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Do you have a son or daughter enrolling as a freshman in fall 2000? Please send us the information for inclusion in Jayhawk Generations, Kansas Alumni magazine's annual fall tribute to KU legacies.

To be included, the student must:
• be a freshman in fall 2000
• have at least one parent who is an Alumni Association member
• have at least one parent who attended KU (need not have graduated)

Second Generations
1. Return the Jayhawk Generations card from this magazine or submit an electronic form from our web site.
2. Please DO NOT send photographs.

Third Generation and beyond
1. Return the card and a separate sheet listing KU ancestors and the student's high-school activities, awards and college plans, or submit electronic forms from our web site. When using electronic forms, be sure to fill out BOTH the general form and the form detailing KU ancestors, high-school activities and college plans.
2. Enclose a photograph of the student (senior pictures work well) and college-era photos of parents who attended KU. Do not send photographs of grandparents. We will return photos after the feature is published.

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Three-year-old Rachel blithely splashed in the bathtub, blissfully unaware that I was about to impart life-changing news. For weeks I had rehearsed this moment, choosing just the right words to elicit a joyous reaction from my first-born. An anxious smile on my face, I gently told Rachel that, soon after her fourth birthday in August, she would get to be a big sister. Promotion to such lofty rank, I hoped, would surely outweigh the price of sharing her doting parents with a baby brother or sister.

Rachel's brown eyes held mine for several long seconds as her preschool mind processed what I had—and hadn't—said. Then calmly she asked for verification that rank would indeed bring privilege:

"This means I'll get to drive, right?"

Nearly 11 years later, Rachel starts the car in the driveway, punches in her favorite CD and fidgets until, minutes later, I rush out to chauffeur her to her numerous pressing engagements. She chafes at my habitual lateness almost as much as she bristles over the two-year wait until she ascends to the coveted rank of licensed driver.

At dinner, amid discussions of junior-high studies and social life (not necessarily in that order), she abruptly asks how many years she will need to complete her bachelor's degree, then her master's, then her doctorate. She plans to teach; she plans to marry; she plans to rear two daughters and two sons. She has always planned.

Yet life refuses to happen fast enough. Her impatient sighs eerily echo my own so many years ago, confirming that Rachel indeed takes after me (to our mutual horror and delight). As I gamely try to learn to slow down, take my time and wait, she reminds me that my first instinct is never to sit still. As I indulge in a small act of rebellion against my lifelong rush by refusing to carry a calendar, she carries a daily planner, an accessory required by her junior high. She no doubt will tote one to college, where planners—or their computerized cousins—are more popular than piercings or tattoos.

But if current college patterns continue, Rachel might not complete her degree in the four years she has allotted. As Megan Maciejowski explains in our cover story, today's planner-carrying college students don't hold themselves to the traditional four-year schedule, an English custom that in the United States dates back to the mid-1600s.

At the University, where 20 years ago the four-year undergraduate degree was the norm (and the "five-year plan" a winking euphemism for dallying on the dole from Mom and Dad), five- and six-year plans are more common than not. After interviewing numerous students and administrators, Megan discovered that longer stays on the Hill do not necessarily mean students are loafing. Many curricula require five or six years, and increasing costs often demand that students work more hours and enroll in fewer as they work their way through KU.

Other less-calculable causes also bear consideration. Even students who come to the Hill with precise plans find good reasons to change their minds. Some even approach academe with the same sense of adventure that harks back to the nation's earliest colleges, where young scholars prepared not for specific jobs but for life—by exploring many disciplines and acquiring the discipline to patiently seek answers to larger questions.

Such perseverance is the trademark of a psychology professor profiled by writer Steven Hill in another of our features. After working and waiting for years, C.R. "Rick" Snyder at last has earned acclaim from his colleagues and the popular press for his positive approach to psychology. Snyder focuses on our attributes, advocating hope as the answer to many emotional struggles. In his books, he not only measures hopefulness but also outlines a method for increasing hope. We can indeed plan our success, he says, if we're patient.

Our features on academic and emotional pursuits also signal changes in course for the writers of these stories. Steven Hill, who recently has written several free-lance articles for Kansas Alumni and numerous publications nationwide, joins the staff in July. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and Columbia University, Steve brings prodigious talent, acute sensibilities and impressive publishing credentials to our creative crew.

Steve's arrival, however, means the bemoaned departure of our staff writer, Megan Maciejowski, who will move to Los Angeles to be near family and friends. She joined the staff in January 1999, fresh from her KU undergraduate days, and soon charmed us with her splendid prose—and the occasional silly pratfall. During brainstorming sessions, her comedic timing could break us up one minute, and her wise insight could stop us cold the next.

She is a natural for whom a thrilling adventure awaits. We're planning on it.
KU best place to interact

I would like to add an optimistic twist to your discussion of the dwindling percentage of the black student population at KU ['Faces in the Crowd," issue No. 2].

Throughout my 40-plus years of life as a "white" American—one who makes a living teaching English to students from around the world—I’ve always wished for greater contact with other population groups from my own country, including Americans of African descent, but I haven’t usually known how to go about making that happen.

The highlight was when I was invited to my one and only black wedding in Kansas City, Kan., when one coworker at the library got married. I was the only white person in a church packed with at least 400 guests. What a thrill that was!

Although she and I later lost touch, I’ve always remembered KU as the one place where, through natural contact on equal footing, I was allowed into that other world, making me feel more fully American. I miss those days!

I now live in a city with quite a few African-Americans in it, in a metropolitan area with thousands and thousands, but our paths rarely cross. With a smaller percentage in the KU community, for some reason meaningful interaction was more accessible.

Numbers aren’t everything!

Margaret Scheirman, c’78, g’84
Richfield, Minn.

Worldwide influence

You cannot imagine how delighted I was to read the article in issue No. 1 about the Center for East Asian Studies and reference to Professor Emeritus Grant Good-
Salute yesteryear greats

The highlight of [issue No. 2] for me was the article about Dr. Hamilton Cady ["The Discoverers"]. I had my first chemistry course at KU under Dr. Cady in 1936. He was indeed a kind and gentle professor. I did not find his beginning course very difficult, but perhaps that was because he was a good teacher.

In the late 1930s, KU was blessed with a great many really great teachers. The one who influenced my life more than any other was Dr. E.A. Stephenson, known to his students simply as "Doc." He started the petroleum engineering department at KU in the fall of '38. He loved to argue the other side of any question with a student, which taught all of us that we had better have our facts and thoughts straight before making a statement. When "Doc" realized that on days when we had a physical chemistry test (under Dr. Robert Taft) all we studied the night before was physical chemistry, he started giving us pop quizzes on the same day, just to get our attention.

Dr. Taft was a great teacher. On the first day in his class, every chair was filled. He remarked that at the end of the first six weeks there would be a lot of empty chairs, and that at the end of the course about half of them would be empty—he wasn't far wrong. That physical chemistry course was undoubtedly the toughest course I had in school.

E.S. "Mike" Miles, e'40
Vernon, Texas

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Letters appearing in the magazine may be edited for space and clarity.
IT'S MAY! IT'S MAY! A graduate destined to be top banana (center) and a menacing character (bottom right) who was anything but miserable made this year's Commencement march memorable, as did 'Hawkhead Jason O'Connor (below left), c'96, g'00, of DeSoto, and theatre major Tim Hansen (right), c'00, of Lenexa, who was Wagnerian in costume and KU in spirit.

Exhibitions
“40,000 Years of American Art: The Works of Jaune Quick-to-See Smith,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Aug. 27
“Brushed Voices: Calligraphy in Contemporary China,” Spencer Museum of Art, July 8-Sept. 3

Lied Center events
AUGUST
25 Free outdoor concert
31 Kwaidan: “Three Japanese Ghost Stories”
SEPTEMBER
23 “Anything Goes”
24 Ying Quartet

Murphy Hall events
JULY
6, 8, 14, 16, 20, 22 “You're a Good Man Charlie Brown,” by Clark Gesner
7, 9, 13, 15, 21, 23 “Laundry and Bourbon” and “Lonestar,” by James McClure, Inge Theatre

Academic calendar
JULY
29 Summer classes end
AUGUST
24 Fall classes begin
DECEMBER
12 Last day of classes
13 Stop Day
14-21 Final examinations

Special events
AUGUST
21 Ice Cream Social, Adams Alumni Center
21 Traditions Night, Memorial Stadium
23 Opening Convocation
SEPTEMBER
28 Steve Allen, Lied Center
THE HAPPY MONTH OF MAY! Sgt. Rose Rozmiarek and Officer Shawn Reynolds (above right) were relieved to discover Darth Vader was actually Joshua Cox, d'00, of Norton, while graduates celebrated with Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway (above) and showed signs (left) of their impending departure.

GAMES

THE BOULEVARD

Photographs by Earl Richardson

Soccer

AUGUST
19 Baker (exhibition)
25 at Northwestern
27 at Illinois

SEPTEMBER
1 at St. Louis
4 at Creighton
8-10 at UC-Irvine tournament
15-17 KU Credit Union Invitational
22 at Oklahoma
24 at Oklahoma State
29 Iowa State

Volleyball

SEPTEMBER
1-2 at Purdue tournament
6 Wichita State
8-9 Jayhawk Classic
13 Colorado
15 at Texas A&M
18 Missouri-Kansas City
20 Nebraska
23 at Iowa State
27 at Baylor
30 Texas Tech

Football

SEPTEMBER
2 at Southern Methodist
16 Alabama-Birmingham
23 Southern Illinois (Band and Parents' Night)
30 at Oklahoma

OCTOBER
7 Kansas State
14 at Missouri
21 Colorado (Homecoming)
28 Texas Tech

NOVEMBER
4 at Nebraska
11 Texas
18 at Iowa State
Perhaps Allison Deutch relished the Oscar Mayer wiener jingle of her childhood a little too much. For while millions of youngsters have tunefully expressed their desires to become plump, tasty hot dogs, Deutch, j'00, has taken the words to heart. Her first post-Commencement job title will be Hotdogger.

As KU's first Hotdogger, Deutch will sit at the helm of a 5-ton Wienermobile tastefully decorated inside with ketchup and mustard carpet. When Deutch steps out of her buns, her duties include promoting Oscar Mayer and searching for children to sing the famous words, "I wish I were an Oscar Mayer wiener." Before hitting the road and likely becoming the target of devilish drivers everywhere, Deutch must first make a two-week stop at Hot Dog High at the company's Madison, Wis., headquarters, where she will learn the nuances of her new wheels.

"I saw some Hotdoggers on David Letterman, and I thought it was a job I would love to have," Deutch says. "A lot of people think it's kind of a food service job or a truck driver job, but it's exactly what I want to do with a public relations degree."

For which she'll receive no flack from us.

There's no time like the future

When James Gunn first embarked on his science-fiction writing odyssey in 1948, he never imagined his futuristic stories would someday have a copyright date of 2000. But the prolific Gunn, j'47, g'51, has persisted, and at the dawn of a new millennium, the professor emeritus of English is poised to publish his 100th work.

"Some things I wrote about years ago as science fiction by accident have become reality," Gunn says. "I suppose if you write long enough, that's bound to happen."

Coming soon from Gunn: The Millennium Blues, a novel to be published in electronic form; The Science of Science Fiction Writing, to be released by Scarecrow Press; and "The Abyss," the third of six novelettes that will eventually compose a novel-length work about the consequences of space travel and alien contact under the general title Gift from the Stars.

"People always ask me, 'How do you get ideas?'" Gunn says. "'How do you keep from getting ideas? We live in a science fiction world.'"
Heard by the Bird

Ops, she did it again. Teen-age pop sensation Britney Spears drove KU students crazy with rumors that she may attend the University. Apparently the singer has narrowed her college choices to Kansas, the University of Kentucky and Marquette University and rumor had it that Spears would tour the Hill with student body president-elect Ben Walker. Although Walker in May admitted no one had contacted him about the visit, the Britney buzz nevertheless created a climate of chaos on campus.

In other Spears scoop, Thomas Franklin, Independence senior; recently won an essay contest sponsored by MTV and TeenPeople to attend the Britney Spears Dance Camp this summer in upstate New York. No word yet on whether the dance camp will interfere with sorority rush.

Café, s'il vous plaît

Her proposal sounded delectably extravagant. Last summer Catherine Meissner studied Parisian cafes to examine their influence on literary transformation in the city from 1875 to 1930. But the research was far from facile. Meissner pounded the Paris pavement searching for the hallowed haunts where Hemingway and Sartre once held court. The cafes that had not disappeared or become boutiques sexes presented another challenge for the struggling graduate student: A cup of coffee cost $6.

Meissner returns to the City of Lights this summer, but this time with more francs, thanks to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' Peter Gilles Springer Fellowship. Meissner plans to continue exploring the appeal of cafes to the intellectual set and studying menus of the era.

"My whole family thought I was getting money from the government to drink wine and eat croissants all day long," Meissner says. "But there was a lot of hard work involved."

A latte of hard work, to be sure.

Big Brass

Finals were finished, but the tuba twosome of Jess Lightner, Garden City junior, and David Daussat, New Orleans graduate student, was not. The walls of Murphy Hall fairly danced as the duo attacked the first movement of Gregson's tuba concerto.

The cause for the musicians' manic mood? Blame Canada, Lightner said.

Both Lightner and Daussat were chosen to perform in the International College All-Star Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble in Regina, Saskatchewan, May 30-June 3. The ensemble featured the world's top tubists, selected from taped auditions.

"It's an opportunity to go make music with other highly talented musicians," Lightner said. "It's a lot like being on an all-star team. I guess we're all-star tuba players."

The concert promised to be a real blast.

They've got spirit yes they do

Lions and Tigers and Bears, oh no. So it was way back in 1935, when the typical high-school mascots failed to excite the students of Vandercook Lake High School in Jackson, Mich. Since their school opened in 1925, the Vandercook kids had been without a mascot. When a vote was finally taken in 1935, the winner was ... drum roll, please ... Jayhawks.

In fact, at least six other elementary, middle and high schools have chosen the Jayhawk as their mascot, according to research forwarded along by Douglas E. Campbell, j'76, of Fairfax, Va. Campbell says he was conducting an online search of the American School Directory when he decided to punch in "Jayhawks." Up popped two high schools, one middle school and four elementary schools, from Pennsylvania, Nebraska, New York, Iowa, Indiana and Michigan.

Chuck Miller, athletics director at Vandercook Lake, says the Vandercook Lake Jayhawks are aware of—and root for—the Kansas Jayhawks, although they chose a bald eagle in flight for their logo in the late 1950s.

"From Vandercook Lake to the University of Kansas," Miller writes, "Go Jayhawks!"

And we, too, will delight in cheering for the home-away-from-home team.
A woman's fellow

Women's studies director and history professor Lisa Bitel will research medieval women as a Guggenheim Fellow

Lisa Bitel steps everyday into a world inhabited by saints and sinners and Christians and pagans. She immerses herself in codes of nobility and honor and gender and hypocrisy. She shares her world with those who show interest, with students and colleagues and the occasional publisher. She showers her insights on those who have questions. Her enthusiasm is boundless.

But she is realistic about the size of her audience, so when Bitel learned in April that she had been appointed a Guggenheim Fellow, her surprise was palpable.

"I was stunned," Bitel says. "I was incredibly delighted. It seems to me a completely fortuitous event."

Bitel, director of women's studies and professor of history, has spent her career studying medieval Europe and Ireland. Specifically, she has focused on gender systems in these societies. Her current research examines the lives and cults of St. Brigit and St. Genovefa, two women whose seemingly parallel lives in Ireland and Gaul evidently connect their separate worlds.

"I think my research is incredibly obscure," Bitel says. "I can't imagine anyone on a committee being interested. It's always the hardest task to make something so close to me interesting to other people. But then, what is a good historian if she or he can't do that anyway? What you're doing has to have relevance."

Bitel obviously proved her relevance to the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. She is one of just 182 fellows chosen from a pool of 2,900 applicants for grants exceeding $6.3 million.

"My understanding is that Guggenheim fellowships are given to people based on what they've already accomplished and also the project that is to come," Bitel says. "I can finally look at my career and see that my work has traveled what now seems like a coherent path."

While earning her undergraduate degree at the all-female Smith College in Massachusetts, Bitel enrolled in an Irish language course at University of Massachusetts "to meet boys." Bitel claims she did not meet any boys, but instead fell in love with the exotic Irish language. She spent her graduate-school years studying early Ireland and then earned a doctorate in medieval history from Harvard University. Her first book, Isle of Saints: Monastic Settlement and Christian Community in Early Ireland, is about monks and saints in the early Middle Ages. Bitel then realized that she had virtually ignored women
in that history and wrote Land of Women: Tales of Sex and Gender from Early Ireland. Her most recent book, to be published this fall, is a synoptic history of women in the Middle Ages.

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Physician FRANCIS COLLINS directs the Human Genome Project for the National Institutes of Health. Speaking in the hall dedicated to KU's famous chemistry professor, Collins likened the project to developing chemistry's Periodic Table of the Elements.

WHEN: May 5, Bricker Auditorium, Budig Hall

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BACKGROUND: After a decade of work, scientists have drafted a sequence for 85 percent of the genome.

ANECDOТЕ: Collins said the project would improve treatment not only of inherited diseases but also of illnesses caused by inherited and environmental factors.

QUOTE: "The insights we derive will still leave us wondering about many aspects of humanity—and so it should be. We will not understand what love is all about. We will not understand the spiritual side of ourselves. ... But we will understand a lot about the parts list. And out of that we will have the chance to do more to alleviate human suffering than we've ever had since the world began."

LEADER OF LEADERS: Vice Chancellor David Ambler has created a new minor in leadership development.

The new minor will be housed within the department of communications studies, and will require 18 to 20 hours of coursework. Most of the courses already exist in such fields as communications and political science; Ambler and the faculty will create introductory and capstone courses. Students will also participate in workshops and conferences—for years the traditional training opportunities for KU's budding leaders—and must complete varied internships with leaders in business, government and academia.

The minor is an element of another Ambler creation, the new Raymond E. Nichols League of Former Student Leaders. Named for the beloved former chancellor and longtime campus leader, the league aims to organize former student leaders to raise programming funds and offer e-mail mentoring for today's KU leaders—which will also be a required element of the minor program.

Says Ambler: "Going back to that notion that it can't be taught but it can be learned, well, how do you learn it? You learn it by observing, by talking to people who have been successful in their careers and are great civil servants."

Chris Lazzarino

Spring brings distinction for Chancellor Hemenway

The academic life of Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway came full-circle as two of his former schools honored him at the end of the academic year.

In April, Kent State University's English department feted Hemenway as its Distinguished Alumnus 2000 at a dinner hosted by university President Carol Cartwright. Hemenway, who earned his doctorate from Kent State in 1966, gained national recognition as a scholar for his biography of novelist, anthropologist and folklorist Zora Neale Hurston.

Then in May, another former Hemenway haunt, Hastings College, awarded the chancellor an honorary doctor of letters degree at the school's graduation ceremony, at which he also gave the commencement address. Hemenway attended the Nebraska liberal arts college for two years before transferring to the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he completed his bachelor's degree.

Robert E. Hemenway in his Hastings College Yearbook.
MILESTONES, MONEY AND OTHER MATTERS

• EIGHT UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBERS WERE HONORED as recipients of distinguished teaching awards during Commencement ceremonies May 21. The winners of the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Classroom Teacher, given to faculty members of the KU Medical Center, were James L. Fishback, m'83, m'87, associate professor of pathology and laboratory medicine; and Brian J. McKiernan, j'78, h'85, PhD'98, clinical assistant professor of allied health and physical therapy education. H. Bernard Fink awards for outstanding classroom teaching were presented to Estela Gavosto, assistant professor of mathematics, and Barbara Thompson, PhD'82, associate professor of special education. David Cateforis, associate professor of art history, received the Archie and Nancy Dykes Award, which honors faculty members for undergraduate teaching and mentoring. John Bushman, g'66, professor of teaching and leadership, was honored as the Ned N. Fleming Trust Award recipient for distinguished teaching, scholarship and service. Jake Harwood, assistant professor of communication studies, received the Silver Anniversary Award, provided by the 25-year alumni class.

• KAREN GALLAGHER, DEAN OF EDUCATION since 1994, has resigned to take a job at the University of Southern California. Gallagher has accepted the dean's position at USC's Rossier School of Education, where she will begin in September. As dean at KU, Gallagher devoted two years to coordinating the $14 million renovation and addition to the education school's new home at Joseph R. Pearson Hall. Provost David Shulenburger appointed Jerry Bailey, director of the Institute for Educational Research and Public Service, interim dean. A national search for Gallagher's replacement will begin this fall.

• ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR AND DEAN OF STUDENTS James Kitchen is leaving KU to become vice president of student affairs at San Diego State University. At SDSU, Kitchen will be one of only five vice presidents and a member of the President's Cabinet, a group of leaders that oversees the university and counsels the president on key issues and priorities. Kitchen came to the University in 1994 as dean of student life and was promoted to his current position in 1997. David Ambler, vice chancellor for student affairs, will begin a national search for Kitchen's successor in the fall. "I am delighted for Jim to have this opportunity," Ambler said. "He is a superb student affairs professional and San Diego State is an outstanding university. I will miss his service here and I am very appreciative of his many contributions to KU." Ann Eversole, EdD'89, associate dean of students, has been named Kitchen's interim replacement.

• MARK BRADSHAW, JOANNA GRIFFIN AND LEE KELLENBERGER each won one of 80 national Morris K. Udall scholarships, established to attract students to careers in environmental policy, health care or tribal public policy. Bradshaw, Walnut senior in American studies; Griffin, Wichita junior in environmental studies; and Kellenberger, Algona, Iowa, senior in environmental studies, each will receive $5,000. The Udall scholarship program was established by Congress in 1992.

AS THE HEALTH CARE industry becomes increasingly competitive, health care administrators are forced to rely more and more on their business savvy. However, many managers lack the training and skills necessary to make effective business decisions. Prompted by this reality, KU's business and medicine schools will offer a joint master's degree in business administration and health services administration this fall at the Edwards Campus in Overland Park.

"There is a need among health care professionals to gain a broad background in health care and business," says Dee Steinle, associate director of the School of Business on the Edwards Campus. "It's important to understand business as it applies to health care, but it's equally important to understand business theory in a broader context."

The MBA/MHSA joint degree program will require students to complete 66 credit hours, including 33 hours of health, policy and management courses and 33 hours of business school courses. This fall, KU will offer courses in health care systems, managed care, management information systems and financial management.

Rod McAdams, program director for health services, says the demand for the joint degree program came primarily from clinicians aiming for management positions and middle managers striving to better understand the health care field.

"There was a strong interest in both schools to create this degree," McAdams says. "This is the only accredited joint degree of its kind in Kansas. We're excited about offering it to the Kansas City community. It's what they want."
Pass the baton
KU's tradition-rich track and field program plans to renew old glories as former Arkansas star Redwine takes over

When Stanley Redwine says to his team, "We're all in this together," he means it in the most genuine way. Redwine, KU's new track and field and cross country coach, is willing to go any distance to illustrate his notion that team unity breeds team success—even if he has to run with his athletes to get there.

"If we're going to hurt, we're all going to hurt together," Redwine says. "I can relate to the athletes. I have no problem running with them."

Of course, going the distance with his team on the track may not be much of a stretch for the 39-year-old Redwine, a former middle-distance runner who retired in 1996 after finishing fifth in the 800-meter race at the U.S. Olympic Trials. A five-time member of the USA World Championship track team and seasoned veteran of collegiate and international track competition, Redwine knows a thing or two about finishing a race.

Since his NCAA eligibility is expired, though, the coach's biggest challenge will be transferring his own abundant enthusiasm, energy and ambition to his team, which he took over in June. Athletics Director Bob Frederick, d'62, g'64, EdD'84, announced during the outdoor season that he would not renew the contracts for coach Gary Schwartz, d'66, and his staff.

"I consider myself what you would call a player's coach," Redwine says. "I'm here because of and for the athletes. Our work is a collaboration. We'll work hard, but we'll have fun doing it."

Redwine's active approach to leading teams has proven prosperous during his 17-year collegiate coaching career. While pursuing his own professional running dreams, Redwine spent 11 seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Arkansas, his alma mater, before taking over as head coach at the University of Tulsa. In his six seasons at Tulsa, Redwine coached the school's first NCAA participants on both the men's and women's teams and directed both programs to their best conference finishes in school history. Tulsa had 12 performers earn a combined 25 all-conference honors and three relay teams clock world-ranking times under Redwine.

The ebullient Redwine says he discovered his love for coaching the first time he returned to Arkansas after spending a season running professionally in Europe.

"I was helping some of the younger athletes, and I said to myself, 'This is what I want to do forever,'" he says.

As an athlete, Redwine helped establish the Arkansas tradition; as a coach, he built upon it. He is confident he can do the same thing at Kansas.

"There is great tradition at Kansas,
Redwine says, "Great coaches, great athletes. The athletes here now can do a great job. It's a matter of getting them re-focused."

Redwine believes KU has talent in every area—particularly throws and sprints—but needs to cultivate depth in each event. Achieving depth, he says, goes beyond recruiting more talented athletes. It involves changing the attitude of all the team's athletes, not just its stars. It means working together.

"We have great people, great athletes who want to succeed," he says. "I think bringing in different faces, as far as the new coaching staff, will create different attitudes toward success."

Unknowns from last year will lead football in 2000

C arl Nesmith. Dylen Smith. Moran Norris. A year ago, they were just names, inexperienced and unknown. Now they are headliners with a year of individual success behind them, stars who grace the football team's promotional posters. What a difference a year makes.

"The guys we're depending on the most this year—Carl, Dylen, Moran—were just question marks last year," Coach Terry Allen says. "They're returning as marquee players. The stage is set for all three of them to have a great year."

Allen expects the success of his leaders to translate into success for his team. He is particularly optimistic about quarterback Smith, whose elusive quickness and quiet leadership carried Kansas to a strong finish in 1999. Running back Norris, who emerged as the team's primary ground threat only after injuries to three other players forced him to carry the ball, has the potential to be a dominant offensive force, Allen says. Add in proven senior running back David Winbush, the return of speedy receivers Termaine Fulton and Byron Gasaway from injuries and an influx of what Allen calls "immediate impact" junior-college transfers, and the KU offense appears primed for potency.

"I would definitely say our offensive skill players are our biggest strength," Allen says.

Nesmith might disagree. Last year's Big 12 Newcomer of the Year was named the nation's top safety by Lindy's pre-season college football magazine and looks forward to the opportunity, for the first time in his college career, to develop at a position for a second season.

"I've been moved from quarterback to wide receiver to safety," Nesmith says. "This year I'll be looking more like a safety who knows what he's doing than someone just running around hitting people."

Oh, the hits. Nesmith's teammates have nicknamed him "The Butcher" because of his propensity for punishing opponents, and he plans to unveil his "Millennium Butcher Dance" after his first big hit of the upcoming season in hopes that his ignited teammates will follow his lead.

"I predict the whole defense is going to have a breakthrough year," Nesmith says. Surely Allen would not dare disagree with the player they call The Butcher.

ATHLETICS

KANSAS FINISHED in the bottom half of the Big 12 in both men's and women's overall programs in the 1999-2000 school year, according to standings the conference recently released.

The men's best finish was second in golf; the lowest, 10th in indoor track. Otherwise, KU men were fourth in tennis, fifth in both basketball and swimming, sixth in outdoor track, seventh in cross country, eighth in football and ninth in baseball.

The women had only two first-division finishes—fourth in basketball and swimming. Both volleyball and tennis were seventh, and the six other sports finished ninth or below.

In combining men's and women's sports, Kansas finished 12th. KU has the league's seventh biggest athletics budget at nearly $21.7 million.

Athletics Director Bob Frederick considers the year an anomaly.

"I think we've been in the top 50 nationally for the last three or four years," he said. "We'll just try to do better next year!"
Hearts in turmoil
An alumna's powerful debut novel tackles emotional turbulence brought upon divergent characters after a single, fateful decision

As the protagonist of a novel that explores the emotional implications of one of America's most divisive issues, Hannah Solace at first read cuts a surprisingly unsympathetic figure. Hannah, 40, is a successful career woman, a stern, beautiful high-school assistant principal whose icy demeanor enables her to dismiss the wants and needs of the less assertive people who surround her. Carl, her husband, is a hopeful and gentle soul who lives to please Hannah. Hannah's younger sister, Helen, is as nurturing as Hannah is aloof.

When Hannah discovers she is pregnant with the baby that both Carl and Helen view as Hannah's only chance for warmth, her decision to end the pregnancy seems as cold as her dismissal of a student from her office.

Compelling characters, of course, are never exactly what they seem, and compelling novels strive to illustrate their characters' complexities. Deep In the Heart, Sharon Oard Warner's debut, is such a novel.

Set in Austin, Texas, the story focuses on two ferociously different women whose lives collide. Warner, g'94, who directs the creative writing program at the University of New Mexico, weaves the women's stories into a seamless narrative that portrays the powerful ripple effect of a single decision.

As Hannah plans her course of action on one side of Austin, Penny Reed struggles to forge her own identity on the other side of town. For 23 years, Penny has been reared by her grandmother Mattie, a devout member of a fiercely pro-life congregation led by a magnetic young minister named Dr. Bill. Dr. Bill loves Penny, but Penny's sheltered existence leaves her doubting who she is and whom she should love. She understands Dr. Bill's convictions, but questions his hurtful and often destructive methods of expressing them.

Hannah's abortion brings the two women's lives together. Despite the passionate pleas of both Carl and Helen, Hannah proceeds with her decision. Dr. Bill and his followers, including the reluctant Penny, meet her at the clinic, and the ensuing events leave Hannah the public target of Dr. Bill's crusade.

As Warner cuts from Hannah's life to Penny's, from Carl's to Dr. Bill's, the author paints a multi-layered portrait of emotional turmoil. There are no villains here, only conflicted characters whose actions seem authentic to their histories. To Warner's credit, the characters come to their own realizations about family, faith and love in ways that are neither predictable nor presumptuous. Hannah, for instance, is haunted by a loss so profound that her cool detachment becomes understandable. Dr. Bill has his own demons to confront. Even Grandma Mattie, whose blind devotion initially seems simplistic, has a past worth exploring.

Admittedly, the controversial subject will deter some readers. As the story begins, one gets the nagging feeling that there may be a moral message under the layers of narrative. But Warner offers no judgment. She simply tells stories. The vibrant supporting characters contribute enormously to the story's credibility—each time it looks like the author is veering in one direction, someone throws the story in reverse.

Carl, a flagging artist who makes a living managing a mall bookstore, actually emerges as the novel's emotional axis. Warner skilfully uses Carl's art as a backdrop to the narrative: His masterpiece begins as an innocuous sketch and evolves into a synthesis of overlapping designs that captures the book's intricate story. As Carl breathes elation, so, too, does his painting. As rage envelops him, it envelops his canvas. Sadness, acceptance and tempered joy ultimately color his portrait as well.

Deep In The Heart, in its title, addresses two of the story's prominent components: its Texas setting and its emotional depth. While Warner's tale starts a bit slowly, the narrative ultimately grows to resemble Carl's work of art—an absorbing display of raw feeling that, while not exceedingly brilliant, gets right to the heart.

Excerpt from Deep in the Heart

Carl resented the way the preacher had cheered him on as he'd run into the clinic. Making all kinds of assumptions about whose side was whose. Angry as Carl was with Hannah, he found no comfort in this ragtag little band of fundamentalists. They weren't his comrades. They didn't know a thing about his pain.
Bad chemistry

A nominee to a 'prestigious' society discovers he should be wary of any club that would have him as a member

I have a secret. I never took chemistry.

Not once. We had wonderful chemistry teachers at Lawrence High School, or so I heard, but I stuck with Stan Roth for biology and trudged clumsily through an introductory physics course. I must have had some chemistry in junior-high science, but not much. It seems the extent of my chemistry training came in home economics, where I learned how to make jam.

Unfortunately, I continued this ignorance of chemistry at the University, where my journalism major required only one science course. I chose meteorology. Newspaper readers take weather stories seriously, so I offer no apologies.

But I'm still ashamed by my complete lack of training in chemistry. I had a chemistry set when I was a kid. When I recently asked my mom whether we still had that old yellow box down in the basement, her immediate response was, "Why? Are you going to blow something up?"

See? That's why I never took chemistry. A love of learning starts at home, and in our particular home, chemistry meant the possibility that something or someone would get blown up. In the house where my cousin the doctor grew up, where there lives my uncle the hydrologist, chemistry was a career; in our house, chemistry came in a really cool, folding metal box. Chemistry was a game, a scary game, much like BB guns and camping overnight in the back yard. Someone was definitely going to get hurt.

So imagine my surprise when I recently received a letter informing me that I had been nominated for membership in the American Chemical Society, "in recognition of [my] preeminence in the scientific community," but I was honored. My coworkers shared my excitement when this unexpected news arrived, and Megan Maciejowski even made a sign for my door, announcing to all who entered that they should show a little respect. After all, as a soon-to-be member of the "most prestigious scientific society in the world" (I had yet to coax our editor into paying the necessary $108), I would be officially entitled to "numerous benefits and privileges of professional membership."

But what in the world had I done to deserve these wonderful benefits and privileges? Well, I wrote a nifty little piece on Hamilton Cady, the KU chemistry professor who discovered helium in natural gas; I've written other science articles, all based on actual scientific facts, and the American Chemical Society's current president, Daryle Busch, is a KU professor. Perhaps all of this had put me over the top. Perhaps they had noticed. It was obviously too good to be true, but it was right there in print, at the bottom of the letter I received: "Two of your fellow chemists have already signed your application form, nominating you for full membership." But which two of my fellow chemists could have signed my application form? I don't think I know two chemists. So I called the society's headquarters and explained that I was thrilled to be nominated, except I'm not really a chemist and I was wondering who ...

"Oh, that's one of our most popular mailings," the membership assistant interrupted. "When we buy our mailing lists, we buy from ..." Ugh. A mailing list. A bought mailing list. My name and address had been purchased, my standing in the scientific community not so preeminent as promised. By turning to the back page of my membership application, I saw that my two fellow chemists who signed my application were society employees.

So it wasn't my articles about helium (or was it hydrogen? I always get those two mixed up). It wasn't in honor of anything I accomplished professionally, except to have once subscribed to a magazine called The Sciences (a review of mailing labels revealed the culprit). If I'm not a scientist, and certainly not a chemist, and since we didn't fork over $108, why did I feel so cheated by this shady offer of affiliation with a professional society that I wanted no part of? Perhaps it's because insincerity stings—especially when it comes from two of my fellow chemists.

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Kevin Price carefully unrolls a map of Kansas. But this map looks more like a photograph of the state, taken from miles above, a view usually reserved for astronauts. The photo shows Kansas covered by splotches of brown, yellow and especially green—dark green in some places, light green in others.

Green. The color of money.

Every August, the U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts the size of the coming corn harvest, then revises its estimate once a month until fall harvest. Most people probably don't think much about corn crops, at least not until they have to pay more for their Post Toasties. But if you make your living by growing corn, if you trade commodities, or if you feed corn to cattle (or even if you live in a state like Kansas that depends heavily on corn and the cattle that eat it), these crop predictions matter a lot.

Using those high-altitude photos, and with funding from NASA, KU researchers have found another way of predicting yields. Here's how.

Every day, satellites send back extremely detailed images of the earth's surface. On KU's Campus West, in Nichols Hall, those images go to Kevin Price and a group of graduate students (see sidebar) at the Kansas Applied Remote Sensing program. In a room filled with computers, printers, and fans (to deal with the heat the machines throw off), researchers electronically splice the images and clean up the cloud cover, revealing an accurate, intricate image of the landscape.

They're looking for the color green. Greenness—the portion of green in the landscape at a given time—is an excellent indicator of crop yields. When the land is lush early in the year, when we've had a fair amount of precipitation and temperatures are sufficiently high, those are signs of a good crop to come. When fields stay brown longer and green up later, the harvest will likely be disappointing.

The folks at KARS have historical images of the landscape's greenness, and they can compare each image with the amount of corn eventually produced that year. In other words, they know how much corn was produced under each set of weather conditions. When new photos show conditions similar to those on past photos, researchers have a good idea of what to expect from crop sizes. This process, which requires mathematical models and analysis, produces improved estimates of the crop to come.

"We can correlate color with eventual productivity," says Price, associate director of KARS and associate professor of geography. "The more green the landscape, the more biomass is being produced. So, the greener things are, the more productive."

In June, the KARS staff uses this information to forecast the corn production for states in the Corn Belt, a full month before the USDA comes out with its first prediction.

"We can get within seven bushels of the eventual average per acre for corn production in the Corn Belt," Price says. "In June, we can predict the size of the coming corn crop within 8 percent. By the time we get close to harvest, we can come within 3 or 4 percent."

KARS staff have developed a similar forecast for winter wheat, and they're working on one for soybeans.

"Wheat is tougher to predict than corn," Price says. "It has a longer growing season and so many things can happen to wheat. Soybeans should be easier. We should be able to really nail soybeans."

Such information obviously helps commodity traders. But it's just as important to others. Imagine one part of the Corn Belt looks like it's headed for a
**Average Onset of Greenness Date for Kansas Vegetation**

**Onset of Greenness, Calendar Days**
- 1-15 to 1-27
- 1-28 to 2-10
- 2-11 to 2-24
- 2-25 to 3-11
- 3-12 to 3-25
- 3-26 to 4-7
- 4-8 to 4-21
- 4-22 to 5-5
- 5-6 to 5-19
- 5-20 to 6-20
- no onset detected
- water

**Image and chart courtesy of KARS**

**Color is the key for crop forecasts**

A typical satellite image analyzed at the Kansas Applied Remote Sensing program shows, with different shades of greens and yellows, the average time that crops green up across the state.

The dark green in the swath from Harper and Sumner counties in the south to Saline, Dickinson, and Ottawa counties in the north indicates winter wheat, which stays green all winter long into early spring. The lighter yellows, reds and browns cover places that usually turn green in late March and early April. In the Flint Hills of east-central Kansas and the Smoky Hills in Ellsworth and Russell counties, the prairie grasses green up midway through spring. The darker reds represent areas that turn green the latest in the growing season. These regions produce soybeans or corn, such as irrigated corn in Sheridan County or non-irrigated corn in Doniphan County in extreme northeastern Kansas. Corn and soybeans are planted in late April and turn green later than surrounding vegetation.

These colors also outline natural features in the landscape. The image delineates the Flint Hills almost as clearly as a geological map. A bright red line representing corn follows the path of the Kansas River valley in northeastern Kansas. In other words, an image of plants provides a good picture of other natural features.

The KARS program produces a variety of maps, including a wall-sized full-color map of vegetative cover for the state and soon a full-color satellite view of Kansas. For more information, see the Web site at www.kars.ukans.edu.

—R.B.

bumper crop, while another appears to be in trouble. If your job is to move grain, then you'd want to divert trucks and boxcars to the elevators where the corn will be.

**Image and chart courtesy of KARS**

Maybe even more intriguing is the possibility of combining greenness with weather forecasting. With improved computer models, today's meteorologists make better long-range weather forecasts. Meld those forecasts with current conditions as revealed by satellite images, and you have a powerful tool.

Here's an example: Satellite photos show a late onset of greenness in West Texas—probably a sign of low soil moisture. Then the long-term weather models predict that West Texas is in for a drought over the next 18 months or so. That combination means the region faces serious trouble ahead, worse than an ordinary weather forecast alone might indicate.

On the other hand, let's say that central Kansas has an early onset of greenness, meaning that conditions are good for crops in the ground or those about to be planted. Plus the long-term forecast is for decent amounts of precipitation. That's a sign of a bumper crop, knowledge that's useful even before the crops are planted.

Of course, none of this information does any good if it merely stays in a lab on KU's Campus West. So the KARS folks have posted much of their work on the World Wide Web at a site called the Green Report (www.kars.ukans.edu). Updated weekly, the site gets thousands of hits.
"We have a great deal of potentially useful information," Price says. "We have to determine what kind of information end users want."

The KARS staff has begun working with private companies to figure out the best ways to share their information. Quite simply, KARS scientists know their way around computer models and satellite images. They don't know much about sales (which isn't their job anyway).

About 10 years ago, KARS began working with Sam Campbell, c'71, g'73, the president of Campbell-Becker, a venture-capital firm in Lawrence, to form a company called Terrametrics.

"We're attempting to commercialize some of this excellent technology," Campbell says. "Our role is to help facilitate getting some of their technology into the marketplace."

So KARS research ultimately represents a convergence of technology—satellite images, powerful computers, sophisticated mathematical formulas, the Web—with an entrepreneurial start-up company and farm-boy common sense.

The result may not be an exact prediction of the future. But it should be a pretty exciting glimpse.

—Buchanan, '92, is associate director of the Kansas Geological Survey

Brothers turned space-image analysts are experts in the field

It's pretty rare to find a couple of bona fide farm boys at KU. Dietrich and Jude Kastens grew up on a Rawlins County farm, near the small town of Herndon, north of Atwood. Jude, d'96, c'96, g'99, just finished a master's in mathematics and has started on a PhD. Dietrich, c'95, will soon complete a master's in geography. Both work at KARS, but they regularly return to Rawlins County, to the 8,500-acre farm where, together with their parents, an uncle and aunt, they raise winter wheat and corn, and run a cow/calf operation.

They've brought in-the-field knowledge of farming to the high-tech world of satellite images and mathematical models.

"To be a successful farmer, you've got to be a mechanic, a plumber, an economist, an electrician, a businessman, know something about animals," Dietrich says. "You develop a problem-solving ability and a confidence that's helped us here."

Maybe just as important, the Kastens know their market.

"We've been around farmers all our lives," Jude says. "We know farmers, the clients for many of the products we develop here. We know what kinds of problems farmers face, and what products will work for them."

The Kastens' parents, Terry, c'73, and Marilyn Franklin Kastens, d'75, were big influences on their sons, who say they never really considered going to school anywhere but KU, even though their dad is a professor of agricultural economics at Kansas State University. Jude and Dietrich profess to being right at home in Lawrence, although Dietrich plans to go back to the Rawlins County farm in the summer of 2001.

—R.B.
Greg Smith's journey toward completing a KU degree has been a long and winding road. The 1996 graduate of Kansas City's St. Thomas Aquinas High School had dreams of becoming a computer engineer. His senior yearbook even features a photo of Greg with the caption, "Our future engineer." He came to the University with clear academic goals. He was not one of the many prospective students who marked "undecided" on his college application. His road hardly seemed destined for deviation. So why, four years and five majors later, is Smith still two years from his precious diploma?

"I've known since high school what I wanted to do," Smith says. "How to do it was never clear. I know now that there's more than one path to the final destination."

Smith started college as a physics major because his standardized test scores in math were not high enough to get him into the School of Engineering. After one strong semester, he switched into the computer engineering program, convinced he was finally at home. Unbeknownst to him, his odyssey was just beginning. Smith lasted only one year in engineering. Unhappy in the School of Engineering, he switched to the School of Business, where he hoped to translate his interest in computers to the study of business information systems. But the business school did not feel like a good fit for him either. After one semester, he changed majors again and landed in the psychology department.

"I took a psychology class and liked it," Smith says. "At this point I was just..."
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seeing psychology as a route to the end. I wanted to get a degree, period. I wanted to have a chance to get out.”

The deeper Smith delved into psychology, though, the more he realized the field held no promise for him. As his interest waned, his attendance and academic performance declined. Three years into what he originally anticipated would be a four-year college experience, Smith was still achingly distant from a degree. So he changed his course of study again.

Today Smith has completed four years of school and has at last settled into a major that challenges and excites him. He hopes to graduate with a degree in communications studies by December 2001 or May 2002. In communications studies, Smith says he has found instructors he can relate to and minimal bureaucracy. He still intends to work in the computer field.

“I'm still basically doing the same thing,” Smith says. “But it hasn’t been a straight path.”

Like the wizened campus guru he claims to be, Smith takes his experience in stride. His story, he says, is not an indictment of KU or of any school, department or adviser. It is just his reality.

“The point of a liberal arts education is to get variety,” Smith says. “No one has had more variety than me.”

Smith's story may not represent the norm for today's KU students, but stories like his have become increasingly familiar, and accepted, in the past two decades. The stories underscore a national trend of undergraduates taking longer than the traditional four years to earn a bachelor’s degree. According to statistics published by the U.S. Department of Education, 45.4 percent of undergraduates who earned degrees in 1977 completed them in four years; in 1993, just 31.1 percent who graduated did so in four years. In 1977, 24.7 percent of graduates took more than six years to complete their degrees; in 1993, the same statistic had risen to 30.1 percent.

At the University, such rates are difficult to define. Since 1995, when the University adopted a system compliant with an NCAA mandate for tracking graduation rates, four-year rates have hovered near 25 percent. KU tracks the percentages of incoming freshman classes that graduate after four, five and six years. The figures do not account for students who transfer or drop out and re-enroll. They do not show rates as far back as 1980, when most administrators agree the shift gradually began to occur. Poring over related statistics from the University's long history—such as the number of fifth-year students, the average course load per student and the percentage of full-time students in comparison to the total enrollment figures—seems an exercise in futility. The perception that students at KU today take longer to graduate is overwhelming; the numbers are not.

“I think there is a difference between the perception and the data,” says Kathleen McCluskey-Fawcett, g'73, PhD'77, associate provost for academic services. “It's true that many students don't graduate in four years. There are a multitude of reasons why. But we have to make sure that individual anecdotes aren't interpreted as the whole story.”
“Students have different expectations. When I was in college, everyone went through in four years. Now students are taking more risks. There’s not a stigma to taking longer.”

—Kathleen McCluskey-Fawcett

Indeed, for every Greg Smith there are plenty of students whose KU careers are focused and expedient. When Smith finally graduates, he expects his transcript to overflow with as many as 40 credits that ultimately prove unnecessary; a good number of students will graduate without one excess hour. So why do so many administrators, parents and students seem to think there is a Greg Smith waiting in their office or asking them for more tuition money or sitting next to them in class?

“It’s more acceptable now to spend more time in college,” McCluskey-Fawcett says, noting that acceptance changes perception. “Students have different expectations. When I was in college, everyone went through in four years. Now students are taking more risks. There’s not a stigma to taking longer.”

Witness recent Traditions Nights and Convocations. Speakers begin by joking, “When you graduate in four or five or six years ...” Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway tells incoming freshmen he wants to see them walk through the Campanile toward their diplomas and future careers in four years, but for many students, the four-year plan seems arbitrary or unrealistic.

Seth Jones, Mulvane senior in journalism, is preparing to begin his fifth, and final, year at KU. Jones says he never expected to finish school in four years. Because he paid for school entirely by himself, he held jobs all through college and has never taken more than 12 credit hours in a semester. He has written for the University Daily Kansan and worked as a referee, bartender, waiter and free-lance writer. Jones says that had he placed himself on a rigid four-year track, he would have had no chance to enjoy college.

“You can be enrolled as a full-time student, but it doesn’t mean you’re a full-time student,” Jones says. “I have exactly one friend I came in with who graduated in four years. I wish this idea of rushing through college would change. I think we should encourage individuals to finish in the time that works for that individual.”

An increasing number of higher education administrators and state legislators see things differently. Several schools across the country, including the University of Missouri and Iowa State University, have adopted graduation contract programs to combat the perception that students cannot graduate in four years from a public institution. The programs generally require participants to meet regularly with advisers and complete a minimum number of credit hours each semester. In exchange, the universities promise to pay for any extra semesters the students still need to graduate. The point is to get freshmen thinking about graduation early and reduce the costs to the state by reducing the number of perennial students. Taking time off for internships or study abroad programs voids the contracts. In some states, like Minnesota and Illinois, the state boards of higher education have requested that universities offering a four-year guarantee get extra funding.

Part of the inspiration behind such programs is the disparity in four-year graduation rates between private and public institutions. In Minnesota, for example, rates at the state’s private institutions are more than four times higher than their public counterparts. Public schools are on the defensive. In the ongoing effort to become streamlined and businesslike, universities view graduation rates as marks of management and efficiency.

“Graduation rates are a proxy measure of how effective and competent an institution is,” McCluskey-Fawcett says.

But institutions are working against a current of societal forces that make graduating in four years less likely and seemingly less important. Mary Ann Rasnak, director of KU’s Student Development Center, came to KU from Iowa State. The reluctance of students to participate in ISU’s four-year graduation contract program, she says, was revealing.

“We had parents and legislators wondering why it was taking students so long to graduate,” Rasnak says. “The university was able to say, ‘We’ll have classes open,’ but students had to be able to say, ‘We’ll sign up for a minimum 16 credits for
eight consecutive semesters. 'We all knew that wasn't always possible. Why do many students take longer? There are as many different reasons as there are students.'

The most obvious reason for many students is that KU offers several degrees that are no longer four-year programs. Many education and engineering programs, for example, require five years. Many architecture programs and pharmacy's PharmD degree require six. In fields dramatically changed by new science and technology, there is simply too much information to teach in four years.

Financial realities affect completion patterns as well. The cost of college has increased at a rate significantly faster than inflation. Although KU is still a comparative bargain among the nation's public universities, the price of housing alone has soared 419.5 percent since 1970. As a result, more students are working through school, in many cases decreasing their hours each semester and subsequently increasing their years on the Hill.

On the other hand, more students are receiving scholarships and financial aid. In fiscal 2000, 12,932 students—or 51 percent of the total enrollment—received some financial aid. The effects of increased aid play out in varied ways. While some students worry about looming debt and rush to finish sooner, others see the security of scholarships and loans as freedom to explore their options.

Mark Bradshaw, Walnut senior in American studies, has received scholarships throughout his KU career. Last spring, he won a $30,000 Truman Scholarship that will finance his fifth year of undergraduate study and three years of graduate study. Bradshaw is one of Mount Oread's brightest scholars. He came to KU a fine arts major, but switched to American studies because he "found something I loved more." Bradshaw does not fit the image he fears many adults have of indecisive, lazy undergraduates living it up at their parents' expense: In addition to participating in various academic and campus organizations, he has embraced the Lawrence community, volunteering extensively at Jubilee Cafe, a free breakfast program at a local church, and Boys and Girls Club, among other places.

"Getting scholarships has allowed me to really experience my time here," Bradshaw says. "I wouldn't want to trade that to finish in four years."

Bradshaw's perspective illustrates other important factors that keep some students at KU for more than four years. Study abroad opportunities abound; if they can afford it, many undergraduates will gladly stay an extra semester in exchange for the chance to travel. In addition, as the emphasis in undergraduate curricula has become more pre-professional, internships have become invaluable, if not required, for many degrees. And for students who truly want real-life leadership experience to back up their academic training and prepare them for the workforce, activities like Student Senate and Community Outreach demand much of their time.

"I think that's a fallacy, that 'Animal House' thing," Rasnak says, referring to the John Belushi movie ("Seven years of college down the drain!") about intoxicated, unmotivated college students. "I don't

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like that distinction that says there's college and then there's the real world. This is a real world."

Kathryn Nemeth Tuttle, director of the Freshman-Sophomore Advising Center, agrees. "I have an extremely positive view of this generation of students," she says. "There's a high level of commitment to achievement and service among a lot of them. They're just trying to see where they best fit in to a quickly changing society."

Tuttle works primarily with new students, freshmen and sophomores struggling to define academic and career goals. The revamped program she directs was created by the University two years ago to improve its oft-criticized advising system. For years, students and parents have directed their frustrations at the system, asserting that many undergraduates get lost or misguided by advisers who do not take the time to understand every student's academic wants and needs. Tuttle hopes the new center will give students more comprehensive, individualized academic advice.

But she also recognizes that improving the advising system is only one step toward better four-year graduation rates. One significant factor that impedes many students' progress, Tuttle says, is that universities offer unprecedented choices combined with little understanding of exactly why students are in college.

"We're just now getting into a more statistical look at some of these phenomen..." Maybe a year off would be the best thing they could do. But I know that won't happen."

As Tuttle and other administrators have begun to understand, social forces are difficult to change. The significance of completing an undergraduate degree "on time" is not what it once was. Why has that perception changed in the past 20 or 30 years?

"I think the missing link is social norms," Mary Ann Rasnak says. "If everyone in your peer group finishes in four years, you're outside the norm if you don't. But if the norm is five years, well, six years doesn't seem like such a long time."

Greg Smith understands this. "A lot of my friends who have been here well past five years—I call them 'lifers'—are afraid to leave KU," he says. "I can see how people get comfortable here. But I also would like to leave sometime."

For Smith, leaving after six years will be fine. And despite administrators' efforts to make experiences like his less common, or at least perceived as less common, others see no problem with an extended college experience.

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Bradshaw cringes when he hears what he calls "business language" creeping into the lexicon of college administrators. "The goal of a university is to turn out citizens for a better democracy," he says. "We're not products, so we don't need to be turned out on a four-year schedule."
A psychology professor says good things come to those who wait—and work. His career is proof.

In the middle of May, in that hopeful season between the end of finals and the long goodbye of Commencement weekend, C. R. “Rick” Snyder, professor of psychology and director of clinical psychology's graduate training program, receives an e-mail from a woman in small-town Mississippi. Her son, salutatorian of his high school class, is preparing the speech he will deliver at his graduation ceremony. Of the school’s 66 seniors, she explains, five students, including the homecoming queen, died in the past year. Three were killed in a car wreck only two days before. What can her son say to his classmates and their families in the aftermath of such tragedy, the woman wants to know. “We are desperate for some guidance because we feel Hope would be an appropriate topic for the circumstances,” she writes. “Can you help us?”

Some might find it odd that such a plea for help should find its way to the inbox of a humble psychology professor. Not Snyder. “She’s heard I’m the hope guy,” he says simply.

He is accustomed to hearing from people who attended his lectures on hope or read one of his four books on the topic or saw him on television—on “Good Morning America,” for instance, demonstrating the link between hope and pain tolerance by imploring host Charles Gibson to immerse his hand in a tub of ice water. “Fairly frequently I get letters saying I made a difference in people’s lives, but this is the first time anything like this has happened,” Snyder says. “I feel very touched.” He pens a five-minute speech weaving themes of necessary grief and durable hope around the story of the Phoenix, the mythological bird that arose from its own ashes.

He quotes one of his favorite poems, Theodore Roethke’s “The Lost Son”:

A lively understandable spirit
Once entertained you.
It will come again.
Be still.
Wait.

This small gesture exemplifies what Snyder calls his “minimalist” approach. “My belief is that if I just shoot for small differences, maybe my ideas will have a ripple effect,” he explains. “That’s the way I want to do things, because it keeps me closer to people.” He seems genuinely pleased to be of service. “I feel I can help her son say something he would not have said otherwise: Sometimes to hope you have to wait.”

The ripples generated by “the hope guy” reach into a Mississippi hamlet, illustrating Snyder’s wide influence inside and outside academia—itself a tribute to the virtue of patience. In a field that since World War II has been obsessed with humanity’s dark side, devoting most of its energies to diagnosing and treating the pathologies of the psyche, Snyder is among a relative handful of psychologists who prefer to study the good in human nature. “I think psychology, certainly clinical psychology, has looked mainly at weakness, the negatives of people,” Snyder says. “I never found that a view I was sympathetic with.”

Throughout his 28-year career—spent entirely at KU—Snyder has found ways to accentuate the positive, even though this emphasis usually put him at odds with the prevailing trends of his profession. His contributions to psychology (which include the development of important theories in four areas, nearly 20 books and more than 100 journal articles) are impressive. Psychologist Christopher Peterson, director of clinical training at the University of Michigan, credits Snyder for integrating different specialties, particularly social and clinical psychology.

“When he started doing that 15 or 20 years ago it was considered unusual; now it’s business as usual for the whole field,” Peterson says. “That’s a very important change and he played a big role in it.”

Snyder is perhaps best known as the originator of hope theory—an engagingly lucid analysis of hopeful thinking that is proving to have applications far broader than its deceptive simplicity would suggest. Because of his work in researching hope and other positive human traits, Snyder is widely credited as a catalyst for the emergence of a new school of scientific thought called positive psychology. This approach takes on no less a paragon than Freud, the dominant mind in clinical psychology throughout the
A score less than 24 indicates that you usually think hopefully. A score greater than 24 indicates that you may not consistently be hopeful. A total score of around 24 indicates an average amount of hope. For each of the eight questions above, select the number that best describes you:


1. I energetically pursue my goals.
2. I can think of many ways to get out of a jam.
3. My past experiences have prepared me well for the future.
4. There are lots of ways around any problem.
5. I have been pretty successful in life.
6. I can think of many ways to get the things in life that are most important to me.
7. I meet the goals I set for myself.
8. Even when others get discouraged, I know I can find a way to solve the problem.

Add your numbers for each of the answers above. A total score of around 24 indicates an average amount of hope. A score greater than 24 indicates that you usually think hopefully. A score less than 24 indicates that you may not consistently be hopeful.

Though he began his research by questioning highly hopeful people, Snyder quickly moved toward formulating a measurement that quantifies hope. "The rap on hope has always been that it's vague," he explains. "I've tried to pin it down, make it more rigorous and scientific." That effort yielded an eight-question Hope Scale that measures a person's level of hopefulness. Since 1991 more than 30,000 people have completed the survey, which has been translated into nearly a dozen languages.

In short, Snyder's rigorous scientific theory stresses personal effort over the whims of providence. And yet discussing his own career, settled in a plastic desk chair in his corner office on the third floor of Fraser Hall, Snyder is quick to credit acceptance of this new field—which concerns itself with the empirical study of such slippery subjects as hope, happiness, love, tolerance, optimism and contentment—is a recent development, one that came relatively late in Snyder's career. "I feel like I've been swimming upstream intellectually for three decades," he says. "I've been laboring in the trenches of positive psychology and now suddenly it's hip. But I'm still the same."

Trim and energetic at 55, Rick Snyder looks at once distinguished and boyish. But his appearance is not the only thing that makes him seem, at times, a paradox. Consider his hope theory, hatched during a 1987 sabbatical and nurtured over the past 13 years, a mix of empirical science and self-improvement that values "planfulness" above all. Snyder believes people can take control of their lives by setting clear goals, that these goals can be reached by mapping multiple routes for their attainment (a concept he calls "waypower"), and that people can motivate themselves and overcome self-doubt with positive self-talk (willpower). This three-component "new hope" differs from traditional definitions of hope in one small, but important, way. Traditional views of hope have emphasized unrealistic optimism, the expectation of success without evidence that success is likely. According to the American Heritage Dictionary, hope is "to wish for something with expectation of its fulfillment." According to Snyder, hope is to work for something with expectation of its fulfillment.
For someone who professes a lifelong fascination with motivation, a man who has built a career as a teacher, researcher and therapist on his ability to plumb the human mind, Snyder can be surprisingly unreflective. “I'm not very good at introspection,” he confides. “Quite honestly, I don't spend much time processing what's under the psychic hood of Rick Snyder.”

But when he explains what his hope theory is and, as importantly, what it is not (new age mysticism, self-help bromides, lukewarm soup for the soul), he grows animated; his blue eyes widen and intensify; his back stiffens and he rises nearly off his chair, suddenly as spirited as a kid spinning tales intricate and fantastic. The voice gathers strength and pours forth words in a tumult.

Despite his lack of introspection, it's clear Snyder's personal history shaped hope theory. “This isn't a theory of hope,” he says. “I mean, it's a theory of Rick Snyder.” He meant that it captures the way he goes about his life, and that I think that's probably the case for every psychologist who pursues a theory: that theory will tell you something fundamental about that person.

Since childhood, Snyder has been fascinated by goodness. “My dad was a traveling salesman, and every October we were transferred to a new city,” he recalls. “I went to 12 schools in 12 years.” He vividly recalls first-day walks down strange hallways, following an assistant principal to a new classroom, where 30 sets of eyes stared at the stranger, the outsider, the perennial new kid.

“Being the new kid meant I had to learn about people,” Snyder says. He pauses, weighing what comes next. “I don't want to be maudlin,” he continues, “but sometimes I had to learn about people to survive. I made friends very fast, because I had to. That forced me to understand people, understand what motivates them. And it always killed me when we moved, because I never learned to keep things at the surface.”

Throughout this peripatetic childhood Snyder's mother was the steadying influence. From her he learned to look for goodness. “She taught me that, she was my anchor,” he says. “To learn hope you need somebody like that who spends time with you.” He considers the timing of her death a cruel irony. “My mother was very supportive of me being whatever I wanted. Then she died, very fast, of cancer, just after I started teaching. We weren't able to do the fun stuff, talking about the ideas I was working on and the people I was working with. I regret that.”

Snyder had found his calling by the end of his sophomore year at Southern Methodist University, when it became apparent that psychology offered “the closest thing I had seen to looking at the potential strengths of people,” he says. “Much of what I was initially taught involved weakness, but there were moments, occasional voices in the night, saying, 'Look at the positives, look at the positives.'”

Snyder listened to those voices, and has listened to them since, eventually adding his own to a growing chorus advocating the study of positive human traits. From his earliest research, which studied how people accept criticism and other forms of feedback about themselves, he steered away from the disease model. He continued that tack with his uniqueness research in the late 1970s and his study of excuses in the 1980s. Even then his ideas caught the imagination of the broader culture, turning up in CNN documentaries and “Doonesbury.”

Throughout his career Snyder has remained, at heart, a teacher, and that role seems to fit him most comfortably. He contends with almost evangelical fervor that hope can not only be measured, but learned. “My idea is that we as people can just do a lot better,” says Snyder: “I'm a fan of Michelangelo. He had this notion that the artwork was already in a block of marble, that when he did a statue all he had to do was chip away that which isn't needed to make that which is simple and beautiful more obvious. I'm no Michelangelo, but sometimes in teaching hope theory I feel I'm just chipping away the extra stuff. I think the basic notions of hopeful thinking are there, because we need them as we grow up. But as we get older we acquire ways of thinking and behaving that get in the way of hope. You have to chip away that stuff so people can get back to the basics.”

Snyder wants to establish a Hope Institute on campus to conduct research and serve as a kind of clearing-house for positive psychology scholarship. But he also admits feeling a certain detachment as the idea he nurtured takes wing. “I can't try to keep it pure or constrain how it's presented,” he says. “The question is, how am I going to use the time I have left now that I have this theory I think is useful to people? I'm going to be what I've been all along.”

The hope guy pauses, glances out the window. “Not that I could change. I suppose I could, but I don't find myself wanting to.”

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National leaders
Alumni choose new members of the Board of Directors, while directors elect officers for 2000-2001 terms

Three alumni will begin five-year terms on the national Board of Directors July 1 as a result of the Association's spring elections. They are Nancy Borel Ellis, Pinehurst, N.C.; Sydnie Bowling Kampschroeder, Naperville, Ill.; and Craig B. Swenson, Lee's Summit, Mo. The spring meeting May 19-20 included elections of the national chairman and executive vice chairman. Leading the Association will be Reid Holbrook, Overland Park, who served as executive vice chairman during the 1999-2000 year. Holbrook succeeds Carol Swanson Ritchie, Wichita. The new executive vice chairman is Janet Martin McKinney, Port Ludlow, Wash.

Also elected to a one-year term as vice chairman was Tim S. Dibble, Issaquah, Wash. Elected to their second one-year terms as vice chairmen were Gary Bender, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Michelle Senecal de Fonseca, Brussels, Belgium; and Patricia Weems Gaston, Annandale, Va.

The Board also chose members of the Board of Governors, which oversees the Adams Alumni Center, and the boards of the KU Athletics Corporation and the Kansas Memorial Union Corporation.

New members serving five-year terms on the Board of Governors are Holbrook, Swenson, and Jeff Weinberg, Lawrence. Sidney Ashton Garrett, Lawrence, was elected to a two-year term as chairman.

The new alumni representative to the athletics board is Gale Sayers, Chicago; Jay Howard, Austin, Texas, was named to the Union board.

Kampschroeder, c'65, earned a master's in business administration from DePaul University, Chicago, and is marketing director for Archipelago, a national electronic stock trading system.

Swenson, c'59, retired from the Bayer Corp. in 1998 after working in process development, technical services and manufacturing during 35 years with Bayer.

Holbrook, c'64, l'66, is a partner in the Kansas City, Kan., law firm of Holbrook, Heaven & Osborn.

Ritchie, d'54, is a longtime KU and community volunteer.

McKinney, c'74, was elected to the Board in 1995 by the members. She is retired as president of Martin Tractor Co., Topeka.

Dibble, d'74, manages computing services for The Boeing Co.

Bender, g'64, is a sports broadcaster for the St. Louis Rams and Phoenix Suns.

De Fonseca, b'83, directs business development for Global One Communications.

Gaston, j'81, is national editor of the Washington Post.

Weinberg, d'64, g'70, is assistant to Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway.

Garrett, c'68, d'70, is president of Brown Cargo Van Inc.

Sayers, b'75, g'77, is president of Sayers Group, a computer sales firm.

Howard, b'79, heads First Capital Partners Inc., a Dallas-based real estate investment company.

Two Association programs win national accolades

Kansas Alumni and the Student Alumni Association's annual fall event for freshmen recently received awards from two national organizations.

Kansas Alumni won a bronze medal for overall publishing excellence in the national competition sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Among college and university magazines with circulations between 30,000 and 75,000, Kansas Alumni and Minnesota magazine from the University of Minnesota Alumni Association received bronze medals. Middlebury Magazine from Middlebury College in Vermont took the silver and Smith Alumnae Quarterly from Smith College, Northampton, Mass., won the gold.

Although Kansas Alumni has won numerous national honors for overall writing and the design, writing or photography of individual stories, this is the first national overall excellence award for the magazine since it switched in 1991 from its tabloid predecessor to a bimonthly magazine.

Also a winner in professional competition was the Student Alumni Association's annual Ice Cream Social, which brings freshmen to the Adams Alumni Center each August for free ice cream and fun before the annual Traditions Night celebration in Memorial Stadium. The Ice Cream Social won honors as the most outstanding student program in District V of the Association of Student Advancement Programs.

The Ice Cream Social and Traditions Night are part of the University's Hawk Week events each August. This year's Ice Cream Social will be at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Alumni Center, followed by Traditions Night at 8 p.m. in the stadium.
Alumni Events

Adams Alumni Center

August
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• Ice Cream Social
  Student Alumni Association

Chapters & Professional Societies

July
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• Dodge City Chapter: Dinner with Terry Allen. Contact Bill Bunyan, 316-227-8203 home, 316-227-1602 work

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• Boston Chapter: Red Sox game. Contact Tina Wohletz, 617-621-3500 ext. 2725, twohletz@atstake.com

August
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• San Francisco Chapter: Big 12 Alumni Day at A's game. Contact Paul Brunell, 415-243-6260

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• San Diego Chapter: Big 12 Day at the Del Mar races. Contact Rob Bletscher, 619-227-0686, chalkrob@aol.com

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• Dallas Chapter: Happy Hour. Contact Brad Korell, 214-965-9678, bko-rell@meadowsowen.com

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• Football Kickoff at Mill Creek:
  With coach Terry Allen at Mill Creek Brewing Company, Westport. Contact Michon Quick, 913-248-8458

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• Dallas Chapter: Happy Hour. Contact Brad Korell, 214-965-9678, bko-rell@meadowsowen.com

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• New York Metropolitan Chapter: Yankess-Royals game. Contact Carrie Williams, 201-876-8836, CarrieW@Megsinet.net

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• Jayhawk Jog: Shawnee Mission Park. Contact Gail Sherron, 785-838-3595, or Michon Quick, 913-248-8458

TRADITION ANEW: Chairman-elect Reid Holbrook distributed class rings to about 150 graduating seniors during a May 2 ceremony at the Adams Alumni Center. Holbrook told the seniors that until they earn their diploma, the ring should be worn with the Campanile facing the wearer; after Commencement, the ring should be turned “with the Campanile facing the world.” The first class-ring ceremony in KU history was part of KU’s new “single ring” program launched by the Association and KU Bookstores. Graduates interested in purchasing their own ring should contact the manufactor, Milestone, at 800-355-1145 (operator: 246A), or KUAA at 800-584-2957.
1920s
Ona Smith Donahue, c'28, continues to live in Durham, where she's a retired high school teacher.

1930s
Helen Wilson Baker, c'39, lives in Bloomington, Ill.
William Carter, e'35, is a retired engineer with Pacific Fruit Express. He lives in Palo Alto, Calif.
Arnold Janzen, c'35, m'38, makes his home in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
Elizabeth Whiteford McIntire, f'39, enjoys gardening, church work, bridge and reading in Midland, Mich.
Gordon Miller, e'36, lives in Littleton, Colo., where he's retired from a career with Texaco.
David Morgan, '33, is a retired physician and professor in Kansas City.
Paul Priebe, c'37, makes his home in Kirkland, Wash.
Hortense Sanders, b'38, is retired in Kansas City.
Muriel Williamson Wood, c'35, h'36, lives in Pittsburg.

1940
Dean Brooks, c'40, m'42, makes his home in Everett, Wash.
Ferne Hill Hogue, c'40, and her husband, Don, e'42, live in Topeka.
Kalman Oravetz, c'40, is a retired attorney. He lives in Milburn, N.J.
Cathleen Beyer Robinson, c'40, a retired music teacher, makes her home in Bella Vista, Ark.

1941
Jean Dooley Curry, c'41, a retired teacher, makes her home in Pine Bluff, Ark., with her husband, Clark, assoc.
Barbara Smith Geery, f'41, is retired in Burlington.

1942
Burton, c'42, g'49, and LaVinia Richards Hodgden, '42, are retired from careers with DuPont. They live in Wilmington, Del.
Roger Prior, e'42, lives in a retirement community in Signal Mountain, Tenn.
Earl, c'42, and Etta Kathryn McGauhey Riddle, f'42, make their home in Portland, Ore.
Nancy Carey Windler, c'42, and Edwin, c'43, celebrated their 55th anniversary earlier this year. They live in Sweeny, Texas.

1943
James Chandler, c'43, g'49, is retired in Richmond Heights, Mo.

1944
Sydney Schroeder, m'44, makes his home in Lawrence, where he's a retired physician.

1945
George Boone, c'45, m'49, is a retired physician. He lives in San Diego.
Betty Learned Burns, c'45, lives in Littleton, Colo.

1946
Frank Darden, e'46, works as a petroleum engineer for Mercury Exploration in Fort Worth, Texas.
Joyce Durall Redwine, c'46, c'48, lives in Blue Springs, Mo.
George Rippey, e'46, serves on the board of the Army Retirement Residence Foundation in San Antonio.

1947
Kenneth Harmon, b'47, f'50, is retired in Lawrence.
Bernice Alexander West, c'47, lives in Oakland, Calif.

1948
Clare Colman, e'48, lectures at schools and colleges about the offshore oil and gas industry. He lives in New Canaan, Conn., where he's retired from a career with Mobil.
Elmo Maiden, e'49, g'50, makes his home in Winneka, Calif.
Sibio Naccarato, e'49, is a retired contract surety manager. He lives in Chesterfield, Mo.
Marion Pugh Strand, c'49, takes graduate classes at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. She lives in Rochester, N.Y.

1949
Harry Barker, b'49, is retired CEO of Barker Broadcasting. He lives in Redding, Calif.
Edman Chapman, b'49, lives in Mission, where he's retired.
Glen Martin, m'49, continues to make his home in Wichita with Alice Brown Martin, f'42.
William, c'49, and Harolyn Clark O'Brien, d'49, make their home in Leawood.
James Oran, e'49, is retired from a career with General Electric. He lives in Fairfield, Conn.
Glendale Jones Raftery, f'49, does oil and watercolor painting in Phoenix.
Sara Weitzler Shaw, g'49, and her husband, John, visited China last year. They live in Catonsville, Md.

Maxine Alburt Spencer, f'49, d'51, and her husband, Harry, d'49, wrote Sounds on Strings, a series of books for students of stringed instruments. Maxine is a violinist with the Fresno Philharmonic, and Harry plays with the Tulare County Symphony. They live in Fresno, Calif.
James Thornton, e'49, lives in Independence.

1950
John Burnett, e'50, recently retired as a research and development staff specialist for Lockheed. He lives in Atlanta.
Dean Hutchinson, e'50, makes his home in Prairie Village.
James Rhine, f'50, manages the Manhattan branch of Universal Insurance Services.
Albert Tyler, c'50, and his wife, Bobbie, live in Dallas. He's president of A&B Oil.
James Young, d'50, g'52, PhD'71, a retired Washburn University professor, makes his home in Topeka.

1951
Harry Greaver, f'51, g'52, owns Greaver Gallery in Cannon Beach, Ore.
J.D. Holmberg, e'51, lives in Overland Park.
Richard Houseworth, b'51, recently was nominated by President Clinton to serve on the board of directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. He lives in Paradise Valley, Ariz.
Milo Matthies, e'51, is retired in Kansas City.
Ken Medearis, b'51, e'55, a retired division manager for Pacific Power and Light, continues to make his home in Corvallis, Ore.
Maxine Moody Kirmeyer Montgomery, f'51, lives in Redding, Calif. With her husband, John, they celebrated their first anniversary July 17.
George Skinner, e'51, lives in Novato, Calif., where he's a retired engineer.
Joseph, c'51, and Rita Franks Spradlin, c'75, make their home in Lawrence.
Dwayne Tarver, c'51, a retired attorney, lives in Corona, Calif.
Lois Walker, c'51, d'54, showed her assemblages and paintings in New York, Montana and Spain last year. She's an artist in Amityville, N.Y.
James Zimmerman, c'51, makes his home in Topeka with his wife, Martha.

1952
Paul Arrowood, b'52, who's retired from a career with IBM, makes his home in Williamsburg, Va.
Paul Berkley, b'52, is retired chairman of the State Bank of Downs.
John Boyd Jr., e'52, g'61, lives in Prairie Village and is principal of Transystems.
CLASS NOTES

James Endacott, e'52, makes his home in Anaheim Hills, Calif., with his wife, Marguerite, assoc.

Richard Etherington, e'52, former executive director of Learjet, makes his home in Wichita.

Frank Fendorf, g'52, is vice president of Wingert-Jones Music in Kansas City.

Dolores Dolson Lee, e'52, works part time for Lee Consulting in Lewood.


1953

James Amend, e'53, a retired architect, makes his home in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Jannith Lewis, d'53, directs the library at Oakwood College. She lives in Huntsville, Ala.

Rosemary Scheuerman, d'53, volunteers as a reading tutor in an elementary school in Jackson, Miss. She's a retired deaconess of the United Methodist Church.

Geraldine Feighny Schultz, g'53, a retired teacher, makes her home in Topeka.

William Turner, e'53, lives in Kansas City with his wife, Arlene. He serves on the promotion board for the Eagle Scouts.

1954

Donald McClelland, c'54, directs digital imaging for UCLA's Fowler Museum of Cultural History in Los Angeles. He and his wife, Donna, live in San Marino.

William Mead, m'54, lives in Port Angeles, Wash.

Richard Scott, c'54, g'55, is a professor emeritus at Stanford University. He lives in Stanford, Calif.

George, c'54, and Catherine Newman Smith, d'54, make their home in Midland, Texas.

Burton Stewart, e'54, lives in New Orleans, where he's a retired engineer.

Frank Surber, b'54, recently sold his CPA practice. He's retired in Lee's Summit, Mo.

John Towner, d'54, g'61, enjoys golf and traveling. He and Betty Ann Rayner Towner, g'65, live in Shawnee.

Richard Wilson, e'54, a retired civil engineer, makes his home in St. Joseph, Mo.

1955

Jim Cameron, j'55, a retired United Airlines captain, makes his home in Denver.

Adolfo Montero, '55, is president of Montero Enterprises in Austin, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Harriet.

Donald Smith, e'55, lives in Lompoc, Calif., with his wife, Patricia. He's chairman of Space Education Alliance.

James Sorem Sr., e'55, works as a self-employed farmer in Jetmore, where he and Mary Schauvliege Sorem, n'55, make their home.

John Trombold, c'55, m'58, recently was appointed associate medical director of Scripps Cancer Center in La Jolla, Calif. He lives in Del Mar.

1956

Carol Bowman, d'56, makes her home in Pittsburgh, Pa., where she's a retired teacher.

Harold Hein, b'56, is retired from Ernst & Young. He lives in Arvada, Calif.

John Smith, c'56, g'64, a former professor at the University of the Pacific, makes his home in Stockton, Calif.

Joseph Terrill, a'56, recently retired as president of Horst Terrill & Karst Architects, which he founded in 1950. Joe and his wife, Shirley, live in Topeka.

1957

Norman Arnold, b'57, works as an associate broker for J.C. Nichols Real Estate in Lenexa. He lives in Overland Park.

John Bruce, e'57, g'60, PhD'62, makes his home in Saratoga, Calif.

Juanita Jarvis Farnen, n'57, recently retired after 42 years as a nurse. She lives in Kansas City.

Mildred Long Foster, d'57, a retired librarian, lives in Brookfield, Conn.

Leonard Gercken, g'57, is retired in Lenexa.

Max Mardick, e'55, lives in Golden, Colo.

Jessie Schmidtlein Poston, n'57, a retired school nurse, makes her home in Rose Hill.

Jane Ratcliff, d'57, is a retired teacher in El Paso, Texas.

James Smith, c'57, lives in Suffern, N.Y., where he's a retired consultant.

Richard Smith, m'57, practices medicine in Walnut Creek, Calif. He wrote Managed Care: Anatomy of a Mass Medical Movement, which was published earlier this year by Wyndham Hall Press.
Joy Immer Walker, d’57, is associate director of development for the Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pa., where she and her husband, Dennis, make their home. They celebrated their first anniversary in May.

1958
Royce Fugate, e’58, is city administrator and engineer for West Plains, Mo.
Maryann Stucker McAfee, n’58, g’65, a retired nurse, lives in Leavenworth.
Albert Steegmann Jr., c’58, is a professor of anthropology for State University of New York at Buffalo. He lives in North Tonawanda.
Bob Hartley, d’58, live in Westminster Colo.

1959
Malcolm Applegate, j’59, is retired from a career with the Indianapolis Star. He lives in Indianapolis.
Rozanne Barry, c’59, lives in Washington, D.C., where she’s a retired librarian.
Robert Billings, c’59, chairs the Alamar Development Corp. in Lawrence.
Richard Glenn, e’59, vice president of Classic Container Corp., lives in Western Springs, Ill., with Margot Black Glenn, c’61.
Norris Hall, e’59, is retired in Indianapolis.
Norman Love, e’59, lives in Boulder, Colo., where he’s a retired chief engineer with Xerox.
Howard O’Connor, g’59, makes his home in Lawrence.
Roger Schiller, g’59, keeps busy in retirement with music and church work. He lives in Harrisburg, Pa.
Ralph Wright, c’59, is general counsel for Criterion Catalyst in Houston.

1960
Peter Anderson, f’60, retired last year after 35 years with Maupintour. He and his wife, Joan, live in Lawrence.
Norb Garrett, c’60, moved recently from London to New York City, where he’s president of Kroll Associates.
Bruce Jackson, e’60, a retired petroleum engineer; makes his home in Huntington Beach, Calif.
John Nienstedt, c’60, wrote Sanity Rising: Unnecessary Evil, which recently was published by First Books Library. He lives in Surprise, Ariz.
Wally Schreper, e’60, g’62, retired last year and moved to Langhorne, Pa.
Sam Shermis, g’60, PhD’61, keeps busy in retirement with his hobby of calligraphy. He lives in Black Mountain, N.C.
Ellen Junge Whitaker, d’60, is an elementary school reading facilitator in Slaton, Texas. She and her husband, Sanford, live in Ransom Canyon.
John McElhiney, c’62, g’65, makes his home in Green Valley, Ariz.

1961
Sue Carol Brown Benson, d’61, g’70, owns Glazed Expressions in Sarasota, Fla.
James Corrigan, f’61, is a district judge in Wichita.
Donald Wright, g’60, EdD’61, a retired school superintendent, makes his home in Green Valley, Ariz.

1962
James Arnold, e’62, recently became a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. He’s deputy director of NASA’s space transportation aeronautics directorate. He lives in Saratoga, Calif.
John Eagle, b’62, is retired from Electronic Data Systems. He lives in Sioux Falls, S.D.
William Feist, c’62, m’66, lives in Birmingham, Ala., where he’s medical director for Protective Life Insurance.
Frederick Horne, PhD’62, is a professor of chemistry at Oregon State University in Corvallis, where he and Clara Johnson Horne, 59, make their home.
Charles Kulier, PhD’62, heads Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical’s research library and information services in Holland, Mich.

1963
Kenneth Lyons, c’62, is vice president of advance technology for Arinc in Annapolis, Md.
John Mitchell, c’62, m’66, won the Henry S. Plummer Award last year for excellence in clinical competence and service. He practices medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.
Anthony Reed, d’62, retired last year as a photographer and editor for the Wichita Eagle. He teaches photography at the Wichita Center for the Arts.
Earl Sundbye, e’62, a retired electronic engineer with Continental Electronics, lives in Conroe, Texas, with his wife, Theresa.

1964
Douglas Halsted, ’64, a retired foreign language teacher, lives in Andover, Mass., with Josephine Walker-Halsted, d’63. She teaches elementary school music in Andover.
Edith DeEtte Huffman, f’64, is retired in Wichita.
Anthony, c’64, g’66, and Nancy Egy Jacobs, c’65, make their home in Santa Fe, N.M.
Dorothy Teh-Hsin Hwang, PhD’64, owns Michigan Soy Products in Novi, where she and her husband, Emilian, g’64, make their home.
Byron Klapper, j’64, commutes from Montville, N.J., to New York City, where he’s managing director of American Capital Access.
Donald Mason, g’64, is retired in Sarasota, Fla.
Larry Mason, PhD’64, wrote a book of poetry, Little Sidewalk Cafe at the End of Time.
which was published last spring. He lives in Slingerlands, N.Y.

**Cordell**, c'64, l'67, and **Mary Ann Sutherland Meeks**, c'67, live in Kansas City, where Cordell is a Kansas district judge. He recently was elected president of the American Lung Association.

**John Richardson**, e'64, president of Richardson Decorative Curbing, lives in Topeka.

**Emily Larkin Russell**, d'64, s'72, is retired in Tucker, Ga., where she makes her home with her husband, Joseph.

**Robert Wills**, c'64, lives in Daleville, Va., where he's retired.

1965

**William Cibles Jr.**, c'65, is chancellor of the Connecticut State University System in Hartford. He and his wife, Margaret, live in West Hartford.

**Valera Clayton-Dodd**, n'65, works as associate administrator at St. Francis Specialty Hospital in Monroe, La.

**Gloria Farha Flentje**, c'65, is a partner in the Wichita law firm of Foulston & Siefkin.

**Fred Hamilton**, e'65, lives in Houston, where he's retired from a career with Texaco.

**Carol Fusco May**, d'65, teaches third grade in San Antonio, Texas.

**Arthur Spears**, c'65, is a professor of linguistics and anthropology at the City University of New York. He lives in New York City.

**Paul Thomas**, c'65, directs social work at Parsons State Hospital and Training Center.

1966

**Kenneth Asher**, p'66, works as a pharmacist at Sugar Valley Pharmacy in Mound City.

**Larry Bast**, f'66, is president of Bast & Associates, an executive search firm in Los Angeles. He lives in Playa Del Rey.

**Judith Farrell Corcoran**, f'66, works at Norwest Bank Iowa. She lives in Cumming.

**George Fletcher**, b'66, e'66, is president of the Fletcher Group in Greenville, S.C.

**Kenneth Karr**, b'66, lives in Virginia Beach, where he's a self-employed insurance agent.

**David Knutson**, g'66, PhD'70, works as an agent for First Financial Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**Richard Miller**, a'66, recently was elected a fellow of the American Institute of Architects. He's president of Earl Swensson Associates in Nashville, Tenn.

**Franklin Scamman**, e'66, m'70, is a professor of anesthesiology at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

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**GRACEFUL SAYERS AT THE TOP OF HIS GAME**

Before Gale Sayers ran gracefully into the public consciousness, before he was the youngest member inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame or the founder and CEO of a successful computer business, he had a mantra. When injuries and doubt and loss plagued Sayers, d'75, g'77, four words sustained him.

"You are good enough."

Sayers' father, his role model and hero, taught him these words long before Gale's name became synonymous with achievement.

Sayers' most recent success is testament to his father's pride. As founder and CEO of the Sayers Group, a company that provides computer services, hardware and software, Sayers last year was inducted into the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame. His company's revenue exceeded $170 million last year. He is the rare athlete whose combination of humility and confidence, acceptance and persistence enabled him to transcend the game that made him famous.

"I learned early in my career that football was not a career, that it was a starting place," Sayers says. "As you prepare to play, you must prepare to quit. The day I left football, I walked away and didn't have any regrets, because I knew I had something else to do."

Sayers returned to Lawrence and earned two degrees. He served as assistant athletics director at KU before becoming the first black athletics director at Southern Illinois. In 1981, Sayers moved back to Chicago, scene of his gridiron triumphs, and got in on the burgeoning computer industry.

"Getting into the computer business at that time in my life and at that time in the industry probably was a little lucky," Sayers says. "The PC just came out in 1982. I got some good people to work with me, so that helped a great deal. My name got me in a couple of doors, but a name can only take you so far."

The soft-spoken Sayers, whose every gesture conveys a quiet dignity, is passionate about business.

"I give speeches and one of my speeches is called, 'No More Minority Business.' Sayers says. "You see some companies out there who want to give 5 percent or 10 percent to some minority company. If I'm qualified, I want 100 percent of the pie. Don't judge me on being a minority. Judge me on being a quality company."

Sayers is equally passionate about the role of sports in life. When he speaks to children, he emphasizes the opportunities available in business. He encourages them to get a college education. He tells them to dream beyond athletics.

"The game is so big today, and there's so much money being made, but when you look at the total picture, professional sports is a very small piece," Sayers says. "Every summer they draft 65 basketball players, or a hundred or so football players. But in my business, information technology, we have 265,000 jobs out there if you're qualified. Get your degree. Open your mind. Explore what's out there."
Gary Schrader, c'66, g'68, retired last year as worldwide director of manufacturing engineering at Plantronics in San Jose, Calif.
Lloyd Weller, g'66, is a retired partner in Black & Veatch. He lives in Mission with his wife, Rene.
Franklin Wichham, g'66, received the Beal Award earlier this year from the Ohio Pharmacists Association. He's director of the Pharmacy Law Institute at Ohio Northern University in Ada.
John Willcott, b'66, recently joined the Resource Group, an employee benefits and financial services firm in Overland Park.

1967
Gaylene Bouska Altman, n'67, directs the nursing skills lab at the University of Washington. She lives in Seattle and recently contributed to Delmar's Fundamental and Advanced Nursing Skills, which was published earlier this year.
Robert Bailey, c'67, is executive vice president of planning and research for BBDO Chicago. He lives in Evanston, Ill.
James Brenner, c'67, lives in Palatine, III., and is a vice president at Oak Brook Bank.
Michael Cook, j'67, is a manager for Packag Products in Houston. He and Jo Ann Kutz Work, d'65, live in Kingwood, and she's a teacher for the Humble school district.
Joanne Emerick Denton, d'67, is a school librarian in Shawnee Mission.
Roger Elliott, e'67, works as a self-employed consulting engineer in Corpus Christi, Texas.
Gary Gribben, c'67, g'70, lives in Boise, Idaho, where he's a senior vice president and manager at First Security Bank.
Howard Hoffman, a'67, is an associate with SLCE Architects in New York City. He lives in Norwalk, Conn.

1968
Cheryl Azamber-Doran, d'68, works as a school librarian in Strafford, Mo.
Richard Berens, c'68, is an Internet software developer for Healthcom/Web in Santa Clara, Calif. He lives in Fremont with his wife, Marilyn.
Jean Daiker, c'68, teaches at Trinity Valley School. She lives in Fort Worth, Texas.
Terry Hexum, PhD'68, is a professor of pharmacology at the University of Nebraska in Omaha, where he lives with his wife, Deanna.
Eric Hoffman, p'68, directs research at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research in New York City. He lives in Norwalk, Conn.

Elaine Moore McGinn, n'68, makes her home in Knoxville, Tenn., with her husband, Larry, c'64, m'68. He's an anesthesiologist.
Jack Mitchell, d'68, is an engineering manager for Calumet Oil in Tulsa.
Vicki Zeiger Mooney, d'68, sells real estate for Re/Max First Realtors in Overland Park.
Patricia Huggins Pettey, d'68, g'74, recently completed her 29th year of teaching in the Turner school district. She and her husband, John, live in Kansas City.
Jane Fothergille Radcliffe, j'68, works as a recruiter for Education America. She lives in Colorado Springs.
Ora Nuttie Ross, d'68, keeps busy in retirement with volunteer work. She and her husband, Albert, live in Mission.
John Swift, d'68, retired earlier this year as CEO of the YMCA of Greater Tulsa. He lives in Tucson, Ariz.
Sherry Hughey Wilson, d'68, works as a substitute teacher. She lives in Parker, Colo., with her husband, Gary.
Harry Zielke Jr., p'68, is a pharmacist at Ritzmans in Laredo, where he and Amy Weller Zielke, assoc., make their home.

1969
James Berryman, c'69, works as a physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Lab. He lives in Danville, Calif.
Barbara Lang Dundon, c'69, is executive director of Need in Deed in Philadelphia, where she and her husband, John, make their home.
Daniel Flanigan, j'69, practices law with Polsinelli, White, Vanderman & Shalton. He lives in Fairway with Candace Gambrell Flanigan, j'70. She's a real-estate agent for J.D. Reece.
Martha Harmonson Haehl, g'69, teaches math at Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City.
Jim Henry, c'69, g'70, EdD'76, elected to the Lawrence City Commission in 1999, was recently elected mayor by his fellow commissioners. He is retired from careers at the University and the U.S. Navy.
Jane Hoover, c'69, directs DynCorp in Reston, Va. She lives in McLean.
Robert Jensen, c'69, lives in Austin, Texas, with his wife, Elizabeth. He's chief financial officer for On Q Technology.
Alvin Johnson, p'69, is a staff pharmacist at VA Eastern Kansas Healthcare System. He lives in Topeka.
Charles Loveland, c'69, m'73, practices pediatric medicine in Lawrence, where he and Mary Ladesich Loveland, c'70, make their home.
Gary McClelland, c'69, is a professor at the University of Colorado in Boulder.
Walter Ross Jr., c'69, m'73, continues to practice medicine in Birmingham, Ala., where he and Linda Howard Ross, d'75, make their home. She recently completed an education specialist degree from the University of Alabama.
Nancy Schiffer, c'69, works as an executive vice president with the United Way in Dayton, Ohio. She lives in Kettering.
Larry Shankles, e'69, lives in Topeka, where he works for the Kansas Department of Transportation.
Curtis, e'69, and Gayle Edmondson Slagell, c'67, make their home in Glendale, Ariz. Curtis is a vice president at Aztec Engineering in Phoenix.
Janice Burquest Toebben, s'69, g'83, is a vice president at Firstar Bank in Cincinnati. She and her husband, Gary, assoc., live in Fort Mitchell, Ky.
Walter Weaver, m'69, practices ophthalmology with Heartland Eye Care in Topeka.

Joan Sommers' family has a joke about her college career. She was exploring all the “A” majors, they say. Starting off in aerospace engineering, she moved on to astronomy, then ended up graduating with a degree in advertising. But long before college, “A” subjects just came naturally to Sommers, j'93. A national champion classical accordionist, Sommers had started with her first “A”—accordion—before she was even navigating her way through kindergarten.

Sommers' mother, Joan, founded the accordion program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City nearly 40 years ago and directs its accordion orchestra. Influenced by her mother's career, Sommers strapped on an accordion of her own at age 4. She joined the orchestra at 10 and played in solo competitions as a young teen.

After college, however, Sommers devoted much of her time to her advertising career. She spent five years handling marketing and advertising for a geographic information technology firm in Kansas City, where she developed its web site and became proficient in Web interface design.

As much as she enjoyed the challenges of her job, thoughts of world-class accordion competitions started creeping into her mind. Although she had continued to play in the orchestra over the years, she hadn't competed solo in 14 years. Preparing at this point in her life would be a major undertaking. First she would have to train for the U.S. championship. Then if she won, she would set her sights on the Coupe Mondiale World Accordion Championships, the pinnacle of accordion competition.

"I think I wanted to test myself," Sommers says. "In January 1999 I made the decision and started practicing. I never thought I'd be doing this, but the timing was right and I felt motivated. My mother thought I was nuts. She said, 'You have no idea how much time and effort this is going to take.'"

Joan Sommers would know. She had won the U.S. Championships in 1955 and 1956 and had represented the United States at the Coupe Mondiale both years. But when it came down to it, Joan enthusiastically backed Cathy, who went to work in earnest. She quit her job—although she continued to do some consulting—and practiced full time for the national championship. Her efforts paid off when she was named U.S. Virtuoso Champion. Next stop: Trossingen, Germany, and the Coupe Mondiale.

"The Coupe Mondiale was really amazing," says Sommers, who recently moved to Sunnyvale, Calif., to work as a designer for an Internet company. "It was such an honor for me to be following the same path as my mother. In the end I won seventh out of 11. Looking at where I came from to get there, I left incredibly happy. Absolutely no disappointment, no regrets."

—Evans, c'78, g'90, is a Lawrence free-lance writer.
Michael Wentworth, c'69, directs the liberal arts master's program at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, where he recently received an award for teaching excellence.

1970
Christine Conway Alexander, f'70, teaches piano in Missoula, Mont.
Jaryl Ambler-Brown, '70, works as senior manager of wholesale product development for MCI WorldCom. She lives in Ramona, Okla.
Ronnie Lee, c'70, serves as senior pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Ill., where he and Barbara Dove Lee, d'71, make their home.

1971
Stephen Carroll, b'71, is vice president of finance at Centis. He lives in Lawton, Mich.
Anita Boyd Cole, d'71, lives in Tussy, Okla., where she's retired.
Charles Mingle, '71, works as a senior paralegal at Vista Eye Care in Lawrenceville, Ga.
David Polson, 71, owns Sterling Communications in Lincoln, Neb.
Mark Snyder, d'71, works as a school counselor in St. Louis, where he and Karen Guese Snyder, c'70, g'72, make their home. Karen is a psychologist.

BORN TO:

1972
Stephanie Schoenberg Barken, f'72, is creative director of Mary Engelbreit Studios in St. Louis.
Nancie Jewell Dalke, f'72, d'73, teaches music in Overland Park.
Richard Horvath, c'72, recently was promoted to engine systems manager at GE Aircraft Engines in Cincinnati.
Stanley Lybarger, c'72, g'74, is president of the Bank of Oklahoma. He and his wife, Marcia, live in Tulsa.
Linda Miller, g'72, works for Ford Motor Co. She lives in Grosse Ile, Mich.

1973
Lawrence Engel, c'73, is an employee benefits consultant for the AAC Group in Dallas.

1974
Mark Kochman, j'74, is president of Intelisource. He lives in Arvada, Colo.

1975
Thomas “Randy” Cobb, j'75, owns Cobb Insurance Agency in Great Bend.
Deborah Collins, h'75, recently was made a principal at Denver Investment Advisors. He and his wife, Cathy, live in Evergreen, Colo., with their sons, Matt, 17, and Tim, 15.
Don, c'75, and Leslie Goldstein Nottberg, '78, own Elite Feet in Kansas City.
Lea Meigs Stutzman, d'75, 1'82, co-owns Charles & Wilson Bonded Abstracters in Manhattan.

1976
Joel Colbert, c'76, EdD'77, is assistant dean of education at California State University in Carson, Calif.

1977
John Corson, g'77, a retired chief engineer for Zelcor, makes his home in Crowder, Okla.
Tia Jenkins, a'77, is executive vice president at W.E. Kiealing Interior Architects in Denver.
Deborah Kruskop Menefee, c'77, works as a human resources specialist for VA Eastern Kansas Healthcare System in Topeka.
John Works, c'77, is president and CEO of Rompetrol in Bucharest, Romania.

1978
Kent Allingham, b'78, is a senior manager for MCI WorldCom in Tulsa.
Jan Anderson-Paxson, j'78, teaches photography, editing and layout at Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas.

1979
Linda Finestone, j'79, works as senior news editor of the national edition of the Los Angeles Times.
Bill Kirby, g'79, is a health resource analyst with the Nevada Division of Health diabetes project in Carson City.

1980
John Anderson, b'80, g'82, is chief information officer at BuyMedDirect.com in Overland Park.
Dennis Depew, b'80, lives in Neodesha, where he's managing partner of Depew Law Firm.
Gregory Galluzzi, g'80, is president of TMG Consulting. He lives in Austin, Texas.
Haruyuki Morikawa, c'80, g'82, is a manager for the Sharp Corporation in Nara, Japan.
Norton Rixey, e'80, lives in Lake Waukomis, Mo. He's president of Central States Communications.
William Stiles, PhD'80, works for Centerpoint Broadband Technologies, where he's a vice president. He lives in San Jose, Calif.
Thomas Taylor, b'80, is president and CEO of Agris in Roswell, Ga.

Charley Kempthorne encourages the students at his workshop to imagine their lives as movies, composed of individual scenes that reveal the narrative of their existence. He urges them to make lists—lists of phrases their parents overused, lists of every place they have ever called home, lists of childhood kisses and teenage paramours. Twelve silver heads, rich with memory, bow in concentration; the only sound in this room at the Lawrence Public Library is the murmur of pencils scratching on paper.

Then Kempthorne, d'64, g'66, interrupts this period of poignant reverie and announcements that each person will now share his or her story. The students look at one another uneasily. Throats clear nervously. Kempthorne, the gentle mentor, reassures the class.

“We really are alive, we really are ourselves, when we’re peeling potatoes,” he says. “A book titled The Uninteresting Days of My Life would be the most revelatory book you could write.”

As director of the Life Story Institute, based in Manhattan, Kempthorne has fashioned a nationally celebrated career out of teaching people to reveal their family histories. In his Life Story magazine; his book, For All Time: A Complete Guide to Writing Your Family History; and in his workshops, like the one held recently in Lawrence, Kempthorne teaches his students, who are mostly retirees, to embrace the ordinary elements of their lives. He implores them to write the way they speak, to abandon worries of syntax and metaphor and originality.

“The truth is we’ve all been storytellers since we were children,” Kempthorne says.

Kempthorne taught his first memoir writing workshop in 1976. He had already taught English composition at KU and earned a master’s from the prestigious Iowa Writer’s Workshop. He had gone from academia to farming to contracting and was still struggling to write his own fiction. Teaching narrative writing helped both him and his students find their true voices.

Creating a written tradition, Kempthorne believes, connects family members to one another and to their identities.

“The family is more splintered than it was 50 or 75 years ago,” he says. “I think we’re more aware now of what it means to lose that.”

The whimsical Kempthorne shares his own anecdotes to illuminate his students’ more clearly, never hesitating to laugh at himself and the lessons he has learned along the way.

“I’ve learned so much from the old people,” Kempthorne says. “The women look at things with so much acceptance and positivity. They write with feeling, while the men write with a wry sense of humor. It’s true writing.”

M A R R I E D

Don Holladay, p'80, to Jerri Lynn Szelle, Nov. 13. They make their home in Wichita.

1981

Stephen d'81, and Amy Honaker Bartlow, s'87, live in Shawnee with their children, Paxton, 4, and Elaina, 1.

Karen Carleton Eboch, b'81, teaches management at Bowling Green State University, and her husband, Mark, c'83, supervises space planning at the University of Toledo. They live in Maumee.

Melodie Funk Henderson, c'81, directs intellectual property for Genaissance Pharmaceuticals in New Haven, Conn.

Donna Henoch Karlen, j'81, makes her home in Olathe, where she's self-employed in the communications business.

Debbie Mah Lee, c'81, works as lead technologist for Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center in Berkeley, Calif.

Scott Mach, j'81, is a partner in Popham Law Firm in Kansas City.

Carl Mattick, e'81, works for HNTB in Alexandria, Va.

Roger Norwood, e'81, lives in McKinney, Texas, and works as a design engineer for Micron Technology in Richardson.

Margaret Payne Potter-Simons, g'81, is president of Platt College in Cerritos, R.I.


Debra Bauer Whitney, f'81, coordinates clinical data and works as a designer at Pra International in Lenexa.

Janet Schenlenburg Wien, s'81, is a self-employed marketing consultant in Bartlett, Tenn.

Sam Zeff, '81, produces the news at WTXF-TV. He lives in Elkin's Park, Pa.

B O R N  T O :

Michelle Brown Robnett, j'81, and Lance, son, Travis Gordon, Jan. 24 in Edmond, Okla., where he joins a sister; Katelyn, who’s almost 4.

1982

Matthew Boxberger, e'82, manages customer services for Sherpa Systems in San Jose, Calif.

Kevin Harlan, j'82, works as a broadcaster for CBS/Turner Broadcasting. He lives in Mission Hills.

Margaret Payne Potter-Simons, g'81, is a partner in Popham Law Firm in Kansas City.

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Patricia Harris, c'82, directs external operations at the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, Texas.

Parvesh Kumar, e'82, m'86, chairs the radiation oncology department at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey's Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She lives in Princeton with her son, PJ, who's almost 3.

Kathryn Tarwater, c'82, is associate pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church in Frederick, Md. She and her husband, Donnie Woodrow, live in Mount Airy and will celebrate their first anniversary in August.

Elizabeth "Lisa" Kanarek Weinstein, j'82, founded HomeOfficeLife.com in Dallas, where she and her husband, Gary, c'82, m'86, live with their sons, Blake, 5, and Kyle, 3.

MARRIED

Jay Dark, e'82, g'91, to Aracely Espinoza, Dec. 18 in Chihuahua, Mexico. They live in Canton, Mich.

BORN TO:

Janis Biehler Milham, j'82, Allan, daughter; Katherine Grace, Oct. 26. They live in Walnut Creek, Calif.

1983

John Aunins, c'83, works for Merck Research Laboratories. He and his wife, Anne, live in Doylestown, Pa., with their children, Thomas, 6; Benjamin, 4; and Emily, 1.

Karen Farrar Beal, b'83, manages alumni affairs at UMKC. She lives in Kansas City with her sons, Alexander, 10, and Jackson, 7.

Lisa Walter Beran, c'83, i'86, owns a law firm in Great Bend.

Colleen Cacy, j'83, g'85, i'86, practices law in Tucson, Ariz., where she lives with her husband, Peter Akmajian.

Jan Fink Call, c'83, i'87, is a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Hoyle, Morris & Kerr. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Abington with their children, Kellye, 10, and Brian, 6.

James Eighmey, c'83, works as an archaeologist for environmental firms in Southern California. He and his wife, Donna Hess, c'85, live in San Marcos with their son, Aaron.

Michael Fox, e'83, a U.S. Navy lieutenant commander, serves on the USS Harry S. Truman as a catapult and arresting gear officer. He and Wendy Johnson Fox, c'83, live in Chesapeake, Va., with their children, Ryan, 16, Tory, 14, and Abby, 10.

Myron Frans, i'83, practices law with Faegre & Benson in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mark Gunter, b'83, manages financial reporting at Black & Veatch in Overland Park.

Darryl Jones, e'83, g'87, works as a project engineer at Baker Hughes, an oil field equipment firm. He lives in Houston.

Mark Lee, c'83, covers sports for the Kansas City Star and recently published a book, Rainbows Are Beautiful.

Daniel McLaughlin, b'83, g'85, works as a CPA with Enterprise Merchant Bank in Overland Park. He and Julie Pachta McLaughlin, h'83, live in Olathe, where she's an occupational therapist for the school district.

Kent Pennybaker, e'83, g'87, founded River City Engineering in Lawrence.

Terri Reicher, c'83, is assistant general counsel for the National Association of Securities Dealers in Washington, D.C. She lives in Rockville, Md.

Nancy Harris Spatz, e'83, g'91, makes her home in Lee's Summit, Mo., with her husband, Jeffrey, e'83, and their children, Mark, 8, and Laura, 5.

Jim Sterbenz, c'83, p'98, is clinical coordinator for the pharmacy at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Topeka.

Robert Turner, c'83, a resident of Canton, Mich., is president of Griffin Properties in Southfield.

MARRIED

Mindy Spritz, f'83, to Todd Molkner; Oct. 10 in Wilmette, Ill. They make their home in Atlanta.

1984

Dave Barber, e'84, works for J.E. Dunn Construction in Kansas City.

Steve Boresow, e'84, g'95, manages the Eastern region for Sprint Corporate Real Estate in Atlanta, where he and his wife, Sherri, live with their daughters, Madeline, Hannah and Leah.

Marsha Kindrachuk Boyd, j'84, coaches competitive figure skaters in the Atlanta area, where she also does free-lance writing. Marsha and her husband, Willis, live in Kennesaw with their children, Madeleine, 7, and William, 5.

James Maxwell, d'84, directs bands for USD 394 in Rosehill. He lives in Wichita with Sonya Ramsey Maxwell, c'85, who teaches elementary vocal music for USD 259. Their family includes two children, Genee, 9, and Allen, 4.

Jacqueline Braly Payne, c'84, owns I.R. Holden & Associates Dealers in Washington, D.C. She lives in Mount Airy and will celebrate their first anniversary in August.

Kaitlin, who's almost 7, and Christian, I.

Meghan, 8, and Madyson, 3.

Mickey Greene, d'85, g'89, teaches physical education at Shawnee Mission. She lives in Lawrence.

Jennifer Hanson, b'85, g'87, works as a financial system administrator at KU.

Philip, c'85, and Kelly O'Keefe Heintzelman, d'86, live in Overland Park with their children, Scott, 9; Maggie, 7; and Jack, 5. Philip is district manager for Aiza Pharmaceuticals, and Kelly teaches at Rolling Hills Preschool.

LeRoy Leiker, c'85, g'92, is senior manager of planning and research at InterTec Publishing in Chicago.

Margaret O’Rourke Nowak, j'85, a business feature writer for Fidelity Investments. She and her husband, Daniel, live in Alphans, N.Y., with their sons, Anthony, 4, and Joseph, 1.

Brad Payne, h'85, lives in Olympia, Wash., and works for Sound Solutions.

JoAnn Skillett, Ed'D'85, is retired in Bella Vista, Ark.

MARRIED

Christy Fisher, j'85, to Toore Nelson, Nov. 26 in West Des Moines, Iowa, where they make their home.

BORN TO:

Timothy Davis, e'85, g'87, and Lisa, son, Ryan Patrick, Oct. 2. They live in Broomfield, Colo.
1986
Andres Carvallo, e'86, moved recently to Austin, Texas, where he's executive vice president of global sales and marketing at iMark.com.
Christine Davis, b'86, g'87, is a senior manager with Ernst & Young in Richmond, Va., where she and her husband, Randy Roberts, '90, make their home.
Richard Ferraro, g'86, PhD'89, recently became executive editor of the Journal of General Psychology and of the Journal of Psychology. He is a professor of psychology at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks.
Celia Fuller, f'86, is a graphic designer for Lindgren/Fuller Design. She lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.
Debra Robinson McGlohen, b'86, is the firm administrator at Berberich Trahan & Co. in Topeka, where she and her husband, Patrick, p'81, make their home. He manages a Wal-Mart pharmacy.
Charles Miller, e'86, g'90, lives in Nashville, Tenn., where he's a research associate at Vanderbilt University.
Linda Nelson Stell, h'86, makes her home in Bettendorf, Iowa, with her husband, Jeffrey, assoc. He works for Medtronic.
Christopher Stramel, h'86, leads a respiratory therapy team at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City.
Patricia Thomas, g'86, is associate dean of medicine at the KU Medical Center. She and her husband, Martin Haynes, a'83, live in Overland Park with their three children.

BORN TO:
John, e'86, g'95, and Stephanie Campbell Mahvi, g'93, son, Paul Alexander Sept. 30 in Folsom, Calif., where John and Stephanie are product managers at Intel.
Richard, e'86, g'91, and Carol Apel Smith, b'89, son, Preston Alexander, Dec. 15 in Overland Park, where he joins a brother, Parker, 2. Rich is a vice president with Henderson Engineers, and Carol is a human resources analyst with Sprint Publishing and Advertising.

1987
Anne Byerhof Besser, j'87, and her husband, Jeremy, make their home in Dallas with Zoe, 3, and twins Max and Jacob, 1.
Sally Boyd Betta, g'87, teaches in the Turner Unified School District in Kansas City.
Sara Whiteman Brandt, PhD '87, directs rehabilitation services at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City. She lives in Lawrence.
Aric Cleland, b'87, is senior vice president of institutional equity sales for First Union Securities in Chicago.
Jeff Elliott, b'87, directs long distance international finance for Sprint in Kansas City.
Barry Gales, p'87, p'89, is an associate professor of pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. He lives in Edmond with Maria Jenisch Gales, p'87. She manages Superthrift Pharmacy.
Caryn Finlay Mount, f'87, a fine crafts design artist, received a grant recently from Peninsula Community Foundation. She lives in Redwood City, Calif., with her husband, George, and their daughters, Ellie, 3, and Beatrice, 2. Caryn owns Art to Wear.
William Munroe, c'87, works as senior product marketing manager for Netegrity, an internet software firm. He lives in Westford, Mass.
Mary Wilson Schroer, b'87, manages accounting for Universal Underwriters Group in Overland Park.
Bonnie Snyder, j'87, is sports graphics editor at the Washington Post. She lives in Arlington, Va.
Shannon Spangler, b'87, works as a managing partner in the San Francisco law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon. She lives in Orinda.

MARRIED
Stephen Ariagno, b'87, to Julie Beemiller, Jan. 29. They live in Wichita, where they both practice law.

BORN TO:
John Hanson, e'87, and Rosalba, son, Aidan John, Feb. 18 in Smyrna, Ga. John is a structural design engineer for Lockheed Martin in Marietta.

1988
Mark Brown, e'88, is vice president of Burger Engineering in Olathe.
Mary Reilly Daniel, h'88, works as an occupational therapist at St. Louis Children's Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.
Gina Galen, c'88, directs international sales for ThermoQuest in Needham Heights, Mass.
Kathy Hagen, e'88, manages structural engineering at Bibb & Associates in Fairway.
Mark Hudson, c'88, g'90, is executive director for the Frederick County Historical Society in
Frederick, Md, where he and his wife, Julie, make their home.

Susan Auer Mitchell, c'88, serves as a captain in the U.S. Army JAG Corps at Fort Irwin, Calif.

Joseph Morris, b'88, works as national account manager for Countryside Home Loans. He lives in Overland Park.

Tiffany Platis Starbuck, j'88, manages traffic for R&R Partners, an advertising agency in Salt Lake City, where she and her husband, Chad, make their home. They celebrated their first anniversary in May.

BORN TO:

Nancy Rehfeld Clinton, c'88, and Patrick, son, Andrew James, Dec. 23 in Del Mar, Calif.

1989

James Allen, e'89, recently was promoted to a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy. He lives in Oak Harbor, Wash.

Christine Connolly Bork, c'89, teaches eighth grade in Joliet, Ill. She lives in Aurora.

Laura Ellis, g'89, g'91, is a professor of music at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas.

Jose Sahilberg Garland, c'89, teaches in Osage City.

Vicki Johnson, PhD'89, is associate director of research and development at Wichita State University's National Institute for Aviation Research.

John "Jack" Latzer, b'89, works for Canicom in Denver. He lives in Westminster with his wife, Andrea.

Kurt, c'89, j'92, and Elaine Woodford Level, j'89, n'94, make their home in Wichita with their children, Madeline, 5, and Harrison, 1.

MARRIED

Nikki Callaway, c'89, to Jeffrey White, April 8. They live in Chicago, where she's a sales analyst.

Catherine McKernan, n'89, to Edgar Hull, Nov. 13 in Charleston, S.C., where she's an account representative for the Charlotte Observer.

BORN TO:

Kurt, b'89, and Debra Hart Bachman, b'91, daughter, Madeleine Grace, Oct. 26 in Wichita, where she joins a sister, Hannah. 2. Kurt is president of KDB Builders, and Debra is a supervisor at Cessna Aircraft.

Claudine Cygan Barnhart, d'89, g'92, and Scott, daughter, Heather Rose, March 22, in Lisle, Ill., where she joins a brother, Jake, 2. Claudine teaches science at Glenn Westlake Middle School in Lombard.

Suzanne Sweetman Hanson, c'89, and Jeffrey, son, Jackson Trace, March 6 in Wichita, where he joins a sister, Sophia, 2.

Timothy McNary, j'89, and Mia, son, Colin James, Nov. 11 in Glenview, Ill., where he joins a brother, Patrick, 2.

Julie Heaton Medlock, j'89, and Tom, c'89, son, Eric Martin, Jan. 10 in Shawnee Mission, where he joins a sister, Katherine, 3. Julie is an information developer for CPG, and Tom teaches at Pembroke Hill School.

Jeffrey, b'89, j'92, and Susan Mauch Wietharn, b'89, j'92, son, Mason Bryant, Nov. 12 in Topeka. Jeff and Susan are both lawyers.

1990

Michael Ancona, b'90, manages the Frank Ancona Honda dealership in Olathe. He lives in Overland Park.

Steven Brown, b'90, and his wife, Gina, live in West Chester, Ohio, with their children, Connor, 3, and Taylor, 1. Steven works for Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati.

Cam Desjardins-Glover, j'90, teaches fifth grade in Hampton, Va. She lives in Virginia Beach.

Kira Gould, j'90, c'91, is a free-lance designer and writer in New York City.

Erin Hartson, b'90, works as a controller at Resources Connection. She lives in Irving, Calif.

Edward "Bart" Hubbuch, j'90, covers professional basketball for the Dallas Morning News.

Kelly Jones, c'90, m'94, practices medicine with Community Health Care in Tacoma, Wash.

Maureen Luby, m'90, is an anesthesiologist with West County Cardiothoracic Anesthesia in Town & Country, Mo.

Kimberly Becker Lynch, p'90, manages the pharmacy at Costco Pharmacy in Gilbert, Ariz.

Jeffrey Morris, c'90, j'93, practices law with Bryan Cave in Overland Park.

Michael Rizki, p'90, lives in Flower Mound, Texas, with his wife, Cherry. He's general manager of Texas Health Pharmaceutical in Grand Prairie.

Marc Roskin, c'90, is vice president of development at Centropolis Entertainment in Santa Monica, Calif. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Manhattan Beach and will celebrate their first anniversary Aug. 7.

Curtis Wuerdeman, b'90, works as controller for Quebecor World in Aurora, Ill.

MARRIED

Chad Gillam, c'90, j'94, and Kara Beach, d'94, g'96, Nov. 13 in Wichita. Their home is in Englewood, Colo.

BORN TO:

Karan Gipson Chandler, c'90, and Blake, son, Payton Gipson, Jan. 22 in Castle Rock, Colo.

Kathryn Driscoll Hollrah, c'91, n'93, and Scott, m'94, son, Benjamin Jeffrey, Jan. 9 in Mission Hills, where he joins a sister, Emma, 3.

Lucinda Burlingame Powell, c'90, j'93, and her husband, David, c'93, son, William James Burlingame, Sept. 21 in Kansas City.

1991

Melanie Botts, j'91, works as a senior copy editor at Dow Jones Newswires in Sydney, Australia.

Mark Brady, m'91, practices with Midwest Anesthesia Associates in Overland Park.

Stacey Empson, c'91, g'94, has been promoted to vice president of ehealth strategy at Child Health Corporation of America in Overland Park.

Amy Gilbert, j'91, lives in Charlotte, N.C., where she's an account representative for the Charlotte Observer.

Barrett Jesseph, e'91, is polypropylene maintenance superintendent at Phillips Chemical in Pasadena, Texas.

Catherine Powell Pickert, b'91, manages rehabilitation services at Heritage Manor in Oswawatomie. She lives in Overland Park.

Elizabeth Thomas, PhD'91, and her husband, Trace Stark, b'83, make their home in St. Louis with their daughter, Skyler. 1. Beth works for Monsanto, and Trace teaches elementary physical education.

Carol Wylie, b'91, manages materials for Dynacraft in Algonia, Wash.

MARRIED

Heather Friede, b'91, c'91, to Timothy Abrahamson, March 25 in Shawnee Mission. She's a computer consultant forAMS Entertainment, and their home is in Roswell, Ga.

BORN TO:

Donna Yeager Logback, j'91, and Steven, son, Logan Edward, March 15 in Manhattan, where he joins a sister, Elizabeth, 4. Donna is regional marketing manager for Cellular One.

Mark, c'91, and Kimberly Zoller Wevers, j'91, son, Jared Alexander, Sept. 22 in Grapevine, Texas. Mark practices law with Roberts, Cunningham & Stripling, and Kimberly is a global account manager with MCI Worldcom.
CLASS NOTES

Patrick Hilger, b’92, owns Gregwire Health Mart in Russell, where he and his wife, Elaine, live with their children, Rachel, Nathan, Christopher; Sarah Elizabeth and Seth.

Warren Miller, c’93, is regional sales manager for Fibre-Metal Products. He lives in Chandler, Ariz.

Jason Petty, b’92, works as a senior margin analyst for Ameritrade Holding Corp. in Omaha, Neb.

MARRIED
Allison Knorr, j’92, to Clint Metcalf, Oct. 23. Allison is a web marketer for IndustryClick in Kansas City.


BORN TO:

James Bridges, c’92, and Katy, son, James, Aug. 21 in Vernon, Calif., where James is a sales representative with L.A. Specialty Produce.

Timerra Haas Oldsted, b’92, and James, son, Tyler James, Aug. 26 in Salina.

Stacey, e’92, and Shanna Hill Winger, d’93, son, Alexander, Sept. 20 in Arlington, Va. Stacey is a senior computer engineer at Bell Helicopter, and Shanna teaches sixth grade in Kennedale.

1993
Megan Shoup Brown, b’93, g’94, and her husband, Craig, c’94, j’94, live in Prairie Village with their daughter, Bridget, 1.

Robin Juris Buzzell, c’93, is regional director of AMLI Residential in Chicago.

Daniel Deaver, e’93, manages projects for Lembeck & Associates in Overland Park.

David Harris, c’93, manages category development for UniLever in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Lance Johnson, e’93, g’94, is president of the Pendian Group in Lawrence, where Jennifer Thompson Johnson, c’94, coordinates events for the Kansas Union.

Sean Kentch, c’93, received an MBA last spring from Old Dominion University. He’s a U.S. Navy intelligence department head in Chesapeake, Va.

Britt Miller, b’93, works as a senior product analyst for Sprint in Kansas City.

John Mullies, b’93, h’97, is a microbiology product specialist for Cerner in Kansas City.

Rodney Price, c’93, is a meteorologist at KSN-TV in Wichita.

Catherine Zartman Wiese, e’93, works as a business unit leader at Solutia in St. Louis, Mo.

Laura Paige Williams, f’93, is assistant designer/production manager for Janus Mutual Funds in Denver, where she also studies for a master’s in nonprofit management at Regis University.

MARRIED
Amy Epmeier, j’93, to William Wadsworth, Oct. 16. They live in Avon, Conn., and Amy is a sales manager for Store Equipment and Design magazine.

BORN TO:
John, e’93, g’96, and Marci Stevanus Dreher, f’93, daughter, Mia Nicole, Sept. 14 in Topeka.

Robert, e’93, and Paige Cowden Maret, c’91, daughter, Leah Elizabeth, Nov. 11 in Lawrence.

1994
Elaine Barkley-Lueders, j’94, manages production art for Sandy, Inc. in Lenexa.

Daniel Bednarczyk, c’94, has a dental practice in Kansas City.

Catherine Bowdern Gorman, c’94, and her husband, George, f’95, make their home in Prairie Village.

Jeremy, j’94, and Janette Phelps Kornis, f’94, live in Shawnee with their children, Zachary, who’s almost 3, and Gabrielle, 1. Jeremy is a mechanical draftsman with Barnes and Dodge.

Matthew O’Connor, c’94, practices law with Polsinelli, White in Overland Park.

Wayne Riley, b’94, is controller for Hometown Physicians. He lives in Mission.

Annie Simonich, j’94, is regional sales manager for Cable One in Joplin, Mo.

Kristie Taylor, b’94, directs business development for Clinmark.com, and her husband, Victor Burns, manages product marketing for Quantum Magetics. They live in Carlsbad, Calif., and celebrated their first anniversary May 6.

MARRIED

BORN TO:
Stephen Caruthers, b’94, and Carrie, daughter, Keirsten Leigh, Dec. 28 in Shawnee, where Stephen is an investment advisory analyst with American Century Investments.

Dennis, c’94, and Jennifer Shreve Cunningham, c’95, son, Sean Michael, Feb. 22 in Overland Park.

1995
Joseph, b’95, c’95, and Melissa Boos Nielsen, d’95, g’99, live in Shawnee with their daughter, Grace, 1.

Sean Roland, c’95, makes his home in Coatsville, Pa.

Joe Slechta, p’95, is a clinical pharmacist at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, where Stacy Moffatt Slechta, c’95, is a medical resident at the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education.

Sarah Smith, c’95, d’96, received a master’s in physical therapy last spring from the University of Texas in Dallas.

Peter Suhr, a’95, and his wife, Jacqueline, celebrated their first anniversary May 22. They live in Geneva, Ill.

MARRIED
Maribeth Portz, b’95, and David Wanek, b’95, Dec. 31 in Kansas City. Maribeth is regional manager of Shaw & Hren Surety Bond Agents, and David studies law at Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, Calif.


Corey Taylor, c’95, b’95, ’98, and Joseph Ziegler, c’96, Oct. 2 in Prairie Village. She practices law with Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in Kansas City, and he works for Lockton Companies.

BORN TO:
Cindy Travnick Hollinger, e’95, and Eric, c’97, daughter, Ashley Elizabeth, Nov. 2. Cindy is a consultant for WGK & Associates in Overland Park and Eric is a supervisor at Kante! They live in Lawrence.

1996
Christy Cain, j’96, works for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Topeka.

Jana Blackburn Calkins, j’96, is executive producer of evening newscasts at WDAF-TV in Kansas City. She and her husband, Troy, live in DeSoto.

Julie Klinock Cortes, j’96, a free-lance copywriter, is active in the Kansas City Advertising Club. She lives in Overland Park.


Kristin Hoffman, b’96, received a master’s in finance earlier this year from Louisiana State University. She lives in Durham, N.C.
where she works for the landscape architecture firm of Haden-Stanziale.

John McIntyre, j’96, works for the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C.

Nicholas Mizell, c’96, F00, practices law with Snook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City. He and Lisa Miller Mizell, b’92, live in Olathe with their son, Andrew, I.

Laura Wedel Zellers, b’96, g’97, is an internal auditor at Wichita State University, and her husband, Jeremy, b’96, works for Ferguson Enterprises.

MARRIED

Michael Enenbach, c’96, and Amanda Hostetler, c’96, Nov. 27. They live in Kansas City, where they’re both fourth-year medical students at the KU Medical Center.

Amy Goodrum, n’96, to William Mott, Feb. 26 in Treasure Cay, Abaco, the Bahamas. They live in Wellington.

Denise Knipp, n’96, to Gregory Weiss, Feb. 19 in Salina, where she’s a nurse practitioner at Smoky Hill Family Practice.

BORN TO:

Amy Hartman Sexton, c’96, and Chris, daughter; Jena Elizabeth, Feb. 7 in Parker, Colo. Amy is a personal banker with First Bank Holding Co. in Littleton.

1997

Jennifer Carlson, j’97, writes a sports column for the Daily Oklahoman. She lives in Norman.

Cheryl Hagemann, f’97, practices law with Snook, Hardy & Bacon in Houston.

Michael Mills, c’97, makes his home in St. Paul, Minn.

Kristin Gernon Olson, c’97, is a clinical social worker at Aster Day Treatment Center in Bronx, N.Y. She and her husband, Kevin, c’96, live in Brooklyn, and he practices law in New York City.

Nathan Orr, c’97, works as an associate in the St. Louis, Mo., law firm of Spencer, Fane, Britt & Brown.

Susie Wilcox, c’97, leads trips for Backroads, an active travel company specializing in biking and hiking vacations based in Berkeley, Calif. She travels year-round.

MARRIED


Lindsay Stratton, b’97, to Roger McClellan, Aug. 7. They live in Wichita, and she’s a CPA with Chance Industries.

Amanda Traughber, j’97, to Theoden Janes, Dec. 18. They live in Alexandria, Va., and they both work for the Washington Post.

BORN TO:

Natasha Brown Chung, g’97, PhD’00, and Il-Kyung, son; Isaac Alexander, Aug. 17 in Milton, Wash., where Natasha is a psychology post-doctoral fellow at the Child Study and Treatment Center.

Martin Maxwell, d’97, and Laura, daughter; Molly Kathleen, Feb. 9 in Visalia, Calif., where she joins a sister, Madison, 4. 

Odie Brant Porter, g’97, and Robert, assoc., daughter; Olivia Gavezend, Oct. 21 in Lawrence. Odie directs budget management and fiscal services at KU, where Robert is a professor of law.

1998

Patrick Brown, c’98, works as an account executive for Broadwing. He and Cassandra Eanes Brown, c’00, live in Lawrence.

Heather Good Giese, j’98, is an Internet marketing consultant for Thomson Newspapers in Valdosta, Ga.

Kimberly Green, a’98, e’98, works as an application engineer at GPW Lighting in Lawrence.

Gary Kluczykowski, p’98, lives in Topeka with Karen Hare Kluczykowski, p’92. He’s a pharmacist at Walgreen’s, and she’s a pharmacist with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Rachelle Manis, c’98, works for Andrews McMeel Publishing in Kansas City.

Debra Oehmke, s’98, does community mental health care at Family Consultation Service in Wichita.

Julie Whitmer Rabe, h’98, and her husband, Jeremy, live in Dodge City, where she’s a medical technologist at Western Plains Regional Hospital. They celebrated their first anniversary June 5.

Iris Rosenthal, c’98, works as a field representative for United Jewish Communities in Chicago.

Lewis Toland, PhD’98, is an associate professor of English at the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell.

Nichole Jeter Wheeler, b’98, makes her home in Tulsa, Okla., with her husband, Jonathan, c’96. She works for Cisco-Eagle, and he teaches social studies at Nimitz Middle School.

Janice Willis, j’98, lives in Omaha, where she works at the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s department of public affairs.

MARRIED

Brian Runk, s’98, to Kristen Spohn, Nov. 20. They’re both social workers in Lawrence.

1999

Anthony Johnson, j’99, works for Interwerk. He lives in Lawrence.

Rachel Wiese, c’99, writes copy at Bloomberg in Princeton, NJ.

Marion Kincaid Wilson, s’99, directs residential life at United Methodist Homes in Topeka.

Adam Yarbrough, j’99, recently was named assistant account executive at CCI Publications & Marketing Communications in Kansas City.

Anita Poe Wiley, c’98, and her husband, Robert, recently adopted a boy, Robert Wiley, who was born Nov. 18. They live in Ottawa, and their family includes two daughters, Brittany, 6, and Mia, 2.

2000

Carey Pittman, g’00, is an early childhood teacher at Troost Communications School in Kansas City.

Phoebe Smith, c’00, studies for a doctorate in physiology and neurobiology at the University of Connecticut-Storrs.

BORN TO:

Owen, f’00, and Kathryn Hicks Oliver, ’01, son; Jonathon David, Oct. 1. They live in Lawrence, and Owen is an art director for Valentine Radford in Kansas City.

School Codes

Letters that follow names in Kansas Alumni indicate the school from which alumni earned degrees. Numbers show their class years.

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 School of Allied Health
i School of Journalism
j School of Law
k School of Medicine
l School of Nursing
m School of Pharmacy
n School of Social Welfare
o Former student
p Former student assoc.
q Former student
r Former student
s Former student

DE Doctor of Engineering
DMA Doctor of Musical Arts
EdD Doctor of Education
PhD Doctor of Philosophy
(no letter) Former student

Associate member of the Alumni Association
The Early Years

Donna Smyer Adams, c'27, 94, Jan. 25 in Greenville, Miss. She worked as a translator in the foreign department at General Mills and is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Julia Hamilton Blair, c'29, 92, April 2 in La Jolla, Calif. She is survived by three grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Meldon White Glenn, '22, 100, March 2 in Boise, Idaho. She lived in Kansas City for many years and is survived by a daughter, Patricia Glenn Insko, c'51, c'53; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Bessie Bryan Hayes, c'28, 93, April 4 in St. Joseph, Mo. She lived in Troy and is survived by her newphew.

Justin Hill, c'26, 94, Jan. 26 in Lawrence, where he was president of Lawrence Paper and vice president of Boversock Mills and Power. He is survived by four sons, David, c'56, Justin Jr., c'66, Stephen, c'59, and Alan, c'61, g'65; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Ora Parsons Keeler, c'24, 99, March 11 in Lawrence. She was a former teacher and is survived by a daughter, Barbara Keeler Sudlow, d'57; three grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Koehring, c'21, 101, Jan. 11 in Cedar Falls, Iowa. She was on the faculty at Iowa State Teachers College from 1933 to 1970 and later was regional training officer for the Iowa Head Start program. A nephew survives.

Edith Martin, c'25, 95, Jan. 24 in Wichita, where she was a retired physical education teacher. A sister, Ruth Martin Weber, c'28, survives.

John Orr, '29, 94, March 22 in Conway Springs, where he farmed and worked in the aircraft industry. A son, two daughters, 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren survive.

Modena Porter Pitman, '28, 92, Feb. 8 in Emporia. She taught music, piano, voice and home economics. Surviving are a son, two daughters, one of whom is Francia Pitman Goltz, d'64; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Hoge Starrett, d'26, 95, Jan. 30 in Kansas City, where she taught at Barstow School for 25 years. She is survived by a son, a niece and a nephew.

Margaret Brown Torrey, c'20, 104, March 25 in Laurie, Mo. She had been an interior decorator in Kansas City until retiring at the age of 88. Among survivors are a son, Philip, 85; two daughters, one of whom is Judith Torrey Turner, c'50; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mildred Grady Ward, c'29, 94, Feb. 5 in Philadelphia. She taught English in Wichita and Lebanon and is survived by a daughter, Phyllis Ward Hettinger, b'54; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1930s

H. Lee Barry, c'39, m'44, 87, Jan. 31 in Las Cruces, N.M., where he was a retired physician. His wife, Wilma Medlin Barry, d'42, survives.

Elva Ottman Bowlsus, c'39, 81, Nov. 14, and Thomas Bowlsus, b'38, 84, Dec. 28 in Bartlesville, Okla. She was a retired dietician and he was a retired vice president of Smith Barney Harris Upham. They are survived by a son, Thomas, m'78, and two daughters.

Dorothy Arnold Brown, c'33, 87, Jan. 8 in Great Barrington, Mass. She was a social worker and later owned and operated a bookstore in Stonington, Conn. Several nieces and nephews survive.

A.G. “Jug” Carter Jr., b'32, March 4 in Phoenix. He owned Carter's Bakery in Kansas City. Surviving are his wife, Eleanor Higgins Carter, b'34; five daughters, one of whom is Joan Carter Morgan, d'54; three sons; 22 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

Sallie Lillard Dibble, '31, March 23 in Kansas City. She lived in Topeka until moving to Kansas City last year. Survivors include two sons, Daniel, b'54, and Paul, b'58; a brother, Thomas Lillard, c'43; seven grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Mary Wilson Drew, c'39, c'40, 87, Sept. 23 in Indianapolis. Two daughters, a brother and five grandchildren survive.

Gustave Ediger, g'39, 92, Feb. 14 in Newton. He was a retired chairman of the science department at Appleton High School in Appleton, Wis. Three brothers and a sister survive.

Dorothy Tedlock Groneweg, d'30, 90, Oct. 10 in Santa Rosa, Calif., where she was a retired educator and an artist. A daughter and two sons survive.

Mary Nottingham Herrick, d'32, 95, March 11 in Lawrence, where she was a retired teacher. Three brothers survive, two of whom are Jonathan Nottingham, c'31, g'32, and James Nottingham, e'40.

Oliver Johnson, c'34, 87, March 21 in Bellingham, Wash. He was a chemical engineer for Mobil Oil for many years and is survived by a son, a daughter; two brothers, one of whom is Enoch, c'36, m'38; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert Kaul, l'35, 88, March 13 in Topeka, where he was a former Kansas Supreme Court justice. He is survived by a son, Fred, c'62; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Robert Mann, a'32, 90, Feb. 15 in Hutchinson, where he had owned Mann and Company Architects. Surviving are his wife, Shirley Jones Mann, c'36; a son, Robert, f'70; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Kenneth Meuser, c'31, 90, Feb. 16 in Springfield, Mo. He lived in Monett and was publisher of the Monett Times and the Lawrence County Record of Mount Vernon. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two sons, a daughter; four grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Kenneth Moses, b'38, l'41, 82, Jan. 30 in Topeka. He practiced law in Marysville for 40 years before retiring, and he was a lay minister. He is survived by his wife, Monroe; a daughter; a sister; Winifred Moses Hurley, c'37; three grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Otis Mumaw, g'38, 89, Feb. 3 in Kansas City, where he was a retired music teacher and former district manager for Schulmerich Handbells. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lucille, two stepsons, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Margaret Coutant Proctor, c'36, 82, Jan. 29 in Augusta. She is survived by her husband, Warren, e'36; a son, Robert, c'59, m'63; three daughters, Elaine Proctor Cannon, c'65, Martha Proctor Riedl, e'78, and Anne Proctor Williams, d'58; a brother; William Coutant, c'42, m'44; two sisters, Katherine Coutant Breeze, c'39, and Barbara Coutant Cole, c'53; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Marian Fitzwater Rankin, b'34, 87, March 31 in Phillipsburg. She is survived by a daughter: a son, David, p'63; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Georgia Reuter, d'38, 84, Jan. 2 in Topeka, where she taught elementary school music and was a special music consultant for USD 501 before retiring.

Katherine Kenyon Stewart, g'38, 90, Jan. 6 in Smith Center, where she was a retired teacher. Three sons, a daughter; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive.

Nelson Sullivan, c'39, 84, Jan. 28 in Baytown, Texas. He had lived in Pasadena and owned Gulf Wire Rope. He is survived by his wife, Doris; three sons, a daughter; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

James Sund, b'39, 82, Feb. 3 in Shawnee Mission. He worked for manufacturing companies and later for the U.S. Department of Energy. He is survived by two sons, a daughter; a sister and five grandchildren.

Raymond Watson Jr., '39, 81, Jan. 20 in Honolulu. He lived in Kansas City, where he was a retired insurance broker. Among survivors are his wife, Sarah; three sons, a sister and three grandchildren.

William Wilson, c'33, 89, Feb. 29 in Rockville, Md. He was retired deputy assistant comptroller general for the General Accounting
Office. Survivors include his wife, Gabriella, a son and a stepdaughter.

Joseph Young, c'37, 84, Jan. 20 in La Jolla, Calif, where he was a retired Episcopal vicar. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; two sons, a daughter; a sister, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**1940s**

Esther Jones Alford, '45, 76, Jan. 23 in Eudora, Kan. She lived in Lawrence and had owned a dairy farm with her late husband. Four daughters, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive.


Rosamond Barland, c'40, 81, March 20 in Lemon Grove, Calif. She had been an administrator in the civil service and the private sector and is survived by four sisters and four brothers, two of whom are Jerome, d'57, g'58, and Raymond, '38.

Arden Booth, '41, 88, March 10 in Lawrence, where he founded KLWN-FM, which later became KLZR. He had been a Kansas state senator and had served on the board of the William Allen White Foundation. Surviving are his wife, Helen; a son, Hank; a daughter; a brother; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Keith Bunnel, b'46, Dec. 28 in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he was retired vice chairman of American Standard. He is survived by his wife, Joan; a son, a daughter; a sister, and four grandchildren.

John “Jack” Burns, '47, 76, March 31 in Wichita, where he was a retired insurance executive. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Hoag Burns; a son, Don; a daughter; a sister; a stepson; and two grandchildren.

Granville “Mac” Bush, b'42, 78, April 7 in Lyons. He practiced law for 50 years and is survived by his wife, Letha Epperly Bush; two sons, Granville; c'70, I'73, and John, c'77; a daughter, Helen Bush Frick, c'66, g'74; and seven grandchildren.

Edsel Crawford, c'49, s'55, 76, Jan. 25 in Stow, Ohio. He was retired director of group life services at Summit County Children’s Service and had been a Red Cross volunteer. He is survived by his wife, Betty; three sons, a sister, a brother, and three grandchildren.

Herman Easterly Jr., c'49, 79, July 19 in St. Louis, Mo. He had been a petroleum exploration geologist and a U.S. Air Force geodesist. He is survived by his wife, Kanza; a daughter; two sons and three grandchildren.

Geraldine Humphrey Ewing, c'44, 77, Feb. 6 in Wichita. She is survived by her husband, Dale; c'44, m'46; two sons, Thomas, c'73, and Gerald, j'75; a daughter; a sister, Laura Humphrey Owens, c'37; and two grandchildren.

George “Will” Frank, c'47, 76, Feb. 20 in Houston, where he helped found Houston Oil International and served as vice president of Tenneco’s international division. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Wells Frank; c'47; two daughters; two sisters; and four grandchildren.

Merle Gentry, '49, 76, Feb. 4 in Lawrence, where he was a real-estate agent. He is survived by his wife, Jo Anne Baumgardner Gentry; assoc.; three daughters, two of whom are Camilla; 72, and Marsha Gentry Hessey; n'84; three sons, two of whom are Brian; c'83, and Clinton, c'83; two sisters, one of whom is Nila Gentry Harmon, c'46; and eight grandchildren.

Marilyn “Sissy” McClure Graves, '49, 72, March 1 in El Dorado. She was a sculptor. Surviving are a son, Courtneay; c'75; a daughter, Kathryn Graves Kraft, d'73; a brother; and two grandchildren.

George Grist, b'42, I'53, 80, Jan. 19 in Wichita, where he was a retired attorney and CEO of the Wichita Disabled American Veterans Thrift Stores. A memorial has been established with the Williams Fund. He is survived by a daughter, Joyce Grist Evans, j'68; two brothers, one of whom is Warren, e'49; four sisters; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Harden, b'42, 79, Jan. 18 in Chillicothe, Mo., where he founded the CPA firm of Harden, Cummins, Moss and Miller. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; a daughter; two sons; two stepdaughters, one of whom is Deborah Langdon Binn, c'76, c'77, h'77; and 10 grandchildren.

David Harman, c'48, 76, March 18 in Smithville, Mo. He lived in Kansas City, where he was a retired merchanting manager at Hallmark Cards. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters; and three grandchildren.

Richard Howery, e'48, Jan. 16 in Morestown, N.J. He was an electrical engineer and is survived by his wife, Phyllis; four daughters; and four grandchildren.

Doris Hodson Hupe, c'43, 79, Feb. 8 in Perry, where she was a teacher, a farmer, and a partner in Hupe Farms. She is survived by a son, Dennis, b'73; a daughter, DeAnn Hupe Seib, c'80; two brothers; one of whom is Roger Hodson, c'41, f'50; and four grandchildren.

Ralph Lassen, b'40, 81, March 19 in Atchison. He operated Lassen Grocery Store in Muscatah for many years and was an egg inspector for the state.

Robert Lee, b'46, I'49, Dec. 13 in Wichita, where he was a CPA. Survivors include his wife, Katherine Langston Lee; 35; three sons; two of whom are Eugene, c'63, and Lonnie, c'70; and a grandson.

Moynie Lichyler, c'40, m'43, 80, Dec. 17 in Santa Barbara, Calif., where he was a retired physician. A son, a daughter; a brother and four grandchildren survive.

Jean Mansur, c'46, 75, Feb. 18 in Bethesda, Md. She had been assistant director for regulatory affairs at the Federal Drug Administration Bureau of Drugs. Several cousins survive.

Milton Noltensmeyer, m'41, 84, Feb. 12 in Lenexa, where he was a retired physician. He is survived by four sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren.

Jeanne Holman Quesenbury, n'48, 74, Feb. 29 in Lee's Summit, Mo. She lived in Leavenworth and was a retired associate professor in the KU School of Nursing. Her husband, F. Dale, survives.

Joyce Platt Reed, c'40, 81, Feb. 16 in San Diego, where she was a retired social worker. She is survived by her husband, William, 42; two sons; a brother; and three grandchildren.

Walter Seeley Jr., b'49, 76, Feb. 17 in Parsons, Kan., where he was in the insurance business. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jane; two sons; one of whom is Michael; m'78; and a brother.

Georgia Shideler, g'42, 84, Oct. 26 in Topeka, Kan., where she taught music. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Several cousins survive.

Victor Stark, '41, 80, March 16 in Coldwater, N.C. He was a farmer, a flight instructor and a former member of the Kansas House of Representatives. Two daughters; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren survive.

Robert Stroud, c'48, 76, March 22 in Hickory, N.C. He had a dental practice in Topeka and had been executive secretary of Regional Dental Testing Service. He is survived by his wife, Josephine; two daughters; a son; a brother; Herbert; c'52; and two grandchildren.

J. Milton Sullivant, c'40, I'42, 82, March 22 in Lawrence. He was a U.S. bankruptcy judge and a U.S. magistrate. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Sullivant; n'65, g'92; a son, Patrick, s'75, s'99; a stepson; a stepdaughter; a sister; two brothers; four grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren.

Delson Thelen, b'40, 81, April 5 in Belton, Mo., where he was a former accountant. He is survived by his wife, Betty; a daughter; a son; a stepdaughter; a stepson; a sister; Frances Thelen Coon; c'47; three grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

Floyd Thuston, d'49, Jan. 14 in Shawnee Mission. He lived in Chanute, where he was a retired pastor of the Church of God in Christ. Survivors include his wife, Roberta Dorcas Thuston; assoc.; four sons, one of whom is Nathan; d'88, g'00; five daughters; a sister; and 22 grandchildren.

Ruth Krehbiel Trachsel, c'44, 76, July 26 in Gladstone, Mo. She is survived by her husband, Merle; three daughters; two sisters, Sally Kre-
Hubie Lees, c'47, and Dena Krehbiel Motley, c'37; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

James VanBiber, m'44, March 9 in Independence, Mo., where he was a retired pediatrician. He is survived by his wife, Clara; four sons, three of whom are James, c'67, John, m'88, and Joseph, m'85; two daughters; a stepson; two stepdaughters; a sister; Darlene VanBiber Wight, c'48, g'52; 13 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert Walker, b'48, b'49, March 28 in Albuquerque, N.M. He was a former Community Bank & Trust in Enid, Okla., and is survived by his wife, Catheryn; three children.

James, c'81; a sister; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Frank Byam, e'51, 69, March 17 in Independence. He founded Byam Engineering and is survived by his wife, Gloria; two sons; two daughters; a sister; Betty Byam Hartmeyer, f'50; and 14 grandchildren.

Yvonne Robb Eckert, f'56, g'77, 65, March 14 in Houston. She taught at Osawatomie and Haskell high schools before retiring in 1994. Survivors include a son; three; brothers; her father; her mother, Martha Perkins Robb, d'68; and a granddaughter.

Gene Elston, c'57, 64, March 30 in Overland Park. He was a former music teacher and retired alumnus director at Emporia State University. Survivors include his wife, Catherine; a son, F.J., f'65, d'66; two daughters; and 14 grandchildren.

Emerson Yoder, m'49, 86, March 28 in Overland Park. He practiced family medicine in Denton for 40 years and is survived by two sons, one of whom is Roger, c'79; a daughter, Pamela Yoder Wilson, n'75; a brother; three sisters; and two grandchildren.

1950s

Fletcher Bell, b'57, 70, Febr. 18 in Rogers, Ark. He lived in Bella Vista. He had been a Kansas insurance commissioner for many years and is survived by his wife, Mona; a son, Steven, c'78; PhD'85; a daughter, Nancy Bell Kincaid, d'99; g'00; and four grandsons.

Robert Bell, e'55, Jan. 29 in Houston, where he was a retired vice president of operations at Halliburton/Textstream. He is survived by his wife, Norma, a son, a daughter and three grandsons.

Fredd Bennett, c'50, 74, Jan. 22 in Wichita. He had been a drywall tapper and a high school teacher. Surviving are his wife, Shirley, a son, three daughters, two brothers, a sister and nine grandchildren.

Roy Bennett, f'54, 70, April 11 in Overland Park. He practiced law for many years and was active in community affairs. He is survived by his wife, Karen; three daughters, two of whom are Laura Bennett Brown, b'79, and Dorothy Bennett Haatt, d'82; a son; and 12 grandchildren.

Russell Briscoe, e'51, 74, Nov. 14 in Snohomish, Wash. He lived in Seattle and had been an engineer for Boeing and a transit planner for Metro Transit. Among survivors are a daughter, two sons and two sisters.

Helen Bullock, f'51, 79, Feb. 18 in Topeka, where she was a retired occupational therapist. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Two nieces and a nephew survive.

Frank Byam, e'51, 69, March 17 in Independence. He founded Byam Engineering and is survived by his wife, Gloria; two sons; two daughters; a sister; Betty Byam Hartmeyer, f'50; and 14 grandchildren.

Yvonne Robb Eckert, f'56, g'77, 65, March 14 in Houston. She taught at Osawatomie and Haskell high schools before retiring in 1994. Survivors include a son; three; brothers; her father; her mother, Martha Perkins Robb, d'68; and a granddaughter.

Gene Elston, c'57, 64, March 30 in Overland Park. He was a former music teacher and retired alumnus director at Emporia State University. Survivors include his wife, Catherine; a son, F.J., f'65, d'66; two daughters; and 14 grandchildren.

Phyllis Fangman, c'54, 71, April 6 in Scottsdale, Ariz., where she had been a medical technologist and a high school biology teacher. Her mother, a brother and a sister survive.

Edward George, '58, 66, Jan. 19 in Mesquite, Nev. He had been a general manager and a partner in the Snowbridge Square Liquor Store in Copper Mountain, Colo. Survivors include his wife, Shirley, a daughter; two sons, a sister, a brother and two grandchildren.

Jerry Hall, d'55, 66, March 5 in Wichita. He lived in Pratt and was a retired teacher. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; three daughters, Susan Hall Tarwater, d'78, Julie Hall Oliver, d'81; and Janis Hall Arnold, h'81; his mother; a brother; and nine grandchildren.

Mary Clardy Hanna, ’52, 69, Jan. 14 in Dallas. She is survived by a son; a sister, Patricia Clardy Beck, f'49; and a granddaughter.

Margaret Smith Hanscom, ’55, 81, March 1 in Sun City West, Ariz. She is survived by her husband, Daniel, four daughters, a son, a brother; a sister and 13 grandchildren.

Ann Nichols Hanslip, j'59, 62, Dec. 15 in Poulous, Wash. Surviving are a son; two daughters, Jill Hanslip Miller, j'87, Kathie Hanslip Swartz, c'89; and five grandchildren.

Nathan Harris Jr., ’55, 66, March 14 in La Cygne, where he worked in the insurance business and had served as mayor. He is survived by his wife, D.D., two sons, two daughters, two brothers and five grandchildren.

Donald Helm, d'51, 72, Jan. 26 in Hutchinson. He had been a school social worker in San Francisco and is survived by three brothers, one of whom is Bill, c'46; and a sister.

George Hoffman, e'50, 77, March 19 in Prairie Village. He was a retired electrical engineer with Trans World Airlines. Surviving are his wife, Virginia; a son, Richard, e'82; a daughter, Carol Hoffman Schoedinger, b'82; a brother; and three grandchildren.

Suzann Kinkead, c'53, 68, March 6 in Atlanta. She had worked for Continental Oil and for DuPont Oil. A brother and a sister survive.

Richard Lolley, p'55, PhD'61, 66, April 3 in Pasadena, Calif. He had been a neuroscientist and associate dean for scientific affairs at the University of Southern California and had taught at UCLA, where he chaired the anatomy department for 30 years. His research on molecules crucial to vision helped to found the field of neurochemistry. Survivors include his wife, Cheryl; three daughters; two sons; two sisters, one of whom is Ellen Lolley Rangel, n'77; and a brother.

Elizabeth Stephenson Lorimer, d'50, 70, Nov. 24 in Lacey, Wash. She is survived by her husband, Wayne, three daughters and four grandchildren.

Duane Malmstrom, g'51, 75, Feb. 19 in Salina. He was retired principal of Maize Junior High School. Two brothers and a sister survive.

James McMechan, c'58, 63, Feb. 14 in Lawrence, where he practiced medicine. He is survived by his wife, Mary Griswold McMechan, d'58; a daughter, Jeanne McMechan, s'92; a son, James, c'81; a sister; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Michael McNalley, c'53, m's'56, 68, Jan. 25 in Newport Beach, Calif., where he founded the cardiology department at Hoag Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; two daughters; three sons; a sister; Mary McNalley Medlock, ’51; and 11 grandchildren.

William Meyers Jr., b'52, 70, March 26 in Kansas City, where he was credit and accounts receivable manager at Puritan-Bennet. Two sisters survive.

J. Wilson “Bill” Nance, c'51, 70, April 6 in Shawnee Mission. He was a consultant for the American College of Radiology. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Martha Thomson Nance, c'78; a daughter, Patricia Nance Slentz, d'75; three sons; two of whom are Charles, c'78, and Paul, b'80, g'82; a brother, Howard, c'61; and four grandchildren.

Sylvia Nelson, g'55, 91, Dec. 26 in Topeka, where she directed elementary education for the school district for 23 years. A brother and a nephew survive.

Glenn Peer, g'55, 88, April 11 in Wichita. He was a teacher, coach, principal and former state
auditor for the Kansas Department of Education. Two sons, two daughters, two brothers, nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren survive.

Pansy Dent Penner, '57, 95, April 6 in Eudora. She taught school and wrote newspaper columns for local papers. A son, a sister, two grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren survive.

Felix “Phil” Pileggi, e'51, 73, Feb. 28 in Kansas City. He lived in Independence, Mo., and had operated an owned Pileggi Construction. He is survived by his wife, Maria, two sons, three daughters, a sister, seven grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Milton Rubottom, p'51, 75, Dec. 30 in Alma, where he operated Rubottom Pharmacy for many years. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren survive.

Bill Sanders, '58, 64, March 12 in Topeka, where he owned Topeka Typeshop and Sanders Photocomposition. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Fee Sanders, '58; two daughters; a son; and eight grandchildren.

Allen Smith, e'58, 64, March 13 in Paige, Texas. He was a colonel and vice president of area affairs with the US. Combined Training Association. He also had been an associate director of maintenance and operations at Lamar University in Beaumont. Surviving are his wife, Christine, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Felix “Chic” Spies, e'50, g'62, 77, Feb. 8 in Kansas City. He lived in Louisburg and had worked for Bendix for 35 years. He is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Mary Spies Spec, c'85, p'88; three sisters; and seven grandchildren.

Brainerd Stocks Jr., h'52, 76, March 17 in Prairie Village, where he retired from a career with Black & Veatch. He is survived by his wife, Dorthea, and a sister.

Grace Thompson Swinton, g'51, 74, Jan. 12 in Kansas City, where she worked for the public school district for more than 30 years. She is survived by a daughter, Lisa Swinton McLaughlin, student; a brother; and a sister.

Harlan Van Nice, '52, 75, March 2 in Lawrence, where he was plant superintendent at Allen Press. He is survived by his wife, Dorthea; a daughter, Joan, c'85; a son, John, c'73; a brother; a stepbrother; a sister, Dorothy Van Nice Browning, c'44; a stepson; and two grandchildren.

Bernice Larson Webb, c'56, g'57, PhD'61, March 19, 1999, in Lafayette, La., where she was a professor of English and of creative writing. She had written several books, including a biography of James Naismith. Among survivors are a daughter; a son; a sister, Lorraine Larson Dole, c'50, h'51; and a brother.

Fred “Buck” Wilcox, b'50, 73, March 19 in Norman, Okla. He lived in Navarre Beach, Fla., and was retired vice president and general manager of United Gas Improvement. A brother and a sister survive.

Iva Rothenberger Wirth, d'50, 74, Jan. 27 in Osborne, where she was retired after a 45-year career teaching music. She is survived by three sisters, two of whom are Lucile Rothenberger Romine, f'46, and Joann Rothenberger Sommerville, '52.

1960s

Leodies “Lee” Adams, d'69, 53, Jan. 6 in Bakersfield, where he was division director of educational support services at California State University. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; a son; two daughters; a brother; and a granddaughter.

Byron Eaton, b'66, 56, March 4. He lived in Lambertville, Mich., and worked for Michigan Consolidated Gas. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lee France Eaton, d'67; a son; a daughter; a sister; a stepbrother; and his stepmother.

Elizabeth Royse Fury, ’60, 72, March 2 in Salina. Several cousins survive.

Kenneth Gates, e'60, 62, Feb. 23 in Kansas City. He had been an industrial engineer for 30 years before retiring. Surviving are his wife, Patricia Sortor Gates, d'60; a son, Scott, c'88, f'91; two daughters, one of whom is Laura Gates McQuitty, n'87; a brother; and four grandchildren.

David Greenlee, c'64, g'66, Feb. 19 in San Diego. He had worked for Xerox, Digital Equipment and Qualcomm. Surviving are his wife, Gail; a son; a daughter; his mother; and a brother, Ronald, c'63.

Herbert Hawkins, g'68, 61, Jan. 17 in Kansas City. He lived in Lyndon and had taught school and been a high school principal in Denton for many years. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Kings Hawkins, 76; two sons; two daughters, Kathleen, student; his father; two sisters; and a grandson.

Mary Heckman, g'61, PhD'66, 78, March 3 in Kansas City. She was the 1970 Missouri Medical Technologist of the Year and former president of the Kansas City Society of Medical Technologists. A sister and a brother survive.

Francis Kiene, '63, 73, Jan. 19 in South Bend, Ind. He was a retired teacher and longtime commissioner of the Purdue University Basketball Camp. He is survived by his wife, Karen, two sons, three daughters, two sisters, 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

John Madden, l'62, 68, March 21 in Wichita, where he practiced law and had been judge pro tem of the Sedwick County Juvenile Court. His wife, a son and a daughter survive.

James Meikle, EdD'66, 72, Jan. 30 in Springfield, Mo. He was a professor emeritus of speech and theater at the College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout. Survivors include his wife, Dora; a daughter, Michelle, f'79; three stepsons; a stepdaughter; and five grandchildren.

Ronald Miller, e'68, 55, April 7 in Overland Park. He worked for Hunt Midwest Realty and had previously been a project engineer for Amoco Oil. Survivors include his wife, Reba Turner Miller, d'68; three sons; his parents; eight brothers; and three sisters.

Darrell Myers Jr., '62, 60, Feb. 13 in Gardner, where he was a former letter carrier. A sister, Eileen Myers Hartman, n'77, survives.

Ronald Reivich, m'65, 65, Feb. 3 in Independence, Mo. He was on the staff at Menorah Medical Center from 1967 to 1995 and had been an associate professor at the KU Medical Center. A son, four daughters and a brother survive.

Ira “Bud” Williams, g'63, March 3 in Lawrence, where he had been a teacher and a principal. He also owned Phoenix Painting. He is survived by his wife, Pat; two daughters, Suzanne Williams Peerbolte, c'82, and Elizabeth Williams Alford, d'83; a son, Michael, c'80, g'81; his mother; and four grandchildren.

1970s

Stephen Carey, '77, 45, April 2 in Sachse, Texas. He lived in Waco and was a salesman for Lubrication Engineers. Among survivors are his father and a brother.

Lee “Jack” Fent, m'70, 65, Feb. 7 in Newton, where he was a pediatrician. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Hill Fent, n'69; his parents; and two sisters, Laura, c'94, l'98, g'98, and Lanya, d'96, g'97.

Diana Girdley Fox, d'70, 65, Feb. 16 in Lawrence, where she was a retired administrator in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She is survived by a daughter; three sons, Timothy, c'85; Mark, c'79; and John, c'88; her father and stepmother; two brothers; and seven grandchildren.

Marie Gardner, '77, April 9 in Dallas. She lived in Wichita for many years and is survived by a daughter; a son, two grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Paula Mollendorf Groseth, c'76, 67, March 9 in Pinehurst, N.C. Survivors include her husband, Clark; three sons, Jeffrey Coey, c'78, Kevin Coey, c'78, and Joel Coey, b'80; three daughters, one of whom is Elizabeth Groseth Parris, c'83; a sister; and 10 grandchildren.

James Honan, c'78, 44, Feb. 14 in Olathe. A daughter; two sons and two sisters survive.

Charles King, m'72, g'90, 52, Dec. 27 in Worthington, Minn., where he was a physician. He taught at the KU Medical Center for many
years before moving to Minnesota. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lynn, three sons, his mother, a sister and two granddaughters.

Patti Lampe, s'73, 52, Feb. 14 in Herinton. She had been a social worker and is survived by two sons, a daughter, her parents, a brother and three sisters.

Judith McBride McCauley, d'70, 51, March 6 in Colorado Springs. She is survived by her husband, Charley, c'70, g'73, PhD'74; a daughter; a daughter, three sisters, two of whom are Cynthia McBride-Palmer, f'76, and Gail McBride Vest, h'79, h'81.

Daniel Mott, c'74, 46, Jan. 21 in Topeka. He was a pastor of churches in Onaga, Wheaton, Wells Creek and Alma. Surviving are his wife, JoAnn; three daughters; two sons; his father; a brother; Steve, b'81; and two sisters, one of whom is Julie Mott Nice, c'89.

Marjorie Hill Raney, d'70, Jan. 31 in Lansing, where she was retired from a 34-year teaching career. She also gave piano lessons and had been an organist for Pilgrim United Church of Christ for more than 50 years. She is survived by two sons, a daughter, two stepdaughters, a stepson and two granddaughters.

James Schmidt, c'71, g'76, g'79, 57, March 11 in LeRoy. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a geologist in Russell and coached softball at Allen County Community College in Iola. Surviving are a daughter; Gillian, n'95; and four brothers.

Robert Welch, EdD'76, 71, Jan. 27 in Overland Park. He was a teacher, counselor and principal and is survived by his wife, Carol; a daughter; two sons; a brother and five grandchildren.

Howard Zinn, '74, 48, April 8 as a result of injuries suffered in a bicycle accident April 6 in Palo Alto, Calif. He was an aerospace engineer with Lockheed Martin and is survived by his wife, Janis, a son, a daughter; his parents, a brother and two sisters.

1980s

Vance Crummett, c'81, 40, Feb. 25 in Denver. He was a writing program educator at the University of Colorado-Boulder. Survivors include his wife, Cynthia, a daughter, his mother, his father and stepmother and a brother.

Katherine DeGrande, g'85, 43, March 18 in Petaluma, Calif. She lived in Olathie and was vice president of finance and chief financial officer at Research Medical Center in Kansas City. Her parents and a brother survive.

Dale Ewing Jr., d'81, 46, Jan. 23 in Lawrence. He is survived by his wife, Rachel, a daughter; his father; his mother; a brother and three sisters.

Joanne Blossom Gantert, g'87, 65, March 15 in Shawnee Mission. She taught at Tomahawk Elementary School and is survived by her husband, James, two daughters, a brother, a sister and five grandchildren.

Mark Holladay, c'83, 38, Jan. 7 in Los Angeles. He was a computer salesman for Pacific Rim Capital and had served in the Missouri House of Representatives in the early 1990s. He is survived by his parents; a brother, Michael, c'91; and his grandmother.

Dawn Price, '82, 41, Jan. 30 in Lawrence, where she was a machine operator at Hallmark. Survivors include her mother; a brother, Michael Harris, f'73; and three sisters.

Mark Rafferty, c'82, 41, Feb. 21 in Manhattan, where he was a restaurant manager. His parents survive.

Earl Rooney, m'84, g'99, 48, March 8 in Austin, Texas. He lived in Leawood and was medical director at A-Tek Industries. Among survivors are his wife; Anne Jones, m'86; a daughter; and a son.

Dean Schaake, c'84, 43, March 31 in Derby, where he was a self-employed independent petroleum geologist. He is survived by his wife, Sherri Stewart Schaake, d'81; two daughters; his father; Ralph, d'43; his mother; Helen Parr Schaake, '45; a brother, Stanley, d'71; and a sister.

Fred Shields Jr., '81, 69, March 22 in Tucson, Ariz. He had taught band and orchestra at several junior high and high schools and at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence. Surviving are his wife, Rita; two daughters, one of whom is Linda Shields Kiszak, d'79; and six grandchildren.

Cathy McNicol Tinsley, c'82, g'84, 49, Jan. 14 in Kansas City. She lived in Lawrence and was assistant director for the Kansas Department of Commerce's travel and tourism development division. Surviving are a daughter, Tina Tinsley Ionc, c'94; her mother; a brother; John McNicol, c'71; two sisters, Susan McNicol, c'76, and Cindy McNicol, c'85; and two grandchildren.

Ilesh Abhir, '94, 27, Feb. 18 in Hoyt, where he was self-employed. His father is among survivors.

Joshua Copp, '95, 25, March 12 in Eugene, Ore., where he was a sales manager for a frozen meat company. He is survived by his parents, a sister, a brother and his grandparents.

Robert Foresman, c'93, 30, Feb. 20 in Winfield, where he was a construction engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation. Surviving are her wife, Lauren; his father, James, c'60; his mother; and a brother.

Steven Kozikowski, c'91, 33, Jan. 31 in Prairie Village. He was active in numerous organizations focusing on child development and had been a volunteer with Big Brothers. He is survived by his father, Ben, and two brothers.

Bradford Nickerson, c'97, 31, March 21 in Overland Park. He worked for Nixon & Fiering Design and is survived by his father; his mother and stepfather; three brothers, one of whom is David, c'95; and his grandparents.

Timothy Schwartz, '95, 29, March 27. He lived in Topeka, where he was a test pilot and flight instructor. His parents, a sister and a brother survive.

Jennifer Lowden Strawn, n'93, 29, Jan. 21 in Kansas City. She lived in Ardmore and was a nurse for Coram Health Care. Surviving are her husband, John; a stepson; her father, Robert Lowden, h'92; her mother; a brother; and a stepgrandmother.

The University Community

Ruth Dingus Fauhl, n'38, c'69, 84, Jan. 7 in Topeka. She had been a nurse, a photographer and a library assistant at KU from 1957 to 1987. A daughter, Martha, c'76, n'78, survives.

Lewin Goff, 79, June 22 in Ardmore, Okla. He was a professor and director of KU's University Theatre from 1955 to 1967 and later taught at universities in Michigan, New York, Texas, Wisconsin and Iowa. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by a daughter, Wynne Goff Brochu, c'65; a son, Barclay, c'77; a sister; and six grandchildren.

Richard Harp, c'41, 81, March 18 in Lawrence, where he was KU's head men's basketball coach from 1956 to 1964. During that time, he coached Wilt Chamberlin and led the Jayhawks to two conference titles and two NCAA Tournament berths. He also had been an assistant to Dean Smith, d'53, basketball coach at the University of North Carolina. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Martha Sue Layne Harp, c'62, d'65; a son, Richard, c'67, g'71, PhD'74; and four grandchildren.

Associates

Dean Baesel, 79, April 12 in Wichita. He was a retired district administrative manager of the Aluminum Company of America. Survivors include a son, Dean, c'72; a sister; and two grandchildren.

Catherine Urllass Gorton, 89, March 14 in Lawrence. She is survived by a daughter, Judith Gorton Parkinson, F61; and two grandchildren.

Geraldine Reed McNeal, 96, March 8 in Leawood, where she was a retired teacher. Survivors include two sons, one of whom is Dale, c'61; and two granddaughters.
Know the score
Athletics’ diversity should be modeled across campus, education researchers find

College athletics gets its share of negative press, but athletics departments also possess a valuable asset that university administrators would love to understand and model, an asset more elusive than big-budget funding or national recognition. Athletics departments have racial and socioeconomic diversity that far exceeds the rest of university communities.

"Intercollegiate athletics get picked on a lot," says Lisa Wolf-Wendel, assistant professor of teaching and leadership. "We always notice when someone cheats or does something wrong—and some of it is deserved—but athletics also do a lot of good things that don't get noticed."

Wolf-Wendel and Christopher Morphew, assistant professor of teaching and leadership, worked with two colleagues to observe five different athletics programs across the nation. Through a series of document reviews, focus groups and interviews with student-athletes, coaches and administrators, they concluded that college athletics often created successful communities that transcended differences in race, socioeconomic status and geographic background. The study found that athletics groups, some of the most diverse collections on college campuses, were generally successful at uniting students to work toward a common goal.

Wolf-Wendel's area of research is diversity in education. Morphew's is athletics. The two united because they saw a convergence in their fields.

"Where athletics is ahead of the curve," Morphew says, "is that the people involved realize that to build the best team, the team needs to be diverse. Administrators are beginning to develop that mindset, but they don't know where to start."

Athletics is fertile ground for creating communities, he says, because meritocracy is clear-cut, interaction among participants is intense and frequent, and athletes share common goals of winning and have a common enemy and shared adversity.

To create academic communities that are diverse, both researchers say, administrators need to model the essential characteristics of athletics communities. Create a meritocracy that seems fair. Create a common experience, such as mandatory orientation, that offers adversity and a common goal.

"Students want to feel they matter," Wolf-Wendel says. "Student-athletes are engaged; they know their roles. Non-student-athletes need to feel the same way."

The results of Wolf-Wendel and Morphew's study appear in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators' publication, "Diversity on Campus: Reports From the Field." Although they could not disclose the names of the schools they studied, the researchers say they were all Division I, representing the PAC-10, Atlantic 10, Big 12, ACC and Conference USA. The study focused on football, men's and women's basketball, and men's and women's track and field.

"We looked at the most obvious thing, race, but also at urban vs. suburban vs. rural upbringings, geographic backgrounds, socioeconomic backgrounds," Morphew says. "We found that student-athletes are remarkably sophisticated at dealing with differences."

Wolf-Wendel says the study has obvious relevance to today's college administrators.

"It's our natural inclination to be with people who make us feel comfortable," she says. "But we live in a society where diversity is a reality. We need the skills to work with people who are different. Sports provide a wonderful opportunity to teach kids to find common goals and see beyond stereotypes."

WINNING TEAM: Researchers Christopher Morphew and Lisa Wolf-Wendel say that athletics departments are ahead of other university communities in successfully embracing diversity.
ALLIED HEALTH
Honored teacher listens to sounds in youngest ears

Judith Widen came to KU from the University of Miami so she could study the latest techniques designed to test hearing in young children. A decade later, the testing techniques Widen studied—and then helped perfect—mean newborns can have their hearing tested even before leaving the hospital.

“The trick with babies, obviously, is that they can’t raise their hand when they hear a tone,” says Widen, associate professor of hearing and speech. “Now we have a little device with a soft rubber tip that fits in the ear canal and presents clicks, or tones, into the ear. If the inner ear is working properly, it will produce a sound that I can measure with a little microphone. So when we get sounds back, we know the ear is working properly.”

For her innovative scholarship, Widen recently received the School of Allied Health’s Stata Norton Distinguished Teaching Award. Norton, a professor emerita, was dean of allied health from 1980 to 1990.

Widen, whose research specialty is pediatric audiology, says hearing problems that go undetected can lead to language development difficulties. By beginning treatment with hearing aids or language stimulation before the infant is 6 months old, Widen says, the child should be able to develop language normally.

“The prognosis for super development is great because these kids apparently are not being handicapped [when treated very early],” Widen says. “If you’ve got your language skills, you are going to do better in every aspect of life.”

ARCHITECTURE
Retirement of a ‘legend’ spurs scholarship donations

Architecture Dean John Gaunt calls Lou Michel “a legend in his time.” The professor of architecture, known by students and faculty for his memorable lectures and dynamic teaching style, retired in May. While Michel requested that there be no special occasion planned to mark his departure, Gaunt could not resist the opportunity to honor the man he considers the most famous faculty member among 30 years of students.

In April, Gaunt sent out requests to alumni to contribute to a scholarship fund in Michel’s name that he hoped would become an endowed fund. The response has been revealing of Michel’s popularity, Gaunt says.

“Lou was a very passionate, very knowledgeable teacher,” Gaunt says. “I am constantly reminded of this as I meet alumni of the school throughout the country. His students feel very strongly about him. He’s had a tremendous influence on a large amount of students. I think creating an endowed scholarship in his name is certainly an appropriate way to honor him.”

Gaunt says the school has already raised nearly $7,000 in small contributions from many alumni. It takes $10,000 to establish an endowed fund. Gaunt says he is confident contributions will continue to come in, and regardless of when the scholarship becomes endowed, the first Lou Michel Scholarship will be rewarded next spring.

Michel taught history of architecture and also was known nationally and internationally as an expert on architectural lighting. His last lecture was attended by Gaunt and several other faculty members.

“It was very poignant,” Gaunt says. “I find him inspiring.”

BUSINESS
Deloitte & Touche honors chairman with KU fund

When Edward Kangas announced his retirement as chairman of Deloitte & Touche’s global organization, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, the firm honored the KU alumnus in a most appropriate way. The firm gave $600,000 to the Endowment Association to create the Deloitte & Touche/Ed Kangas Leadership Development Fund at the School of Business.

“I am honored and thrilled that Deloitte & Touche has given the grant to KU in my honor,” Kangas, b’66, g’67, says. “As a KU alumnus, it is important to me to contribute to the university’s ability to continue to develop excellent leaders who are comfortable in the ever-globalizing business world. I am so pleased Deloitte & Touche chose to support KU and the future leaders it will produce.”

The grant, marked specifically for the school’s division of accounting and information systems, will support the Center for International Business, an internship program, a study abroad scholarship program, graduate fellowships and faculty grants for research and teaching.

Kangas, who lives in New Canaan, Conn., joined the accounting firm Touche Ross, which later became Deloitte & Touche, following his graduation from KU in 1967. In May he received the School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award.

ENGINEERING
Minority-group team rallies for national conference title

A team of four KU engineering students recently became the school’s first winner of the National Society of Black Engineers’ Academic Technical Bowl. The Jayhawks came from behind in the final round against the University of California-Berkeley to claim the championship at the NSBE national conference last March in Charlotte, N.C.

Michael Bell, Detroit senior; Judi Harris, Wichita junior; Jerrell Herod, Lawrence junior; and Nicolas Johnson, Olathe junior, beat out five other NSBE regional champions, including rivals Princeton University, the University of Kentucky and UC-Berkeley to win the bowl and a $1,000 prize for the school’s NSBE chapter.

“We were relaxed,” Bell says, noting that this is only the second year KU has competed. “We weren’t nervous at all. We were just having fun.”

In the championship round, the KU team faced UC-Berkeley in a grueling battle that lasted over two hours. The Jayhawks defeated the Golden Bears 23-16 to win the title.

The win was especially sweet for Bell, who was the team’s captain and the only returning member from last year’s team.

“I was so excited to see that we could pull this off,” Bell said. “We had a lot of fun, and it was great to bring this home to KU.”

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The once-reluctant leader
After discovering joys of administration, Carlin rises to graduate school's deanship

Diana Carlin says she accidentally fell into the role of administrator. The seasoned professor of communication studies never intended to enter higher education's complicated bureaucracy.

"But I noticed a lot of things affecting me as a teacher were because of the decisions of administrators," says Carlin, d'72, g'74. "And I was good at it. I was taught that if I have a gift, I have the responsibility to use it."

So Carlin found herself tackling tough administrative tasks, first as the communication studies department chair, then as acting associate provost for student support services and acting associate provost. On July 1, Carlin assumed her most prestigious position to date: dean of the University's Graduate School and International Programs.

"I was obviously very pleased to find out I had gotten the job," Carlin says. "I knew I had a good chance, but I also knew there were good candidates."

An internal search committee in April tapped Carlin to succeed Andrew Debicki, who had been dean since 1993.

"Diana's various administrative experiences in the University have given her a solid perspective of the institution as a whole, and this preparation will serve her well," Provost David Shulenburger says.

For the graduate school, Carlin aims to increase the number of graduate fellowships and increase stipends for graduate students.

"We can't do research without graduate assistants," she says. "If you attract good graduate students, you attract good faculty. One of the ways to do that is to have enough money for them so they don't need an extra job to support themselves, so they can conduct independent research."

Carlin also wants to attract a more diverse group of graduate students and emphasize preparing students for the profession of academia, if that is the direction they wish to pursue, by sending them to more conferences and making them available for research service opportunities. But she also thinks it is vital to educate students about all of their options. She plans to trace the destinations of all graduate students to illustrate the value of a graduate degree outside of traditional academic settings.

"Not all of our graduates will end up at Research I universities," Carlin says. "There are opportunities for research in the private sector. Theories find their way into business."

Finally, Carlin plans to improve the KU experience for part-time graduate students who are not on the track to become professors.

"We need to give them better mentors, offer classes at more convenient times," she says. "We need to develop relationships with the outside sector, get more job placements for people who don't want to go into academia and not make those students feel like second-class citizens."

Carlin's plans for international programs are equally ambitious. She hopes to expand study abroad scholarships, increase faculty international experience, develop international programs in curriculum and bring more international scholars to Lawrence.

Carlin also will continue to teach and conduct her own research. At KU, she won the University's prestigious WT. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence in 1999, an "Outstanding Educator" award in 1998, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' Graduate Faculty Mentor Award in 1995.

"I like problem-solving," Carlin says, "and that's what this is."
team accumulated 1,400 points by answering 25 questions from five categories. UC-Berkeley finished with 1,300 points.

"Typical scores in any round are usually between 1,000 to 2,000 points," Bell says. "In the round against Kentucky, we scored 3,100 points, which one of the event organizers said was the highest score she had ever seen."

Six schools competed in the event, representing the six NSBE regions. KU earned the Region V title and the berth to the national championships by beating Tulane University, Prairie View A&M and the University of Oklahoma.

In addition to the team members, 11 other engineering students and a group from Lawrence and Free State high schools traveled to the national convention. The KU NSBE has been working with students at the high schools to encourage interest in engineering and provide tutoring in math and science.

**JOURNALISM**

Class of 2000 project ends memorable 13-year run

Diane Lazzarino was casually reading the newspaper in 1987 when the caption under a photo of smiling kindergartners caught her attention. "Class of 2000," the caption proclaimed. Those three words provided all the inspiration Lazzarino needed to launch what became a 13-year collaboration between the journalism instructor's promotional writing class and Hillcrest Elementary School.

Lazzarino, g'69, who every semester gives her students community events and projects to promote, charged her students with promoting the Class of 2000. Beginning in 1987, Lazzarino paired her students with Hillcrest kindergartners to document the children's lives and interests. Each semester for the next seven years, a new group of Lazzarino's students descended upon Hillcrest, initiating events and projects to promote the youngsters.

"I introduced it as a new project to my class every semester," Lazzarino says. "They had to come up with ideas and planned events and see how much coverage they could get."

After KU won the NCAA basketball championship in 1988, Lazzarino's students created enduring snapshots and memories when they took their Hillcrest buddies to celebrate with them on the Hill. Another year, they invited photographers and reporters to watch as the Hillcrest kids released balloons with messages in them.

They also created yearbooks and time capsules that now bear witness to personal, social and cultural changes.

"I never lost enthusiasm," Lazzarino says. "I was careful not to do things the same way each time. Each class of mine brought a new approach. And our product kept changing, so there was always a challenge."

When the Class of 2000 graduated from Hillcrest and dispersed to three junior high schools in 1994, Lazzarino decided that keeping track of all the students would be too unwieldy and dropped the project. But former Hillcrest kids and their parents would see her around town and plead with her to continue.

So last spring, Lazzarino gave her promotional writing class—which, because of changes in the school's curriculum, was to be her last—the final, daunting assignment of bringing the entire project to a successful culmination. The students updated profiles, revisited old spots and held a final get-together at Hillcrest in April.

"When I started this project, one of the reasons I thought it would be valuable to my students was that they would have to learn how to interview people and write about people completely outside of their peer group," Lazzarino says. "When we had the reunion at Hillcrest, I realized my students and the Hillcrest kids were only a year or two apart now."

Lazzarino says she cannot imagine finding another project with the size and scope of this one.

"I don't know what would be the equal of it," she says. "There have been so many highlights for my students. There may be a sense of historical perspective they've gotten from doing it, but that may be too lofty. Probably the thing I've heard the most is that they wish they could have gone to a school like Hillcrest."

**LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES**

Martin makes no bones about hopes for dino hall

Dinosaur discoveries keep rolling in at the Natural History Museum in Dyche Hall—so rapidly, in fact, that Professor Larry Martin has announced his hopes for construction of a dinosaur hall on the KU campus.

Martin, senior curator at the Natural History Museum, is currently excavating a "super giant" Brachiosaur in Wyoming's Black Hills. Martin and his KU crew uncovered the dinosaur's foot while excavating another recent find, the fossils of a 50-foot long Camarasaurus nicknamed "Annabelle."

Martin says he is already confined to posing Annabelle in a crouching position because her skeleton is far too large for the museum's limited space. According to Martin, Annabelle is the most complete long-neck dinosaur ever found, with 85 to 90 percent of the bones recovered. It is also the first such dinosaur found with a complete set of feet and its backbone intact, as well as pieces of fossilized skin.

Now comes the most recent discovery, made by graduate student Craig Sundell during the recovery of Annabelle. Sundell found the Brachiosaur's foot while digging a drainage ditch at the Annabelle site, and Martin says this dinosaur, when recovered, could prove to be 100 feet long and six stories high.

"We're winding up with something better than Sue," Martin says, in reference to the Tyrannosaurus rex that is all the rage at Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History. "We're going to have the fourth or fifth best dinosaur exhibit in the world."
Summer Solace
Roy’s choice affirms our Jayhawk pride

Under a summer sky of that certain pale shade of blue—much too Carolina blue for comfort—the relentless sun baked Jayhawk Boulevard. The Chi Omega fountain sat idle, officially because of a water-main break but more appropriately for sheer exhaustion.

Despite the heat of July 6, our lovely Mount Oread offered sanctuary, a quiet, shady, sacred place where the breeze snapped and the view soared. Within the hallowed hollow of the Campanile, where Jayhawks go to graduate and contemplate, a man could find solace.

Roy Williams certainly did.

As Athletics Director Bob Frederick, d’62, g’64, EdD’84, diverted reporters, Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway led Williams through a back door of his Strong Hall complex. His nerves frayed raw after a week of struggling to decide between Kansas and North Carolina, Williams had told his bosses he wanted to walk across campus one more time. "I know that’s corny as all get out," Williams later explained, "but that’s me."

Hemenway wisely suggested the Campanile. Within our proud tower, the babble stopped. The heat of the crazy week relented. Calm came. When he emerged from his sojourn and stepped back into the noontime sun, Roy Williams had finally made his decision.

By 8 p.m., the mean summer sky had softened and KU’s hyper-loyal basketball fans were gathering by the thousands in Memorial Stadium for one of the most bizarre scenes in the history of college sports: a press conference in the football stadium so the basketball coach could announce: "I’m staying."

As the Campanile’s carillon chimed 9, Williams made his happy pronouncement in football’s home-team locker room, but the scene was beamed out to the scoreboard’s huge video screen. The 16,000 or so fans who filled the stadium's west stands might not have realized it, but Williams and his assembled news conference were directly beneath them. Their cheers roared through concrete.

Roy Williams, a North Carolina alumnus who was always expected to say yes when his school came calling, said no to his mentor, KU alumnus Dean Smith, d’54. No. A word no member of the North Carolina basketball legacy had ever said to Coach Smith. Until now. Williams explained that, in the end, loyalty to his players outweighed loyalty to a legend. He had learned about loyalty and honor, he said, from Smith himself.

After the press conference, Williams ventured back out into the heat and sweat and frenzy. He picked up a microphone and explained to the KU fans—his fans—what had happened earlier, in the moments after he uttered the word he never thought he would say to Smith.

"The last thing Coach Smith said to me today was, ‘Do a good job for my alma mater.’"

The fans cheered. Then they chanted.

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