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As bleak skies signal rain outside, the steamy temperature rises inside Strong Hall, where two dozen professors in academic regalia try not to sweat as they prepare for the University's 129th Commencement. These are the marshals who escort the procession of graduates down the Hill. Mapping their routes and assignments, of course, is a cartographer, George McCleary Jr., professor of geography and a veteran associate marshal. He begins his instructions to the assembled academics with a menacing forecast: “We’re supposed to have a dry spell until 3 or 3:10,” he says. “That should motivate us to keep moving.”

Grim chuckles sputter from the faculty and one interloper, a sentimental editor. Amid the brilliant hoods signifying assorted graduate degrees, my robe stands out as hoodless solid black. The three velvet faculty stripes on my billowing sleeves are counterfeit, as I confess to colleagues who innocently ask where I teach. The University has graciously issued me the robe in thanks for my volunteering to direct traffic in Memorial Stadium.

More important than the fancy robe, however, is the walk down the Hill, which for me is a rain-delayed celebration. This year’s Commencement marks 20 years since my own KU graduation, when torrents of rain forced the Class of 1981 into the sauna of Allen Field House.

But May 20, 2001, dawns dark and stormy. My husband, still mystified by my reverence for various kinds of anniversaries, can’t resist a comment as he gazes out the window. “This is all your fault,” he pronounces.

Thankfully, Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway remains unaware of the curse that clouds the day. At noon he defies the weather, decreeing that at 2:30 p.m. the Class of 2001 will march, soggy or dry.

At precisely 2:30 the trumpets sound from the Spencer Library terrace, and the marshals begin the walk. First down the east sidewalk is University Marshal Stephen Grabow, professor of architecture, who carries the chancellor's gleaming, silver-topped mace. In a few short steps we’re at the Campanile. As we walk through, I gaze upward briefly in silent thanks for a graduation long past. On the other side, I’m awed by the smiling faces, in rows six or eight deep, that line the walk. Hundreds of spectators beam congratulations, aiming cameras in our direction. I can’t help but smile back. This is fun.

As we make our way down the Hill, my marching partner, Hugh Catts, professor of speech-language-hearing, describes the thrill. “It’s like walking the 18th fairway at the Masters,” he says. “Well, at least it’s the closest I’ll ever come.”

As Catts strides toward the green, I walk the red carpet at the Oscars. A friend calls my name and snaps a photo; another pal hollers, “Hey, you finally got your graduation!” I feel downright giddy.

And damp. The rain pours as we approach the stadium. My streak holds: Storms drenched my high-school and college commencements; now even my makeup graduation is all wet.

After trodding through the slick turf on the football field, Catts and I arrive at our assigned sections, 31 and 32. There we stand, underneath a golf umbrella, watching the festivities. Mortarboard adornments and balloons file by. This year’s trendy accessory? The cell phone, carried by grads who talk incessantly, tracking seating locations and confirming party plans.

McCleary, walkie-talkie in hand, stops by to alert us that education grads, blue-tasseled and trailing matching balloons, are headed our way. No problem. Sure, we’ll take those architecture and social welfare grads, too.

By 3:30 the few umbrellas still bobbing now shield spectators from the sun, and the ceremony, always a swift finale to the procession, proceeds apace: Award-winners and dignitaries receive ovations, then Hemenway bids farewell to the Class of 2001. He lauds academe’s shared traditions: the costumes, music, solemn invocations and intonations. Then he delivers the line the restless crowd longs to hear: “But only KU has the walk!”

The tradition that began in 1924 is a native tribal custom, Hemenway tells the crowed, alluding to TV’s “Survivor.” He explains that, unlike its prime-time counterparts, the Kansas tribe sends Jayhawks into the world with degrees worth more than a fortune over a lifetime, especially in their potential to help others. By sending new alumni out each year in its time-honored custom, he says, the University grows stronger, binding generations to one another and the KU culture they revere.

Moments later, Hemenway confers the degrees. Arranged by their schools, students stand en masse, wave to their deans, receive the chancellor’s blessing and scream for all they’re worth.

To complete my personal ceremony, I seek one hand to shake. Chancellor Emeritus Del Shankel conferred my degree 20 years ago. He grins as I explain my nostalgic mission. Grasping my hand warmly, he assures me, “I remember. I remember.”

After taking part in the KU family’s most cherished tradition, I understand its value more clearly. Like the best family celebrations, it’s quirky, even unruly, but it is distinctly ours. Jayhawks who have prevailed through quiet toil on challenging academic paths know it makes perfect sense to hurry down a hill toward the finish line. After grueling work, the celebration should be simple, joyous and, yes, raucous.

My walk was worth the wait. Next time, I swear, I’ll wear a hood.
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Recognition appreciated

I’ve been wanting, for some time now, to tell you how much I enjoyed and appreciated the profile on Kenton Keith in the recent issue of Kansas Alumni ("Former Ambassador Pursues World Peace," issue No. 2).

Your mention of Mr. Keith’s recognition of my late husband’s [Professor Cliff Ketzell] influence on his choice of careers was truly satisfying. I quickly collected three copies of the article from friends and shipped them off to our three sons, in Bellevue, Wash.; Austin, Texas; and Sunnyvale, Calif. They, too, were genuinely pleased to read Mr. Keith’s story.

Weeks later I heard from a friend in McLean, Va., who has participated in a couple of Flying Jayhawks trips with me. She wrote that she’d read and loved your article on Mr. Keith.

I’ve long admired [Chris Lazzarino’s] writing skills (“Old Bones to Pick,” No. 2, 1999, for example) and will follow [his] career with even greater interest henceforth.

Thank you for the great job you do.

Lesley T. Ketzell, g’70
Lawrence

Short and sweet

What a terrific issue! I hope millions of people see [issue No. 3], especially in Kansas, but also everywhere else.

Congratulations and thanks.

John S. Brushwood, assoc.
Lawrence

Fun not shared by all

I shook my head “no” as I read page 35 of the May issue of Kansas Alumni magazine, regarding the Class of ’51 reunion.

One prominent Association member quotes, “We were a fun class … Everybody knew each other. We all mixed well.”

That fact might have been true of majority students. For minority students, however, there was little or no mixing
outside the classrooms with the “fun class.” Nevertheless, my husband, Richard McClain c’51, g’56, and I still chant, “Rock Chalk, Jayhawk, KU.”

Gladys Harrison McClain, d’51
Gaithersburg, Md.

Comanche’s bright aura

Even before I read the article on Comanche (“The Veteran’s Day,” issue No. 3), I began thinking of my grandfather, Edward Bevins Huston, late of the 7th Cavalry. No, not of the Battle of Little Bighorn, but of the Battle of Wounded Knee. My grandfather was proud of what he did at Wounded Knee and, after I read history, I wondered why.

I grew up “knowing” that he was wounded at Wounded Knee, but I was wrong. Only when my sister-in-law obtained his records did I began to piece together the truth of his battle action. His “wound” was actually an injury sustained when his sergeant hit him in the head with a rifle butt for refusing an order. The order was to chase after and kill fleeing women and children. Those few soldiers who demurred were punished on the spot and told they would be shot if they did not comply.

Recently I was given a copy of “The Bloodshed at Wounded Knee,” a 1997 historical paper written by Jonathan Reside for the U.S. Cavalry Museum at Fort Riley. The focus of the paper is the exchange of letters between a veteran soldier (my grandfather) and his 15-year-old girlfriend, Zada Ariel Estes. In her last letter before the battle, she captures the failures of the government Indian policy in this pithy sentence: “If rations was all they wanted I would give them plenty (I mean if I was boss).”

After the battle, Edward Huston left the army and married Zada Ariel Estes shortly after her 17th birthday. Edward was 28. They had seven children, bunches of grandchildren and uncounted greats and great-greats.

As a child in the Depression, the highlight of my week was a trip to Junction City to restock staples. Grandmother Zada Huston usually came with us. When her income was the $8 per month pension she received as the widow of a veteran of the Indian wars, she would have me drop a dollar into the tin cup of street beggars in Junction City.

Fort Riley played a part in my life. One summer a battery of small artillery was positioned on one of my father’s fields that had been leased by the field for army maneuvers after the crops were harvested. A strange aircraft appeared and actually landed adjacent to the artillery. It was an autogyro. As I learned many years later, it was the only rotary-wing aircraft in the army inventory at that date. With 100 percent of the army’s rotary-wing assets parked on our farm, what other field of enterprise could I seek to enter?

Eventually I became a NASA research engineer focused on finding ways to improve rotary-wing aircraft.

When we moved to Lawrence I entered the sixth grade. I would go “on the Hill” to look at Comanche. He was a direct connection to my grandfather. While I have no record that Edward actually took care of the old warhorse, I believe that he must have done so. When Edward was writing to Zada, he spoke of his duty to keep the horses “showed.” (Besides being a soldier, he was a blacksmith.)

Today, the latest rotary-wing design to be ordered into production for the U.S. Army is the Comanche (Boeing-Sikorsky RAH-66). Each time I hear the name “Comanche,” I imagine my grandfather bending over the old warhorse, driving nails into his latest set of steel shoes.

Robert J. Huston, c’57, g’61
Yorktown, Va.

Help Hughes celebration

History and literature will be celebrated and examined at a Langston Hughes centennial celebration planned for Jan. 31 and Feb. 7-10. Hughes, born Feb. 1, 1902, in Joplin, Mo., lived in Lawrence from 1903 to 1915.

“When he died in 1967, there wasn’t much recognition of his Lawrence connections,” says Maryemma Graham, professor of English. “This is our opportunity to recognize him, his work and his childhood in Lawrence.”

Organizers are seeking financial support so all events will be free for the public. Anyone who wants to support the symposium is asked to call Heather Hoy, c’93, g’99, of Continuing Education, at 785-864-5823 or hhoy@ku.edu.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker will launch the celebration with an evening of readings and commentary Jan. 31 at the Lied Center. The University’s February symposium will include actors Danny Glover, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee and former U.S. poet laureate Robert Pinsky, as well as scholars, authors and biographers.

Complete information is available at www.kuce.org/hughes.

Calling volunteers

The University swings open its doors Oct. 6 when it hosts the first University Open House. The festive day will include free parking and shuttle buses to scores of events for adults and children of all ages.

Alumni are encouraged to attend with their families and get the word out to friends and neighbors.

The University also invites alumni to help host this important event as volunteers. If you would like to help welcome folks to your alma mater, contact Margye Frederick, j’69, g’78, at the KU Visitor Center. She can be reached at 785-864-2341 or mfrederick@ku.edu. A Web site with more information is www.open-house.ku.edu.

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**Exhibitions**

“Sum of the Parts: Recent Works on Paper,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Sept. 2

“Charles Marshall, Artist on Site,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Sept. 9

“Blackbear Bosin: Artist and Collector,” Museum of Anthropology, through Aug. 5

“Plains Indian Beadwork,” Museum of Anthropology, through Aug. 5

**Lied Center events**

AUGUST  
24 BeauSoleil with Michael Doucet, free outdoor concert

**Academic calendar**

AUGUST  
23 Fall classes begin  
OCTOBER  
18-21 Fall break  
NOVEMBER  
21-25 Thanksgiving break  
DECEMBER  
13 Last day of classes  
14 Stop Day  
17-21 Final examinations

**Special events**

AUGUST  
20 Student Alumni Association’s Ice Cream Social, Adams Alumni Center  
SEPTEMBER  

**RAIN AND SHINE:** Umbrellas protected spectators against both showers and sun and added even more color to the usual array of balloons and fanciful accessories at the University’s 129th Commencement May 20. For Gina Grad, c’01, Overland Park, and Alison Preston, c’01, sombreros made a statement; for Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway, his signature straw hat complemented the traditional ceremonial collar. As always, the event was a family affair: Adrian Franks, e’01, Alexandria, Va., celebrated his walk with his niece, Maya Garcia.
### Football

**SEPTEMBER**
- 1 Southwest Missouri State
- 8 UCLA (Parents’ Day)
- 15 Wyoming (Band Day)
- 22 at Colorado

**OCTOBER**
- 6 at Texas Tech
- 13 Oklahoma (Homecoming)
- 20 Missouri
- 27 at Kansas State

**NOVEMBER**
- 3 Nebraska
- 10 at Texas
- 17 Iowa State

### Soccer

**AUGUST**
- 19 Southwest Missouri State (exhibition)
- 25 Busch Soccer Club (exhibition)
- 31 North Texas

**SEPTEMBER**
- 2 Illinois
- 7 vs. Nevada-Las Vegas at San Diego State Invitational
- 9 vs. San Diego State at San Diego State Invitational
- 14 St. Louis
- 16 Drury
- 21 vs. Florida State at FSU Tournament
- 23 vs. Central Florida at FSU Tournament
- 28 Oklahoma
- 30 at Oklahoma State

### Volleyball

**AUGUST**
- 25 Alumni game
- 31 vs. Providence College at Charlotte, N.C., Tournament

**SEPTEMBER**
- 1 at Charlotte, N.C., Tournament
- 5 Wichita State
- 7 vs. Georgia Southern and Montana, Hampton Inn/Jayhawk Classic
- 8 vs. Portland, Hampton Inn/ Jayhawk Classic
- 12 Missouri
- 15 at Baylor
- 17 at Missouri-Kansas City
- 19 Iowa State
- 22 at Oklahoma
- 26 at Texas
- 29 Colorado
Java Jones

Granted, Joseph R. Pearson Hall’s transformation from drafty dorm to whiz-bang classroom building is impressive, but that hasn’t stopped education students from finding at least one nit to pick with their new home’s vaunted technology: The food stand, which opened in January serving Tazo tea, Starbucks coffee and every Coke product known to man, lacked some crucial gear.

“They wish we had cappuccinos and lattes,” a food stand employee reported soon after the grand opening, “but there’s not enough room for a machine.”

By spring, discriminating caffeine fiends got their wish. Sort of. While the stand’s managers didn’t find room for a real espresso maker, they did install a machine that dispenses frothy java drinks in two flavors (English Toffee and French Vanilla) using a powdered mix. Though the steamy beverage resembles the continental coffee in question, the compromise has not been entirely satisfactory. “Most people complain about the high sugar content,” says one employee.

Yes, life can be too sweet.

Rockchalk Jayhawk, giddyup KU

The fastest Jayhawk ever? Nope, it’s not Jim Ryun. Nor would it be Glenn Cunningham, Billy Mills, Nolan Cromwell or Gale Sayers. Our fleetest friend of the feather is a chestnut thoroughbred with a dashing name: Rockchalk Jayhawk.

True to his heritage, Rockchalk Jayhawk is a champion. He won the $133,450 Remington Park Futurity as a 2-year-old last November, boosting his record to three wins, a second and a third in five starts. He hasn’t hit quite the same stride this spring, running third in his 3-year-old debut at Lone Star Park in Texas, then finishing out of the money in a $200,000 stakes race, but Stan Wilson, of Coffeyville, who owns “Rock” with his wife, Corrina, is confident the colt will soon be back in the winner’s circle. The marvelously monikered miler has spirit.

“Boy, he fits that name, that’s for sure,” Wilson says. “He’s a handful. He’s just got more energy ... He can go forever.”

The Wilsons say they chose the name to encourage their son, Clark, b’01, in his own blossoming interest in racing. Clark, the first member of his family to attend KU, concedes the ploy worked.

One sure wager; though, is that when Rockchalk Jayhawk retires to stallion duty, future runners named in honor of their daddy will carry on the proud tradition. Wouldn’t a four-legged Baby Jay look splendid draped in a blanket of roses?

Stairwell to heaven

What’s the rush? Slow down. Pause and ponder the Wakarusa Valley, or anything else in need of inspection.

That’s our take on the gentle commentary offered by a small plaque affixed to a stairwell window in Stauffer-Flint Hall: “View From The Landing On Loan.”

The almost-anonymous faculty member responsible for the ethereal lesson reminds us all to appreciate our delicate Mount Oread blessings—including wise teachers who don’t end their lessons when they leave the classroom.
Perfect game

Like a hitter waiting on a fastball, Courtney Wright knew her pitch would come. Wright, the shortstop and leading slugger for the women’s softball team, was raking the field after a heartbreaking, 2-1 loss to defending national champ Oklahoma in April when longtime boyfriend Mike Castoro requested a conference at home plate.

There he threw her a curve by dropping to one knee, unpocketing a ring and popping the question.

The Tucson, Ariz., junior fielded the pop-up proposal like a pro: She buried her head in Castoro’s shoulder, started crying and said yes.

“I knew it was going to come, but I was surprised it came then,” Wright says of getting her diamond on the diamond. “It was the perfect place, but I think anywhere he asked would have been perfect.”

Castoro, a Tucson firefighter, traveled to Lawrence with only the sketchiest of game plans. “I knew I would do it; I just didn’t know how,” he says. “When I found out they were playing, it kind of popped into my head. I wanted to keep it on the field, because softball is such an important part of her life. Everything timed out perfect, just as I imagined it.”

One last byline

During a 50-year career that started in 1945, while he was studying journalism at KU, esteemed reporter and columnist Ray Morgan Jr. covered every Kansas governor in the latter half of the 20th century, reported on 30 legislative sessions and chronicled Bob Dole’s rise from county attorney to U.S. senator. In February the 78-year-old journalist died of complications from asthma, but not before filing one last dispatch for his old newspaper, the Kansas City Star. Morgan, ’46, entered KU Medical Center on Friday, Feb. 18, wrote his own obituary Saturday and died peacefully in his sleep Tuesday.

“Classic Dad,” says Scott Morgan, ’79, one of five Morgan children who followed their father’s lead by attending J-school on the Hill. “He wrote his own obituary to make sure everything got in.”

Known for his love of circuses (and his penchant for celebrating every holiday on the calendar) as much as for his passion for politics, Morgan had plenty to report. His summing-up ran nearly 200 lines.

“Dad always needed an editor, and this was no exception,” says Morgan, who recalls that in childhood the day’s “significant moment” came at the breakfast table. “For Ray, there was no hiding his emotions. When he’d pick up the morning paper to see what a copy editor had done to his story, we’d shudder.”

Was it with some trepidation, then, that Scott and his siblings trimmed their father’s final story?

“We figured for once he wouldn’t have anything to say about it,” Morgan says. “At least not presently—maybe on down the road he will.”

Prof presents petrified parts

Many professors claim they pour heart and soul into their teaching, but only one can rightly say he’s given his gallstone.

Don Steeples, Dean A. McGee distinguished professor of applied geophysics, in late April had his gallbladder removed. That’s when surgeons discovered a geologist’s pearl: a peach-pit-sized rock of cholesterol and calcium. When he saw Steeples’ stone, Roger Kaesler, a professor of geology blessed with a bilious sense of humor, didn’t hesitate to feature the “pseudo-rock” in his Rock of the Week display case in Lindley Hall.

Kaesler has also featured kidney and bladder stones, proving that geology is, in fact, a painful body of knowledge. And by having the gall to exhibit surgical discards, Kaesler and Steeples demonstrate yet again that geology professors will leave no stone unturned in their quest to motivate the next generation of rock hunters.
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To serve and promote

Alumna and Kansas City native Janet Murguia comes home to lead the University’s public relations efforts

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Her abilities as a strategist and a manager are nothing less than superb.”

As President Clinton’s director of legislative affairs, Murguia served as the chief liaison between the White House and Congress. She advised the president on strategy and legislation and managed a staff of 25 from her office in the West Wing. As deputy director of the Gore-Lieberman campaign, Murguia served as campaign spokesperson, handling interviews with radio, print and TV media outlets. She also directed constituency outreach, serving as the primary liaison between Gore and national interest groups.

At KU, Murguia completed a bachelor’s degree in journalism in addition to degrees in Spanish and law.
The state’s political leaders have been unanimous in their enthusiasm for the appointment: Gov. Bill Graves, Sen. Pat Roberts and Sen. Sam Brownback all praised Murguia and the restructuring, which creates a new executive vice chancellor position on the same organizational level as the provost of the Lawrence campus and the executive vice chancellor of KU Medical Center. That approach to managing the University’s public image was first suggested in 1996 by a task force on re-engineering the University.

Murguia grew up in Kansas City, Kan., as one of seven children. (Two siblings, her brother Carlos Murguia, j’79, l’82, and her twin sister, Mary Murguia, j’82, c’82, 185, are the nation’s first brother-sister duo to become federal judges.) She said she is “especially happy” to be returning home. “I believe strongly in the mission of higher education, and I am very excited about the opportunity to serve and promote a nationally known institution like KU.”

Cross-country trek honors grad killed by drunk driver

On Aug. 4, 2000, just 10 days before he was to begin studying at the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago, Casey Beaver helped boyhood friend and former roommate Bobby Nichols move into a house near Memorial Stadium. Then Beaver, c’99, headed off with two other KU friends to float the Elk River in southwestern Missouri.

They never made it. As Beaver drove south on U.S. Highway 71 near Neosho, Mo., Vencen Gilmete, a local man cited at least six times for drunk driving, sped north in Beaver’s lane, sideswiping a van and running two cars off the road before colliding with Beaver. Both drivers were killed. Beaver’s passengers, John Paul Greenwood, c’99, and Kahn Dulohery, j’00, were injured.

Gilmete’s multiple convictions had earned him a five-year prison sentence in 1999, but he spent less than six months in jail. At the time of the crash, he was serving the remainder of his five-year sentence on probation. His license was revoked until 2009. None of that kept him from getting behind the wheel that night, when, according to Beaver’s family, Gilmete’s blood alcohol level was .268, nearly three times the legal threshold for intoxication.

“You try to imagine why someone like that is even free, let alone on the road,” says Nichols, who declined Beaver’s invitation to join the trip because of a prior engagement. “It hurts even more to know the problem could have been eradicated long ago. There are good laws out there that need to be enforced. I mean, how many chances do you get?”

Now Nichols, c’01, and another childhood friend of Beaver’s, David Dearth, Parsons senior, are making a trip of their own to honor their friend’s memory. The two are bicycling from Eugene, Ore., to

BIKE MESSENGERS: David Dearth and Bobby Nichols are bicycling cross-country to raise awareness about the tragic consequences of drunk driving. Their KU roommate, Casey Beaver, was killed by a drunk driver on Aug. 4, 2000.

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REPORT CARD
NEW LIFE SPAN LEADER

STEVE WARREN, a researcher and educator in early childhood development, will become director of the Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies Aug. 1.

Warren, c’74, g’75, PhD’77, is a national leader in developmental disabilities; in June he started a yearlong term as president of the American Association on Mental Retardation. He came to KU from Vanderbilt University in 1999 to direct the institute’s Mental Retardation Research Center. He will continue that role when he begins his new job.

The Life Span Institute conducts research, service and training programs that take an interdisciplinary approach to human developmental problems. Last year it generated $14.4 million in research income, more than any other KU center or institute.

“My two predecessors, Dick Schiefelbusch and Steve Schroeder, have built an exceptional organization and I am steward of that,” says Warren. While he will continue Life Span’s traditional mission, he also sees the growing collaboration among researchers in the social and life sciences as a golden opportunity for the institute, which routinely links scientists from diverse fields. He plans to emphasize the institute’s strength in bio-behavioral research and development.

“The future of human developmental research is in the marriage of biology and behavior,” he says. “We have a good chance to be a major player and make a big-time contribution in that area.”
Washington, D.C., to raise awareness of the tragic consequences of drinking and driving. They will speak at rallies organized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving in large cities on their route, and to anyone who will listen in the many small towns along the way. “When people hear Casey’s story, they ask why this has to happen,” says Dearth. “I want to tell them it doesn’t have to, that we can change this. We can live in a time when there’s no drinking and driving.”

The three friends, who grew up playing baseball in Parsons and renewed their friendships at KU, had planned to take a bicycle trip together when they finished college. Now the trip has become a memorial with a higher purpose: To remind people that drunk driving takes a human toll. “We want to show that Casey was not a statistic, that he was a human being with a bright future, a bright young man who was going to optometry school, had a girlfriend, liked to play baseball,” Nichols says. Adds Dearth, “We’re trying to make something positive out of something negative.”

Casey’s parents, Dennis and Linda Beaver, this year lobbied the Kansas Legislature for more stringent drunk driving laws; they hope the bicycle tour will help rally national support for Casey’s Law, a vehicle immobilization law designed to make it harder for people with multiple DWIs to keep driving after their licenses have been revoked. The Beavers have asked Nichols and Dearth to encourage local communities to adopt the law and work for better enforcement of existing penalties. They also plan to attend the pair’s final stop, at the White House, July 9. There they hope to outline Casey’s Law for President Bush. “Simply taking a drunk driver’s license does absolutely nothing,” says Dennis Beaver. “If we get the vehicle out of their hands, I think we have a lot better chance of accomplishing something.”

The bicyclists raised $16,000 for their trip through private donations, and local and national retailers have chipped in to donate bikes, equipment, food and a support van that will accompany the pair. All leftover funds will be donated to MADD. The Beavers hope that by spreading the word about their son, Nichols and Dearth will help save lives. “We’re hoping that when someone gets in their car after they’ve been drinking, they’ll remember Casey’s story and they won’t make that fatal decision to drive,” says Dennis Beaver. “If we help just one family it’s worth it.”

Nichols agrees. “We’re just going to come through and speak from our hearts,” he says. “We’re not trying to lecture them, we’re trying to challenge them: ‘Hey, this is something you can choose not to do.’ If one kid listens, then we’ve accomplished something.”
ROCK CHALK REVIEW
MILESTONES, MONEY AND OTHER MATTERS

• WHEN THE LONGEST WRAP-UP SESSION in history was gavelled to a close May 8, the Legislature delivered better-than-expected funding news to the state’s six Regents universities. Despite a projected $206 million shortfall in state revenues, KU earned a 4.02 percent budget increase for fiscal 2002. Lawmakers preserved a promised a 6 percent faculty pay raise and restored cuts to the University’s base budget earlier proposed by Gov. Bill Graves to help fund the salary hike. The popular two-for-one technology fee, given up for dead more than once during the contentious session, survived with reduced state support. Instead of matching every $1 collected from student technology fees with $2, the state will now contribute a straight dollar-for-dollar match. “On balance, I believe higher education fared well,” Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway said. “I was pleased to see the governor and the leadership of both the House and Senate join together to invest in KU and higher education.”

• A $5.35 MILLION NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH GRANT will support research in reproductive biology at KU Medical Center, underwriting four research projects at the Center for Reproductive Sciences. This is the second five-year grant for the center, which was founded with a $2 million NIH grant in 1996 to conduct research relating to fertility, pregnancy and cancer of the reproductive organs.

• THREE ART STUDENTS RECEIVED COMMENDATIONS from the University for their courageous attempt to rescue a man from the Kansas River in April. Andrew Baumann, Adrian, Mo., sophomore; Nick Erker, Wellington freshman; and Jason Hoffman, Vassar sophomore, were sketching near the Bowersock dam with classmates in “Introduction to Drawing” when a surge of water from the dam tumbled fisherman George Weber into the river. Hoffman swam to Weber and returned him to shore, with Erker’s help. Erker and Hoffman performed CPR until emergency crews arrived. Weber was resuscitated but died later that night at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

• THE WILLIAM T. KEMPER FOUNDATION PLEDGED $690,000 to support five KU programs: $300,000 will buy computers and other electronic equipment for the recently opened Theo and Alfred M. Landon Center on Aging at KU Medical Center; $250,000 will renew for five years the William T. Kemper Fellowships for Teaching Excellence. The School of Business Multicultural Scholars Program, the Hall Center for the Humanities and the Spencer Museum of Art will share the remaining funds.

• THE FIFTH ANNUAL WHEAT STATE WHIRLWIND introduced 43 faculty and staff to more than 20 Kansas communities in May. Stops included the Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant in Burlington and the Kansas Oil Museum. “We're focusing on resources in Kansas this year,” said Linda Robinson, tour director. “We try to visit with people in sites that may not be typical tour stops, but that do give us a picture of the state’s rich heritage and diversity.”

• THE SELF FACULTY SCHOLARS for 2001-’04 are Kenneth R. Peterson, associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, and Teruna J. Siahaan, associate professor of pharmaceutical chemistry. Each will receive $50,000 annually for three years to finance their research.

REPORT STUDENT REMEMBERED

At the Commencement ceremony where SHANNON MARTIN had planned to celebrate the completion of a distinguished undergraduate career, the Topeka senior was instead remembered with a moment of silence as her picture appeared briefly on Memorial Stadium’s video screen. Martin, set to graduate May 20 with honors in biodiversity, ecology and evolutionary biology, was murdered a week earlier while on a research trip to Golfito, Costa Rica. She was 23.

Martin had finished her final exams in time to schedule a weeklong trip to Costa Rica to collect fern samples for a research study she hoped to publish. She was stabbed while walking home from a discotheque near her host family’s home.

One of about 45 KU students who studied in Golfito last year as part of KU’s study-abroad program, Martin was researching photosynthesis in a little-studied fern, a promising line of inquiry that marked her as “a rising star” in evolutionary biology, according to Professor Craig Martin, her adviser.

While Martin was not enrolled in the study-abroad program at the time of her visit, her death—the first homicide of a student on University business—raised questions about the safety of KU’s Golfito program, begun in 1992. University officials promised a full review of KU’s study-abroad operation there, while also announcing that the upcoming summer program would continue as planned.
A big hit

Despite dire predictions, softball team rallies behind a new pitcher, revitalized hitting and unwavering belief

Sure, preseason predictions that the KU softball team would finish near the bottom of the Big 12 stung. But coach Tracy Bunge admits that even she had no sense of what she might see in 2001. Not only did her Jayhawks have a disappointing season in 2000, going 5-13 in the conference and 30-32 overall, but they lost their top two pitchers.

"Honestly, I don’t think I had any expectations for the year," says Bunge, ’87. "We feared we didn’t have enough pitching. That was the big question. I was optimistic, but we really didn’t know. I also knew we were better batters than we had shown last year, and they would benefit from another year, but again, you never know for sure."

But Bunge and assistant coaches Julie Wright and Aaron Clopton, d’00, didn’t let on about their doubts, and were rewarded with a memorable season. The softball team proved to be the most pleasant surprise of KU’s spring sports season, finishing tied for third in the Big 12 with a 10-8 conference record, and 32-27 overall. And KU only narrowly missed out on an invite to the NCAA Tournament.

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but had good movement. And with the college pitching rubber 3 feet farther from the plate, she might flourish.

Bunge's insight was perfect.

"Kara always had a good drop ball," Bunge says, "but with that extra 3 feet, it drops off the table. And her rise ball rises above the batter. There's a lot of things you can teach, but you can't teach good ball movement. Kara has that."

KU loses only one senior, outfielder Erin Garvey, who had her best season. She hit .308 and played every game.

"Erin saw a real need for someone to step up and say, 'Follow me.' She did that, and they listened," Bunge says. "This team had great chemistry. It was so much fun, and it can be even better. Third place is probably as good as we could have hoped for this year. Third place isn't going to be good enough next year."

Allen hopes changes in players, coaches add to lore of memorable upsets

Center Mike Wellman, captain of the 1978 KU football team, had just tasted one of the biggest victories of his college career: Kansas 28, UCLA 24.

What impressed Wellman even more than the score, though, was the crowd in Memorial Stadium, a lively 35,362.

"Hey, I wish you'd say something about the crowd support," Wellman told the Lawrence Journal-World after the Sept. 28, 1978, upset of the No. 8-ranked Bruins. "It was very, very inspiring. The crowd was a big factor. It was a great lift for the team."

Twenty-three years later, UCLA, and KU's home football crowds, are on Wellman's mind again.

Wellman, c'86, the Association's director of special projects and Adams Alumni Center facility manager, now has his eye on Sept. 8. That's when UCLA returns to Lawrence for the first time since KU's biggest (and only) victory of 1978.

"You know, I look at that kind of game," Wellman says, "and I see it as proof that anybody can be beaten by anybody on any given Saturday. It was an exciting game. A good game. We hit hard, made big plays, stuffed 'em when we had to. That was a great day for us, and our home crowd was a big part of that."

When the Bruins return this season, they'll be facing a new-look KU team that could be unexpectedly tough.

The first question for coach Terry Allen to answer during fall practice: Who will be the starting quarterback?

Moments after the final scrimmage of spring practice, Allen said sophomore
PITCHER PETE SMART and volleyball outside hitter Amy Myatt were named the senior scholar-athletes of the year.

Smart, a 6-7 left-hander, was 9-4 for the baseball team while pursuing his master's in business administration with a 3.62 GPA. He was twice named Big 12 pitcher of the week and signed a professional contract with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Smart, b'00, reported to his Class A assignment in Beloit, Wis., the day after Commencement. He finished his career ranked in the top 10 in all-time Kansas career victories, strikeouts and innings pitched.

Myatt, d'01, a four-year letterwinner, had a 3.82 GPA. She set the school record last season by averaging 4.57 kills a game, and was the first player in school history to record more than 400 kills in back-to-back seasons.

KU BASEBALL had another disappointing season at 26-30, but found hope for next season by finishing on a five-game winning streak. KU beat Texas-Pan American, 6-4, to win seven of its last eight games.

"It was a tough win because of all the emotion," coach Bobby Randall said, "and it was a good way to finish off the season."

Shortstop John Nelson, who had 31 steals, was drafted in the eighth round by the St. Louis Cardinals. Pitcher Doug Lantz was taken in the 14th round by the Cleveland Indians and catcher Brent Del Chiaro was taken in the 41st round by the Anaheim Angels. Four of KU's signees were also drafted. Smart signed before the baseball draft.

Zach Dyer had gained a slight edge on redshirt freshman Mario Kinsey. "Mario has the strongest arm in the group," Allen says. "He just has to have a little more experience. He maybe tries to make too many things happen."

Whether Dyer or Kinsey wins the job, or there's a surprising challenger such as redshirt freshman Kevin Long, Allen said spring drills eased his concerns about replacing Dylan Smith.

"The success of our football team correlates to the success we have at quarterback," Allen says. "And there is definitely hope at the quarterback position."

The receivers are KU's strength: Harrison Hill, Termaine Fulton, Roger Ross, Byron Gasaway, J.T. Thompson and Derik Mills combined for 107 receptions and 1,545 yards last season. Sophomore Reggie Duncan will replace David Wimbush as the featured running back, and he has displayed flashes of talent that make him an exciting prospect.

Like the quarterback position, though, there is much to be decided on special teams and defense.

The kicking game, though troubled throughout last season, lost the starting kicker and punter. Redshirt freshman Chris Tyrrell is the current favorite to punt, and as many as four newcomers will compete for the kicking job.

The defense returns plenty of stars—including tackle Nate Dwyer, linebackers Algie Atkinson and Marcus Rogers, and cornerback Quincy Roe, but new defensive coordinator and assistant head coach Tom Hayes promises many changes. Not only are some newcomers going to challenge returning starters at some positions, but Hayes also instituted a new scheme with four down linemen and three linebackers, called the "43." "We've come a long way since day one," Hayes said after spring practice. "The overall intensity was really good. But are we there yet? I don't think so."

Seven new assistant coaches joined Allen's staff, including Hayes, Rip Scherer (running backs, co-offensive coordinator), Sam Pittman (offensive line), Clarence James (wide receivers), Clint Bowen, d'96, (tight ends), Travis Jones (defensive line) and Johnny Barr (linebackers). The only two assistants returning from last season are quarterbacks coach Jay Johnson and Tim Burke, who moves from the secondary to coaching defensive ends. And even Allen's role is changing, as he promises call his own plays as he did during his successful tenure at Northern Iowa.

Though UCLA looms Sept. 8, the Jayhawks will focus on Sept. 1, when they host Southwest Missouri State. It is certain that last year's season-opening loss to Southern Methodist, which set the tone for a frustrating season, will not be forgotten.

"To lose [to SMU] the way we did kind of set us up for failure," Allen says. "I think there's a sense of urgency out there for all of us. Going through four losing seasons, there's definitely a sense of urgency, for coaches and players."

Should KU get past Southwest Missouri, the UCLA game could be a thriller. And Wellman won't be alone in hoping that fans contribute to a spirited environment, just as they did on that memorable September afternoon 23 years ago.

"I'm hoping we put it to them like we did back then," Wellman says. "We need some big wins this year, and a good crowd absolutely helps the players achieve that. No doubt the crowd was a big part of it last time we beat UCLA here."

Hall of Fame coach Miller remembered as final link to basketball's origins

Ralph Miller, d'42, a two-sport KU star who went on to become a Hall of Fame college basketball coach, died May 15 at his Black Butte Ranch, Ore., home. He was 82.

Hailed by the New York Times as "one of the final active links between college basketball and its roots," Miller played for coach Forrest C. "Phog" Allen in the late 1930s and early '40s, lettering three times...
and serving as a starter on the 1940 NCAA Tournament runner-up team. A dedicated student of the game, he was known to discuss strategy with James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, when the retired professor visited the athletics department.

Miller also lettered three times in football, where he started three seasons at quarterback.

Miller began his coaching career at Wichita East High School, and in 1951 launched his long college career at Wichita State. He became head coach at Iowa in 1964, and moved on to Oregon State in 1970. He retired in 1989 with the Pac 10 Conference championships and made eight trips to the NCAA Tournament. His 1981 Oregon State team was ranked No. 1 for nine weeks.

In all, Miller coached five teams that reached the top 10; won titles in the Missouri Valley Conference, the Big 10 and Pac 10; went to the NCAA Tournament nine times and to the National Invitational Tournament six times. He was voted national Coach of the Year in 1981 and 1982.

“He was really a good guy,” recalled George Wine, Iowa’s sports information director during Miller’s last two years at the school. “He loved to play bridge, he loved to play golf. He loved to drink scotch and talk basketball. He had an open-door policy. You could walk in off the street and talk to him as long as you talked basketball. Of course, he did most of the talking.”

Interviewed toward the end of his coaching career, Miller said, “There really hasn’t been time to become nostalgic, but I suppose it will be the end of an era. I’m the oldest guy still coaching among a group of us who went to college in the ’30s, when the game of basketball as we know it today evolved.

“If I had to sum up my career, I’d say I was a pretty good teacher. It was more enjoyable years ago because there was a purity to the game.”

The Chanute native starred in high school athletics, too, earning 12 letters in five sports at Chanute High School. “Anytime conversations turn to the greatest high school athlete in Kansas history, you have to include Ralph Miller,” said Bill Mayer, ’49, contributing editor for the Lawrence Journal-World. “He was brilliant in football, basketball, tennis, golf and was a tremendous track performer.

“He was a widely admired and respected individual as a family man and citizen. When they talk about ‘the greatest’ in this or that, Ralph Miller’s name leaps to the fore in many categories.”

—Steven Hill
A readable feast

Thomas Fox Averill’s bold, spicy first novel affectionately details the lives, loves and meals of a boy and his quirky Kansas City clan.

The Hopi Indians so revered the chile pepper that they incorporated it into their kachina rituals, in which masked dancers who embody the spirits of mythical ancestors dance or challenge bystanders to footraces. “The tsil kachina,” writes Thomas Fox Averill, c’71, g’74, in his first novel, *The Secrets of the Tsil Café*, “is the one who stuffs red pepper in the mouths of runners overtaken in a race.”

For Wes Hingler, the hero of Averill’s pungent coming-of-age tale, the tsil kachina also seems the perfect totem for his father, Robert Hingler, a visionary, uncompromising cook “who loved spice and heat, and gladly stuffed peppers into the mouths of son, wife, family, and customers.”

Growing up in the kitchen of the Tsil Café, his father’s Kansas City restaurant, Wes watches and learns as Robert cooks with the unyielding zeal of a purist, using only new-world ingredients—those found in the Americas when Columbus arrived—cooked in the spicy style of his native New Mexico.

Upstairs, in the family kitchen, Wes’ mother, Maria Tito Hingler, runs her catering business, Buen AppeTito. While Robert obeys his own unconventional standards, expecting diners to adapt or else, Maria prides herself on delivering traditional Italian fare prepared exactly as customers want it.

Food is a uniting passion for Robert and Maria, but their contrasting culinary styles highlight the tensions in the household: new world vs. old, heat vs. warmth, rigorous idealism vs. generous adaptability. As Wes grows up buffeted by his parents’ passions—for food, for each other and, he increasingly discovers, for others—he struggles to carve some private space for himself under the perpetual gaze of employees, customers and visiting relatives. As he begins to unravel the secrets of the Tsil Café (which aren’t restricted entirely to ingredients and culinary techniques), Wes works hard to keep a few secrets himself, running his own race to establish an identity outside the long shadow of his volatile father.

Averill’s eventful plot follows the basic recipe for coming-of-age novels: Boy with quirky parents rebels against unconventional upbringing, then realizes he’s stronger because of it. But Averill spices this old stew by investing food with a rich cultural context rarely found in fiction. Food is the common currency by which his characters honor their cultural heritage and build their social identity. They use it to establish masculinity, woo lovers, and nurture children. Food tears them apart and draws them back together.

The novel’s sumptuously detailed fictive world is built from the mouthwatering tastes and smells its abundantly recounted meals evoke. The Tsil Café menu and accompanying recipes, detailing the preparation of exotic new-world ingredients such as quinoa, gooseberries, bison tongue and marigold honey, are poems in themselves.

That may ultimately be the most memorable aspect of *The Secrets of the Tsil Café*: This bold feast of a book, a treat for adventurous readers and adventurous eaters alike, leaves one hungry and wishing that such a place as the Tsil really existed on 39th Street in Kansas City, rather than only in the superbly drawn fictional world of Thomas Fox Averill.

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Excerpt from *Secrets of the Tsil Café*

The Habanero, a two-inch Chinese lantern, shines orange in the garden, a little bell that clangs in the mouth and vibrates the skull. In late summer and fall, my father kept a basket of home-grown habaneros on the bar of the Tsil Café. ...

“How hot?” the uninitiated might ask.

“Not very,” he’d say, and he’d pluck one from the basket, hold it by the stem above his head, and lower it to his mouth. “How sweet it is,” he’d say, and bite off the bottom.

He never suffered from this macho display, or he never let a customer see his pain. His eyes would light up, his lips part in a smile, and he’d hand the habanero over. “Go ahead,” he’d say, “the next bite is yours.”

The guy might take it, the second third of it or so, and begin to chew, hesitate as the searing heat burned from tongue to throat. Finally, his sinuses would catch fire, and his nose might run. Some sneezed in uncontrollable fits. Some spat the habanero on the bar. Some gasped for water, the semi-aficionados begged for salt. But all of them, and everyone watching, would slap my father on the back in admiration. In those moments, he forgot his irritation. He was the tsil hero.
For argument’s sake
A legislative scholar studies whether true deliberation suffers amid partisan posturing in the U.S. Senate

Bicker, bicker, bicker. To most Americans, that’s precisely what most politicians do most of the time. Especially in legislative bodies, whether in Topeka, St. Paul or Washington, D.C. To be fair, a lot of so-called partisan bickering does occur, and in our C-SPAN society, we can observe it almost any hour of the day or night. We yearn for some “golden age” of good will, when a few bipartisan belts of bourbon in the evening set right what might have been said in the heat of battle a few hours earlier.

To be sure, Senate leaders Lyndon Johnson (D-Texas) and Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) knocked back more than an occasional bourbon and branch water in the U.S. Senate of the 1950s, then the most exclusive men’s club in the country. For all its surface civility, the Senate was often ill-suited for representation or deliberation, given its dominance by the legendary Conservative Coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats.

The Senate is unique in American politics. In a system that requires majorities to overcome many obstacles to work their will, the Senate is indisputably the least majoritarian, least representative legislative body (state or national) in the United States. All other bodies must conform to the principle of “one-person, one vote.” But the Constitution dictates that each state—whether Wyoming or California—is entitled to two senators.

In recent years, neither Republicans nor Democrats have held large enough majorities to halt “extended debate” (filibusters) or to overcome a process that works systematically to thwart the actions of a firm, if narrow, majority. Despite its self-proclaimed status as “the world’s greatest deliberative body,” the Senate often looks anything but. Senators feel free to obstruct the process and play hardball as they posture on principle, while clinging to self-interest. Such conduct led the Pew Charitable Trusts to ask me to address the question of how civility (or its absence) affects the Senate in an era of growing partisanship and continuing divided government.

Helped immensely by Kansas senators Sam Brownback, R-83, and Pat Roberts, as well as former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, ‘45, I worked through KU’s Dole Institute for Public Service and Policy to assemble a topflight conference in July 1999 in Washington. Mixing leading Senate scholars with veteran Capitol Hill staffers, the conference explored the importance of civility, especially as it shaped the Senate’s ability to deliberate effectively.

In January 2001, Esteemed Colleagues: Civility and Deliberation in the U.S. Senate (Brookings Press) revealed the scholars’ conclusion: Civility, although important and useful for any legislature, scarcely determines whether productive deliberation occurs. Likewise, the Senate’s capacity to represent concerns of small states and minority interests may be as much a problem as a virtue. In sum, civility is not an end in itself.

Highly contentious legislatures, such as the British House of Commons, can be most effective. But the U.S. Senate, even with elevated levels of partisan voting, finds it difficult to combine contentiousness with deliberation. Given the replacement of deliberative centrists like John Chafee (R-R.I.) by deal-making centrists like John Breaux (D-La.), the Senate sends the message that deliberation born of civility is less possible than political compromise among position-takers, which requires only a minimum of civil discussion. Indeed, staffers do much of the heavy lifting after the principals have agreed on the core elements of the deal. Ironically, such deal-making in an open, televised era does little to build trust in an already distrusted Congress.

Two other contemporary culprits share blame: First is the enhanced ideological extremism of both parties in Congress. Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott is no Newt Gingrich, but many senators and representatives act in similar, highly partisan, ways. At the same time, high levels of individualism encourage legislators to press their own positions.

Even more important than partisanship and individualism however, is a lack of trust—both within the society and on Capitol Hill. In a society that incarcerates more and more of its citizens, encourages litigation for resolving disputes, and builds increasing numbers of gated communities, there is little sense that trust will grow much stronger.

As Walt Kelley, the creator of the Pogo comic strip put it, “We have met the enemy, and it is us.” As a representative body of a diverse and divided nation, the Senate reflects the strains in society, and creating trust requires more than a few sips of bourbon and branch water.

—Loomis, professor of political science, is working on his forthcoming book, The Industry of Politics.
Anticipation wafted through the air as crowds hugged balconies four stories high in the School of Nursing’s sparkling atrium. Neon red, blue and gold balloons danced as a jazz combo grooved and University leaders grinned, eager to announce momentous news. Equally eager to hear the scoop were hundreds of KU Medical Center faculty and staff, some in hospital scrubs and booties.

Finally, just after 2 p.m. June 19, amid fanfare befitting a historic moment, Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway and Donald J. Hall, chairman of the Hall Family Foundation and Hallmark Cards Inc., announced the foundation’s record-setting $42 million commitment to the University. The five-year grant is the largest private gift in the history of Kansas higher education and the most generous bestowed by the foundation, one of Kansas City’s most trusted benefactors and a longtime KU donor.

Programs on three KU campuses will benefit from the record gift (see sidebar):

—$29.5 million for the life sciences, $27 million of which will fund a new research building at KU Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan;

—$7 million for the humanities, including $3 million to remodel the existing Hall Center for the Humanities or to construct a new home for the center;

—$5 million toward a new building at KU’s Edwards Campus in Overland Park, the first phase of expansion on the growing suburban campus;

—$500,000 to the School of Business to establish a professorship in honor of Professor Emeritus O. Maurice Joy.

The gift’s jaw-dropping size encourages leaders of KU’s upcoming fund-raising campaign, to be announced this fall. Forrest Hoglund, e’56, former Jayhawk third baseman who is now an energy industry leader and chair of the KU campaign, clearly had his eye on numbers as he presided over the Hall ceremony.
Recalling the then-record $7 million pledge he and his wife, Sally Roney Hoglund, c’56, made to the Medical Center late last year, Hoglund teased the assembled faithful as he began the program. “Being an old baseball player, I know that records are made to be broken,” he said.

But Hoglund also marveled at the breadth of the Hall foundation’s pledge, hailing it as a “Renaissance gift” that would change the University.

Hemenway, clearly heartened by such a resounding endorsement of KU and its role as Kansas City’s research university, said the gift “makes us humble and reminds us what we’re doing. This is not just about receiving and spending money. It affirms the value of what the University does. It touches so many areas of our work to make lives better.

“This serves as a challenge to us to continue to serve the people of Kansas and the people of Kansas City.”

In accepting KU’s thanks and praise, Don Hall returned the compliments, recalling the leadership of past chancellors and the foundation’s long relationship with KU (see sidebar). “Since the days of Franklin Murphy and Clarke Wescoe, KU chancellors have helped the Hall Family Foundation understand the importance of higher education to our community and this region,” he said. The decision to support research in the life sciences as well as broad programs across the humanities, he said, evidenced the foundation’s belief that “the knowledge to fulfill the basic needs of the future must be provided by higher education. We applaud Bob Hemenway and the University’s commitment toward this goal.”

The foundation’s private gift also triggers public support—a partnership lauded by Clay Blair, b’65, EdD’69, chair of Kansas Board of Regents, who thanked the Hall foundation for providing professorships in the life sciences, humanities and business. Income from these endowed professorships, he explained, will be matched by the state through the Kansas Partnership for Faculty of Distinction program established in 2000 by the Kansas Legislature.

Thanking the foundation on behalf of the Medical Center was Executive Vice Chancellor Donald Hagen. As he gazed up to the staff members lining the balconies in the atrium, the former U.S. Navy surgeon general recalled ship decks full of cheering sailors. This moment was no less joyous, he said. He celebrated the Hall foundation’s vote of confidence in the
Medical Center by naming the many faculty members past and present whose landmark research in cancer, kidney disease, Parkinson’s disease, liver disease, AIDS, Alzheimer’s disease and many other areas had led to such an investment. After the ceremony, Hagen explained that he felt compelled to publicly thank faculty because of the philosophy that has guided him in his six years at the Medical Center’s helm. “People ask, ‘How will we do this? Where will the money come from?’ And I tell them, ‘It’s not about the money. It’s about the people. If you find the best people, the money will come.’”

David Shulenburger, provost of the Lawrence campus, echoed Hagen as he praised the foundation’s support for programs and professorships on the Lawrence campus, particularly the business professorship named for Maurice Joy. “The faculty who work for an institution make it great,” he said. “Maurice Joy is respected for his outstanding teaching ability and his years of service as a wise and trusted adviser.” Joy was the original and only recipient of the Joyce C. Hall Distinguished Professorship in Business, established in 1980 by the Hall Family Foundation.

Shulenburger also marveled at the “profound impact” of the Hall commitment to the Edwards Campus, which has grown to serve 2,100 students, mostly working professionals in the Kansas City area. The $5 million from the foundation will help build the first structure in a planned $71 million expansion toward the University’s goal of serving 6,000 students in Overland Park. “This gift will make the term ‘Edwards Campus’ more of a reality,” Shulenburger said.

As the ceremony drew to a close, before the jazz combo struck up again and the crowds returned to the tempting hors d’oeuvre tables, baseball stats man Hoglund urged the KU faithful to heed the Hall challenge and notch more big gifts in the record book. Clearly he intends to preside over more parties.

When they care enough

The Hall family and its foundation have long supported the University. Some of their gifts include:

- 1957: $180,000 to build the Hall Laboratory of Mammalian Genetics at Snow Hall
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- 1980: $374,000 for business professorships
- 1984: $500,000 for humanities professorships and libraries
- 1985: $3 million for humanities professorships and programs
- 1994: $150,000 toward the construction of the new Edwards Campus in Overland Park, formerly the KU Regents Center
- 1994 to 2000: $252,000 for programs in the Hall Center for the Humanities
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- 2001: $42 million for construction and programs to serve the life sciences and the arts on the Medical Center, Edwards and Lawrence campuses.
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NO ONE HAS EVER WON THREE TOP GRADUATE PRIZES—UNTIL NOW.
MEET MATT HAUG, ONE OF ACADEME’S BRIGHTEST RISING STARS.

Stories need tension. Bad guys and broken dreams usually do the trick, as do, say, treachery and tragedy, mixed or straight up. Lacking a strong opposing force, the trap from which our hero must emerge enlightened and triumphant, we face the peculiar challenges of a character piece, in which the hero himself is everything.

Which pretty much sums up Matt Haug. The hero. He has the boyishly lean frame of a young man who rides his bicycle everywhere and hasn’t developed a fondness for beer. He smiles easily, but his friendliness is not a silliness; much remains in reserve, which is also hinted at by a soft, whispered laugh that somehow says the humor or irony of the moment is both shared and private.

For the needs of our story, it’s good that Haug presents Paul Newman’s cool blue eyes and Gary Cooper’s easy physicality, because, despite the fact that he is unstained by the dark complications that would splendidly serve a dramatic structure, Matt Haug is going to carry the piece, and he’s not even going to emerge enlightened.

He arrived enlightened.

As for triumphant, he’s got that one licked, too.

This past spring, Topeka native Haug, c’00, c’00, completed an apparently unprecedented sweep of three of the country’s most important graduate fellowships—the Mellon and Javits fellowships in the humanities, and the National Science Foundation fellowship in science, worth a combined $213,500—and the triple thrill instantly launched him to academic stardom.

Haug not only bagged three of the biggest graduate-study prizes, his KU faculty mentors noted with glee, but he did it in both the humanities and the sciences.

“It’s the combination,” says Jack Bricke, professor of philosophy, “that’s so startling.”

Startling might be the word Haug would choose, too. Not for the accomplishment, but for the attention. As fame shoved its demanding, demeaning ways into his introspective life, the reluctant 23-year-old scrambled for cover.

He acted too late. Seems our unblemished hero would face some complications after all.

It was Aristotle who first outlined the framework of drama’s three-act formula, but therein lies our complication. Aristotle doesn’t make his entrance yet.

After walking down the Hill in May 2000, Haug, an honors graduate in both philosophy and mathematics, put off his natural transition to graduate school, for reasons romantic and realistic.

His girlfriend, Laurelin Evanhoe, c’01, herself an honors graduate in ecology and evolutionary biology, wasn’t scheduled to graduate until this past May, and they hoped they could pursue graduate studies together—or nearly so. “We were aiming,” Evanhoe says, “for the same coast.”

Haug also planned to apply for important graduate fellowships that would provide financial support and open doors. Applying for prestigious national fellowships takes time, effort and thought. Last fall, he applied for three: the Andrew W. Mellon Fellowships in Human-
By Chris Lazzarino

Photographs by Wally Emerson

In early March he found out he won the Javits, worth about $18,000 annually for four years, plus annual $10,000 payments to the graduate school of his choice.

Two weeks later, Haug was notified that he won the National Science Foundation Fellowship, equally as rich as the Javits, though good for three years instead of four.

Two weeks after that, the Mellon Fellowship, which pays a $17,500 stipend for nine months of study, gave the same reply: Yes.

Barbara Schowen, professor of chemistry and director of the KU Honors Program, says no KU student has ever won all three.

“And whether there’s ever been another student in the United States who fits the demands
of all three,” she says, “well, I would find that probably rather doubtful.”

Says Stan Lombardo, professor of classics and Haug’s mentor in the prestigious University Scholars program, “I have to say, he’s the best I’ve seen. No kidding.”

Cue Aristotle.

The Lawrence Journal-World on April 9 hailed Haug as “Aristotle-like” in a headline. The story elaborated: “... Haug, described by some as a sort of Aristotle and Isaac Newton combined, has won three of the nation’s most respected and sought-after fellowships.”

So who compared Matt Haug, bright as he is, to Aristotle and Newton? We don’t know. The newspaper’s reference was neither explained nor attributed, and nobody has fessed up. Too bad, too. The role of bad guy has yet to be cast.

“Matt didn’t remark on it, but I saw him get embarrassed,” says Bricke, who taught Haug in three courses, including a rigorous philosophy of mind seminar last spring. “He came into the seminar and somebody made some remark. It was something like, ‘Here comes Aristotle.’ You could see that he cringed.”

A recent New York Times Magazine article offered tips on “How to Raise a Genius.” Avoid calling the child a genius, for one thing, but parents also should not expect the child to be popular. “Combating social isolation,” the article stated, “may be the greatest challenge for raising exceptionally intelligent kids.”

Melissa Haug, Matt’s mother, says she never faced such unappealing tradeoffs with her only child. He didn’t learn to read particularly early, she says, and he was never a circus act. He played virtuoso piano before he could ride a skateboard and he didn’t whip chess grandmasters during recess. “He isn’t typical of what you might think of as an egghead kid,” she says. “He’s just so normal.”

It was Haug’s second-grade teacher who first suggested that he be placed in the gifted-student class.

“I know I loved that,” Haug says. “I don’t ever remember thinking, ‘Oh, wow, this is my big break.’ Of course, you’re not going to think something like that at that age, but I think I just sort of always grew up loving learning and loving the process. It was just sort of a given: This is what I have to do. This is who I am.”

That’s exactly how his mother remembers it, too. Melissa Haug says she returned to Washburn University when Matt entered kindergarten, and she thinks he probably understood very early that his parents valued education. She is also careful to say that whatever inspiration came from them only intensified the passions already within the boy.

“He just loved to learn, from grade school on,” Melissa Haug says. “He is truly a gifted child, to me, because he wanted to learn everything about everything. He listened and learned.”

Haug played golf almost every day in junior high, but found he didn’t have a taste for the competition and never joined his school team. He played soccer at Shawnee Heights High School, and he developed broad tastes in music. He made good friends, with whom he is still close. He hikes and bikes and confesses a fondness for the campy cartoon superhero Space Ghost.

Melissa Haug says she can remember only one bad incident of her son being teased for being so smart. It was in grade school, “just a little problem one year when the kids kind of made fun of him and turned on him,” but they talked it through. Haug says “there were always a few people that sort of gave me grief for being smart, but I just try to stay away from those people. I didn’t really let it bother me.”

But news of his fellowships sweep—and the accompanying references to Aristotle and Newton—brought back the childhood nonsense he thought he had disposed of so long ago.

“I walked into my philosophy seminar, and they had written Aristotle Jr. on my nameplate,” Haug says. “It’s a little embarrassing.”

That’s it. So much for complication. Yes, our story lacks tension. But isn’t it refreshing to spend a few minutes in the company of a delightful young man who earns our attention not for antics, but for achievement, sincerity and humility?
while he was waiting to hear news of his fellowship applications, Haug wasn't exactly sitting around watching Space Ghost. He filled his spring semester with a course on German readings and Bricke's philosophy of mind seminar. Highlights of the seminar, Bricke says, were weeklong visits by the three authors studied most closely by the group.

Bricke recalls advising two of them to take special notice of Haug, and to "draw Matt out." He cautioned that Haug would be "streets ahead" of most students in the class, but might not offer his own insights. "He'll let others talk, if they please," Bricke recalls advising the visiting scholars.

Bricke laughs gently as he describes the result:

"The visitors to whom I recommended this said it was good advice, because they were able to ask him for his views about this, that or the other, and then, in a perfectly lucid way, no stammering or stuttering, he was able to set out the problems he had seen in their work, the limitations he saw in this, that or the other argument. And these are world-class philosophers he's telling this to …"

Says Evanhoe flatly, "The boy's mind is phenomenal."

When Haug arrived at KU, he was a physics major, a subject he had been drawn to in high school. "As a freshman, I guess I was interested in sort of the big picture, cosmology, how the universe was formed, the big bang. And also quantum physics. Toward the end of high school I did readings in the popular books on that, and was just intrigued by the crazy nature of it all, the paradoxes that are involved. Then I kind of discovered that my interests in physics actually were more philosophical."

So he settled into a double major, honors philosophy and honors mathematics. Along the way he also learned the fundamentals of translating Chinese and Greek into English, "sort of for fun." He studied linguistics, chaos theory, Spanish, German, Eastern civilization, set theory and even William Faulkner.

He dabbled in Zen, volunteered as a math teacher for sixth-graders in Kansas City, Kan., organized health-awareness speakers (including sessions on alternative medicines) for his scholarship hall, took 17 or 18 hours every semester for four years, never missed a summer-school session, and won the Universitywide Philip Whitcomb essay contest for a paper about the evolution debate raging in Kansas.

"It wasn't just sort of grousing about what the Board of Education said," Bricke explains. "What he did was to take that as a sort of jumping off point to discuss the nature of science, the character of truth in science, and what it means to say that something is a matter of theory … the sort of stuff that those who were joining in the newspaper controversies would have done well to read."

Roger Martin, g'73, a science and research columnist based at the KU Center for Research, where Haug works as a student assistant, wrote in a column that he once asked Haug, "Are you happy?" Haug replied, "I'd say so, but in many ways, I don't think that's a very interesting or important question."

The more interesting question, Haug explained, would be: "Is happiness what we should be striving for? Why not goodness? Or wisdom?" As for his own epitaph, offered at Martin's request, Haug responded, "Several words pop into my head. Seek. Doubt. Don't know."

Haug and Evanhoe visited Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., and quickly agreed it would be their home. Haug was accepted warmly into one of the world's most elite philosophy of science programs, where he'll first use the Mellon Fellowship, and then turn to the NSF Fellowship, which won't expire for five years. Evanhoe also found a home at Cornell, where she will work as a research assistant in the department of applied ecology while preparing her own grad-school application. And, Haug was sure to note when he phoned home during their visit, Ithaca is the home of Moosewood Cafe, a vegetarian restaurant whose cookbook has long been on Melissa Haug's kitchen shelf.

She'll visit soon.

"He's such a cute kid. I just think he's a doll."

Hey, even Aristotle had a mother.
A NEW ROLE AS ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE DRAWS ACCLAIMED OPERA STAR JOYCE CASTLE HOME

By Steven Hill

She has been here so many times: stage center, arms outstretched, the brilliant red hair and turquoise gown glittering under the lights, the smile as bright as the Great White Way and growing brighter as applause rains like flowers.

She has been here at the Metropolitan Opera and the New York City Opera. She has been here at Glimmerglass and Santa Fe and L’Opera de Montreal. At too many opera houses and concert halls to count, across the United States, Europe, Israel and Canada, renowned mezzo-soprano Joyce Malicky Castle, ’61, has been here, onstage. In an accomplished career spanning five decades, she has mastered the traditional repertoire for her voice while also seeking American, German and French contemporary roles, always looking for the next big role, she will tell you—always searching, studying, preparing—because the role is everything.

But on a warm April night at the Lied Center, the Kansas native seems a natural in a part seemingly written for this stage, this audience: Local girl makes good. “How many people are from Baldwin,” she asks. Raucous applause answers. She casts an I-told-you-so look at baritone Kurt Ollman and pianist Scott Dunn, her musical partners for a night devoted to the concert music of Leonard Bernstein.

Baldwin City has supported her since her father, George Malicky, a former baseball player and oil pipeline worker who still calls the small town home, moved his family there in the 1950s. Castle tells her audience. The same goes for KU, where she began preparing for a life on the stage with a theatre and voice major designed especially for her.

Then the classic tale takes a twist. “I was proud to be at KU, and I have been a proud alum,” she announces,
pausing a beat for effect. “And I am proud to be joining the faculty this fall.”

Better yet: Local girl makes good, then comes home.

Castle’s August debut in her new role as artist-in-residence (she will give studio instruction as a tenured professor, with a reduced teaching load that leaves time for continued performing) comes at a time of significant change for the School of Fine Arts and its voice and opera programs.

The recent $10 million renovation of Murphy Hall dedicates the Black Box Theatre for voice and opera students, establishing much-needed rehearsal space. New hires in several key positions promise a new administrative look this fall. Tim Van Leer, executive director of El Camino College Center for the Arts in Torrance, Calif., becomes director of the Lied Center; Delores Ringer, associate professor of theatre, takes over University Theatre; and Lawrence Mallett, interim dean of the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska, becomes chair of music and dance. In the opera program alone, three of the five faculty members are new arrivals: soprano Pamela Hinchman, tenor Genaro Mendez and Castle.

“We are enormously thrilled to be getting Joyce,” says Professor John Stephens, the voice division director who led the drive to bring Castle to KU. “She has sung with the finest opera houses in the world
and has had—still has—a major, major career. She’s a big catch for us.”

But not the only catch, he’s quick to add.

“We have five big catches. She may be the biggest, but we have a group of five talented people who want to work together to build the program. I know that’s one reason Joyce wanted to come here.”

This diva is more craftsman than prima donna, it seems.

“When I think back I’m just amazed at how easy this search was,” says Toni-Marie Montgomery, dean of fine arts. “We think of the diva stereotype, that nothing is good enough. But Joyce is very down-to-earth. She made no great demands.”

Credit for landing such a high profile addition to the faculty goes to Stephens, who met Castle in 1984, when he starred opposite her in Houston Grand Opera’s “Sweeney Todd.”

“It was really John who convinced her that this could work and convinced her to apply,” Montgomery says. Once that happened, the dean quickly challenged the University to seize the day. “I said to the provost, ‘Here’s an opportunity to hire a woman who’s performed everywhere in the world, an alumna who’s ready to give back to students while still performing.’ And I remember him saying, ‘Are you talking about the Joyce Castle? We’ll work it out.’”

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“It’s an interesting voyage, to come back full circle to one’s starting point,” says Castle, who will split her time between Lawrence and New York City—between the town that sent her on her way and the city where she finally arrived.

She came to Mount Oread in 1957 already knowing she wanted to sing and act. She’d always known it. “I really never made a decision about what I wanted to do; I never knew anything else. I was always singing and acting in little plays, making up things. It was just there.”

Her mother, Ethel Reed Malicky, ’64, who died in March, encouraged her theatrical aspirations.

“She was my first piano teacher, and she was monumental,” Castle says. “She wanted to teach music, but her parents considered that too iffy. But music was always her love.”

Castle wanted to combine singing and acting, but no KU degree offered that option. She changed that.

“Lewin Goff, the head of University Theatre, got together with Thomas Gorton, the fine arts dean, and they created a new major with me in mind. I was thrilled, of course.”

The result was the theatre and voice degree, one of the first in the country to combine singing and acting, says Stephens. “There was a division between theatre types and singers: Those people act, we sing,” he says. “She wanted her training to be both. Even though she was still very young, she realized that it was important to develop all her talents. It was prophetic.”

After leaving KU, Castle earned a master’s degree at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. She received grants to travel and study, eventually landing a spot in the Western Opera Theatre, San Francisco Opera’s traveling troupe. She moved to Paris in 1976. “I was doing some wonderful roles there, but I hadn’t really hit
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Her big break came in 1983, when she auditioned for Beverly Sills at the New York City Opera. She got the job and landed an agent. Two years later she was hired by the Metropolitan Opera, perhaps the most visible opera company in the world.
Ed King III with the product and plush surroundings of his Oregon winery.
As he nears his 80th birthday, multimillionaire Ed King Jr. regrets that his children missed one of his life’s richest experiences: riding a pony down a dusty Kansas farm road to a one-room grammar school near Dodge City. "I had an hour in the morning and another hour in the afternoon to meditate," says King, whose well-spent think time ultimately led to a lucrative trade in aircraft electronics.

Now King Jr. and his eldest son, Ed King III, c’72, have replanted the family fortune into a farming industry that is rich in every sense. On a fertile hillside in southwestern Oregon—about 22 miles down a winding road from Eugene—they have built a winery fit for, well, a King.

The crown of their 820-acre property is a chateau that spans the hilltop, dipping underground to supply a perfect climate for aging wines and rising into twin turrets that offer stunning views of the Lorane Valley. Begun in 1992, the 110,000-square-foot winery houses a state-of-the-art bottling line that turns out 100,000 cases a year, making King Estate a top Oregon producer.

As president of King Estate, King III likes the notion of bringing his family back to the farm. "I remember my grandfather (Edd King the first, with an old-style spelling) as a ramrod-straight man in suspenders walking through the wheat. He was probably seeing his 65th crop … He’d been through the dust bowl and the grasshopper plagues. These were people who had a sense of dignity and humor and decency, and they treated each other with respect.”

King III has blended all of the above at his winery, where he mixes the feel of an old family farm with sparkling equipment and the newest technologies. Christine Pascal Roth, executive director of the Oregon Wine Advisory Board, says the Kings have set an industry standard by showing that the good stuff doesn’t have to stay small. “A lot of people think you sacrifice quality for size,” she says. “From the start they did size and quality at the same time.”

King Estate wines have won compliments from the pickiest palates. Tasters from Food & Wine, Epicurean, Bon Appétit, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal have heartily recommended wines from King Estate and its other label, Lorane Valley. The Quarterly Review of Wines in spring 1997 called King Estate “the Robert Mon-
davi and E. & J. Gallo of Oregon” and proclaimed its Pinot Gris “the best in the country … rivaling its Alsace [in France] brethren.” The Taster’s Guild in February named King Estate its “winery of the year,” and Wine Spectator magazine in March gave two King Estate vintages scores above 90 on its elite 100-point scale.

King III anticipates more accolades. “The winemakers believe our 2000s are going to be off the charts,” he says. This is exactly what he and his dad had in mind.

Their venture into viticulture began over dinner about 10 years ago, when son mentioned to dad that he’d bought some land with grapevines on it. The purchase was part of the younger King’s other industry: His timber company, Frontier Resources, owns about 40,000 acres and mills pine lumber near Pendleton, in Oregon’s northeastern quarter.

A country boy at heart—like his grandpa and six generations of farmers before him—King III had long sought outdoor occupations. After earning his English degree at KU in 1972, he started law school but took a semester break to build stone walls and chop wood in the Ozarks. He finished his law degree at the University of Missouri, married, then packed his books and boots for Alaska. “It was far away,” he explains, “and it was different from anything I had done.”

To heighten the adventure, he and his wife built a log cabin north of Anchorage. “I could catch salmon from the neighborhood stream,” he recalls. In town he worked as assistant municipal attorney for the Matanuska-Susitna borough. The work made him wish for a business degree; the cabin made him wish for warmer winters. In 1979 Eugene, Ore., filled both wishes. He earned an MBA at the University of Oregon and bought a country home on 180 acres. Now divorced, King still lives on the property with the youngest of his three sons.

His father, meanwhile, retired in 1985 when he sold his firm, King Radio, to the Bendix Division of Allied Signal. Begun in 1959, King Radio had become a worldwide supplier of aircraft radar equipment, autopilots and other electronics. A pilot himself for 40 years, King Jr. provided the navigation, flight control and communications equipment that in 1986 helped the Rutan Brothers circle the globe without refueling: Their Voyager aircraft at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., bears the King name.

So it was with an entrepreneurial ear that the old engineer heard his son speak of grapes: “I said, ‘Let’s start a winery so we can pick the grapes and use them,’” recalls King Jr.

For the audacious Kings, picking a few grapes from an old orchard wasn’t enough. Much more fun was establishing a world-class winery where critics said it wouldn’t work. Director of Viticulture Brad Biehl joined the project at the start, when King III found some south-facing slopes for sale by a tired cattle farmer. Trouble was, the land was too high; Oregon planters preferred the lower elevations in valleys farther north. “Everybody said you can’t do this down here,” recalls Biehl, a viticulture graduate of the University of California-Davis who interned in France for five years. “Well, when someone said it wouldn’t work, Ed said, ‘We’ll show them.’ That’s their family character. If somebody says it can’t be done, they do it.”

And they do it fast—and big. Construction and planting began together. King III recalls the 1993 harvest, when the grapes ripened before the building had its roof—and before he had approval from the U.S. government. “I had signed contracts for a quarter-million dollars’ worth of fruit,” King says. “We were hooking up tanks and still didn’t have a license from ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms).”

He smiles; of course the triumph was a thrill. “We made it, and we had wine. If we had waited it would have been another year before we were anything but an office and some empty tanks.”
King Estate wasted no time expanding, building sales from about 400 cases the first year to 5,000 the next, then quadrupling, tripling and doubling until settling at about 100,000 cases. “I don’t think we need to be any bigger,” King III says, “but we still have a lot of work to do in marketing. We’re not a household word yet.”

The winery’s primary products are its red Pinot Noir, a rising favorite among Northwestern vintners, and Pinot Gris, a dry white wine more popular in Europe than the United States. Oregon shares its latitude with pinot-popular France, and since the 1980s a few Oregon vintages of Pinot Gris have raised tasters’ eyebrows.

The wines now sell in 50 states and are consumed on cruise lines, airlines and in parts of Europe. “King Estate is wine rich and fully capitalized,” The Quarterly Review of Wines reported, “and no winery has done more promotionally for Oregon.”

Indeed, as King Estate rose to prominence, so did all of Oregon’s wineries. The state now licenses 167 wineries, more than twice the number in 1990. Sales have grown 250 percent in a decade and are quickly approaching a million cases sold annually. Oregon is the nation’s fourth largest U.S. producer of wine—after California, Washington and New York—but is second only to California in number of wineries. About half of Oregon’s wineries bottle Pinot Gris. “For Oregon,” King III predicts, “Pinot Gris may become known as our white wine.”

King III has recruited advice and support from numerous relatives, among them his sister, Mary Michelle Thies, c’76, and his brother, William. Their mother died in 1978, and their father remarried; step-siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles and others make the board of directors a virtual plank from their family tree.

King Jr., chairman of the board, and his wife, Carolyn, built a summer house on the estate: In winter they live in Carefree, Ariz. At home on the farm, the couple are known for rolling up their sleeves. “They have their own jet,” notes Mary Bellando, tasting room manager, “but Ed and Carolyn drive their minivan up to the cottage bringing weed killer and a rake, ready for some yard work ...

“They are the most humble, generous and giving people.”

Such comments echo through the company and inevitably bring the younger King’s memories back to Kansas. In fact, shaking hands with a fellow Jayhawk, King III is eager to reminisce about Elizabeth Schultz, Chancellors Club teaching professor of English, and Huckleberry Finn—his favorite teacher and his favorite book. He wants to talk about his law professors and his business professors and the ethics they taught. And that topic connects his past to his present.

“It isn’t just about profits,” he says. “It’s also about having a product you can be proud of and about doing the right thing by the people you’re selling to and the people you’re working with. I think being a just company is something of great value. And I think that’s a Kansas thing.”

He never rode a pony to school, but King III learned his father’s lessons well.

—Niebaum Clark, j’88, former assistant editor of Kansas Alumni, lives in Vancouver, Wash.
Alumni leadership

Members select new directors for Association’s board, while new officers prepare for 2001-2002 terms

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Kidwell, c’01, worked at the Adams Alumni Center for two years while attending KU, first in The Learned Club and later as a first-floor receptionist. Always ready with a cheerful smile and kind comment, Kidwell made a good impression on countless alumni she encountered in her part-time work in the Center.

Lucky for us, the good impression went both ways.

“I wanted to work here,” Kidwell says of her career goals. “I didn’t know how that would ever be, but I wanted to work here.”

Kidwell assumes leadership of the Association’s critical mission in Kansas City, by far the largest nest for Jayhawk alumni. She plans on helping the Association’s Kansas City chapter grow in strength and prominence, and she will help guide important events such as the Rock Chalk Ball, Jayhawk Jog and annual football kickoff celebrations.

And she plans to do even more.

“We need to really take advantage of the KU population in Kansas City,” she says. “About 25 percent of our degree-holders are there. There’s too much there with not enough going on.”

Immediately after joining the Association (again) in May, Kidwell cloistered herself in her office amid piles of files. As she sorted through the history, plans and dreams for alumni events in Kansas City, she quickly realized that a busy summer awaited her.

The Jayhawk Jog is scheduled for Aug. 4 in Shawnee Mission Park, followed immediately by the Terry Allen Picnic Aug. 5 at the Ritz Charles in Overland Park. The Terry Allen Football Kickoff is
Aug. 23 at Mill Creek Brewery in Westport.

Even as the summer events demand her constant attention, meetings already have begun for the annual Jayhawk black-tie bash, Rock Chalk Ball, set for Feb. 1.

As she becomes settled in her role as the Association's Kansas City staff liaison, Kidwell will also assume national responsibilities, helping to lighten the travel load for the administrative staff members who visit chapters around the country, Fred B. Williams, Association president and CEO, and Kirk Cerny, c'92, g'98, senior vice president for membership services.

“We know Kelly from the excellent service she has already given to the Association,” Williams says, “so we’re certain our Kansas City alumni are going to enjoy getting to know her and working with her often. We have no doubt that she is going to make KU’s presence in Kansas City, and across the country, as strong as it possibly can be.”

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Three years after completing extensive renovations of the Adams Alumni Center’s first and second floors, similar changes are underway for the third floor, home to the Association’s staff offices.

During the project, expected to be completed in September, all Association staff members will work in temporary offices created on the second floor. Although Association staff will use cell phones from the temporary workspace, all phone numbers and e-mail addresses will remain unchanged.

The renovations will leave almost no aspect of the third floor unchanged, except for the layout of some administrative offices lining the exterior walls.

The Association’s staff offices were designed before computers became an integral part of every employee’s duties; with desktop computing taking over, just as it has in almost every office in the country, it is important that the Association design work areas that reflect the changing times.

“Our goals are for the offices to keep pace with the demands technology has placed upon us,” says Mike Wellman, c’86, director of special projects and Adams Alumni Center facility manager. “We need to make this organization as efficient as possible.”

Changes will include a reconfigured reception area and a redesigned center portion of the floor, which will now house the Association’s records department. Records staff had worked in the northeast corner of the floor; that space has been redesigned to accommodate membership services staff, who had been scattered in offices throughout the third floor.
Less glamorous but no less critical is a project to replace heating, ventilation and air conditioning plumbing throughout the building. Aged pipes that distribute hot water for the heating system caused extensive damage to some second-floor meeting rooms last winter.

The plumbing and third-floor renovations will cost about $750,000, paid for with a mix of Alumni Association and Endowment Association funds.

“We need to be good stewards of this place,” Wellman says. “That was something the Board directed us to do from the beginning. We are proud of the Adams Alumni Center, and we need to continue to be proud of it. Renovations are necessary to maintain a busy building.”

Wellman says his Adams Alumni Center staff have already endured a hectic summer, overseeing the plumbing project while also planning to move 32 employees into temporary workspaces on the second floor. They also lugged every single file, photograph and piece of KU memorabilia into basement storage areas, and hauled out endless barrels of trash as staff members cleaned out offices, desks and file cabinets.

Building staff will continue to work long, hard hours during the third-floor renovation, but they, like the rest of the

Alumni Events

Chapters & Professional Societies

For more information, contact Kirk Cerny at 800-584-2957, 785-864-4760 or kcerny@kualumni.org.

July
21
- Dallas Chapter: Student Send-off

24
- Chicago Chapter: Cubs outing

26
- Hutchinson Chapter: Terry Allen dinner

28
- Los Angeles: Engineering Professional Society with Dean Carl Locke

August
4
- Kansas City: Jayhawk Jog

Tampa Chapter: Tampa Bay Mutiny soccer game

5
- Kansas City: Terry Allen Picnic

31
- Dodge City Chapter: Terry Allen dinner

September
7-8
- Lawrence: Chapter leaders conference

22
- Frontrange Chapter: KU at CU pregame rally, Regal Harvest House

October
3 Arkansas City
4 Hays
10 Southern Johnson Co.
16 Salina
17 Hutchinson
23 Johnson County (Blue Valley)
24 Shawnee Mission
25 Topeka
29 Manhattan
30 Wichita

GO LONG: Redshirt freshman Kevin Long, 6-5 and 210 pounds, is a longshot to be KU's starting quarterback this season, but he is considered a talented prospect.

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1920s
Robert Woodbury, c’24, g’28, PhD’31, is a professor emeritus of health sciences at the University of Tennessee. He lives in Memphis.

1930s
Marjorie Houston Banister, c’38, continues to make her home in Portland, Ore.
Monti Belot Jr., c’35, g’38, m’40, is retired in Lawrence, where he practiced medicine for many years.
Sol Bobrov, c’32, and his wife, Madelyn, celebrated their 55th anniversary recently. They live in Skokie, Ill.
Jane Marshall Campbell, c’37, lives in Berryville, Va., where she’s retired.
Lawrence Geeslin, c’31, c’32, m’34, is retired in Jacksonville, Fla.
Walter Howard, c’37, is retired in Monterey, Calif.
Harold Knowles, PhD’32, is retired from the University of Florida, where he was chairman of physical sciences for many years.
Margaret Fogelberg McHugh, c’33, celebrated her 90th birthday earlier this year with a family party in Wichita, where she lives.
Katherine Schiller Mulanax, n’36, makes her home in Manhattan.
Elizabeth Wiggins Sanders, c’38, is a resident of Warrensburg, Mo.

1940
J.W. “Bill” Greene, d’40, retired assistant vice president of American States Insurance, makes his home in Satellite Beach, Fla.
Vincent Rethman, e’40, and his wife, Rosemary, divide their time between homes in Venice, Fla., and Westlake, Ohio.
Grace DeTar Talkington, d’40, makes her home in Dallas.

1942
Leo Martell, e’42, is president of Martell & Associates in Kansas City.
Hugh Mathewson, c’42, m’44, professor emeritus of anesthesiology at KU Medical Center; also is medical director of respiratory care education and a member of the nurse anesthesiology education faculty. He lives in Overland Park.

1947
Maxine Johnson Ruhl, n’47, continues to make her home in Fort Scott.

1948
Donald Dorge, c’48, and his wife, Bette, live in Lake Forest, Ill., where he’s retired.
Sibio Naccarato, e’48, a retired surety manager for Commercial Union Insurance, makes his home in Chesterfield, Mo.

1949
James Bouska, c’49, f’52, works as a resident agent at Metcalf Marketing in Overland Park, where he and Dorea Lindquist Bouska, c’47, s’59, make their home.


William Myers, c’49, g’55, PhD’58, is a retired professor of microbiology in Bel Air, Md., where he and Barbara Johnson Myers, c’49, c’51, make their home.

1950
Glenn Anschutz, e’50, teaches civil engineering at KU, and Margaret Gartner Anschutz, n’53, g’83, is a parish nurse at Faith Lutheran Church. They live in Topeka.

Billy Bryant, p’50, retired after 36 years with S&S Drug in Beloit. He and his wife, Leone, enjoy traveling.

James, c’50, g’54, g’77, and Sara Pringle Fevurly, d’62, make their home in Leavenworth.

Lowell Hager, g’50, is CEO of Chirazyme in Urbana, Ill.

1951
Eugene Balloun, b’51, f’54, was honored recently by the Johnson County Bar Association with the Justinian Award in recognition of his “integrity, service to the community, service to the legal profession and warmth, friendliness and camaraderie.” He’s a partner in Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Overland Park.

John Forney, c’51, is a retired dentist in Englewood, Colo., where he and Eleanor Kothe Forney, c’57, make their home.

Robert Strobel, e’51, former director of plant services at St. Thomas Hospital, lives in Hendersonville, Tenn., with Louise Hemphill Strobel, d’52.

Lois Walker, c’51, d’54, works as an artist, writer, teacher and sculptor in Amityville, N.Y.

1952
Chloe Warner Childers, d’52, recently won a gold medal at the National Senior Olympics as a member of the Colorado women’s softball team. She lives in Greeley.

Norman Marvin, p’52, m’56, is minister of teaching at Emmanuel Family Outreach Center in Shawnee.

1953
Donald Cooper, m’53, is emeritus director of the health center at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

1954
Katherine Schiller Mulanax, n’36, makes her home in Portland, Ore.

Ronald Krause, m’53, and his wife, Marjorie, continue to make their home in Wichita.

Ronald Thomas, c’53, f’56, is a retired attorney in Baxter Springs.

William Turner, e’53, a retired engineer, makes his home in Kansas City.

1955
Kenneth Dam, b’54, recently was appointed by President George W. Bush as deputy secretary of the treasury. Kenneth lives in Chicago, where he’s a professor of American and foreign law at the University of Chicago. He served as deputy secretary of state during the administration of President Ronald Reagan.

Glen Davis, e’54, is retired from a career with the Corps of Engineers. He and his wife, Catherine, ’78, live in Leawood.

Donald McCllelland, c’54, lives in San Marino, Calif., with his wife, Donna. He’s working on the design and page layout of two books about the culture of ancient Peru.

Miriam Martin Meyer, g’54, a retired laboratory coordinator and microbiologist, lives in Bowling Green, Ohio, with her husband, Norman, PhD’56.

Helmut Sauer, g’54, is a professor at Universität Dortmund in Dortmund, Germany.

1956
Hal Berkley, b’55, a former banker; makes his home in Tescott.

Terry Fiske, c’55, l’60, recently conducted a 13-week seminar for senior honor students at the University of Denver law school. He lives in Castle Rock and is a commercial arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association.

Geraldine Walterscheid Liebert, p’55, works as a staff pharmacist at Plaza Pharmacy in Coffeyville.

Barbara Thomas, c’55, makes her home in Houston.

1958
Lawrence Goudie, e’56, manages programs for Sverdrup Technology at Edwards AFB, Calif. He lives in San Bernardino.

Robert Wilson, e’56, g’86, lives in Roeland Park, where he’s retired from a career with Black & Veatch.

1957
James Carson, c’57, is retired in Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Richard Fanolio, f’57, retired from a 42-year career with Hallmark Cards, where he was a master artist and art director. He lives in Shawnee Mission.
William Hurley, e'57, a retired geophysicist, makes his home in Metairie, La.
Jesse McNellis, c'57, g'59, lives in Lawrence with Frances Hara McNellis, d'59.
Mary Lou Petrie, '57, a former special education teacher, lives in Covina, Calif. She visited the British Isles earlier this year.
Gary Rohrer, c'57, l'60, practices law in Lexington, Ky., where he and Lee Ann Urban Rohrer, m'56, make their home.
Edward Sarcione, PhD'57, is a professor emeritus at the State University of New York-Buffalo. He lives in Hamburg with Dolores Commons Sarcione, d'53.
Ann Templin, c'57, g'60, lives in Lawrence, where she's retired after a career as a research associate at the University of California-Berkeley.

1958
True Cousins, c'58, works for Central Texas Consulting in Huntsville.
John Dealy, c'58, is a professor of chemical engineering at McGill University in Montreal.
Edward Fording Jr., e'58, is president of the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Jean, live in Alexandria, Va.
Albert Steegmann Jr., c'58, lives in North Tonawanda, N.Y., and is a professor of anthropology at State University of New York-Buffalo.
Fred Williams, e'58, g'60, works as a technical manager for Alcoa. He and Anne Proctor Williams, d'58, live in Victoria, Texas.

1959
Alan Armstrong, c'59, g'63, PhD'66, is retired in Seneca, S.C., where he and Barbara Bechtel Armstrong, c'61, g'66, make their home.
Gordon Dickerson, m'59, retired two years ago after a 35-year career in anesthesiology. He lives in Medford, Ore.
Martha Friedmeyer, c'59, volunteers in Clinton, Mo., and recently traveled to Germany.
Marcia Scott Groth, c'59, d'62, works as chief data architect for the Kansas SRS in Topeka, where she and her husband, William, live.
Derele Knepper, '59, recently completed a term as president of the Clay Center Lions Club.
Fred Lutz, e'59, e'60, works for Lutz, Daily & Brain, a consulting engineering firm in Overland Park.
James McLean, g'59, PhD'65, makes his home in Pittsboro, N.C. He's former senior scientist at KU's Bureau of Child Research.
Jim Moore, g'59, c'62, m'66, received a Distinguished Service Award last year from the Florida Society of Anesthesiologists. He lives in Christmas.

Carol Garinger Mueller, c'59, makes her home in Escondido, Calif., with her husband, Edward, '59.
Somasherkhar Munavalli, g'59, is senior scientist at Geo Centers and an adjunct professor at Towson University. He lives in Bel Air, Md., with his wife, Malati.
David Snively, g'59, works as an industry manager in Rosslyn, Va. He lives in Rockville, Md.
Wendell Wiens, m'59, traveled to Costa Rica last year with an ecology class from Bethel College in Newton, where he's a retired surgeon.

1960
Beverly Barr, e'60, makes his home in Saratoga, Calif., where he's retired from a career with TRW.
Orley Lake, e'60, g'67, is chief engineer at Lockheed Martin in Evergreen, Colo.
Linda Winkle Lynch, d'60, makes her home in Des Peres, Mo.
Larry McKown, j'60, is first vice president of Stifel Nicolaus & Co. in Wichita.
Leon Miller, a'60, has an architecture practice in Duncanville, Texas. He lives in Dallas.
Sarah Shaffer Peckham, j'60, coordinates alumni affairs and development for Rockhurst High School in Kansas City.
Elaine Johnson Tatham, g'60, EdD'71, owns ETC Institute, a national marketing research firm in Olathe.
James Westhoff, e'60, is president of Laboratory Environment Support Systems in Phoenix. He lives in Scottsdale.
James Williams Jr., b'60, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, makes his home in Riverside, Calif.

1961
Mary Martin Aldrich, c'61, g'64, works as a microbiologist at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md. She lives in Takoma Park with her husband, Charles, c'61.
Kent “Mike” Berkley, b'61, t'64, is president of Bennington State Bank in Salina, where he lives.
Nancy Topham Chadwick, c'61, recently was elected to the board of directors of the Palomar College Foundation. She lives in Oceanside, Calif., with her husband, Lawson.
Barbara Herzog Coupe, c'61, makes her home in Bailey, Colo., with her husband, David, e'61, g'63.
Sandra Robertson Romer, c'61, is retired in Overland Park from a career as a research chemist with the Bayer Corp.

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1962
Joseph Fischer, c'62, manages corporate relations for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge.
Phillip Frick, c'62, practices law with Foulston & Siefkin in Wichita.
Man Sik Kang, c'62, is a professor of physiology and biophysics at Seoul National University in Seoul, South Korea.
Jack Keim, c'62, works as a program assistant at KU. He and Karen Sue Keim, '87, live in Lawrence.

1963
Richard Currie, c'63, is a professor of English at the College of Staten Island in Staten Island, N.Y.
Dennis Goode, c'63, does research on insulin secretion at the University of Maryland, where he’s a professor of biology. He and his wife, Judith, live in College Park.
Charles Hammond, b'63, l'66, is an agent with Pyro-Tron Inc. in Overland Park.
Rita Wright Johnson, d'63, retired in Stone Mountain, Ga., where he lives with Carol Spickelmier McDonald, d'65.
Ralph McGill, s'63, does mental health counseling in Little Rock, Ark., where he and his wife, Molly Lim, s'80, s'81, make their home.
Mary Warburton Norfleet, d'63, g'65, is a clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the Stanford University medical school. She lives in Palo Alto, Calif.
Janice Jensen Reaster, n'63, recently became a nurse care manager in the workers’ compensation claim center of The Hartford in Overland Park.
Roy Voth, s'63, is a self-employed clinical social worker in El Dorado.
John Woodward Sr., g'63, teaches at St. Mary College Outfront in Leavenworth. He lives in Lansing.

1964
Vicki Allen Barham, d'64, is director of alumni and friends at UMKC. She and her husband, Peter, c'64, g'66, live in Fairfax.
Gretchen Miller Buchanan, c'64, is a microbiologist and an assistant supervisor at KU Medical Center. She and her husband, Robert, g'71, PhD'72, live in Prairie Village.
Larry McCaillister, d'64, g'86, is a commodity standardization specialist at the General Services Administration in Kansas City.
Stephen McCammon, c'64, recently joined Community Bank in Prairie Village as executive vice president.
Cordell Meeks Jr., c'64, l'67, received the 2001 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the KU School of Law last spring. He and Mary Ann Sutherland Meeks, c'67, live in Kansas City.
Barbara Biel Nicholas, c'64, enjoys crocheting, reading, painting and drawing. She and her husband, Paul, e'63, g'64, live in Arvada, Colo.
Susan Whitley Peters, c'64, directs the University of Maryland's International Career Center in Gmuend, Germany.
Scott Rodkey, c'64, PhD'68, is a professor of pathology at the University of Texas-Houston.
Caroline Logan Salaty, c'64, c'65, works as a medical technologist at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. She and her husband, Tamerlan, e'63, g'68, live in Lawrence.
Harry Seelig, g'64, PhD'69, is an associate professor at the University of Massachusetts. He lives in Amherst.
Karen Darby Sullivan, c'64, a retired medical technologist and clinical microbiologist, makes her home in Yorktown, Ind.
Denise Storck Troyer, c'64, g'65, keeps busy in retirement with volunteer work. She and her husband, Glen, live in Lake Jackson, Texas.
Janice Wheaton, c'64, is an assistant dean of students and director of campus information assistance and orientation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Robert Williams, f'64, practices law and is president of the law firm of Williams & Swee in Bloomington, Ill., where he and Mary McCammon Williams, f'61, make their home.

1965
Paul, d'65, and Marcia Hahn Anderson, d'63, make their home in Salina.
James Barnes, g'65, PhD'68, is executive director of the Medical Technology Management Institute in Milwaukee, Wis. He lives in Brookfield.
Gloria Farha Flentje, c'65, joined Boeing last year as chief counsel of the Wichita facility.
Gary Gradinger, b'65, is CEO of Golden Star, an international producer of textile products and services. He lives in Fairway.
Michael Minor, c'65, m'69, PhD'75, chairs the department of neurosurgery at the Ohio State University in Columbus. He lives in Worthington.
Bruce Smith, b'65, recently became vice president of manufacturing at Cooper Tire & Rubber. He lives in Belden, Miss.
Dean Testa, c'65, is chief of the bureau of construction and maintenance at the Kansas Department of Transportation in Topeka.
Judy Voth, n'65, works as a nurse at St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.

1966
Robert Dixon, g'66, PhD'70, is a professor of physics at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence.
Roy Guenther, d'66, f'68, chairs the music department at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He and Eileen Morris Guenther, c'70, f'70, live in Vienna, Va.
Charles Metzler, c'66, PhD'71, is vice president of business operations at Becton Dickinson Biosciences in San Jose, Calif.
Donald Racy, g'66, a retired mathematics teacher, makes his home in Lawrence.
Marilyn Montfoort Roelse, d'66, teaches English at Sunnyslope High School in Phoenix.
Larry Simpson, c'66, g'69, PhD'71, directs the radiations physics division at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia. He and Sara Frandle Simpson, d'66, live in Cinnaminson, N.J.
Gerald Strohmeyer, g'66, practices medicine with Bro’t Lenn Healthcare in Normal, III.
Harry Wilson, b'66, serves as mayor of Grandview, Mo., where he owns Harry Wilson Insurance Agency.
Larry Winn, c'66, g'68, is a shareholding in Polinelli, White, Vardeman & Shalton in Overland Park.
Carolyn Christensen Wise, d'66, is a retired teacher. She lives in Linwood.

1967
Kathleen Butterfield, g'67, l'86, practices law with the U.S. Department of Labor in Kansas City.
Craig Beach, b'67, recently became chief financial officer at Friendly Works in Lenexa. He and Nancy Kubitzki Beach, d'67, live in Linn, Mo.
Brian Beatty, c'67, a retired IBM systems and network engineer, makes his home in Spokane, Wash.
Larry Borger, g'67, works as a real-estate agent for Coldwell Banker. He lives in Littleton, Colo.
Kenneth Derrington, c'67, m'71, practices medicine with Stone Castle Family Practice in Camdenton, Mo., where he and Olive, n'81, make their home.
Michael Fearnow, b'67, is president of Financial Broker Relations in Montgomery, Texas.
James Huntington, j'67, g'70, recently became president and CEO of Tasco World Wide, a manufacturer of telescopes and other optics. He and Terrie Webb Huntington, c'71, live in Mission Hills.
Stephen Lake, c'67, is senior veterinary pathologist with Bayer in Stilwell.
Paul Lee, c'67, practices medicine at the Osteopathic Center in Durango, Colo.
MR. MAYOR: 34-year-old Ken Hayes, led a youth movement in Baldwin politics, based on platforms of changes and involvement by younger citizens.

YOUNG MAYOR REVERES ‘MAYBERRY’ MEMORIES

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Jennifer Hayes never liked her husband’s childhood nickname, but when he ran for mayor in his hometown last spring, it helped him win the election. Many older residents didn’t know Ken Hayes, the 34-year-old man on their doorstep asking for their vote. But they remembered when he reintroduced himself as “Kenny.”

While Kenny became Ken in college, Baldwin City, the sleepy little community Hayes couldn’t wait to leave after high school, transformed into a burgeoning town with new homes sprouting in former farm fields and a host of fast-food restaurants.

Hayes, c’89, hopes to find a balance between preserving the best of small-town life and helping Baldwin reach its economic potential. He describes it as a city on the verge of becoming something great. “It’s been discovered and it’s going to grow,” he says. “It’s still a wonderful place to live and if we make the right decisions, it will continue to be that.”

His boyhood friends characterized life in Baldwin as a prison, but Hayes says he always viewed it as Mayberry, a quiet town where nothing much happened. Like most kids, he wanted to get out and see the world. “It never dawned on me that I’d come back here,” he says.

But memories of small-town life drew Hayes back three years ago when he decided to raise a family. Qualities that made Baldwin boring to a teen suddenly became selling points to a parent.

Hayes never considered himself a politician, though he majored in political science at KU. He believed the older generation ran Baldwin. When he became upset over land-use issues, he decided to speak out by writing letters to the local newspaper. Eventually people urged him to run. The result was the election of a new mayor and three new city council members—all younger candidates who, like Hayes, ran on platforms for change.

“You can be a complainer and sit on the sidelines or you can get involved and do something,” Hayes says.

When retired teacher Mary Plank heard her former social studies student was running for mayor, she was proud. He was her first student to be elected to office. “I was just excited that he wanted to run,” she says. “He always seemed interested in what we were doing. I guess the classes weren’t entirely lost on him.”

He faces challenges, from the city’s aging electric plant to complaints about stray dogs. The most difficult aspect, however, is what Hayes calls “politics at a personal level.” In most cases he knows the people his decisions will affect. “It makes it 10 times more difficult. I think I’m a good mayor because I can make decisions and still look people in the face.”

Although his community is no longer a sleepy Mayberry, Hayes says he would still encourage new graduates to follow their passions outside Baldwin City. “I think they’ll have a much better appreciation for what they have here if they go out and see the world first.”

—Cohen, j’91, is a freelance writer in Baldwin City.
Carolyn Bauer Andrade, c’69, is an assistant director of clinical research at Quintiles in Kansas City.

Arden Carr, e’69, makes his home in Lenexa.

William Coates Jr., c’69, l’72, practices law with Holman Hansen Colville & Coates in Overland Park.

Diana Thompson Dale, c’69, lives in Denver with her husband, Jack. She’s writing a book about the search for her uncle, a fighter pilot who disappeared over Italy during World War II.

Connie Carney Erickson, d’69, g’71, owns Door County Realty in Fish Creek, Wis. She and her husband, Robert, live in Egg Harbor.

Richard Grote, e’69, makes his home in Lenexa.

Robert Holder, e’69, leads a procurement team at Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M.

Jessica Shellman Kirk, d’69, g’70, teaches school in Blue Valley. She lives in Roeland Park.

Camille Ebaugh Kluge, d’69, is president of the Wichita Area Technical College.

Orville Koltermann, c’69, lives in Poway, Calif., and is senior vice president of clinical affairs at Amylin Pharmaceuticals in San Diego.

Stephen Lucas, c’69, g’73, is vice president of Louis Dreyfus Corp. in Wilton, Conn. He lives in Trumbull.


Ronald Strong, s’69, has a therapy and consultation practice in Topeka.

Kyle Vann, e’69, is CEO of Entergy-Koch in Houston.

Brent Waldron, b’69, g’71, works as a managing partner at Coates, Reid & Waldron, a real-estate firm in Aspen, Colo.

1970

Robert Axline Jr., e’70, g’72, Ph.D.’74, manages radar analysis at Sandia National Laboratories, and Terry Ryan Axline, d’70, g’73, coordinates research and marketing at Albuquerque Biological Park in Albuquerque, N.M.

Marilyn Baltz, c’70, is vice president of research and development at Sigma Diagnostics in St. Louis. She lives in Millstradt, Ill.

Richard “Doug” Barrows, e’70, teaches naval science at Terry Parker High School in Jacksonville, Fla.

Diane Bottorff, n’70, g’87, teaches nursing at Baker University’s Stormont-Vail campus in Topeka.

Jay Cooper, g’70, recently became an Internet sales specialist for Clear Channel Communications in Tampa, Fla. He lives in Riverview with his wife, Valerie.

Constance Finch, c’70, directs regulatory affairs for BD Diagnostic Systems in Montgomery Village, Md.

Edward Fintelje, PhD’70, is a professor and director of the Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs at Wichita State University.

Edna Brooks Hobbs, g’70, a retired teacher, continues to make her home in Wichita.

Paula Hauser Leffel, f’70, a self-employed artist, makes her home in Mission Hills with her husband, Russell, c’70, g’73. He practices law in Shawnee Mission.

Edith Lord, c’70, is a professor of microbiology and immunology at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y.

James Oppy, f’70, lives in Oak Hill, Va, and is senior vice president of Corporate Risk International in Fairfax.

Leanne Benda Pike, d’70, teaches with USD 220 in Ashland, where she and her husband, Losson, f’71, make their home. He’s a self-employed attorney.

Robert Ryan, c’70, m’74, is a captain for Continental Airlines. He lives in Agana, Guam.

Terry Satterlee, c’70, practices environmental law with Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City.

Mark Scott, c’70, g’76, g’79, teaches history at Pepperdine University and California State University-Northridge. He lives in Ojai and wrote Bravo, Amerikanski!, a biography of United Press war correspondent Ann Stringer.

June Mitchell Sexton, c’70, is a technical supervisor for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in Topeka. She lives in Tecumseh.

Donald Williams, c’70, works as a communications engineer for the Federal Aviation Administration. He lives in Roanoke, Texas.

1971

Charlotte Hardy Andrezik, s’71, has a private psychiatric practice in Oklahoma City.

Linda Denton Baum, c’71, is an associate professor of immunology at the Chicago Medical School. She lives in Deerfield, Ill., with her husband, Robert, c’71.

Pamela Miller Berg, f’71, serves as a regional field representative for Navajo Missions. She lives in Madison, Wis.
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Patrick Cantwell, d’71, directs preventative health care for Unity in Wichita.

Alan Davis, c’71, is senior manager for Zimmerman & Associates in Hales Corners, Wis. He lives in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Hugo Fernandez, PhD’71, lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., and is chief medical researcher and a professor of neurology, physiology and biophysics at the University of South Florida in Bay Pines.

Mark Grissom, c’71, works as an analyst for Jaycor in Colorado Springs.

Larson Hanson, d’71, lives in West Bloomfield, Mich.

Mary MacKinnon Jepsen, c’71, j’71, works as an occupational therapist at Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell, S.D. She lives in Huron.

Linda Loney, c’71, is chief of pediatrics at Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton.

Louise Ewing Pouehman, c’71, lives in Tucson, Ariz., where she works for the school district.

Joachim Saffert, g’71, works for the Max-Planck Institute for Plasmaphysics in Garching, Germany.

Neil Stempleman, j’71, is Washington copy chief for Bridge News in Washington, D.C.

1972

Mark Anderson, c’72, m’75, has a private neurosurgery practice in Irvine, Calif.

Anne Elder Coady, d’72, teaches third grade for USD 407 in Russell.

Evan Douple, PhD’72, is a board director of the National Research Council in Washington, D.C. He lives in Reston, Va.

Michael Engel, e’72, lives in Hays, where he’s vice president of operations at Midwest Energy.

Amy Fulton, c’72, is a professor of pathology and oncology at the University of Maryland–Baltimore.

Jackson Harrell, PhD’72, is president of The Harrell Group in Dallas.

Wynne Jennings, b’72, g’74, serves as chairman of On Demand Technologies in Shawnee Mission.

Gerald Johnson, e’72, is executive vice president of Shaffer, Kline & Warren in Overland Park.

Richard Kovich, e’72, lives in Wichita, where he’s a group engineer for Learjet.

Michael Meredith, c’72, is an associate professor at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, and Hannah Johnson Meredith, d’72, is a dental hygienist at Lake Oswego Dental Centre.

Kathleen Newlin Pyke, d’72, does substitute teaching in Hays.

PROFILE

SMALL-TOWN DOCTOR WINS BIG-TIME HONOR

When it came time to nominate a Kansas physician for the American Medical Association’s new “Pride in the Profession Awards,” the choices were many. But Jerry Slaughter, executive director of the Kansas Medical Society, says the choice also was obvious: Linda Duston Warren, of Hanover.

The AMA agreed, selecting Warren, c’66, m’70, as one of six inaugural recipients of the national award that honors physicians who bring pride to their profession and promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

“She’s totally committed as a physician, she’s very humble and modest, she is a patient advocate from the ground up and she’s got a great sense of humor,” Slaughter says. “I think she exemplifies the traits that we’d all like to see in our physicians.”

Warren, a member of the Alumni Association’s Board of Directors and the first woman president of the Kansas Medical Society, is the only primary-care physician in Hanover, a north-central Kansas town with a population of 654. The Washington, D.C., ballroom where she accepted the honor, Warren told her national colleagues at the March ceremony, had a bigger population than her hometown.

Warren told her national colleagues that despite occasional struggles with the “fish-bowl phenomenon,” practicing medicine in a small Kansas town “promotes trust and understanding of not just a physician and patient, but two human beings with feelings, loves, successes, failures, laughter and tears, all visible through the course of years.”

Warren also told her colleagues that her personal story is less about her decision to return to Washington County to launch her practice in 1971, and more about why she chose to stay.

“Living in the rural area allowed me to be the type of physician, wife and mother I wanted to be,” she says. “Had I been living in a metropolitan area and attending my children’s events, I would not have been able to practice full-time medicine. We are committed to going to all of our kids’ activities. If they looked up in the stands and we weren’t there, they knew there was somebody who needed us more than they did.”

Warren’s husband, Roger, c’54, m’57, is Hanover’s surgeon, and she often serves as the anesthetist. The schedule can be frantic, but the Warrens have always made time for their family. The youngest of their four children, Rachael, studied drama at Illinois Wesleyan University, earned a master’s degree at Harvard University and has since been acting across the Northeast.

Her parents have missed only one show.

“Please don’t think I’m patting myself on the back, because I’m not,” Warren says. “Rachael brings our family a different perspective, being in the arts. When we leave we have to hire somebody to cover our practice, but it’s worth it. It’s a hoot. It’s so much fun.”

DOCTOR MOM: Linda Warren, Hanover’s busy physician, says small-town medicine allows her to tend both of her priorities—her family and her patients.
Jeanne Gorman Rau, c’72, l’78, practices law with McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips in Kansas City.

Linda Greenwell Robinson, d’72, g’76, directs KU’s Wheat State Whirlwind Tour. She and her husband, Scott, c’79, m’83, live in Lawrence, where he’s president and CEO of Lawrence Emergency Medicine Associates.

Jerry Shay, Ph.D’72, is a professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Lawrence Tenopir, d’72, g’78, l’82, practices law with Tenopir & Huerter in Topeka.

Kathryn Warren, c’72, wrote The Big Casino, which was published earlier this year. She lives in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

1973

John Brazelton, j’73, is chief of the video production branch of the U.S. Air Force in Los Angeles.

David Dillon, b’73, lives in Cincinnati, where he’s president of the Kroger Co.

Douglas Donor, c’73, works as a technical advisor for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Philadelphia. He lives in Marlton, N.J.

Roberta Skinner Gray, m’73, directs pediatric nephrology for the Carolinas Healthcare System in Charlotte, N.C.

Lewis Heaven Jr., c’73, l’77, is vice president of Holbrook, Heaven & Osborn in Merriam.

Gregory Justis, c’73, l’76, practices law in Petoskey, Mich., where he’s prosecuting attorney for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Andrew Masters Jr., c’73, manages real estate for Hines in New York City. He lives in Montclair, N.J.

James Merrill, j’73, g’76, Ph.D’82, is president of Applied Marketing Research in Merriam.

James Mixson, c’73, lives in Leawood and is a clinical associate professor of otorhinolaryngology at the KU Medical Center.

Court Saunders, c’73, directs grain science for DuPont Specialty Grains in Johnston, Iowa.

Eldon Schrock, c’73, practices medicine at San Francisco Fertility Centers. He and Elizabeth Verchota Schrock, c’73, live in Mill Valley.

Neil Shortridge, c’73, l’76, practices law with Stinson, Mag & Fizzell in Leawood.

Marilyn Smith, c’73, is a research assistant professor at KU Medical Center in Kansas City. She lives in Lawrence.

Mary Ann Bowen Williams, d’73, works as an office specialist in the KU School of Education. She and her husband, John, ’80, live in Lawrence.

1974

John Wilson, c’73, m’78, practices medicine with the Klamath Pediatric Clinic in Klamath Falls, Ore.

Mary Centner Brothers, m’74, chairs the department of family practice at Trinity Lutheran Hospital. She lives in Lansing.

Deborah Davies, c’74, is CEO of the Arc of Atlantic County in Somers Point, NJ.

Dennis Fillmore, c’74, has a dental practice in Albuquerque, NM.

Susan Geiss, c’74, d’77, teaches for USD 290 in Ottawa.

Jon Jamison, c’74, c’75, manages marketing for Abbott Laboratories in Abbott Park, Ill. He and his wife, Vicki, live in Libertyville with their children, Allison, 13, and Joshua, 10.

Anthony Kam, a’74, is a principal at Anthony K.S. Kam. He and Diana Javellana Kam, c’69, live in El Cajon, Calif., where she’s a teacher.

Robert Millay Jr., Ph.D’74, works as a systems service representative for IBM in Dallas.

Barbara Nohinek, c’74, m’78, has a private practice with Infectious Disease Associates in Fort Wayne, Ind., where she and her husband, Christopher Zee-Cheng, m’78, make their home.

Doreen Wilhelm Northrup, c’74, c’75, p’91, supervises the IV room at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield, Mo. She lives in Ozark.

Kevin Nunnink, c’74, g’75, is president of Integra, which has offices in New York City, Westwood and Chicago. He lives in Shawnee Mission.

Lynn Smiley, c’74, lives in Chapel Hill, N.C., with her husband, Peter Gilligan, Ph.D’78. She’s vice president of antiviral clinic research at Glaxo Wellcome in Research Triangle.

Dennis Woodling, c’74, is deputy director of engineering for the city of Alpharetta, Ga.

1975

Douglas Ballou, j’75, recently joined the management team at Callahan Creek, an integrated marketing firm in Lawrence. He commutes from Weatherby Lake, Mo.

Patricia Grunder Berger, c’75, is a professor at the University of California-Davis. She lives in Winters.

Dennis Cantrell, e’75, a partner in the Wichita firm of MKEC Engineering Consultants, makes his home in Olathe.
David Decker, g'75, PhD'77, recently became dean of the management school at the New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury.

Dennis Deen, PhD'75, is a professor at the University of California's Brain Tumor Research Center in San Francisco. He lives in Petaluma.

David Elkouri, b'75, f'78, owns Express Petroleum in Wichita.

Craig Haines, j'75, lives in Wichita, where he owns Hainesey-Boy Inc.

Brita Horowitz, s'75, is a social worker in Kansas City.

Paul King, f'75, manages graphic design for River City Studio in Kansas City.

Martin McCool, b'75, is an inventory manager for Russell Stover Candies in Kansas City.

Warren Meslch, e'75, lives in Fort Collins, Colo., where he's president of the Engineering Company.

Verner Nellsch, c'75, m'78, owns the Livingston Women’s Clinic in Livingston, Texas.

Charlotte Rublee, f'75, is an academic adviser at Harvard University. She lives in Cambridge, Mass.

Jay Schukman, m'75, lives in Richmond, Va., where he’s medical director for Trigen Blue Cross Blue Shield. Nancy Westphal Schukman, g'77, is a special education teacher for the Henrico County Public Schools.

Franklin Taylor, j'75, practices law with Norton, Hubbard, Ruzicka & Kreamer and is president and CEO of the Olathe Chamber of Commerce.

John Whitehead, c'75, lives in Herington, where he’s a physician with Herington Family Practice.

Michael Wormington, c'75, g'79, directs RNA biology at PTC Therapeutics in South Plainfield, N.J. He lives in Bridgewater.

Judith Zillner, r'75, is an investment executive with Berthel Fisher & Co. in Overland Park.

1976

Warren Burge, p'76, directs pharmacy services at Preferred Health Systems in Wichita, where he lives with his wife, Janelle.

Joel Colbert, g'76, EdD'77, is assistant dean of education at California State University-Carson.

Garth Fromme, j'76, recently was promoted to senior vice president of retail banking at Bannister Bank & Trust. He lives in Kansas City.

Jimmie Grassi Sr., e'76, works as a project engineer for Black & Veatch in Overland Park.

Diane DeFever Klingman, c'76, m'79, recently was elected to the board of Preferred Health Systems. She lives in Wichita.

Randy Kovach, d'76, is a senior account executive with ALK Associates in Princeton, N.J.

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CLASS NOTES

STOUT TAKES FESTIVAL HELM AS ADMIRAL SMITH

Mike Stout puts his pants on one leg at a time, just like everybody else. But only 28 people have ever put on official Admiral Windwagon Smith pants.

For 10 straight days in the middle of May, Stout, l'61, put on those pants—and the rest of the admiral’s uniform—to serve as the ambassador of Wichita’s River Festival. The first River Festival was a single-day event in 1972. Today’s 10-day festival features more than 80 events, draws hundreds of thousands of participants and generates more than $17 million.

“Mike was definitely one of the people who helped form the River Festival,” says Jim Remsberg, e’57, himself a former Admiral Windwagon Smith. “When choosing the admiral this year, we had the desire to celebrate the 30th anniversary by recognizing someone like Mike.”

Although it was the 30th year of the festival, it was the 28th year organizers chose an Admiral Windwagon Smith, who reigns over the festival and serves throughout the year. Stout, 63, a partner with Foulston & Siefkin, where he has worked since 1963, remembers attending the first River Festival; a few years later he was asked to help the fledgling festival get established as an annual event. As an attorney, Stout helped establish the bylaws and create sponsor agreements.

He remained active in organizing the festival for about 10 years, including a stint as board president and numerous committee roles. He again got involved about four years ago, this time with long-range planning. But none of those roles can compare with being Admiral Windwagon Smith.

Stout attended 78 events in 10 days, ranging from the festival’s opening-day parade that drew a crowd of 150,000 to a sandcastle building contest.

“It was a full-time job for 10 days,” Stout says. “It was every day and nearly all day. I saw 20 minutes of a whole lot of events, and I shook hands with a lot of 5-year-olds.”

The admiral’s ornately decorated red coat, hat, pants and cowboy boots, as well as the sword on his side, make him a popular attraction at the events. “Everyone wanted me to show them the sword,” Stout says. “I had to quit wearing it pretty early into the festival, though. It was awkward to wear, and it had a sharp point. But the kids still liked pushing on the coat buttons and looking at the big belt buckle.”

Temperatures reached 90 degrees several times during the festival, and the red coat is heavy, the hat is wool and the boots hurt his feet. Despite the sweat, Stout was a proud, albeit exhausted, admiral.

“It was worth the time and the effort,” he says. “The festival is very weather-dependent, and I was lucky to be admiral during such a great year for the festival.”

—Schnyder is a free-lance writer in Wichita.
John Lightfoot, c’76, m’79, practices medicine with N.W. Family Physicians in Arlington Heights, Ill. He lives in Schaumburg.

Debra Wenrich Macy, p’76, is a pharmacist at Via Christi-St. Francis in Wichita.

Kevin Preston, c’76, has a private practice in gastroenterology in Sioux City, Iowa.

Rhoads Stevens, c’76, is an ophthalmologist in Honolulu.

**1977**

Joanne Schmidt Applegate, p’77, works as a clinical pharmacist at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

Chris Haller, c’77, m’80, is chief of surgical services for the VA Eastern Kansas Health Care System in Leavenworth.

Jeffrey Jordan, c’77, g’79, lives in Littleton, Colo. He’s an environmental scientist with Pacific Western Technologies in Denver.

Richard Lockton, e’77, is general manager of York International-Natkin Service in Riverside, Mo. He and his wife, Amy, live in Leawood.

Meredith Marden, d’77, teaches third grade at Peiffer Elementary School in Littleton, Colo. She lives in Lakewood.

Greg Michels, p’77, is a pharmacist at Walmart in Emporia.

Peter Ochs, b’77, lives in Wichita, where he’s president of Boggs Sign.

Robbin Reynolds, j’77, is president of Sound Products, an audio communications dealership in Lenexa. She lives in Olathe.

Laura Cook Stewart, d’77, serves as a special agent in the U.S. Food & Drug Administration’s office of criminal investigations in Lenexa.

**MARRIED**

Deborah Kruskop, c’77, and Christopher Brodbeck, c’78, Jan. 20. They live in Holton.

**1978**

Richard “Jeff” Ayesh, c’78, works as a salesman for Merck & Co. He and Patti Hobson Ayesh, p’79, live in Wichita with their daughter, Sara, 5.

Rick Chambers, b’78, is president of Multiple Services Equipment Co. in Mission.

Howard Collinson, c’78, directs the art museum at the University of Iowa. He lives in Iowa City.

Jeffrey DeGasperi, a’78, a’79, is vice president of Rafael Architects in Kansas City.

Kent Erickson, c’78, m’83, practices medicine with Clay Center Family Physicians in Clay Center.

Randall Fehdrau, c’78, manages the laboratory at Duke Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

Steven Francesconi, p’78, directs government affairs for Sangstat Medical Corp. in Atlanta.

Alan Freund, g’78, is vice president and chief financial officer of ACN Energy in McLean, Va.

Candice Hart, c’78, received a master’s in library and information science last year from Dominican University. She and her husband, Craig Dunn, d’78, d’79, live in St. Paul, Minn., and he’s executive director of Very Special Arts Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Jan Davidson Helfer, d’78, g’80, recently became president and CEO of VNA Plus, a home health company in Kansas City.

Deonarine Jaggernauth, e’78, g’79, is a senior engineer and environmental specialist with Petrotrin in Trinidad, West Indies.

Frank Komin, e’78, recently became general manager of Occidental Petroleum. He lives in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Catherine Bodin Mackie, c’78, is a staff counselor at Care and Counseling. She lives in Chesterfield, Mo.

Michael Sarras, g’78, lives in Kansas City, where he’s retired from Bank Midwest.

**1979**

Kenneth Cook, c’79, m’83, is a managing partner in Radiology Associates in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Stephen Coon, c’79, m’83, practices medicine with Radiology & Nuclear Medicine in Topeka.

Mark Mustoe, c’79, directs operations for Cox Communications in Atlanta.

Lucynda Raben, c’79, owns a dental practice in Wichita.

James White, c’79, is president and CEO of Entomos in Gainesville, Fla.

**1980**

Joel Alberts, c’80, is a geological adviser for Devon Energy Production in Edmond, Okla.

Brian Bagby, b’80, lives in Plano, Texas, and works as vice president of sales and marketing for PMJ in Grand Prairie.

Susan Owens Bloom, d’80, g’87, teaches reading and is a literacy coach for the Buhler school district. She and her husband, Jim, j’80, g’83, live in Hutchinson with their daughters, Ashley, 15; Whitney, 12; and Lindsey, 9. Jim is publisher of the Hutchinson News.
Alma Isaacs Collins, n’80, suffered the loss of her husband, James, last year. She lives in Hutchinson.

Su-Er Wu Huskey, PhD’80, is a senior research fellow for Merck Research Laboratory in Rahway, N.J. She and her husband, William, PhD’85, live in Westfield.

Cheri Jones Johnson, c’80, g’82, a retired chemical engineer, makes her home in Westminster, Calif., with her husband, Mike, c’82.

Ed Kuldenski, b’80, is senior vice president of Child Health Corp. of America. He lives in Prairie Village.

Jeff Lindenbaum, c’80, chairs the radiology department at Preakness Radiological Associates in Wayne, N.J. He and his wife, Joan Sorenson, c’80, live in Morris Plains with their sons, Benjamin, 10, and David, 6.

Mark Matasse, c’80, directs juvenile affairs for the U.S. Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Services in Washington, D.C.

Cathy Davis Matasse, d’80, teaches eighth-grade English at Benton Middle School in Manassas, Va., where they live.

Jason Meschke, b’80, g’82, recently became president and chief operating officer of EFL Associates, an executive search firm. He lives in Overland Park.

Gus Meyer, c’80, is president of Rau Construction in Overland Park.

Kirk Nelson, c’80, practices medicine at St. Anthony’s Hospital in St. Louis. He lives in Chesterfield.

Winifred Pinet, c’80, g’82, works for Sycamore Associates in Detroit, Mich. She lives in Grosse Pointe.

Charles Pugh, PhD’80, is a self-employed writer in Madison, Wis.

David Rebein, f’80, practices law with Foulston & Siefkin in Dodge City.

Johnna Boothe Roberts, PhD’80, is an environmental scientist with Jacobson Helgoth Consultants in Omaha, Neb.

Michael Webb, c’80, lives in Wellesley, Mass., and is CEO of Epixmedical in Cambridge.

1981

Robert Brown Jr., c’81, directs marketing at Daniel Measurement and Control in Houston.

Harry Callicotte, c’81, practices law with HDC & Associates in Radcliff, Ky.

Sarah Smull Hatfield, b’81, g’83, works for Commerce Bank in Kansas City.

Melodie Funk Henderson, c’81, directs intellectual property at Genaissance Pharmaceuticals in New Haven, Conn. She and her husband, Steven, c’80, live in Hamden.


**McCORMICK FINDS CAREER IN YELLOWSTONE**

This year, an anticipated 3 million people will pack their bags and head to Yellowstone National Park, the oldest and most popular of the nation’s parks. It’s estimated that one-third of all Americans will visit Yellowstone during their lifetime, but a lifetime wouldn’t be long enough to enjoy the beauty and splendor of the park, according to Phyllis Riggs McCormick, f’45.

Nearly every year since 1985, McCormick has driven 1,350 miles from Kansas City to work in one of 13 stores in Yellowstone. There she lives in a modest dormitory and works five days a week selling T-shirts, jewelry and other souvenirs to tourists from around the world.

“It’s kind of a long way to drive for a minimum-wage job,” McCormick says. It’s not the money that draws her, but the beauty of Yellowstone and the camaraderie of the nearby 1,000 college students, retirees and others who work for Hamilton Stores, an 80-year-old family business, one of only two concessionaires in Yellowstone.

McCormick first visited Yellowstone in 1975 with her sister, Patty Riggs Kost Lewallen, c’42, and their children. After retiring as an occupational therapist with the Kansas City, Mo., school district, McCormick applied for jobs at Yellowstone, Alaska’s Denali National Park and the Grand Canyon, among other parks.

Within minutes of mailing her acceptance letter to Yellowstone, she had a telephone job offer for Denali, but Yellowstone was her first choice.

“I felt like I had died and gone to heaven, and still do each time I arrive out there,” McCormick says.

McCormick’s sister first joined her in 1986. On their days off, the two hike, backpack, fish and look for bears in remote areas of the park most people never see.

When they began their careers at Yellowstone, the two sisters had no radio or television in their quarters. Now satellite brings TV to the park, but the dorms have no Internet, most cellular phones aren’t in range and it’s 110 miles one way to the nearest Wal-Mart in Bozeman, Mont.

The women have seen Yellowstone at its best and worst. For seven years, McCormick arrived in April with as much as 22 feet of snow still on the ground and only the roofline of her store visible. When fires consumed much of the park’s 3,500 square miles in 1988, the stores operated by flashlight after power lines were destroyed. For weeks, the smoke and flames crept closer to the dormitories, until finally all employees were evacuated. McCormick admits she was “scared spitless.”

But she keeps going back because of the beauty, because of her friends—and because she still can.

“The national parks are such a wonderful gift to our society,” she says. “It’s the one thing we get our money’s worth out of when we pay our taxes.”

—Meyer is a free-lance writer in Parkville, Mo.
Joaquin Santos, m’81, practices medicine at the Wichita Clinic.

Karl Schletzbaum, e’81, g’86, is an aerospace safety engineer for the Federal Aviation Administration. He lives in Overland Park.

Brian Torres, e’81, works for Samson Resources in Perryton, Texas, where Janel Bullock Torres, d’81, teaches kindergarten at Victory Christian Academy.

1982
Clare Kyriacou Bodner, j’82, is an account executive with AOL/Time Warner. She lives in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Michael Boehm, b’82, lives in Lenexa, where he’s vice president of the business banking group at Commerce Bank.

Edwin Cooley, e’82, is a market manager for TXU Energy Services in Dallas.

Robert LaGarde, PhD’82, is a psychologist with the Richland, Wash., school district. He lives in Kennewick.

Karl Sieg, c’82, m’86, has a psychiatric practice in Naples, Fla.

James Spencer, c’82, is a division vice president at Waste Connections in Wichita, and Angela Nitcher Spencer, ’84, is a nurse at Wesley Hospital.

Margaret Kremers Telthorst, c’82, makes her home in Auburn with her husband, Robert, c’83. He’s an attorney with Telthorst & Noll in Topeka.

1983
Anton Andersen, b’83, is a director and shareholder in McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips in Kansas City.

Bill Davis, b’83, manages solution sales for Digital Consulting and Software Services. He and Julie Jones Davis, j’84, live in Sugar Land, Texas, with their children, Lindsey, 11, and Michael, 9.

Lisa McGlone, c’83, has a dental practice in Houston.

Grace Willing Sadler, j’83, manages communications for the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, Jim, live in Bossier City, La., with their daughter, Ellie, 1.

Steven Walton, j’83, is president of Cypress Capital in Cypress, Texas.

BORN TO:

William, ’83, and Nika Jerkovich Cummings, c’86, ’190, son, William James, Aug. 30 in Wichita, where he joins two brothers, Joseph, 7, and Christopher; 2.

1984
Devon Cadwell Bazata, j’84, edits publications for Princeton University’s McCarter Theatre in Princeton, N.J.

Timothy Davis, c’84, owns Unique Homes, a real estate, consumer escrow and title company in Aurora, Colo.

Jerr Flynn Hanus, e’84, is a principal engineer with Procter & Gamble in Mason, Ohio. She and her husband, Daniel, live in Cincinnati with their children, Andrew, 5, and Zachary, 2.

Robert Wilkin, b’84, lives in Lenexa and is general manager of Heritage Park Golf Course in Olathe.

BORN TO:


Lisa Vardean O’Connor, c’84, j’84, and Robert, daughter, Allison Kate, March 3 in Houston, where she joins a brother, Matthew, 5, and a sister, Megan, 2.

1985
Lori Elliott Bartle, j’85, teaches writing in Creighton University’s journalism department. She lives in Omaha, Neb.

Clinton Robinson, e’85, g’92, a vice president with Black & Veatch, makes his home in Overland Park.

Todd Thompson, b’85, is a division manager for Xpedx in Colorado Springs, Colo.

BORN TO:

Jon Gilchrist, b’85, l’88, and Linda, son, Jon Patrick, Jan. 24 in Leawood, where he joins two sisters, Tate, 6, and Aubrey, 3. Jon works for metal Warehouse in Overland Park.

Margaret O’Rourke Nowak, j’85, and Daniel, son, James Henry, Dec. 4 in Alplaus, N.Y., where he joins two brothers, Anthony, 5, and Joseph, 2.

1986
Janet Arndt, j’86, is assistant director of central research for the Kansas Court of Appeals. She lives in Lawrence.

Gerald Callejo, e’86, works for Jeppesen, where he’s product manager. He lives in Littleton, Colo.

Richard Couch, PhD’86, a principal in Tobinworld 11, makes his home in Brentwood, Calif.

Richard Ferraro, g’86, PhD’89, is an associate professor of psychology at the University of North Dakota-Grand Forks.

Shawn Hunter, b’86, g’88, is president of the Phoenix Coyotes of the National Hockey League.

Clifford Leiker Jr., b’86, g’89, lives in Olathe, where he’s chief managing officer of CJL Financial.

1987
Greg Ash, b’87, f’91, recently was elected a partner of Spencer Fane Brit & Browne. He commutes to Overland Park from Lawrence.

Cristina Catt, f’87, sings professionally with Tapestry, an ensemble based in Boston. She lives in Cambridge.

Alison Hart Cirena, j’87, works as a freelance consultant in the magazine industry. She lives in Essex Falls, N.J.

Jose, j’87, and Kelly Morgan Colomer, c’87, live in Palos Verdes, Calif., with Zoe, 2, and Nicolas, 1.

Rebecca Haddock Finn, j’87, lives in Roswell, Ga., with her husband, Timothy, and their children, Jessica, Everett and Aidan.

Laurian Casson Lytle, g’87, PhD’93, is a stock analyst with Invista Capital Management. She lives in Ankeny, Iowa.

Rebecca Hill Pollmiller, g’87, vice president of Brian Pollmiller & Associates, lives in Lenexa with her husband, Brian.

MARRIED

Mark Henderson, b’87, and Susan Schmidt, j’96, Sept. 2 in Lawrence, where they both work for PackerWare.

BORN TO:

Carey Craig, c’87, and Marilyn, daughter, Natalie Marie, March 18 in Cheney, where she joins two brothers, Miles, 6, and Jared, 3. Carey manages recruitment for the human resources department at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

1988
Paul Dietz, c’88, g’00, works as a financial risk manager with Minnesota Power in Duluth.

Robert Gronke, PhD’88, is senior scientist at Biogen in Cambridge, Mass.

Kathy Hagen, e’88, manages structural engineering for Bibb & Associates. She lives in Lenexa.

Stephen Hughes, c’88, supervises accounts and is a vice president of the Hughes Group in St. Louis.

Ann Kaplan, f’88, is a territory representative for Hallmark Cards in Madison, Wis.

Mark Klimiuk, c’88, lives in Monument, Colo., with Gwendolyn Glass Klimiuk, ’90, and their sons, John, 2, and Andrew, 1. Mark is a division manager for Boeing/Autometic in Colorado Springs.

Melissa Larson, c’88, m’94, works as a pediatric anesthesiologist at Colorado Anesthesia Consultants in Denver.

Susan Auer Mitchell, c’88, f’94, practices law with the U.S. Army JAG Corps in Fort Irwin, Calif.
Deborah Anderson, j’89, c’90, g’93, directs the Kansas Film Commission in Topeka.

Daniel Houston, c’89, manages projects for Angelou Economics. He lives in Austin, Texas.

Susan Hull Hudson, g’89, and her daughter, Stacey, f’90, celebrated Susan’s 65th birthday earlier this year by walking more than 60 miles in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Challenge. Susan lives in Callao, Va., and Stacey lives in Washington, D.C., where she’s an art director for Burson Marsteller.

Kim Keller Meeds, b’89, is a homemaker in Overland Park, where she lives with her husband, Frank, ’90. He’s a pilot for TWA.

Thomas Rietz, c’89, is president of Canterra Homes in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Kristin Smith, c’89, coordinates graphics for ACTV in Irving, Texas. She lives in Carrollton.

Larry West, PhD’89, chairs the department of computer and math science at Columbia College in Columbia, Mo.

BORN TO:
Charles Knapp, c’88, and Chelle, son, Joshua Perry, Oct. 20 in Augusta, where he joins a brother, Michael, 2.

Sally Streff Buzbee, j’88, and John, c’89, j’89, daughter, Margaret Ann, Jan. 8 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. John is a political officer in the U.S Embassy, and the family will move to Washington, D.C., when his tour ends later this summer.

1989
Kimberly Casillo Anacona, b’89, makes her home in Overland Park with her husband, Michael, b’90.

Derek, b’89, and Julie Chadwell Locke, s’93, s’97, daughter, Hope Christina, Sept. 13 in Smyrna, Ga., where she joins a sister; Zoe, 2.

Bradley, ’89, and Renee Raychaudhuri Rettele, d’93, g’97, son, Mason David, Feb. 21 in Lawrence, where he joins a sister; Delaney, 2. Bradley owns M&M Baking, and Renee is a physical therapist at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

1990
Sean Goodale, b’90, g’01, directs finances for Physician Resources of Kansas. He and Kimberly Young Goodale, j’91, live in Overland Park with their sons, Blake, 4, and Keaton, 1.

Erin Hartshorn, b’90, is a controller at Resources Connection in Santa Ana, Calif. She lives in Irvine.

Deborah Head Holinger, c’90, a captain in the U.S. Air Force, serves at Robins AFB, Ga. She lives in Kathleen.

Patricia Walton Linhardt, c’90, m’96, practices medicine at the Wichita Clinic.

Melanie Dick McMullen, l’90, recently joined the Overland Park law firm of Lathrop & Gage.

David Murphy, c’90, is a vice president and direct marketing director at ICON Promotional Marketing in Clearwater, Fla.

Daniel Redler, c’90, manages customer marketing for Coca-Cola in Atlanta.

Michael Snell, p’90, and his wife, Tammy, own Cole Camp Pharmacy in Cole Camp, Mo., where they live with their children, Brianna, 11, and Cameron, 4.

Kevin Toller, c’90, m’94, practices ophthalmology at Grand Lake Eye Care in Grove, Okla.

Shuping Ye, g’90, PhD’92, works as a software consultant for IBM Global Services in Atlanta.

BORN TO:
Patrick, b’90, and Kathleen Kurzak Kaufman, assoc., son, Christian William, Nov. 3 in Overland Park, where he joins a brother; Brian, 4, and a sister, Emily, 3.

1991
John Gill, e’91, a’92, recently became secretary of CRS Engineering and Design Consultants in Birmingham, Ala.

Kathryn Driscoll Hollrah, c’91, n’93, and her husband, Scott, m’94, live in Mission Hills with their son, Benjamin, 1.

Jordan Lerner, e’91, recently joined Hendersen Engineers in Overland Park as a senior electrical engineer. He commutes from Lawrence.

MARRIED
Mark Lapoint, d’91, g’97, and Jill Hilton, d’92, Jan. 13 in Lawrence, where they live. Mark is vice president of sales for Security-Shred in
Lenexa, and Jill teaches French and Spanish at West Junior High School in Lawrence.

**BORN TO:**

*Barry Moore,* c’91, and Rhonda, son Logan Dayle, Oct. 30 in Redmond, Wash., where Barry is a branch manager for Sprint.

*Nancy Anderson Sullivan,* n’91, g’97, and Patrick, son Brody Patrick, March 16 in Lawrence, where he joins a sister, Ella, 2.

*Matthew,* j’91, and *Paula Birbeck Taylor,* j’92, son Ryan Patrick, Jan. 19 in Holton, where Matthew and Paula work at Denison State Bank.

*Geoffrey,* e’91, and *Mary Heil Wehrman,* e’92, son Joshua, Sept. 11 in Minneapolis, where he joins two brothers, Andrew, 3, and Curtis, 3.

**1992**

*Brad Berkley,* b’92, is executive vice president of NovoLink in Dallas.

*Michael Peck Jr.,* e’92, is vice president of USBX in Santa Monica, Calif. He and *Laurie Keplin Peck,* d’93, live in Los Angeles with their son, Nathaniel.

*William Singer,* PhD’92, lives in Garland, Texas, and is a post-doctoral researcher in the pharmacology department at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

*David Staker,* b’92, j’95, practices law and is an investment adviser at Prairie Capital Management in Kansas City, where he and *Christina Dunn Staker,* c’96, make their home.

*Joseph Stark,* c’92, is senior vice president of Mixed Signals Technology in Culver City, Calif.

**BORN TO:**

*Kimberly Knoffloch Garrett,* b’92, and Sean, daughter Katherine Elizabeth, Feb. 21 in Overland Park, where she joins a brother, Jordan, 2.

*Scott,* j’92, g’00, and *Mendi Stauffer Hanna,* j’94, son Cole Scott, April 3 in Shawnee.

*Amy Mills Hoffman,* d’92, and Patrick, son, Matthew Scott, March 3 in Arlington, Texas, where he joins two brothers, Reagan, 4, and Bryce, 3.

*Laura Meriwether Kirk,* j’92, and Donald, son Luke Joseph, March 31 in Columbus, where he joins a brother, Nate.

**1993**

*Steven Ammerman,* j’93, works as a weekend anchor and reporter at WTEN in Albany, N.Y.

*Vincent Sollars,* c’93, g’00, is a postdoctoral fellow at the Kimmel Cancer Center in Philadelphia. He lives in Berlin, NJ.

*Mark Suckow,* g’93, co-owns Batteries Plus. He lives in Lenexa.

**MARRIED**

*Jeanne Mellen,* c’93, to Stephen Davison, Jan. 20 in Las Vegas. Jeanne is program manager for XO Communications in Reston, Va., and Stephen manages network planning for Quest in Arlington. They live in Reston.

**BORN TO:**

*Christine Kaiser Chapo,* c’93, and her husband Paul, daughter Grace Elizabeth, Dec. 1 in Kirkwood, Mo.

*Stephanie Kieltyka Mohr,* c’93, and *Jason,* c’94, son Joseph Michael, Feb. 13 in Fairway, where he joins a sister, Hailey, 2.

*Katherine Peterson Schellin,* d’93, and Darrin, son Ryan August, Sept. 8 in Chesterfield, Mo.

*William,* b’93, and *Keri Beightel Sifford,* ‘95, daughter Ryley Nicole, Feb. 17 in Overland Park. William is an e-business group manager with Spring Products Group in New Century.

*Lance,* e’93, g’84, and *Jennifer Thompson Johnson,* c’94, daughter Emma Rebecca, Dec. 13 in Lawrence. Lance is president of the Peridian Group, and Jennifer coordinates events at KU’s Kansas Union.

**1994**

*Angela Carlton,* b’94, h’96, is a medical technologist at Health Midwest. She lives in Grain Valley, Mo.

*Patricia Borowitz Case,* b’94, recently was promoted to assistant vice president of small business banking at Commerce Bank in Kansas City. She commutes from Lawrence.

*Debra Churchill,* c’94, directs consumer analysis services at Ruf Strategic Solutions in Olathe.

*Mary Jane Coplen,* PHD’94, teaches psychology at Hutchinson Community College.

*Aaron Kropf,* p’94, manages the pharmacy at Osco Drug in Sedalia, Mo., where he and his wife, Lori, live with their son, Derek, 1.

*Allison Lippert,* j’94, edits copy for the Des Moines Register in Des Moines, Iowa.


*Alan Michels,* e’94, is a project manager at LHE in Lenexa. He lives in Olathe.


*Annie Simonich,* j’94, manages advertising sales for Cable One in Gulfport, Miss.

*Sophie Xuefu Song,* PhD’94, practices medicine at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles.

*Lockhart Walker,* c’94, coordinates accounts at MMG Worldwide in Kansas City.

**BORN TO:**

*Thomas,* c’94, and *Amy Sutherland Yolini,* c’94, daughter Emma Louise, Dec. 20 in Overland Park, where he’s a vice president with Trammell Crow.

**1995**

*Manuel Lopez,* j’95, works as associate editor of the Business Journal in Kansas City.

*Cho In Ma,* b’95, is a computer engineer for Ernst & Young in Belleville, N.J.

*Christine Manley,* g’95, makes her home in Portland, Maine.

*Barbara Gelb Novor,* s’95, is a medical social worker at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock, Ark., where she and her husband, Jeffrey, live with their sons, Benjamin and Jonathan.

*Dana Roberts,* g’95, works as a long-term care specialist with Eli Lilly & Co. He and his wife, Susan Hickman, g’95, PhD’98, live in Portland, Ore.

*Daniel Staker,* e’95, is a regional partner for H.D.R. Management Consultants in Kansas City. He and his wife, Katherine, live in Fairway with their son, John, 1.

*Cisley Owen Thummel,* c’95, and *Rob,* ‘01, celebrated their first anniversary April 15. She’s an online training developer for Sprint, and he’s assistant controller at KLT. They live in Olathe.

**MARRIED**

*Timothy Calvert,* b’95, and *Melodi Wolf,* j’97, Dec. 16 in Kansas City, where he works for Deloitte Consulting and she works for Sprint.

**BORN TO:**

*Justin,* b’95, and *Jean Pinne Anderson,* c’96, son Johnathon Falley, March 12 in Lawrence, where Justin is a dentist with Nossaman, Wilkerson & Associates.

**1996**

*Philip Ast,* b’96, manages industrial accounts for Georgia Pacific. He lives in Castle Rock, Colo.

*Jeremy Bezdek,* b’96, and his wife, Emily, live in Naperville, Ill. He’s an account manager at Koch Industries in Woodridge.

*Lambro Bourodimos,* PhD’96, works as a German-French translator for ASMFA in Peseux, Switzerland.

*Steele Brown,* c’96, recently joined the Business Journal in Kansas City as a telecommunications reporter.

*Robert Lewis,* g’96, l’00, practices law with Chelepis & Associates in Overland Park.

*Michele Melnik,* j’96, recently was promoted to senior account executive at Kilgannon McReynolds in Atlanta.
Alan, j'96, g'99, and Maria Abatjoglou Stearns, c'99, celebrated their first anniversary June 17. They live in Cambridge, Mass.

MARRIED

Shelley Box, c'96, and Dale Webb, Nov. 4 in Lawrence. She's a child care specialist with the Johnson County Health Department in Olathe, and he works for E&R Construction in Wellsville. They live in Baldwin.

1997

Teresa Veazey Heying, j'97, recently became curator of education at Wichita State University's Edwin A. Ulrich Museum of Art.

Jo Anne Horton, j'97, teaches elementary music for the Goddard school district. She lives in Wichita.

Lolly Robinson Knopp, c'97, is an associate scientist at MidWest Research Institute in Kansas City.

Brit Laurent, b'97, works as a team leader at Cerner in Kansas City.

BORN TO:

Thomas, b'97, and Michelle Santoyo Bemberger, c'97, daughter; Maya Elizabeth, Feb. 25 in Cape Coral, Fla.

Ryan, g'97, and Cindy Paulino Kelly, g'97, son, Thatcher Ryan, Feb. 15 in Tampa, Fla.

1998

Andrew George, b'98, coordinates operations for the Countrywide Tradition Golf tournament in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Jessica Gibson, j'98, recently was promoted to annual fund officer at the Museum of the Arts in Boston. She lives in Hyde Park.

Sean Herrington, m'98, and his wife, Angie, live in Salina with their children, Tyler, 10, Taite, 7, Timeri, 5, and Trevor, 1.

Chris Howell, b'98, is a business banking officer for Empire Bank in Wichita.

Sara K. Jacobsen, b'98, g'00, scored second-highest in the state in the November 2000 sitting of the Kansas CPA exam. Sara lives in Leawood, and works for IFFT and Associates in Overland Park.

Nicole Mehring Schmidt, e'98, works as an implementation engineer in Colveille, Calif., where she and her husband, Zachary, e'97, make their home. He's a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Jason Simpson, a'98, recently became an architectural intern at Ellerbe Becket in Kansas City.

MARRIED

Kristel Thalmann, d'98, and Michael Lewis, d'98, Dec. 16 in Lawrence, where they live. She manages ticket operations at the Kansas Speedway, and he teaches at Southwest Junior High School.

BORN TO:

Douglas, g'98, and Tracy Hepler Ahrens, c'98, daughter; Lilith Michelle, Dec. 30 in Middletown, Del.

1999

Hualin Chen, g'99, works as a software engineer for Black & Veatch in Overland Park.

Shannon, c'99, and Jeanne Grant Conner, '01, celebrated their first anniversary June 30. They live in Olathe. He's a consultant with Applied Communications Group, and she teaches in the Turner School District.

Ashley Hock, c'99, j'00, directs business development for SearchHound.com in Kansas City.

Stacey Harris Lamer, e'99, is an environmental engineer with Delich, Roth & Goodwillie in Kansas City. She commutes from Lawrence, where she lives with her husband, Chad, c'01.

Tracie Lewis, c'99, h'00, works as a medical technologist at KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

Jennifer Mueller, g'99, the Alumni Association's director of student programs, received the Outstanding Alumnae Service Award at the 2001 Greek Recognition Night.

Sarah Nichols, j'99, recently became an account executive at Morningstar Communications in Kansas City.

Stephen Oliva, PhD'99, has been promoted to positional director at Sprint in Irvine, Calif. He lives in Foothill Ranch.

Amy Schmidt, c'99, recently became an early intervention specialist with Morris County Arc. She lives in Whitehouse Station, N.J.

Marion Kincaid Wilson, s'99, is a social worker and case manager at the Kansas Rehabilitation Hospital in Topeka.

2000

Lindsay Borum, c'00, is an administrative assistant with MMGWorldwide in Kansas City.

Kristel Cosner, e'00, works as an electrical engineer at Intel in Chandler, Ariz. She lives in Phoenix.

Brian Friedman, d'00, lives in San Diego and works for Magdalena Ecke Family YMCA in Encinitas.

Jennifer Harrell, e'00, recently became a staff engineer with Delich Roth & Goodwillie in Bonner Springs.

Michael Henry, c'00, is a global market strategy manager for SBC Communications in Des Plaines, Ill. He lives in Valley Park, Mo.

James Hicks, g'00, retired last fall after 20 years with the U.S. Army Reserve. He's a nurse practitioner in Manhattan.

Bourke Hutchinson, c'00, is a police officer with the Ottawa Police Department.

Kristine Kuhn, c'00, studies medicine at the University of Colorado. She lives in Denver.

Jason Lukasek, g'00, manages accounts for Invitrogen. He lives in Cedar Hill, Mo.

Jackson Martin, c'00, directs policy and research for the Virginia Democratic Caucus in Richmond, Va.

Jeffrey Starnes, '00, is a national account executive for AT&T Broadband Media Services in Los Angeles. He lives in Studio City.

Elizabeth Traiger, c'00, studies statistics at Oxford University in England.

Heather Woodson, j'00, coordinates accounts at Kuhn and Wittenborn Advertising in Kansas City.

2001

Ahmad Khan, '01, recently joined Delich Roth & Goodwillie in Kansas City as a designer and detailer.

Tracie Mann, '01, teaches at Century School in Lawrence.

Khemarat Suthiwan, c'01, works as a Web developer for BMS Corp. in Denver.

Associates

Archie Dykes, former KU chancellor, chairs the board of PepsiAmericas. He and Nancy Haun Dykes, assoc., make their home in Nashville, Tenn.
Howard Pankratz, c'35, 88, May 19 in Lawrence. He had been a senior projects engineer for Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville, Okla., and is survived by his wife, Dorothea Sanders Pankratz, '36; a daughter, Mary Pankratz Nichols, c'72; a son, Howard, j'67; a brother; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Virginia Bowers Ralston, c'30, g'32, 93, March 16 in Wichita, where she was a retired English teacher. She is survived by two sons; two daughters, one of whom is Virginia Ralston Hatfield, s'68; a sister; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Logan “Jack” Shuss, c'38, i'40, 85, April 14 in Kansas City. He practiced law in Parsons for more than 50 years. Surviving are his wife, Marian Ruth Shuss, assoc.; two sons, John, c'72, m'75, and David, c'd'76, m'79; a daughter, Melinda Shuss Hoffman, d'73; a sister, Althea Shuss Vratil, c'44; and seven grandchildren.

William Buzick, c'42, 80, Dec. 28 in Fresno, Calif. He had owned Shasta Water Co., which was the first company to offer soft drinks in cans, and later he was CEO and board chairman of Sara Lee. He also had been dean of business at Fresno State University. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lee, a son and a daughter.

Bailey Chaney, c'48, April 3 in Houston, Texas, where he was a retired labor relations officer with NASA. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Foreman Chaney, c'49; a son; and a grandson.

John Crary, c'40, m'43, 82, April 30 in Topeka, where he practiced medicine. He is survived by two sons; a daughter; three stepdaughters; a sister, Ruth Crary Mercer, d'39; nine grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Jo Ann Everett Douglas, c'46, 77, May 14 in Lawrence, where she worked in the KU Endowment Association’s loan department. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by her husband, William, c'46; two sons, William, c'78, g'81, and Bruce, d'82; two daughters, Margaret, c'94, and Nancy Douglas Wallace, b'82; two brothers; and a grandchild.

Margaret Hagtstrom Dunlap, c'41, Sept. 2 in Dallas, where she was an artist. She is survived by two daughters, a son, 13 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Edith Thompson Gray, c'41, 85, May 17 in Albany, Calif. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by a son, David, c'62, g'65, and two grandchildren.

June Streeper Hardman, d'42, 81, May 17 in Salina. She is survived by two sons, one of whom is Eric, c'76; a daughter, Judy Hardman Rapp, d'70; and six grandchildren.

Wanda Horosko Harper, d'41, g'70, 81, March 5 in Tonganoxie. She lived in Kansas City and was a retired job counselor with the Kansas Job Service. Two daughters, a sister, two grandchildren and two great-granddaughters survive.

Mark Lesslie, c'48, April 28 in Overland Park, where he worked in the real-estate business. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; a son, Kevin, b'74; three daughters, Cheryl Lesslie Scott, c'75, Jennie Lesslie Newman, c'79, and Elizabeth Lesslie Koenig, b'86; a brother; and nine grandchildren.

William McIntosh, b'47, 80, April 22 in Clay Center, where he was retired president of Peoples National Bank. He is survived by his wife, Lavone; two daughters, one of whom is Heather McIntosh Dreith, j'78; a son, Laird, c'71; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Prescott Ripley, c'44, 94, 78, April 30 in Lawrence, where he was a 20-year volunteer with Audio Reader. He is survived by his wife, Janice Howe Ripley, c'55; three daughters; three stepdaughters; a stepson; and seven grandchildren.

C.D. “Chuck” Robertson, c'49, 75, March 14 in Atchison. He was retired president of Concord-American, a manufacturer of grain storage facilities and ancillary devices. He is survived by his wife, Donna, a daughter; two stepdaughters, a stepson, four grandchildren and five stepgrandchildren.

William Southern, c'41, 82, March 20 in Wichita. He lived in Ellinwood and was an insurance agent for John Hancock and Transamerica insurance companies for more than 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Helen; a son, William Jr., c'68, g'70; two daughters, Nancy, f'70, s'78, and Joan Southern Pivonka, c'70; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Donald Strohmeyer, d'48, g'49, 80, March 30 in Hanover. He lived in Axtell, where he had been postmaster and principal of St. Michael’s Catholic Grade School. He is survived by his wife, Jackie Schafer Strohmeyer, c'48; four sons, two of whom are Donald, d'71, and Daniel, d'73, g'76; a daughter; and 14 grandchildren.

John Domoney, c'50, 74, March 17 in Downs, where he co-owned Domoney Furniture and Funeral Home. He is survived by his wife, Melba Whiting Domoney, c'48; three sons, Darcy, b'75, f'81, Duff, b'77, and Dewey, c'79; a brother; seven grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

Dean Hawley, e'50, 75, April 16 in Tulsa, Okla., where he was retired from Natkin & Co. Surviving are his wife, Gayle DeFord Hawley, c'53; three sons; his mother; two brothers, one of whom is Dale, c'51; and 10 grandchildren.

William Hoadley, c'53, m'56, 69, April 1 in Leawood. He practiced medicine at Research Medical Center and had taught at KU Medical
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Center: He is survived by his wife, Hazel, two sons, a daughter; his parents, a sister and eight grandchildren.

Leland Keller, PhD’58, 78, March 10 in Pittsburg, where he was a professor emeritus at Pittsburg State University. He is survived by his wife, Eileen Ebel Keller; five sons; two daughters; a brother; and three grandchildren.

Thomas McGrath, Jr.’58, 64, April 30 in Leawood. He was vice president of McGrath Dental Supply and founder of the American Dental Cooperative Association. Surviving are three daughters, one of whom is Ann, c’91; and three brothers, one of whom is Donald, c’51.

Bonnie Vanskike McGowan, g’59, 78, April 17 in Olathe, where she was a retired reading teacher. Surviving are her husband, Charles; two sons; two stepsons, one of whom is Michael McGowan, d’79; a stepdaughter; a brother; and seven grandchildren.

Vada Reida Nixon, d’53, 71, April 18. She lived in Salina, where she was a retired teacher. Surviving are a son; a daughter; a brother; and seven grandchildren.

Vernon Pistora, Jr.’51, 75, April 4 in Lawrence. He is survived by his wife, Carol Lindgren Anderson, assoc.; a daughter; three sons; a stepson; four sisters; and three grandchildren.

Norma Fenn White, c’55, 67, March 23 in Overland Park. She is survived by her husband, Thomas, b’51; two daughters, Brenda, c’87; and Sondra White Troup, c’89, g’92; a son, Bryan, c’91, f’94; a sister; and four grandchildren.

Robert Zimmerman, c’52, 72, March 4 in Gravois Mills, Mo. He was a retired executive vice president with Wilcox and is survived by his wife, Marion Lawson Zimmerman, assoc.; three sons; a daughter; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Henry Zoller, c’51, 72, March 12 in Long Beach, Calif. He lived in Denver and had worked in the oil and gas industry. Surviving are three sons; two daughters; a brother; David, m’63; and seven grandchildren.

1960s

John Harrington, Jr.’67, 56, March 21 of injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Lawrence. He lived in Kansas City and is survived by his wife, Patty Burrell, f’77; a son; a daughter; his mother; a brother; David, c’68; and a sister.

Virginia Buttolph Jenks, c’67, Dec. 20 in Sun City, Ariz. Among survivors are her husband, Leon, ’55; a son; a daughter; and two grandsons.

John “Greg” Long, ’64, 59, April 21 in Wichita. He is survived by two sons, one of whom is Jeffrey, c’85; a daughter; Jody Long Adams, d’91; a brother; two sisters; and six grandchildren.

Ethel Reed Malicky, ’64, 91, March 20 in Baldwin, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by her husband, George; two daughters, Joyce Malicky Castle, ’61; and Georgann Malicky Raney, ’54; a son; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Ruth Irvin McLean, g’65, g’68, 88, March 2 in Lake Quivira, where she was a retired teacher and school counselor. Surviving are two daughters, one of whom is Sally McLean Hart, d’60; a son, Robert, c’61; a brother; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Elwin Lee Miller, e’60, 68, April 15 in Topeka, where he was a retired engineer. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; three sons, two of whom are Bradley, b’85, and Dana, e’87, g’90; two brothers; a sister, Dorothy, n’58; and seven grandchildren.

Robert Radcliffe, b’63, 61, April 12 in Kansas City. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by a son, William, c’94; and a brother, Dean, c’64.

Patricia Deam Stubbs, f’64, 59, April 29 in Overland Park, where she was an interior designer. She is survived by her husband, Gary, a’64; a son, Clifford, b’88, i’91; a daughter, Kari Stubbs Goheen, d’91, g’95; and four grandchildren.

Dorothy Spahr Zafer, d’68, g’70, 89, April 3 in Overland Park. She had taught at Easton High School and been a funeral director at Quisenberry Funeral Home in Tonganoxie. Surviving are a son, Calvin, c’71; four stepsons, one of whom is Ghany Zafer, c’93; two daughters; two brothers, one of whom is Charles Spahr, e’34; a sister; and nine grandchildren.

1970s

Lloyd Otto Elliott, ’70, 52, April 27 in Topeka, where he managed computer operations for the Shawnee County Courthouse. He is survived by his wife, Linda; two sons, one of whom is Brian, c’94; and a grandson.

Michael Kokoruda, ’70, 56, April 7 in Kansas City. Where he worked at the Wyandotte County Courthouse. He is survived by his wife, Bridget; three sons; three brothers, two of whom are Thomas, d’68, i’72, and Russell, d’74, g’81, g’97; and a sister, Deborah Kokoruda Nelson, g’86.

1980s

Ruth McPeak James, ’87, 76, March 5 in Leawood, where she was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Stephen, a daughter; two sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jim O’Shea, ’85, 42, April 20 in Roeland Park, where he was a self-employed salesman. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his parents, Jim and Anne O’Shea, s’85; two brothers, Randall, b’73, and Tim, t’77; and three sisters, two of whom are Karen O’Shea White, j’75, and Janine O’Shea Gilliam, c’78.

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Francis Gilgin, g’80, f’88, 78, Feb. 3 in Tonganoxie, where he was founder and president of the Tonganoxie Community Theatre. He also had been a cockpit crew member for TWA and had taught philosophy and logic at KU and at Kansas City Community College. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Lewin Gilgin, h’81, g’93; two daughters, one of whom is Elizabeth Gilgin Menardi, p’87, and a grandchild.

Sydney Schroeder, m’44, 83, March 9 in Lawrence, where he had been director of student mental health at KU from 1963 until 1983. Earlier he had practiced medicine in Liberty, Mo. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Loomis Schroeder, assoc.; three daughters, Jane Schroeder DeSouza, j’73, Ann Schroeder Porter, d’67, and Virginia Schroeder Dowell, n’76; a son; a brother; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

Miriam Stewart-Green, assoc., 85, Dec. 16 in Lawrence, where she was a longtime KU professor of voice. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Survivors include her husband, Robert, assoc.; and two daughters.

Wade Stinson, b’51, 74, March 11 in Diamondhead, Miss. He had been director of athletics at KU from 1964 until 1972 and later was president and CEO of United Missouri Bank of St. Louis. Among survivors are his wife, Virginia Coppedge Stinson, j’50; two sons, Wade, c’76, m’79, and David, c’78; a daughter, Nancy Stinson Blue, c’80; a brother, Robert, b’56; and nine grandchildren.

Paul Wilson, c’37, g’38, 87, April 22 in Lawrence, where he had been the John M. and John L. Kane Distinguished Professor of Law at KU. A law professorship was established in his name at KU in 1998, and a memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Harriet Stephens Wilson, c’40; three daughters; two of whom are Betsy Wilson Marvin, c’64, g’95, and Mary Wilson Orbin, c’67; a son, David, c’76, g’86, a brother; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Associates

Paul Williams, 80, April 9 in Lawrence. He was a retired chief warrant officer in the U.S. Army and later worked for McCord Corp. He is survived by his wife, Betty, a son, Fred, assoc.; four brothers; two sisters; and a grandson.
He's been rained on, chased by blowing leaves, bent at odd angles by the relentless prairie wind and frozen in blocks of ice. He napped under a shady tree on pleasant afternoons, donned skis and a stocking cap for snowy days and trudged through the summer heat dripping sweat.

After 30 years of fearless forecasting, the University Daily Kansan's plucky prognosticator finally can mop his brow, fold up his umbrella, pack away his parka and stop worrying about the weather—whether he likes it or not.

The Daily Kansan rolled out a redesigned format in its summer issues, and editors and designers weren't keen on keeping a cartoon bird on their clutter-free front page.

Weather Jay is out of work.

He debuted Jan. 19, 1971, wearing skis and a smile. Created by staff cartoonist David Sokoloff, f'74, who also had a popular comic strip in the UDK called "Griff & the Unicorn," Weather Jay was, from the start, cute as a button. But that didn't count for much in those days.

"It was the early '70s," Sokoloff says from his Chicago home. "We had things going on. The anti-war movement, things like that. The appearance of a strange little bird on the left-hand side of the paper was sort of taken for granted."

Sokoloff retrieves a scrapbook and wanders down memory lane. He finds a sketch that makes him laugh.

"This one indicated the weather was warm. Weather Jay is just sitting there ... with those peculiar shoes with buckles on them, like he's a pilgrim."

Weather Jay was blowing in the wind after the mid-1970s, appearing one semester and disappearing the next. He lost his gig, seemingly for good, in the early 1980s, but was rescued in fall 1994 by designer Noah Musser, f'97.

Musser scanned Weather Jays from newspapers stored at University Archives because Sokoloff's originals were nowhere to be found in the Kansan morgue. He colorized the line drawings and mixed and matched a few existing features to create a larger catalog. Otherwise, the birds were true to Sokoloff's vision.

"I loved Weather Jay from when I read the Kansan when I was young," Musser says, "so I chose to be as historically accurate as possible."

Weather Jay lasted seven years after his reintroduction, but he's now been replaced by "a seven-day forecast provided by the KU Atmospheric Sciences Department." Which sounds official and accurate and reliable. And the redesigned Kansan looks terrific and proud and new, which in itself pays tribute to the tradition of newspaper excellence at KU.

But ... well, we already miss Weather Jay, just like we miss the local TV weather guy who picked up a few extra bucks by hosting the bowling show on Saturday. You know the guy. He was on every station in every town in America. Now he's been replaced by "certified meteorologists" whose "live Doppler radar" can tell us everything except when to take the roast out of the oven.

Maybe Weather Jay and Bowling-Show Guy are making the best of their retirements. Maybe they're sipping piña coladas together, relaxing on a beach in a paradise where sameness is abhorred, quirkiness is treasured and umbrellas are unnecessary.

We just hope they remembered to pack their pilgrim shoes.
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