIED

Erin Easton and John Spitz, e., Nov. 23 in Wichita.

Michael Farthing, c., and Mary Emeri, p, '91, Nov. 30 in Independence. Their home is in Shawnee.


Donald Friend II, b., and Anna Peterson, d, '91, Nov. 16 in Lawrence, where he studies law at KU.

Angela Helmer, c., and Michael Spielman, d., Dec. 21 in Baldwin City.

Chance Morrow, c., to Melinda Hesman, Oct. 12 in Dodge City.

Todd Nickel, j., to Stephanie Priolo, Nov. 16 in Dallas. They make their home in Englewood, Colo.

Jennifer Peters, f., to John Thomas, Feb. 29 in Kansas City. They live in New York City.

Dawn Sandza, e., and Matthew Galloway, c, '91, Aug. 17 in Des Peres, Mo. They live in Ballwin.

Jill Singer, c., and Thomas Bechard, b, '90, Dec. 28 in Overland Park. Jill studies law at UMKC, and Tom is a market field representative with Procter & Gamble.

Dean Ward, b., and Ginger Wineinger, n, '91, Oct. 5. They live in Overland Park.

BORN TO:

Michael Burke, m., and Collette, son, Michael Joseph, Oct. 16 in Wichita.

Leonard Jurden, i, and Juliana, son, Nicholas Roland, Oct. 15. They live in Prairie Village.

James Montgomery, c., and Pam, son, Joshua David, Feb. 20 in Lawrence, where James is a partner in Digi Electric.

Steven Phillips, b., and Linda, assoc., daughter, Julia Katherine, Feb. 21. They live in Olathe with their son, Nicholas, i.

Sondra White Troup, c., and John, c, '91, son, John Elmsley IV, Sept. 12 in Kansas City.

1990

John Curran works as a sales manager for Hoover Bros. in Houston.

Michael Gaumnitz, g., is a civil engineer and financial planner for Black & Veatch in Kansas City.

Andrew McCurry, p., is a pharmacist at Dillon's in Hutchinson. He and his wife, Mary, live in Burton with John, 8, and Emily, 6.

Dawn Shelton, n., is a staff nurse in the infectious disease unit at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

Harriet Blonsky Slotnick, g., is a special-education case manager for the Lee's Summit, Mo., school district.

Darrell Spain, i., practices law with Brock McPherson in Great Bend.

Maria Gailli Stampino, g., studies for a doctorate in Italian at Stanford University in Stanford, Calif.

Andrew Tweedy, b., is a programmer/analyst at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, where he and his wife, Julia, live with their son, Shane, 1.

Elizabeth Young, c., studies for a doctorate in high-energy particle physics at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

MARRIED

Michael Martin, c., and Sheri Garcia, d, '91, Aug. 3 in Liberal. They live in Lawrence.

Elisabeth Nelson, c., and Miles Mikesic, c., Oct. 19 in Kansas City. They live in Lawrence.

Jeffrey Renz, e., to Peggy Potter, Sept. 28. They live in Seattle.

1991

Dana Barton, p., is a resident pharmacist at Caney Discount Drug in Caney.

Sharon Clark, j., is a public-relations writer for KSHS in Kansas City.

Brad Clay, d., is a sports specialist for the Blue Valley Recreation Commission in Overland Park, where he and his wife, Trisha, make their home.

David Crook, e., works for Rockwell Space Operations in Houston.

Marc Ramsey, j., c., edits copy for the Topeka Capitol Journal.

Scott Woodward, s., coordinates the substance-abuse program at Horizons Mental Health Center in Hutchinson, where he also teaches at Hutchinson Community College.

Renee Zimmerman, c., studies medicine at Case Western Reserve Medical School in Cleveland, Ohio.

MARRIED

Kristin Beechel, f., and Christopher Cooper, f., Oct. 19. They run a jewelry business in Wichita.

ASSOCIATES

Betty Burrell Hodge recently established a professorship in communications and debate at Sterling College to honor her late husband, Frank, f, '72, a Sterling alumnus. Betty lives in Hutchinson.

SCHOOL CODES

Letters that follow names in Kansas Alumni indicate the school from which alumni graduated, and numbers show the year of graduation.

a School of Architecture and Urban Design
b School of Business
c College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
d School of Education
e School of Engineering
f School of Fine Arts
g Master's Degree
h Graduate School
i School of Allied Health
j School of Journalism
k School of Law
l School of Medicine
m School of Nursing
n School of Pharmacy
p School of Pharmacy
q School of Social Welfare
de Doctor of Engineering
dma Doctor of Musical Arts
did Doctor of Education
dph Doctor of Philosophy
(no letter) Former student
assoc. Associate member
Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da, Life goes on
So do Jayhawk Generations

The Hill was once your home sweet home. If your daughter or son is ready to begin the climb, please tell us about it for Jayhawk Generations, our annual fall tribute to second-, third-, fourth- and 5th-generation KU students. If you do, we’ll be happy ever after.

To be included, the student must be a freshman in fall 1992 and at least one parent must be an Association member.

SECOND GENERATIONS:
Return the form below by July 1.

THIRD GENERATIONS AND BEYOND:
1. Attach a separate sheet listing KU ancestors and the student’s high-school activities and tentative college plans.
2. Enclose a recent photograph of the student (senior pictures work well) and a college-era photo of parent(s) who attended KU. (Unfortunately we don’t have space for photos of previous generations.)

All photos will be returned.
Mail to:
Kansas Alumni Magazine, Jayhawk Generations
1266 Oread Avenue
Lawrence, KS 66045-1600

Student’s name and high school

Student’s home address

Father’s name and current city/state

Mother’s name (as student, if applicable) and current city/state

DEADLINE: JULY 15, 1992
THE EARLY YEARS

Lucy Dunbar Beamer, c'14, 90. March 1 in Lenexa. She is survived by a daughter, Imogene Beamer Penner, c'37, a son, Raymond Jr., c'42; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Gage C. Frick, '93, Jan. 22 in Kansas City, where he was a director of National Fidelity Life Insurance and a partner in H.O. Peet & Co. Two daughters and three grandchildren survive.


Gula Finch Naramore, '16, 97. Nov. 27 in Eudora. She lived in Lawrence. Surviving are a daughter, Helen Naramore Fluker, c'41; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Carolyn McNeill Root, c'17, June 20, 1911 in Lafayette, Calif. Two daughters, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive.

1920S

Gladys Bradford Ayer, c'27, 87. Jan. 27 in Walnut Creek, Calif. She taught at Hartman Elementary School in Kansas City and is survived by a son.

Conwell Carlson, c'22, 91. Nov. 25 in Kansas City, where he had been a reporter for the Kansas City Star for 45 years. He is survived by two sons, John, c'57, and Eric, c'52; a daughter; two brothers; and five grandchildren.

Maurice W. Clarkson, b'29, 84. Jan. 23 in Lawrence, where he was former office manager and district auditor for Kansas Power & Light. He is survived by his wife, Meta Murphy Clarkson, c'29; a son, Richard, c'55; and a sister.

Arthur M. Clough, c'23, 93. Dec. 9 in Kansas City, where he was an investigator for the U.S. Treasury Department. A daughter and a sister survive.

Dorth L. Coombs, '27, Dec. 8 in Wichita. He lived in Chanute, where he owned Dorth Coombs Insurance. Surviving are a son, William, b'64; one brother; and a daughter, Sarah Coombs Wenzel, c'66.

Frank J. Cuddeback, c'26, 91. Jan. 22 in Miami, Okla., where he was in the mining business. He is survived by his wife, Edythe Germann Cuddeback, c'28; a brother; two daughters, one of whom is Verna Cuddeback Simon, c'29.

John A. Eckel, c'28, 85. Nov. 14 in Lincoln, Neb. He was a supervisory research engineer and a research specialist for Exxan and had received 28 patents on oil equipment and methods. A son, a daughter and seven grandchildren survive.

Mary Ainsworth Ellis, c'26, Nov. 4 in Kansas City. Two sons, David, b'59, and Don, b'53, survive.

Clyde A. Farnsworth, c'20, 93. Jan. 20 in Eureka Springs, Ark. He is survived by his wife, Deva, two sons, four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Frances E. Fling, d'25, Jan. 7 in Kansas City, where she taught school for 44 years. A sister survives.

Armena Rumbarber Gard, c'22, 90. Jan. 16 in Shawnee Mission, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Diane Gard Mullikin, c'54; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Spencer A. Gard, d'22, 93. Nov. 25 in Lenexa, where he was a retired district judge and a former Kansas representative and senator. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie Garlinghouse Gard, c'24; a daughter, a brother, Robert, c'34; a sister, Ruth Gard Stoup, c'37; a grandson; and a great-granddaughter.

Roger Hackney, c'24, 89. Dec. 10 in New Canaan, Conn., where he was a former senior vice president of Johns-Manville. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Among survivors are his wife, Margaret; two daughters; a sister, Lela Hackney Bell, c'32; and seven grandchildren.

Robert A. Haggart, '24, 90. Jan. 4 in Laguna Hills, Calif. He had been an environmentalist for the Kansas State Board of Health and had owned a creamery, a trucking firm and an amusement park in Lawrence. Among survivors are his wife, Helen; two sons, Peter, c'52, and Robert, c'60; a brother; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Helen Gillis Heffern, c'26, Feb. 3 in Fayetteville, N.C. She is survived by two sisters, Lois Gillis Shore, c'31, and Bessie Gillis Kindred, c'31.

Walter G. Hutchinson, c'26, 88. Jan. 17 in Arkansas City, where he had been vice president of Ramey Davis Mercantile. Surviving are his wife, Mary; two daughters, one of whom is Pamela Hutchinson Henson, c'97; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Lois Miller Kessett, d'25, 89. Jan. 30 in Topeka, where she was a retired chemist. A daughter, a sister, and two grandchildren survive.

Leslie E. Knapp, c'23, m'25, Jan. 8 in Wichita, where he was a surgeon. A daughter is among survivors.

James P. May, c'28, 85. Dec. 18 in Blacksburg, Va., where he was a retired vice president and electrical engineer at Poly-Scientific. His sister, Tresse May Montgomery, c'25, is among survivors.

Philip R. Phillips, c'26, 88. Feb. 1 in Bartlesville, Okla., where he was a former director of Phillips Petroleum, an independent oil producer, a rancher and a director of First National Bank. In 1981 he received KU's Distinguished Service Citation. Survivors include his sister, Martha Phillips Stark, c'25; four nephews; and a cousin.

Vera Bolton Potter, c'26, g'30, Oct. 19 in Fullerton, Calif. A sister, Wanda Bolton, c'27, is among survivors.

Alice Godsey Rigdon, c'24, Jan. 10 in Carmel, Calif.

Frances Kruse Webster, c'26, 88. Feb. 16 in Merriam. She lived in Lawrence for many years and was retired head cashier for Kansas Power and Light. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association.

Aileen Spraw Welch, c'23, Jan. 3 in Milton, Del., where she taught high-school English and French.

Charles A. Cutler, '35, July 31 in Encino, Calif., where he was retired from the insurance business.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth "Betty" Hogue Cutler, c'38; a daughter; a son; a sister, Helen Cutler Anderson, c'28; and seven grandchildren.

Norman H. Davis, '37, Jan. 5 in Topeka, where he retired as a personnel officer for the Kansas Department of Transportation. He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise Dillenback Davis, c'44; a daughter, Linda Davis Applegarth, c'69; a son, Steven, c'72; a sister, Harriet Davis Grant, c'45; and two granddaughters.

Elizabeth Bush Eberle, c'36, Oct. 3 in Bloomington, Ind. A niece and a nephew survive.

John W. Garland, c'30, 82, Nov. 8 in Wellington, where he was retired president of the Bank of Commerce. He is survived by his wife, Marianne Berry Garland, c'29; two sons, C. Jepson, b'59, and John, d'56, g'61; and two daughters, one of whom is Sally Garland Foulks, c'52.

J. Wells Haren, c'30, 83, Feb. 12 in Shawnee Mission. He had owned Haren & Laughlin Construction and is survived by his wife, Dorothy Stone Haren, c'29; a son, Charles W. "Ted," 95; a daughter, Gail Haren McMichael, b'61; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Lee B. Hausman, b'35, Sept. 24 in Sacramento, Calif. He lived in Rancho Marietta and is survived by his wife, Florence.

Louise Allen HAVILAND, c'32, Dec. 14 in New York City, where she had been president of the Charles Weinman School of Dance. She is survived by a daughter; a son and two daughters, Josephine Allen Johnson, c'28; and Florence Allen Worthing, c'33.

Samuel R. Hempfih, g'36, PhD '40, 86, Jan. 27 in Warrensburg, Mo., where he was dean of the graduate school, a professor of mathematics, and dean of student affairs at Central Missouri State University. A son, a daughter, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive.

Faye Garfield Hibbard, c'32, Dec. 31 in Ann Arbor, Mich. She is survived by a daughter, Katherine Hibbard Mull, c'55; and two granddaughters.

Nancy Hassig Macl, c'30, 84. Jan. 7 in Topeka, where she had been a teacher and a principal. She is survived by her son, John, c'57; and two grandchildren.
Dorothy Pipes Martin, c'30, April 11, 1991 in Wichita. A niece and a nephew survive.

Lucille Floyd McCreath, d'32, 90, Feb. 12 in Lawrence. A nephew survives.

Mary Alice Linscott Miller, '36, Nov. 12 in Charlotte, N.C. She lived in Englewood, Fla., and is survived by her husband, Earl, and three children.

William E. Rash, b'34, 79, Dec. 7 in Fort Worth, Texas. He is survived by two brothers, Harry, '33, and Kenneth, '39.

Ivan L. Roberts, d'30, 85, Jan. 31 in Sabatha, where he owned Roberts Construction. Survivors include his wife, Harriett Blum Roberts, '29, a son, Albert, c'56, a daughter, Marilyn Roberts Walsh, d'53; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Vernon W. Vorhees, '37, 78, Feb. 24 in Shawnee Mission. He was a retired accountant for Armour & Co. and is survived by his wife, Betty Sims Vorhees, c'36, g'65; a son, Vernon II, b'64; 167; two daughters, Gayle Vorhees Stuber, d'82, and Linda Vorhees Brown, d'67; a sister, Virginia Vorhees Benson, '34; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1940s

Thomas F. Cosgrove, c'41, 72, Nov. 1 in Council Grove, where he was a farmer and a rancher. He is survived by his wife, Lorrie; four daughters, one of whom is Carol Cosgrove Lantego, d'70; four sons; a sister, Mary Cosgrove Van Slyck, c'40; and 23 grandchildren.

Robert B. Gorrill, '40, 74, Dec. 26 in Wichita, where he was an experimental test pilot for Boeing Aircraft. Surviving are his wife, Billie; two sons, one of whom is Douglas, '71; two daughters, Candis Gorrill List, '69, and Darcey Gorrill Zimmerman, '78; a brother, a sister, Virginia Gorrill Coffin, c'47; and three grandchildren.

Ethel Shirley Griffith, g'41, 88, Jan. 13 in Emporia. She was a retired teacher and is survived by a step-daughter, Isla Griffith Higgins, d'65; a sister; and three step-grandchildren.

Thomas T. Jackson, e'49, Oct. 24 in Austin, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Stanley W. Jervis, e'48, 69, Sept. 19 in Wichita. He had been president of People's Natural Gas and executive vice president of Enron in Omaha. He is survived by his wife, Corinne Temple Jervis, c'50; a son, David, c'77; a daughter, Elizabeth Jervis Ward, c'79; and two grandchildren.

John Kanas, c'48, m'51, 66, Nov. 11 in Colorado Springs, where he was a physician. He is survived by his wife, Mary Baker Kanas, g'50; a son; and a brother, George, '55.

Floyd H. Krebsbli, c'47, 68, Jan. 26 in Wichita. He lived in Moundridge, where he had been president of Moundridge Telephone and of Mid-Kansas Cable and founder of Kansas Cellular. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Krebsbli Krebsbli, c'45; a son, Carl, c'70; a daughter, Celia Krebsbli Mater, f'69; and six grandchildren.

Marmaduke D. McComas Jr., c'40, m'43, 75, Dec. 12 in Topeka, where he was a retired urologist. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, Stephen, '72, and Raymond, d'70; a daughter, Suzanne McComas Williams, d'72; a sister, Patricia McComas Olson, c'42; five grandchildren; and six step-grandchildren.

Bernard H. Wallburn, p'40, 74, Sept. 16 in Hutchinson. He lived in Inman and was a retired pharmacist. He is survived by his wife, Janet; two sons, two daughters, a sister, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

James N. Wilson, c'48, 68, Jan. 11 in Hemet, Calif. He was a journalist and had worked in public relations. A brother, Galen, '50, survives.

John W. "Bill" Wintermute Jr., '48, 70, Jan. 26 from leukemia in Dallas, where he was a public-relations specialist and an artist. During World War II, he designed a flying Jayhawk insignia for a Navy Air Corps squadron in which he and other KU students enlisted. Survivors include his wife, Jane; three children; a brother, Dick, c'51; and three grandchildren.

1950s

Robert A. Davis, p'57, 62, Oct. 27 in Lawrence, where he had been a pharmacist and a manager at Raney Drug Store. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, two daughters, one of whom is Melissa, '83; three sons, two of whom are Timothy, '83, and Jeffrey, c'86; and three grandchildren.

John D. Freiburger, b'52, Jan. 6 in Tulsa. He lived in Bartlesville, where he was president of Walter Freiburger & Sons Insurance. Surviving are his wife, Donna, and two daughters.

Carroll D. "Bud" Jones, d'51, Sept. 12 in Carlsbad, Calif. of cancer. His sister, Peggy Jones Parker, d'55, is among survivors.

James R. McDougal, e'52, 62, Nov. 8 in an airplane crash near Kiowa. He lived in South Haven and is survived by his wife, Kyoko; a son, Marvin, '61; a sister, Mary McDougal Prettyman, '76; and a granddaughter.

Lloyd C. Vogelgesang, m'59, Aug. 11 in Wamebee, S.D.

Carolyn Settle Warner, c'57, Jan. 17 in Lake Quivira. She is survived by her husband, Charles, and a son, Christopher, b'68.

1960s

Thomas Cannon, e'64, July 22 in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he was an electrical engineer with AT&T Bell Laboratories. He is survived by his wife, Judith, a son and a daughter.

John S. Cory, g'62, Sept. 27 in Escondido, Calif. His father and a brother survive.

Margaret Morriss Fishburne, '69, Apr. 5 in Atlanta, Ga., where she managed an HGR Block tax office. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by her husband, Stanley, b'67; a daughter, her parents, Rex, p'49, and Margaret Hall Morriss, d'45; and two brothers, Rex Morriss Jr., c'74, and David Morriss, f'80.

Lucerne E. Herold, s'67, Feb. 7 in Topeka. She had been an assistant director of movie production for CBS and later was a social worker in the Topeka public schools. Two sisters, one of whom is Dorothy Herold Vanis, '50, survive.

Judith Boyle Philgreen-Harkness, f'61, g'72, Feb. 2 in Kansas City, where she taught high school. She is survived by her husband, Larry; two sons, Jeffrey, '92, and Christopher, student; a daughter, Kimberly Philgreen Drusch, '89; a stepdaughter, three stepsons; her mother, Heloise Lieurance Boyle, '30; three sisters, two of whom are Joan Boyle Rime, d'64, and Nancy Boyle Square, f'66; and a granddaughter.

1970s

Sana Smith Danielson, d'74, 38, Sept. 11 in Des Moines of ovarian cancer. She lived in Johnston and was a vice president at Norwest Bank. Surviving are her husband, Duane, a daughter, a son, her parents and a brother.

Donald N. Rabiner, g'74, g'75, PhD'78, 42, Jan. 19 of a heart attack in Tempe, where he was an associate professor of art history at Arizona State University. He is survived by his wife, Claudia Brown, c'72, g'74, g'76; PhD'89; a daughter, Emily, and a brother.

1980s

Vincent R. Carter, '81, 35, Oct. 7 in Fort Worth. He is survived by his parents, a brother and a half sister.

Thomas E. Robertson, '82, May 19, 1991, in Kansas City. He lived in Belleville and is survived by his parents, Ramona, a daughter and a son.

1990s

Damon P. Glass, '92, 21, Oct. 16 in Kansas City. His parents, two step-sisters, his grandmother and a step-grandfather survive.

Jovencio M. "Mike" Miguel, '90, 60, Oct. 5 in Kansas City, where he was an architect with the Army Corps of Engineers. Surviving are his wife, Haruko; two sons, one of whom is Edwin, '85; two daughters, one of whom is Michele, '90; two brothers; eight sisters; and a granddaughter.

The University Community

Eleanor Powlisson DuQuoin, s'71, 72, Feb. 25 in St. Louis. She lived in Lawrence and was a retired KU professor of art and design. Her husband, Wayne, g'69, survives.

Ray A. Heady, 83, Nov. 29 in Independence, Mo. He had been outdoors editor for the Kansas City Star and had taught journalism at KU. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, two sons, one of whom is Ronald, e'69; a daughter; and seven grandchildren.

Myra Mahlow Hinman, '78, 66, Feb. 11 in Kansas City. She lived in Lawrence and was an associate professor of English at KU. A son, Christopher Olstead, '79, survives.
Business

When the taxman cometh, the KU Accounting Club is prepared. Members for the fourth year sponsored the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to help Lawrence residents file their taxes.


Coordinator Jason Flaherty, b'92, says the volunteers last fall studied tax materials and took a certification test. Although the students received no academic credit, Flaherty says, "it's good training for business classes and looks good to employers. Some people do it because it's a résumé booster, but then they realize it's a good cause. It's rewarding to help someone through what can be a difficult process."

Engineering

Brian E. Thompson, assistant professor of chemical and petroleum engineering, has received a National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigator Award for research and teaching. Thompson is among 200 researchers to receive the award, which carries a five-year annual stipend of $25,000.

A 1986 doctoral graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Thompson studies methods for producing electronic components, particularly the use of plasma, a gaseous electrical discharge, to power chemical reactors in the manufacture of computer circuits. The process eliminates the need for hot power sources that can melt the materials.

"Brian's research is at the forefront of technology," says G. Paul Willhite, chairman of chemical and petroleum engineering. "The award will enable him to develop a significant program and to attract exceptional graduate students."

Dean Carl E. Locke Jr. has been named a fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChe). To qualify for the designation, a chemical engineer must have worked for 25 years and must have belonged to the institute for 10 years.

Locke, who came to the University as dean in 1986, has researched corrosion and methods for protecting structures such as bridges. Locke holds four patents for corrosion control methods.

FINE ARTS

Los Angeles film producer Steve Mills, '51, in early April received the third Buddy Award from the department of theatre and film and the University Theatre.

The award, created in 1987 and named in honor of Academy Award-winning actor and philanthropist Charles "Buddy" Rogers, '26, is the highest honor the department bestows. Previous winners have been actors Don Johnson, '71, and Moses Gunn, '61.

Mike Robe, j'66, g'68, a director and writer and former chair of the Theatre and Film Professional Advisory Board, calls Mills an intensely loyal alumnus who has steered film productions to Kansas and has boosted the Tinsel Town careers of numerous Jayhawks, Robe's included.

Now the head of his own production company, Mills is a former top executive at Qintex Entertainment Inc., where his award-winning production credits included the miniseries "Lonesome Dove." He also worked as an executive for CBS Entertainment and ABC.

Down Beat Magazine, a national jazz publication, in its June issue will award the KU Jazz Singers its Outstanding Performance Award for a college jazz choir. Only one other college singing group topped KU's 12-member ensemble; Down Beat would not release the name until after the issue hit newstands.

LAW

Three second-year students placed sixth among 64 teams in the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition this spring at Pace University in White Plains, N.Y.
Randall Patterson, Steve Moss and Preston Pratt debated their way into the nine-team semifinals. In a preliminary round they beat the eventual champions from the University of Maine.

Patterson, Wichita, past president of the KU Environmental Law Society, says the contest is just one of several activities the 65-member society sponsors.

The society, advised by Professor George Coggins, also coordinates recycling within the school and hosts speakers. KU will publish the society's national newsletter next year. Don Francis, Olathe, will be the editor.

"Our primary goal is to encourage future lawyers to be sensitive to environmental issues," Patterson says. "This area of law will grow throughout our lives."

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

KU is among nine universities to receive a total of $600,000 from the Texas National Research Laboratory Commission for research relating to the super-conducting super collider.

Researchers received $500,000 last year from the organization, which works closely with the U.S. Department of Energy. KU physicists collaborate with scientists from Colorado State University, the Colorado School of Mines, Kansas State University and the universities of Colorado, Nebraska, Arizona, Wyoming and Oregon.

The super collider, under construction in Ellis County, Texas, will be a 54-mile circular track used to collide protons at near light speed, allowing scientists to study forces that bind matter or tear it apart. KU researchers will design portions of a 50,000-ton detector used to identify sub-atomic particles resulting from the collisions.

Ray Ammar, chairman of physics and astronomy, says students and faculty throughout the department will work on the project. "KU will benefit greatly," he says. "This research is expected to answer some unresolved questions concerning the building blocks of matter."

Grant Goodman, professor emeritus of history, made Japanese headlines in February when he uncovered a document that provides evidence of a brothel network operated by the Japanese government during World War II.


Goodman, who was a wartime translator of Japanese Army documents, says he remembered the report after reading news stories in which the Japanese apologized for the army's role in recruiting tens of thousands of prostitutes.

After finding the report in his files (he kept it as an example of his work as a translator), Goodman called a friend who works for a Japanese news service in Washington, D.C. When the story reached Japan, Goodman made front-page news and several morning news programs. As far as Goodman knows, the document is one of a kind.

JOURNALISM

The advertising staff of the University Daily Kansan received national honors April 4 at the annual conference of the College Newspaper Business and Advertising Managers Association in San Diego.

Jennifer Claxton, Hutchinson senior, was named top business manager of the year. The staff also won first-place awards for Best Training Program, Best Newspaper Promotion Campaign and Best Advertising Campaign and a third-place award for Best Color Ad. The promotional campaign was for basketball posters and fliers; the ad campaign was for Headmasters, a local salon; and the color ad was for Macintosh computers sold by the Kansas Union.

SOCIAL WELFARE

In keeping with a 1989 decision, the school has closed its bachelor's degree program at the Regents Center in Kansas City.

Despite the metropolitan area's great need for social services, the 10-year-old program never attracted an adequate enrollment; about 20 students completed degrees this May.

The school will continue to offer master's degrees at the Regents Center; KU is the only state university that has a graduate track in social welfare.

Three-hundred fifty alumni and social workers attended Social Work Day April 10 and honored three winners of Outstanding Alumnus Awards. They are Krysten Winter-Green, g'88, (see story, p.44); Jolene Grabill, s'76; and Goodwin K. Garfield, Ph.D.'80.

Grabill is administrative assistant to William Reardon, D-Kansas City, Speaker Pro-Tem in the Kansas House of Representatives. She was the lead staff member on the House Children's Initiatives Committee, which created a five-year plan for Kansas children that included a school breakfast program.

Garfield is an associate professor of social welfare who has expanded KU's social-work practicum program statewide. The program trains students in social agencies while they take courses at the University.
On May 17, Althea Shuss Vratil went for a stroll she had meant to take for nearly 50 years. The Larned grandmother slipped on a black gown, mortar board and her favorite walking shoes—white Reeboks—and joined 4,600 new graduates who filed down the Hill for the University's 120th Commencement.

"To be almost 70 and graduating...I can't really describe the feeling," Vratil says. "It's something I had always wanted, but I didn't think it would be possible."

"My mother would be so very pleased. She's the reason I did it; I had promised her I would graduate."

Vratil this spring completed the sociology degree she had started in 1940. She left Mount Oread in late 1943 and joined her husband, Frank Vratil, '44, who had just returned from battle overseas. They moved to Larned and started a family, "and I felt it was more important for me to be at home than to be at school."

Her Jayhawk ties never frayed. She and Frank for many years volunteered for Alumni Association activities in Pawnee County, particularly the Kansas Honors Program. They reared three children, John, '67, '71, Overland Park; Jim, '81, Larned; and Peggy, '69, Lenexa. And they returned to campus for football games until Frank's death in 1985.

Althea then started school near Larned. "It gave me something to look forward to," she recalls. "It was a challenge."

At a Kansas Honors Program dinner last fall, she mentioned her regret at not graduating with David Ambler, vice chancellor for student affairs. When Ambler learned she was within three credit hours of a degree, he arranged to transfer to KU her courses from Barton County Community College and Fort Hays State University. She completed one more class and fulfilled her dream.

"KU is very lucky to have a man like David Ambler," Vratil says. "I couldn't have accomplished this without him."

As for her post-college plans, Vratil is considering a traditional post-graduation ritual: a summer trip to Europe. She'll probably skip the student hostel route. — Bill Woodard
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