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The smell of the bonfire and the twang of country music filled the cool October air as we made our way up the gravel drive to a friend’s barn. My expectations were simple: feast on barbecue, enjoy a rare Friday night with friends and perhaps cajole my husband into a trip around the dance floor.

But I got more than I bargained for. Across the room I spotted a vaguely familiar face; a few seconds later, recognition clicked. Those blue eyes, passed down from my great-uncle Dan, could belong only to my second cousin Aaron. He caught my gaze and we tentatively waved greetings. When your paths cross only at family reunions and funerals, the sight of a shirrtail cousin absent scads of relatives and heaps of green Jell-O and marshmallow salad can be startling.

Turns out Aaron knew the host and her horses from the local roundup club. I knew her through hometown women who gathered for birthday lunches. Thanks to her, my cousin and I spent the evening getting to know each other for the first time. We started with the familiar, chuckling at the eccentricities of his grandmother and mine, two of five formidable sisters from Texas. I marveled at the wallet photos of his young son and his grandmother and mine, two of five formidable sisters from Texas. I marveled at the wallet photos of his young son and his grandmother and mine, two of five formidable sisters from Texas. I marveled at the wallet photos of his young son and his grandmother and mine, two of five formidable sisters from Texas. I marveled at the wallet photos of his young son and his grandmother and mine, two of five formidable sisters from Texas. I marveled at the wallet photos of his young son and his grandmother and mine, two of five formidable sisters from Texas. I marveled at the wallet photos of his young son and his grandmother and mine, two of five formidable sisters from Texas. I marveled at the wallet photos of his young son and his grandmother and mine, two of five formidable sisters from Texas. I marveled at the wallet photos of his young son and his grandmother and mine, two of five formidable sisters from Texas. I marveled at the wallet photos of his young son and his grandmother and mine, two of five formidable sisters from Texas. I marveled at the wallet photos of his young son and his grandmother and mine, two of five formidable sisters from Texas.

We moved from safe territory to true conversation. We talked about struggles with work and marriage and parenthood like two adults whose lives intersected not merely because he is Aunt Helen’s grandson and I’m Aunt Happy’s granddaughter. We found we had more than family in common. The University’s reach, I’ve found, grows much like a family tree, sprouting shoots in so many directions that connections blur. Names and faces of people and programs are like those we see only at family reunions: We know they’re related, but we don’t know much else. Each relative has delightful stories to offer, but we never get past the small talk.

This issue features not only family trees of Jayhawk Generations (our annual homage to freshmen of KU lineage) but also two stories of programs akin to distant cousins: They touch lives too numerous to count yet remain largely unknown to the KU community. In our cover story by Steven Hill, you’ll learn about Monarch Watch, a project that turns kids into young scientists by giving them a reason to catch creatures they can’t resist chasing anyway. This fall, as the monarch butterflies make their way to Mexico, the program, created by Professor Orley “Chip” Taylor and his former student Brad Williamson, will connect more than 100,000 children in 39 states and three Canadian provinces. These fledgling scientists, under the trained eyes of 2,000 volunteers, will carefully tag the butterflies’ wings and record their flight patterns, adding to a decade’s worth of data about the wondrous, mysterious migration.

Through an alliance of KU faculty and elementary-school teachers (including many alumni) and a partner project at the University of Minnesota, Monarch Watch has developed a K-8 curriculum that will soon stretch through high school, encouraging curiosity and scientific literacy while producing new insights into the biology of our most recognizable butterflies. Taylor attributes the project’s appeal in part to the monarch’s charisma, but it no doubt has reached farther faster because of the thorough support the KU headquarters provides participants: tagging kits, classroom study guides and tests, and advice on related projects, including rearing monarchs and cultivating butterfly gardens. Much of this is available through the project’s award-winning Web site, monarchwatch.org.

Another Web site expands a KU service that has grown with technology in its 30 years. The Kansas Audio-Reader Network broadcasts readings from daily and weekly newspapers, current books, magazines, catalogs and numerous other publications to sight-impaired listeners. Throughout Kansas and 16 other states, people who cannot read for themselves can still share in the printed word. Audio-Reader issues specially tuned radios to listeners who apply, and it recently added a telephone reading service and a password-protected Internet broadcast. As the nation’s second-oldest radio reading service, it reaches 7,000 radio listeners plus untold thousands via telephone and the Internet.

Bonding with those listeners are 12 staff members and nearly 350 volunteer readers, many of whom are faculty, staff, students and alumni. Their voices link listeners to worldly issues and, even more important, the talk of their towns: local fair results, a proposed highway project or the week’s hot sales downtown.

Most important, lives that might be isolated instead intersect with others daily, and personal relationships grow from KU’s public service. Through far-reaching programs like Audio-Reader and Monarch Watch, the tree’s branches multiply, pointing every which way.

But the roots took hold at KU.
Hail Haug

My highest compliments for the terrific story about Matt Haug [“Hail Fellow,” issue No. 4]. After reading your piece, I felt like I almost knew this exceptional young man and I am sure that a lot of readers will agree that they learned a lot about a truly amazing and talented 23-year-old in the short space of four pages.

Your story left an interesting question to ponder: What will Matt Haug be doing in perhaps 10 or 20 years? No doubt he will find a rewarding career and his choices will appeal to him and benefit others.

David Morris, b’68
Houston

Haug’s prizes not unique

Thank you for your article on Matt Haug. His accomplishments are truly incredible, and both he and KU should take great pride in his successes. In his article, however, Chris Lazzarino may have inadvertently committed an injustice to earlier KU scholars in his statement, “No one [else] has ever won three top graduate prizes.”

I was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, a Rhodes Scholarship and a Danforth Foundation Graduate Fellowship. I strongly suspect that I am not the only KU undergraduate besides Matt to have won three of the top graduate fellowships.

It would have been nice for Chris to have asked Matt to mention some of the KU faculty that he considered most crucial to his success. In my case, I am especially grateful for the challenging Honors Program courses I was able to take, for the classroom teaching and research mentoring of Professor Rudolf Jander and the late Professor Bill Bell in the entomology department, and for the support and encouragement of a mere undergraduate by Chancellor Dykes.

Theodore Burk, c’74
Professor of biology
Creighton University
Omaha, Neb.
Civility in the Senate

I want to congratulate Professor Burdett Loomis [“For argument’s sake,” Oread Writer, issue No. 4] on the fine conference he conducted two years ago on Capitol Hill, on the subject of “Civility and Deliberation in the U.S. Senate.”

At the time the conference occurred, I was in my sixth year as chief of staff to a senator. Having watched the Senate become more and more contentious during that period, it was a relief to sit down with colleagues and outside experts to reflect on what was happening to an institution that billed itself as “The World’s Greatest Deliberative Body.”

While the Senate is an integral part of the federal government, it is anything but bureaucratic. Where the executive branch is populated with large agencies full of career civil servants whose jobs are governed by detailed rules, the Senate consists of 100 separate and independent offices, each of which is led by a proud and powerful boss.

The legislative process thrives on personal contacts among the legislators, but those contacts involve only sharing a limited amount of information. Information is power, and senators carefully dole out hints about how they plan to vote, or what their concerns are about an issue, so as not to become too predictable. In this fashion, they are poised to bargain. This means that their staffs must remain discreet and not become too friendly with other offices.

These factors combine to create the equivalent of 100 Mom and Pop grocery stores in the Senate, warily eyeing one another, jockeying for advantage, and seeking publicity. This does not make for a very collegial environment, and it severely inhibits the ability of senior staff to learn from one another through the candid exchange of opinions and ideas. After all, the seemingly most innocent comment by one senator’s staffer can inadvertently provide important intelligence to another senator.

It was into this environment that Professor Loomis stepped. And he did not just warily edge his way in—he took on the issue of the increasing tendency of the senators themselves to become more vituperative and less thoughtful in their daily deliberations. He created an atmosphere where senators and senior staff could candidly share ideas and gain a perspective on where the institution was going. That is an all too rare accomplishment.

Michael S. McGill, b’65
Washington, D.C.

Museum days with Dad

Imagine my joy and surprise when I opened my Kansas Alumni magazine and there was Comanche [“The Veteran’s Day,” issue No. 3].

Growing up in Lawrence, one of my Saturday excursions was to the museum. My mother worked, a rarity for the times, and Saturday belonged to my father and me. Top of the list was the Natural History Museum for a free, very educational and fun afternoon.

We were there so often, the people working way upstairs would occasionally treat me to a special, private tour.

When I graduated from KU and returned to Lawrence with my 7-year-old son, to the museum we went. He loved the “stuffed horse” best. We looked up the history involving Comanche, and now, eight years later, occasionally discuss him and the other exhibits.

Judith Scott Mills-Hinch, d’68
Aberdeen, Md.

Whistle a happy tune

Thanks for including the information about my father (Capt. Robert Haggart) in Steven Hill’s article about the campus steam whistle [“All steamed up,” Hail to Old KU, issue No. 3].

You might be interested to know that Capt. Haggart brought two steam whistles back that he took from German ships that had been sunk in an Italian harbor. The whistle that would not blow the right note for KU now resides on the front porch of my 98-year-old stepmother’s home in Laguna Woods, Calif. My dad would have me get out the brass polish and brighten it up every time I came to visit (he died in 1992).

The second whistle was given to Justin “Jus” Hill and was installed at the Jayhawk Paper and Box Company, where it was used to signal the lunch hour. That whistle is now on the patio at the home of Jus’ son in Lawrence, Stephen.

Anyway, I was thrilled to see Capt. Haggart mentioned in that very well written story, but not as thrilled as when he came home from the war. Thanks for continuing to publish the best alumni magazine in the nation—bar none!

Peter Haggart, g’63
Secretary of the Faculty
University of Idaho
Moscow, Idaho
Exhibitions

“The 13th-annual Indian Arts Show: A Juried Competition,” through Oct. 21, Museum of Anthropology

“Contemporary American Indian Art from the Spencer Museum Collection,” through Nov. 3, Spencer Museum of Art

“Japanese Prints from the Collection,” through Nov. 25, Spencer Museum of Art


“Los Dias de Los Muertos (The Days of the Dead),” Oct. 26 through Nov. 29, Museum of Anthropology

Murphy Hall events

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER
5-6, 11-14 “Six Degrees of Separation” by John Guare, University Theatre Series

NOVEMBER
3 “Afternoon of the Elves,” KU Theatre for Young People
8-11, 13-16 “So What’s New?” by Fatima Dike, Inge Theatre Series

Lied Center events

SEPTEMBER
22 “Dance, the Spirit of Cambodia”
28 University Symphony Orchestra

OCTOBER
1 Symphonic Wind Ensemble
4 Thunderbird Theatre

6 Flutists Paul Horn and R. Carlos Nakai
9 Houston Ballet in “The Firebird”
9-10 Bales Organ Recital Hall fifth anniversary celebration
11 Fine Arts College Concert
13 “Ragtime”
14 Guarneri String Quartet
17 Jazz Ensembles I, II and III
23 Ju Percussion Group
26-27 “Orfeo”
30 Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Academic calendar

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

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER
12 Late Night with Roy Williams, Allen Field House
12-13 Homecoming, including reunions for the Class of 1961, Student Alumni Association alumni and former Jayhawk mascots

TIE THAT BINDS: Mimi Smith’s “Steel Wool Peignoir,” an early icon of feminist art, is among five important works by postwar women artists recently acquired by the Spencer Museum of Art. The 1966 sculpture, one of the first to incorporate clothing, uses the image and form of a negligee bordered by bands of steel wool to proffer wry commentary on contrasts between the illusion and reality of marriage. Now on view in the 20th Century Gallery.
Football

SEPTEMBER
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

DECEMBER
13-15 NCAA Championships, San Diego

Volleyball

SEPTEMBER
12 Missouri
15 at Baylor
17 at Missouri-Kansas City
19 Iowa State
22 at Oklahoma
26 at Texas
29 Colorado

OCTOBER
3 at Kansas State
6 Texas Tech
10 at Nebraska
12 at North Carolina
13 at North Carolina State

Soccer

SEPTEMBER
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

OCTOBER
5 at Iowa State
7 at Nebraska
12 at Texas Tech

Cross country

SEPTEMBER
14 Iowa State Cross Country Classic
29 Oklahoma State Cowboy Jamboree

OCTOBER
13 Chili Pepper, Fayetteville, Ark.
27 Big 12 Championships, Norman, Okla.

Rowing

SEPTEMBER
29 at Head of the Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa

OCTOBER
14 American, Kansas City, Mo.
28 at Head of the Iowa, Iowa City

NOVEMBER
3 Sunflower Showdown Regatta at Kansas State

CAPTAINS MY CAPTAINS: Coach Terry Allen and senior co-captains Harrison Hill (1) and Marcus Rogers (8) share a laugh at football media day. For more on Hill and the rest of the Jayhawks, see Sports (p. 14).
Jayhawks, start your engines

Rick Galles, d'70, exercised his prerogative as owner of the Galles Racing Team to give the Jayhawk the ride of its life in July, pasting the KU mascot’s image on Indy cars driven by Al Unser Jr. and Didier Andre at Kansas Motor Speedway’s Ameristar Casino Indy 200. “One of the benefits of being a car owner is that I can put a sticker of a mythical bird on my car and no one can say a thing,” Galles told the Lawrence Journal-World. Unser, a two-time Indy 500 winner, liked the idea. Even if he was a bit sketchy on the Jayhawk. “I think it’s wonderful,” Unser said. “I know Rick’s very proud of that university. If he wants to put it on his car, we’ll do everything we can to make—it is, a Jayhawk—a Jayhawk a winner.”

Maybe next time. Andre finished 16th; Unser, 20th. Unfortunately, speed—not style—counts at the track.

Orientation with an attitude

Disorientation can be good for incoming freshmen, say two student leaders who are compiling a “Disorientation Guide” for new students.

Kyle Browning, student body vice president, and Ben Burton, chairman of the Student Senate’s executive committee, say their “activist-oriented, student-centered” publication, inspired by similar guides from the 1980s, will school students on options and opportunities in Lawrence not likely covered in the University-sanctioned welcoming sessions.

“It’s more about the culture of Lawrence, the stuff you learn after living here awhile,” Browning says. “Like how to recycle and where to buy shampoo if you don’t want to shop at Wal-Mart.”

But the “Disorientation Guide” (which will also feature essays on Lawrence history, including one on 1970s campus unrest) is more than just an alternative shopping guide.

“I think it’s important that freshmen are made aware that there’s a reason you shouldn’t go to Wal-Mart,” Burton says. “It helps the community a little more if you give your money to someone who’s part of it instead of a corporation.”

The guide will be distributed in September at residence halls, Greek houses and tables around campus—but not at Wal-Mart, we presume.

And the Oscar goes to ...

Spying the KU flag gallantly streaming above the University of Nebraska’s Lied Center for the Performing Arts in May, we braced for the payback. Run a KU flag up a Nebraska pole, we figured, and there’s bound to be a flap.

We needn’t have worried. Turns out the crimson and blue banner in the heart of Cornhusker country was a prop, not a prank. Lincoln’s Lied stands in for the Kansas Union in “About Schmidt,” a movie directed by Omaha native Alexander Payne. Jack Nicholson stars as Warren Schmidt, a Jayhawk who visits his alma mater while driving from Nebraska to Colorado to stop his daughter from marrying a man he dislikes. Nicholson never visited the Hill, but Payne’s crew filmed outdoor scenes at KU (including shots of the Natural History Museum and Strong Hall). For most of the movie, though, NU’s tortilla-flat campus plays Mount Oread.

If that doesn’t deserve an Oscar, nothing does.
Our Baby
Jay is all grown up

More than 51,000 fans—until then the biggest football crowd in KU history—filled Memorial Stadium for Homecoming 1971, and they left with surprising memories. Not only did the Jayhawks (4-7 that season) thrash the K-State Wildcats, 39-13, but a secret mascot debut was hatched, literally, during halftime.

With the Marching Jayhawks playing the theme to “2001: A Space Odyssey,” a big blue egg was rolled to midfield. As if on cue, a blanket of dreary clouds scuttled, the sun burst forth and, sublimely spotlighted, the egg cracked open.

“When I stepped out,” Amy Hurst Rachman, Baby Jay’s creator, recalled in 1983, “you could hear the entire stadium gasping.”

For those of us old enough to remember those first tentative steps, a check of the calendar causes a double take. Can it be true? At Homecoming 2001 (Oct. 13), our baby bird turns 30! Rachman, c’74, is organizing a Homecoming reunion of all former mascots to celebrate the occasion, and Baby Jay’s Big Three-O is sure to be the toast of the town. Should the football Jayhawks do their part by beating the Sooners—who happen to be the defending national champions—the collective gasp (and subsequent cheers) would blow out the candles on any birthday cake. Even one with 30 candles.

Music should be the most accessible of the arts. So say Tom Alexios, director of special projects for Down Beat magazine, and Dan Lash, a KU music-therapy student who is Alexios’ intern and administrative assistant. They convinced high-school woodshop students to fashion hundreds of drum pads (a traditional practice device for drummers), and, with donated drumsticks in hand, they preach the healing powers of percussion to psychiatric and drug-rehab patients at Lawrence and Kansas City hospitals.

The duo’s latest project, though, is an artistic flourish in its own right. With collaborator Gerald Morrison of McLouth supervising the welding, Alexios and Lash assembled assorted ditties of discarded detritus—including an antique wheelbarrow wheel, plow discs, iron skillets and a Dodge hubcap—and fashioned a harmonic hunk of junk.

“It’s become this magical thing,” Lash says. “You just want to grab a stick and start banging on it. It begs you to step up and start making music.”

The sonorous sculpture was a hit at the Kansas City Blues and Jazz Festival’s Soul School tent, and will be featured in Down Beat to encourage others to create their own unique instruments.

“If you open up your mind to what an instrument is,” Alexios says, “music can become a bigger part of your life.”

And that’s a hope worth humming.
Hot topic

Global warming is not a man-made problem, argue two Kansas Geological Survey scientists. It’s only natural.

Two scientists at the Kansas Geological Survey believe something is missing from the global warming debate: the science of geology. Lee Gerhard, PhD’64, principal geologist at the survey, and William Harrison, the organization’s deputy director, have co-edited Geological Perspectives of Global Climate Change, a book that claims to be the first to bring geoscience—which examines the geological record to track global climate changes over millions of years—to bear on the biggest scientific question of the day: Is man altering the earth’s climate?

The answer is no, according to Gerhard, Harrison and most of the 31 scientists who contributed essays to the book.

“Natural variability vastly exceeds any human contribution, and while there is some human effect, we’ll probably never be able to see it,” Gerhard says.

The book, published by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, divides the factors driving global climate into four categories based on their relative influence. The largest include immense, uncontrollable variables such as the geometry of the solar system, the luminosity of the sun and the shifting of the earth’s continents and oceans. Human effects—namely carbon dioxide emissions from tailpipes and smokestacks—rank low on the list, with volcanoes, solar storms and meteorite impacts.

Both men think the geological record offers ample evidence that the world’s climate has been in constant flux for eons. They don’t question that the earth is

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UNIVERSITY SPRAWL

A RIBBON-TYING CAMPAIGN and petition drive launched by the Oread Neighborhood Association in July slowed—but did not stop—KU’s plan to demolish seven houses to make room for new scholarship halls.

As reported in “Halls of Academe” (issue No. 6, 2000), the KU Endowment Association purchased the properties in the 1300 block of Ohio Street because their location near the Amini halls makes an ideal site for expanding the existing scholarship hall campus.

But some property owners say the project violates a promise made in the University’s 1997 Campus Plan, which stated that KU would not expand past the alley west of Ohio Street between 13th and 14th streets. That document also called for cooperation with neighborhood groups, which members of the Oread Neighborhood Association feel has been lacking.

“We share a lot of the same concerns with the University,” the group’s secretary and treasurer Janet Gertsner, p’82, said. “Most of us are KU alums, so it’s been sad for us not to be able to work together.”

The group wants the houses preserved, but University architects say that would be too costly. After postponing a decision at the urging of city officials, the Campus Historic Preservation Board in August voted for demolition. The issue next goes before the city’s Historic Resources Commission.

NAYSAVERS: Geologists Lee Gerhard and William Harrison say the current global warming debate overstates man’s ability to alter the earth’s climate. “We understand that the world is always changing,” Gerhard says. “Why is this temperature change that’s being forecast any different than any other natural change?”

BY STEVEN HILL
warming right now, but they do wonder why the current forecast for a 1- to 5-degree rise over the next century is seen as less natural than past global temperature changes.

“The debate has been formulated by people who have no knowledge or experience in natural variability,” Gerhard says, noting that the methodology currently used to predict global warming involves computer modeling based on written weather records, which date back only a century or so. “When you start about 1870, you leave out an awful lot. There’s a real gap in the record, and it so happens those gaps are really germane to the discussion. What we’ve done is step up to the plate and say you can’t operate your mathematical models independently of the [geological] data that show what the natural variability is. That’s a new perspective.”

If their theories are true, then why do people get all the blame?

“Human beings have a sense of self that is perhaps disproportionate to their actual ability to influence events,” says Harrison. Human input may be causing a host of nasty changes in the environment, including acid rain and air pollution, he says, “but that’s not what we’re addressing with this book.”

Multicultural scholarship program branches out

A 10-year-old School of Business effort to help students of color succeed socially and academically begins a Universitywide expansion this fall.

The Multicultural Business Scholars program, created in 1992 by Renate Mai-Dalton, associate professor of business, uses privately funded scholarships, faculty mentoring and social events to boost retention of multicultural business students. Journalism and education have adopted the program, launching what Mai-Dalton hopes is the first of many expansions.

“The basic components—broad education, academic feedback, one-on-one meetings—will remain the same, but the program has to be customized to each school,” she says. Expansion will continue for three years, limited only by interest and funds. “The challenge will be to find schools that have a dean or chair who supports the program and a tenure-track faculty member who wants to lead it.”

The program started with seven business students in 1992 and grew to 34 last year. According to Mai-Dalton, the attrition rate between 1994 and 2001 was 15 percent, compared with 65 percent Universitywide. The program’s average GPA topped 3.0 in each of the last seven years. About a third of the students went to graduate school.

Aiming high is a fundamental part of the program’s philosophy.

“This is not a remedial program,” Mai-Dalton says. “The tutoring is to be top-notch, not to avoid failure. If a student has a C in a class, I’ll recommend tutoring so they can get an A.”

The program also tries to ease what can be a jarring social transition.

“They find themselves in a very different environment than before. Many say they are the only [person of color] in their classes, and they feel they stick out. If you put a mainstream person in an unfamiliar background, imagine the effect on them. That’s what these students are in for.”

Field trips build friendships and expose students to cultural events. This fall’s outings include performances of “Rigoletto,” “Ragtime” and “The Buddy Holly Story.”

“Some of the GREAT EXPECTATIONS:

Renate Mai-Dalton’s high standards push multicultural scholars to excel. “Students are not used to the rigor and discipline I impose on them,” she says. “I give positive feedback but I also tell them the negative things.”

REPORT CARD FACULTY HONORED

EIGHT FACULTY MEMBERS received distinguished teaching awards for the 2000-’01 academic year during Commencement in May.

The Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Teaching, given to faculty members of KU Medical Center, went to Norton J. Greenberger, professor of internal medicine; Karen Wambach, assistant professor of nursing, and Robert R. Wittler, associate professor of pediatrics.

Two faculty members, Paul Atchley, assistant professor of psychology, and Mark Joslyn, assistant professor of political science, received H. Bernerd Fink awards for outstanding teaching. The late H. Bernerd, b’31, and Ruth Fink, ‘41, of Topeka established the award in 1961.

John Gauch, associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science, received the Archie and Nancy Dykes Award. Established in 1990 by former Chancellor Archie Dykes and his wife, Nancy, the award honors undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

Christopher T. Allen, e’80, PhD’84, associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science, received the Ned N. Fleming Trust Award for distinguished teaching, scholarship and service.

Ruth Ann Atchley, assistant professor of psychology, received the Silver Anniversary Award, provided by the 25-year alumni class.

Award-winning faculty were seated onstage during Commencement ceremonies and were also honored at the All-University Supper May 18 at the Adams Alumni Center.
young students are not so sure that's of benefit, but it doesn't take very long until they really enjoy it," she says. "And then they say they would never have done it on their own."  

Meeting with president caps 'Casey's Journey'

As Bobby Nichols, e'01, and senior David Dearth neared Washington, D.C., this summer on their coast-to-coast bicycle trip to raise awareness of the dangers of drunk driving ("Cross-country trek honors grad killed by drunk driver," issue No. 4), they took heart in knowing that a meeting with President Bush waited at the end of the line. The cyclists planned to tell the president about their friend Casey Beaver, c'99, killed by a drunk driver in August 2000, and to seek his support for Casey's Law, proposed legislation to stiffen drunk driving penalties.

Then came word that the meeting, arranged with the help of Sen. Sam Brownback, R'83, had been canceled. "Just devastated," Casey's mother, Linda Beaver, said of her family's reaction. "We called the boys on the road to help them through it, and bless their hearts, they ended up helping us through."

The disappointing news "kind of took the wind out of our sails," Nichols says. "But we didn't lose sight of our mission to honor Casey. We told ourselves we had to keep telling people his story."

Then fate intervened. Nichols, Dearth and Aaron Beaver, Casey's 18-year-old brother, were sightseeing at the Jefferson Memorial July 2 when Secret Service agents began securing the building for a VIP visit. The agents allowed 10 people to stay, including the three Kansans.

"The Secret Service guy couldn't say who it was, but he winked and told me it would be worth it to stay," says Nichols. His hunch—that the VIP was Bush—soon proved true. Enjoying the fine day, the president and first lady Laura Bush had decided to review preparations for the capital's July 4th celebration.

"David and Aaron told me I had to say something," Nichols says. So when Bush asked what brought the three to Washington, Nichols was ready.

"I seized the opportunity and said, 'Actually, Mr. President, we just bicycled across the country to raise awareness about drunk driving.' Hearing of the canceled White House meeting, Bush reportedly said, "Well, you're talking to me now, aren't you?"

The trio spent about five minutes with the president. "He told us to keep up the good work," Nichols says. "Then he walked over to Aaron, squeezed his arm and said, 'God bless your brother.'"

For Nichols and Dearth, the meeting capped a seven-week effort to spread Casey's story through public rallies and one-on-one conversations. Telling it to the president was "icing on the cake," Nichols says. "It made it all a little sweeter, that the president was 'icing on the cake.'" Hearing of the canceled White House meeting, Bush reportedly said, "It made it all a little sweeter, that Aaron was there when we met him."

In a message posted to a Web site devoted to her son's memory, Linda Beaver wrote, "You all know Casey was up there telling them: 'Get on in there!' This couldn't have been staged. It just happened and it happened for a reason."
REPORT CARD
AGING CENTER OPENS

Former U.S. Senator NANCY KASSEBAUM BAKER, c’54, joined Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway and Executive Vice Chancellor Donald Hagen to dedicate the Theo and Alfred M. Landon Center on Aging at KU Medical Center May 25.

“Our dream from the beginning has been to provide leading-edge care for older citizens of Kansas,” Baker said. “We’re fortunate to have such a marvelous facility staffed by innovative national leaders in the health care of older adults.”

The $10 million center, the first of its kind in the Midwest, is expected to draw physicians and older adults from across the region. It also provides a health-care resource much in demand in Kansas, which ranks 11th among states in the percentage of people 65 or older, and fifth in the percentage of those 85 or older. “The need for this facility throughout the state is clear,” Hagen said.

The 52,000-square-foot complex will house a variety of medical specialists who concentrate on primary and specialty care. It will also serve as a classroom for medical students and as a research center for scientists who want to improve care for older patients. Plans also call for an elder law clinic and a gym.

The center is named in honor of Baker’s parents, Alfred, ’08, and Theo Landon, Alf, who was governor of Kansas during the Great Depression, lived to 100. Theo lived into her 90s.

ROCK CHALK REVIEW
MILESTONES, MONEY AND OTHER MATTERS
• HISTORIAN AND BIOGRAPHER RICHARD NORTON SMITH, a nationally recognized authority on the American presidency and current director of the Gerald R. Ford Foundation in Grand Rapids, Mich., will become the first director of the Robert J. Dole Institute Dec. 1. Smith wrote speeches for Sen. Dole, ’45, in the 1970s, collaborated with Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, on their 1988 autobiography and helped Dole with his two recent books of political humor. “Richard Norton Smith, with his background, experience and 20-year association with Sen. Dole is the ideal person for the job,” Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway said. “We’re looking forward to the Dole Institute becoming a major public policy institute nationally under his leadership.” Groundbreaking is scheduled for Oct. 5 on an $8 million Campus West building for the institute, which will house Dole’s papers and sponsor conferences and programs to encourage public service.

• ABOUT 135 CAMPUS ACTIVISTS FROM THE VIETNAM WAR ERA reunited in Lawrence for four days of seminars and socializing in August. “We came together and enjoyed each other back then,” said reunion organizer Wayne Sailor, PhD’69. “We wanted to see how that time affected our lives and see what we’re doing now.” Sailor, who helped found the underground newspaper Reconstruction in 1968 and is now a senior scientist at the Beach Center on Families & Disability, said the volatile political climate of the day helped unite people from diverse backgrounds. “The reunion is a celebration of that.”

• JOANN A. SMITH is KU’s new dean of continuing education. The Kansas City, Kan., native replaces Robert Senecal, who retired June 30. Smith served 17 years at the University of Kentucky, rising from director of business and industry training to associate dean for university extension before being named dean of the School of Continuing Education at Marywood University in Scranton, Pa., in 1999.

• DOWN BEAT MAGAZINE HAS AGAIN HONORED KU MUSICIANS and their instructors with prestigious Student Music Awards. In the magazine’s June issue, Shawnee senior and alto saxophonist Jeff Timmons was named Best Classical Soloist and trumpeter Fred Mullholland, g’00, was recognized as an outstanding jazz soloist. Timmons studies with Vince Gnojek, professor of saxophone and woodwind division director, and Mullholland studied with Dan Gailey, director of jazz studies. This marks the 12th time in nine years that Jayhawks have won “Dee Bees.”

• KU’S CHIEF BUDGET ARCHITECT and head of legislative lobbying will retire in December. Marlin Rein, g’63, director of governmental affairs and budget since 1995, began his University career in 1983 at KU Medical Center. “His knowledge of the Legislature, the state and the University budgets, and the University as a whole, will be impossible to replace,” Hemenway said in a written statement. “My hope is that he will continue to advise me informally after his retirement.”

• THE FISKE GUIDE TO COLLEGES 2002 ranks KU among 21 public university “best buys,” the sixth consecutive year the University has earned that recognition. KU is the only Kansas school profiled by Fiske, the oldest and most highly rated guide to North America’s 300 “best and most interesting” universities.
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that each singer will bring proud family members. Veterans organizations will accompany the colors when they are paraded onto the field. Corporations will be solicited to purchase blocks of tickets for schoolchildren, which, for Bohl, is a personal favorite, “because principals and superintendents have access to buses.”

Bohl already has accomplished one goal, with approval being granted for tailgating at Memorial Stadium (see sidebar). The campuswide alcohol ban had been seen by many as a reason game-day environments had become rather tame.

“That’s something I know must get done,” Bohl said soon after his hiring. “I hope we can create an atmosphere in and around that stadium to make people love coming to Lawrence.”

As for closing the huge funding gap among Big 12 athletics programs, Bohl proposes a direct approach: “I think I’ll arm-wrestle [Texas A.M.] DeLoss Dodds for a few hundred-thousand dollars.”

An Air Force veteran, Bohl earned his bachelor's degree in math from Bowling Green, a master’s of education at Southern Mississippi and a PhD in physical-education administration at Ohio State. He began his athletics career as an administrative intern at Ohio State in 1976, and in 1984 was named assistant athletics director. In 1987 he was named athletics director at Toledo; in his nine years there, Bohl was credited with directing record-breaking fund drives and season-ticket campaigns during a time of substantial cutbacks in state funding.

Bohl joined Fresno State in 1996. The Bulldogs’ made it to bowl games the past two seasons, and every game last season sold out, except for 500 tickets at the final game. “It broke my heart,” Bohl says.

A 16-person KU committee, chaired by Reggie Robinson, c’80, f’87, special counselor to the chancellor, sifted through a large pool of candidates for Frederick’s successor. The four finalists then met with Hemenway.

“I felt like his vision, my vision and the vision that most people have for KU athletics are congruent,” Hemenway says. “There is no question in my mind that he will be successful.”

Frederick, who remains on the University faculty, will be best remembered for hiring Roy Williams, then an obscure assistant coach at North Carolina, to coach men’s basketball. Another highlight was his perceptive, hands-off approach to Williams’ courtship last year by UNC.

But Frederick’s low point soon followed, as budget strains forced him to eliminate men’s swimming and men’s tennis as varsity sports. The budget crunch was caused, in part, by the thousands of empty seats in Memorial Stadium.

“My priorities have always been raising money and trying to fill up a football stadium,” Bohl says. “To be honest with you, I’ve been trying to fill a football stadium for 20 years. I’m committed to creative marketing, and we will close that gap. Our stadium will be full.”

Says Allen: “He knows and I know and we all know that we’ve got to win in football. God bless Al Bohl. The three most important things to him are football, football, football.”

Hill’s goal: Win at football, as well as everything else

His bright blue No. 1 jersey glistening in the hot August sun, senior co-captain Harrison Hill strolls off the Memorial Stadium field after media-day photographs. KU’s new co-offensive coordinator, Rip Scherer, who leans against the stands as Hill walks past, slips into a perfect parody of a Southern football announcer and drawls, “Number One in your program … Number One in your hearts!” Hill grins and walks on.

Half an hour later, Hill, who enters his senior season 28 receptions and 753 yards from becoming KU’s career leader in both categories, delivers quotes to sportswriters assembled around him. Standing nearby, a well-dressed gentleman waits patiently.

Hill keeps Athletics Director Al Bohl waiting. When he finally greets Hill—who, perhaps coincidentally, served on the athletics-director search committee—Bohl grins like a 12-year-old fetching a
prized autograph. No second-guessing who the star is this year.

“Everybody who knows him loves him,” Hamilton Hill, a former KU quarterback, says of his brother. “As long as they don’t have to compete against him.”

Harrison Hill’s competitive drive is the stuff of legend around the KU football team. He says he’ll play anybody anytime in a game of pingpong, and he proudly announces that his PlayStation Jayhawks recently trounced Oklahoma, 34-12, to remain undefeated. “They run some cool routes in that game,” Hill says. “I’m going to have to tell coach Allen about them.”

With real football underway, Hill’s competitive fire is now directed toward more serious pursuits—including the 3-D Oklahoma Sooners, defending national champions, who are KU’s Homecoming opponent Oct. 13. If Kansas football is to capitalize on a burst of preseason energy created by sweeping changes among the assistant coaches and vocal support from the new A.D., it will almost certainly be Hill who provides the spark.

“I don’t go out there and try to be the second-best football player or an average receiver,” Hill says. “I want to be the best receiver. That’s my goal, and I go out there every day to work toward my goal.”

Red-shirt freshman quarterback Mario Kinsey, batting sophomore Zach Dyer for the starting job, was suspended along with starting running back Reggie Duncan for the first game for an unspecified violation of team rules. The suspension might have tilted the competition toward Dyer, although Coach Terry Allen did not immediately back off earlier statements that he might not name a full-time starter until he had seen both play in two or three games. Should the quarterback job remain in question, there could be an unintended leadership vacuum.

Not to worry, Hill has it covered.

“He’s the third-best player in our house,” says Hill’s older brother, Hamilton. “But that’s part of his swagger. I don’t want to take that away.”

Regardless of his relative importance to the defense’s success, however, it won’t be difficult to root for Holloman. It was revealed during August two-a-days that Holloman and his wife, Erika, lost their first child, a girl named Nia, Jan. 6, two days after Ervin and Erika were married.

Nia was born Nov. 20, two days after KU’s season-ending loss at Iowa State. She had Down syndrome and was born two months early.

While attending to his family, Holloman was placed on academic probation at the start of spring practice, though
number that counts,” he says, “is the score.” Regardless, there will be some attention paid to Hill’s numbers.

He caught 47 passes for 591 yards as a junior. If he catches 28 this season, he’ll pass Willie Vaughn on KUs career receptions list. With 753 yards, he’d also pass Vaughn in career yardage.

“When I first came here, I wanted to be one of the best receivers ever to play at KU,” Hill says. “It would be nice to break the records, but my No. 1 goal now is to turn this program around. I’ve been disappointed in every single season we’ve had so far. If we’re having a losing season, it’s nothing to be proud of.”

The Jayhawks were 4-7 last year and haven’t had a winning record since they were 10-2 in 1995. This year KU has seven home games, but the schedule—which includes UCLA, Oklahoma, Kansas State and Nebraska—is ranked the fifth-toughest in the country.

Though the Jayhawks’ backfield includes the flashy Duncan, a sophomore, and other talented young runners, the offensive pop for some upsets will likely come from the receivers.

Hill is the leader, as much for his experience and enthusiasm as for his talent. But there are also seniors Termaine Fulton (who needs seven touchdowns to pass Vaughn) and Roger Ross, junior Byron Gasaway and sophomore Derick Mills, along with two returning tight ends and a host of other capable receivers.

“The strongest position on our team is receiver,” Allen says. “We’ll be different offensively than we’ve been in the past, I’ll promise you that, and that’s because of the personnel we have at receiver.”

Says wide receivers coach Clarence James, “The thing we have to do is take the pressure off the quarterbacks. With the guys we have at receiver, if the quarterbacks can just get them the ball, things will work out.”

One thing that hasn’t worked out for Hill is his height. It’s the whole competitiveness thing. He’s 5-11 1/4 (“Every time we measure,” he says sadly), while the rest of the men in his family are all over 6 feet. “I want to be 6-foot so bad,” he says. “I’m the shrimp, I guess.”

Hamilton Hill, who recently graduated from law school at the University of Chicago, treated himself to an August kayaking trip in Alaska. The day he returned, he perched himself in Memorial Stadium’s hot bleachers, watching his brother endure two-a-days with the rest of the Jayhawks.

Although he ribs Harrison for overstating his pingpong prowess, he also doesn’t disguise the family’s unity. Law-school struggles, Hamilton says, were always lightened by e-mails from Harrison. When one brother is trying to succeed, the other is always there to cheer.

“I remember when we were playing football at a relative’s house; I was in high school, all the other guys who were playing were in high school, and Harrison must have been in fifth or sixth grade,” Hamilton recalls. “But no matter where I put the ball, high, long, or side to side, he was there, in perfect position. He seems to have some kind of targeting mechanism. I’d take my chances in a jump ball with Harrison anytime.”

So will the Jayhawks.

the cause of his problems was not revealed at the time. He was able to rejoin the team for the final two weeks of spring practice and has maintained his eligibility with summer-school classes.

“You’ll never know how tough it was,” Holloman told the Wichita Eagle.

“One week we’re burying the baby and the next I’m supposed to be thinking about other things. I have one more year left. I decided I could do it. I came back, went to class and tried to go on.”

Says Allen: “He’s a guy who has been through an awful lot. He’s been on such thin ice that you just hope and pray that he doesn’t go through the ice.”

THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM features just one senior—setter Molly LaMere—and the roster includes 10 freshmen and sophomores. But keeping track of the players won’t be nearly as challenging as following the score.

The NCAA has switched to a “rally scoring system,” meaning a point will be scored on every play. Previously, only the offense could score; a defensive victory resulted in a side-out, with the defensive team taking over the serve but not scoring a point. The first four games of a match will go to 30 points, although the fifth game will still go to 15. Repeated side-outs sometimes lengthened matches, perhaps scaring off potential TV coverage. Also new: Serves that strike the net remain in play.

Coach Ray Bechard expects players to be jittery, knowing defenses can now score on an offensive mistake. Until the new scoring is accepted, Bechard says, play will become more conservative.

LaMere, third in career assists at KU, enters her third year as a starter. Also back are juniors Kylie Thomas, who finished second in blocks last year, and serve specialist Jennifer Kraft, plus sophomores Jordan Garrison (five solo blocks against Missouri last year, tying a KU record) and Sarah Rome (185 kills).
River run

A renowned KU history professor uses the Grand Canyon’s bold conqueror to explore vast vistas of the American West

The late Edward Abbey, a famously cranky environmentalist and writer, once declared that “a great steel barricade” should be built 10 miles from the rim of the Grand Canyon. On that barricade, Abbey argued, there should hang this sign: “Human Beings Welcome; Machines Keep Out.”

The unique canyon Abbey so fiercely defended was, and remains, under siege. Too many visitors, too many dams, too much disrespect. None of which existed in 1869, when Maj. John Wesley Powell, a self-taught naturalist and Civil War artillery commander who lost his right arm at the Battle of Shiloh, led a ragged band of nine men in three small wooden boats down the length of the Green and Colorado rivers, starting in southern Wyoming and ending at the Grand Canyon’s exit in western Arizona.

Until Powell proved otherwise, the Colorado River was thought to be un navigable on its descent through the Grand Canyon, and that 1869 triumph is the heart of A River Running West: The Life of John Wesley Powell, by Donald Worster, Hall distinguished professor of history. But Worster’s book is not so much a biography of Powell as it is a history of America, with Powell, the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River as the hooks.

It is a huge book, both in length and depth, and one reading will not do, though two thorough readings would probably require nearly as much time as Powell needed to make his two trips through the Grand Canyon. (He made his second voyage in 1871; the passage was so difficult that no one even attempted another run until 1889, and that expedition halted after three men drowned.)

In giving us the life and times of John Wesley Powell, Worster also presents histories of Methodism, Mormonism and abolitionism; geology, biology and theology; real-estate transactions that shaped small-town America and large-scale land disbursements that shaped the West; politicians, presidents and generals; the Civil War and the civil service; the U.S. Geological Survey and scattered surveys of the frontier; education, slavery, science, agriculture, ranching and irrigation; timber, mineral and water policies; and, in their endless American varieties, optimism, opportunism and bigotry.

To modern sensibilities, Powell is not a smartly packaged hero. Though a passionate student of the Indians he met in his journeys, Powell repeatedly referred to them as “savages” and insisted their only hope for survival was to abandon all memories of their cultures, languages and spirituality. He was perhaps the most important early Western conservationist, and would likely have been as outspoken as Edward Abbey had he lived to see the horrors of the 20th century, yet he also happily boasted that dams would one day plug every U.S. river.

Powell was not an easy man to know, and neither is Worster’s book. It is stuffed with so many topics treated with depth and detail that it is overwhelming from the start—with Powell’s ancestors in England. Worster offers no shortcuts; like Powell floating a mysterious river between the cliffs of the Grand Canyon, there will be no quick escape.

Across 573 pages, details blur and cannot be digested. It is impossible to closely follow streams of particulars about people and places even vaguely connected with the narrative, and for vast stretches the book virtually demands to be let alone. It also cries out for more maps (chapters on Powell’s explorations include only three) and modern landscape photographs.

But there is too much here to give in. The shaping of the West is, in large part, the shaping of America, and Worster offers insights and connections that we find nowhere else. This is a book that, after a first reading, deserves a prominent place on the bookshelf, where it can be consulted whenever curiosity is piqued about innumerable subjects of American history.

Worster’s book is more than a reintroduction to Wes Powell. It is, in its broad totality, the rare gift of authoritative context in which we can place our brave, forgotten heroes and besieged natural wonders.

Excerpt from A River Running West

“Like the men he recruited, Powell came west as a rather ordinary, undistinguished man and found himself challenged to rise to a new, higher plateau than he had known. The Colorado and its highlands inspired and compelled him; they transformed him from a floundering preacher’s son who could not find himself into a charismatic figure, into a hero for his time. ... A half dozen years after his first, improvised field trip into the West he had succeeded in navigating, not once but twice, the most formidable river on the continent.”
Scientific literacy
Science writers learn firsthand the joys of discovery at a KU professor’s annual course in Woods Hole, Mass.

In these fast-paced days of scientific advances and information overload, how do scientists, accustomed to laboratories and classrooms, effectively connect with science writers to tell their stories? How do discoverers deliver the news?

Talented science writers can help the public understand how work in the lab affects people’s lives. They can inform public debate as our nation attempts to legislate scientific issues, forcing us all to wrestle with whether and how to implement the knowledge we are gaining.

But how do science writers choose the stories they tell? How do they accurately explain complicated scientific processes and their results?

One way is to learn their way around a laboratory. For 16 years the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass., has hosted the Biomedical Hands On Laboratory Course, where writers experience the process of discovery. I’ve been involved in the project for the past six years, as co-director.

Why share a laboratory with writers? First, because the times—and the University’s mission—demand it. Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway has made improving scientific literacy one of KU’s goals, and he regularly reminds faculty and staff of our duty to share our knowledge.

But a second motive also urges me to Woods Hole every summer. I’ve found that writers and scientists are not all that different. We share the same ethic: a sharp, definitive quest for the truth. Their news—and our science—must be accurate and unbiased.

Writers do not come easily to the Woods Hole course. Nationwide, only 12 are chosen to work with six faculty members. This year’s class included David Kestenbaum, chief science correspondent for National Public Radio; and Antonio Regalado, health and science reporter for the Wall Street Journal.

One year, Roger Martin, g’73, editor and writer for KU’s Center for Research Inc., made the cut.

In the laboratory, writers learn how obscure model systems like baker’s yeast or eggs from surf clams offer special properties for experiments that simply could not be done in humans. The writers peer into live clam oocytes, using computer-enhanced video microscopes to view chromosomes, the cell structures that contain DNA and the hereditary information required for life. As the week progresses, investigations build upon each other, increasing daily in complexity.

The painstaking process of discovery introduces the students to a scientist’s frustration, drudgery and fatigue. Like writers, scientists make mistakes, learn from them, and hope to find the unexpected clue that offers a turning point. Experiments are often unpredictable.

But these students are up to the task. I’ve often told my own KU students of the importance of developing writing skills, which demand that they learn to assimilate knowledge. These accomplished professional writers prove my point: They make connections and progress through the week with amazing speed. One writer once told me, “I feel like I’ve finished a PhD in six days.” In many ways, she had.

At week’s end, the tired writers burst with enthusiasm, charged by the thrill of understanding. The course is over and it’s time to go home, but most of the students don’t want to leave.

Witnessing their reaction is the week’s payoff for me. These exceptionally bright people, who in their own jobs are in command, began the week as children, awed by the tools of science. But now their faces seem to say, “Gee, I could really do science if I wanted to.”

And that’s the lesson for all of us. Opportunities like the Woods Hole course can help banish the austere notions that make science seem remote and unintelligible. The fact is, anyone can do science.

And we all need to understand how it can change our lives.

—Robert Palazzo is a KU professor of molecular bioscience.
The home exudes warmth. Dark beams crisscross the high living room ceiling, overlooking plump chairs and sofas meant for sitting, not merely for show. Fresh coffee and homemade cupcakes welcome visitors. Flanking the fireplace, tall windows look out onto the garden, whose bricked walk leads to a shaded gazebo. Back inside, amiable voices discuss the daily work of the household while a polite schnauzer, Fritz, ambles through rooms that were once the domain of the home’s former feline ruler, Baehr Cat.

For many years, the elegant 1920s Tudor belonged to the J.L. Constant family; later it housed KU fraternities. Since 1988 the gracious home has served another extended family: the 12 staff members, 350 volunteers and thousands of listeners of the Kansas Audio-Reader Network, the University’s radio reading service that brings newspapers, magazines, books and other information to listeners who, because of sight impairments or other disabilities, cannot read the printed word.

Audio-Reader, the nation’s second-oldest radio reading service, will celebrate its 30th anniversary in October with a series of events in the Lawrence area (see box, p.23), but its reach extends through
much of Kansas, western Missouri and 15 other states. In recent years, the staff has supplemented on-air readings with audio descriptions of live theatre, Internet broadcasts and the Lions Telephone Reader, a dial-in service sponsored in part by the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. And for those lucky enough to visit the Baehr Audio-Reader Center in the Constant home, just off 11th Street north of Memorial Stadium, Audio-Reader also shares its tranquil Sensory Garden, specially designed for blind or sight-impaired people.

As she strolls through the garden on a sunny morning, Diana Seely Frederick, c’82, points out the soothing sounds of fountains and the tactile appeal of plants and flowers. Frederick began volunteering in 1979 as a KU student, joined the staff in 1982 and now is development director. She organized the volunteer effort to plant the garden in 1996, and she savors its serenity and sincere tributes to Audio-Reader listeners and volunteers, whose names and special messages are etched along the garden’s brick path.

“To me there is something magical about the mingling of so many lives in the landscape,” she says.

So many lives have mingled that Audio-Reader’s impact defies precise measurement. Director Janet Sommer Campbell, d’79, says more than 6,000 listeners tune in Audio-Reader’s frequency on special radios provided free to sight- or print-impaired listeners who apply. The service also is available to patients in KU Medical Center and area Veterans Administration hospitals and via cable to Johnson County listeners.

The 24-hour, 7-day-a-week broadcasts feature the voices of volunteers, who read from national and area newspapers, current fiction and nonfiction, poetry, mail-order catalogs and even “mature subject matter.” If the program schedule does not suit a particular listener’s need, volunteers will record special-request material for only the $1.50 cost of the cassette. Other requests include readings from some of the state’s smaller weekly newspapers, instruction manuals for a listener’s new microwave, or important personal mail, including legal documents, letters or medical information.

Among Audio-Reader’s longtime listeners are Susan Haller Tabor, s’73, s’74, and her husband, Rob, of Lawrence. Susan began relying on the service as a KU student, and she remembers when Audio-Reader tuned her in to the nation’s most-talked-about story. “They read the Nixon transcripts nonstop for as long as it took, and I remember the 18-minute gap,” she says. Tabor, who has been blind since birth, grew up in a family for whom newspapers were a daily habit and keeping “centered in the world” through news was vital. “The Nixon transcripts were a current story, and it meant that I could have an intelligent conversation with my friends about the subject. By the time publications are converted to Braille, they’re old,” she says. Tabor, whose duties as chaplain at the Douglas County Jail and a community social worker keep her away from her radio, now counts on the telephone reader service for her regular doses of news.

The reading service and its volunteers and staff become part of listeners’ daily lives, Campbell says. “I cannot pinpoint what it is, but there is something about this place. You like what you do, you get hooked on the program, you get hooked on the people, you get hooked on the listeners. We form bonds with them. We get intimately involved.”

Examples of the familial connections abound: the staff member who for years has used vacation days to take a listener in Raymore, Mo., to doctor’s appointments. The listener in Girard who welcomed a staff member for regular visits. The volunteers who have dated, the staff member and volunteer who are now married, the two volunteers whose shared Audio-Reader service also led to a trip down the aisle.

Campbell herself is testament to Audio-Reader’s...
allure. After completing her special-education degree in December 1979, she was biding her time until a teaching job opened the following fall. “I was working at Weaver’s selling bras over Christmas,” she recalls, “and a girl who was working there was the bookkeeper at Audio-Reader and told me about a temporary, part-time secretary job. I came intending to stay for three months. I later had a couple of offers for teaching jobs, but the program-manager’s job came open during that time and it really appealed to me. I like the people and program and the volunteers, and I’m still here.”

Campbell became director in 1987, shortly before the service moved from nearby Sudler House and its trailer annex to the Baehr Audio-Reader Center in the renovated Constant home. In 1997, Campbell also became director of KANU, the University’s public radio station, splitting her days between the Audio-Reader center and KANU’s cubbyhole studios hidden behind Marvin Hall on campus.

But an expansion to Audio-Reader’s headquarters soon will simplify her days and unite the two radio services. Plans call for a spring 2002 groundbreaking to begin building a 9,000-square-foot addition to the home, making room for KANU’s 18 staff members to join Audio-Reader’s 12-member team. Campbell says the expansion will remain true to the architecture of the beloved Constant home.

For KANU, she says, the move is sorely needed. Since the radio station’s development office in Hoch Auditorium burned in the 1991 fire, the three fund-raising staff members have been reduced to vagabonds, moving seven times, most recently to offices in Carruth-O’Leary Hall. And the station’s cramped, windowless broadcast facilities have long belied its expansive national reputation.

Combining the public radio station and the radio reading service makes sense, Campbell says, because the staffs share similar engineering and other technical needs as well as administrative tasks. She also looks forward to staff collaborations on many issues, although she emphasizes that the two operations will maintain separate budgets and development operations (including mailing lists).

A united house could also lead to more prominence for KANU and Audio-Reader, both of which have earned national acclaim. Though the public radio station’s regional and national awards typically attract more media attention, Audio-Reader, a veteran in radio reading services, also has earned its claim to fame.

“When Hawaii wanted to put in a reading service, our engineer put them on the air,” Campbell says. “All of us, our program director, our volunteer director, get calls from other services to see how we’re doing what we do. Telephone reader was the brainchild of one of our staff members, and now he has installed them in Washington, D.C., and in Minnesota. We’re up on satellite so the reading services that are one- and two-person shops can take us off the air.”

Campbell credits consistent University and community support for Audio-Reader’s success. Two-thirds of Audio-Reader’s $400,000 annual budget is University funded; the remainder comes from grants and donations, which provide the special radios for listeners (at a cost of about $108 per unit) and other equipment. KANU’s annual budget of $1.3 million is evenly split between University and donor funds.

The University and community collaboration that sustains Audio-Reader began more than 30 years ago, when the late Lawrence philanthropist Petey Cerf, ’64, who spent her spare hours reading to a friend in a nursing home, sought a better way to provide the printed word to those who couldn’t read. After she learned about the nation’s first radio reading service, established in 1969 in Minnesota, Cerf approached the University with the idea. In 1971, the voices of Audio-Reader volunteers went on the air.

The first voice belonged to Eleanor Symons, longtime University librarian who retired in 1994 and has continued her reading duties for all of Audio-Reader’s 30 years. Symons, a native of Cornwall, England, says she has read nearly every genre broadcast by the service: newspapers, books, magazines, poetry and special-request material. “I was particularly fond of two poetry programs I did through the years, and I’ve always enjoyed English murder mysteries and other works set in England. My favorite book was Coming Home by Rosamunde
Pilcher, about a girl of my generation growing up in Cornwall whose life was much more exciting than mine.”

Symons’ distinctive British accent is recognized by listeners. “I’ve been impressed by the importance of the service to so many people,” she says. “The staff is most considerate and dedicated in connecting listeners and volunteers at special gatherings or through correspondence.”

Listeners and staff alike develop their own favorites among the volunteers, many of whom are from the University community as well as Topeka and the Kansas City suburbs. Campbell recalls her favorite reader, Arline Bliesner, a retired KU secretary who for years had suppressed her secret desire to perform in radio drama. “She had been a housewife and raised her children and worked at KU, but when she came to us, she had no self-confidence,” Campbell recalls. “She was our best reader. She had the most fabulous accent. She could pull off Scout Finch in To Kill a Mockingbird, Scarlett in Gone with the Wind and the black dialects in The Color Purple. She’d go in our studio and do what she’d always wanted to do and had never had the guts to do. She enjoyed it as much as our listeners did.” Campbell says the tapes made by Bliesner, who died in January 2000, have been saved by her devoted fans.

Frustrated actors and folks who just love to read are likely candidates to volunteer, but desire alone is not a qualification, says development director Diana Frederick. Volunteers must audition, first by reading the words on a confidential, 100-word test. After navigating “vicissitudes,” “chromacarcinogen,” “impetus” and the tricky names of Kansas towns, foreign leaders and newsmakers, potential volunteers also must perform cold readings from varied works. Although 85 percent is a passing grade, only one-third of the candidates pass the audition, Frederick says. For those who pass, the audition also helps determine volunteers’ strengths and weaknesses. “If someone sails through fiction or news butchers sports,” she says, “we’ll make sure they’re reading novels or front-page news and not the football scores.”

But lest the audition appear too daunting, Frederick proudly offers the example of Audio-Reader’s newest and youngest volunteer, 11-year-old Kate Falkenstien, a Lawrence sixth-grader, who answered a newspaper story’s call for Audio-Reader volunteers.

“I like to read a lot and I like electronics, so this is my dream volunteer job,” Falkenstien says. She reads Parade magazine from The Kansas City Star on the air, and she hopes someday to share her favorite children’s books: the Harry Potter series or selections by Roald Dahl and Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Campbell, herself an occasional on-air reader, favors letters to the editor, columns and editorials. “They’re the most challenging, because if you totally disagree with them you have to read it like you don’t. It’s hard to read in neutral.” In fact, she says, newspapers generally aren’t meant for reading aloud, so volunteers are challenged to make even the most mundane but vital information if not lyrical then at least light on the ears.

“It’s not easy to make the school board meeting in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, sound interesting, but it is interesting to that person hearing it in Medicine Lodge, Kansas,” she says. “It’s not easy to make the results from the 4-H Fair interesting, but many people want to hear them.

“When you tell people what we do, their first reaction might be, ‘Well, people can get the news on the radio.’ That’s true. But you don’t get all of the things I just mentioned. You don’t get the divorces, the obits and the birth announcements and the friendship meals, the agenda for the city council, the traffic report—all of those things that we all read that connect us to our community. Columns and editorials are sometimes the things that generate the most controversy in a community. If you’re blind, you can’t share in that.”

The sharing within the community, within the family, binds staff members, volunteers, listeners. Each spring, the staff interviews listeners about what Audio-Reader means to them; their personal comments help volunteers understand the ways in which their voices have touched lives. The chorus of thanks echoes from towns throughout Kansas: Great Bend, Girard, St. Marys, Leavenworth, Pretty Prairie.

And from Parsons, where 83-year-old Irene Hicks lives alone, kept company by her radio.

“Thank you for this service. I have poor eyesight and hearing, but almost any time I turn on Audio-Reader, there is something of interest to listen to,” she says. “Audio-Reader has opened up a whole new world to me.”

A world in which voices connect and lives mingle. —

Audio-Reader began its 30-year celebration last spring with its annual fund drive and Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, which honored Eleanor Symons for her record service. Fall events will include:

- OCT. 6: University Open House. Audio-Reader and its Sensory Garden will be open for special tours and presentations to the community.

- WEEK OF OCT. 11: Special programming throughout the anniversary week will include remembrances from volunteers, listeners and staff and appearances by celebrity readers.

- OCT. 14: Anniversary picnic for all current and former volunteers and families, beginning at 4 or 5 p.m. at the Baehr Audio-Reader Center, featuring food, drink, live music and greetings from listeners. To confirm start time and make reservations, call 785-864-4600.

- A WATERCOLOR painting of Audio-Reader headquarters by artist and Audio-Reader volunteer Mary Ann Saunders, f’00, Lawrence, will tour the area; prints and notecards will be available for purchase. For more information, call 785-864-4600 or check the Web site: reader.ku.edu

The garden’s reading angel honors the hundreds of readers who have shared the printed word on the air for 30 years.
Schoolchildren embrace a captivating science project: to track nature's most remarkable migration.
As the days begin to shorten and cool in late August and early September, millions of monarch butterflies abandon their summer ranges across North America and fly south, launching a migration like no other in the insect world, a cross-continental exodus that in its vast sweep and mystifying inevitability rivals the seasonal passages of whales and waterfowl. From five Canadian provinces and every U.S. state east of the Rocky Mountains, these striking symbols of fragile beauty will complete a rugged journey that, for the most far-flung among them, stretches nearly 3,000 miles.

By early October the flight paths of monarchs from Manitoba and Maine, from Kansas and the Carolinas, will converge in the skies above southern Texas, where they’ll turn toward their final destination, the oyamel fir forests dotting a dozen or so mountaintops in the Transvolcanic range of central Mexico. There, in the isolated countryside of Michoacán, 100 miles west of Mexico City, the survivors will cluster together by the millions beneath a protective canopy of evergreens, riding out rainstorms and cold fronts. Come spring they’ll head north again to reproduce and die.

Waiting for them all along the route of this epic southward flight will be the nearly 2,000 members of Monarch Watch, a network of volunteers devoted to the study and conservation of the insect class’s most royal figure, Danaus plexippus. The program, run by Orley “Chip” Taylor, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, this September marks its 10th year of tagging monarch butterflies during the fall migration. Armed with Monarch Watch tagging kits, with butterfly nets and bare hands, these volunteers and their helpers will capture and tag—with lightweight adhesive disks that bear the University’s return address—as many monarchs as they can catch. In most years, these “citizen scientists” tag between 60,000 and 80,000 butterflies, and their observations of a host of variables (weather conditions, location and date of tagging, direction of flight and the sex and condition of each butterfly tagged and released) provide a wealth of data that researchers are using to better understand the monarch’s fantastic journey.

But as valuable as the data are, the full story of Monarch Watch is more than the sum of cold, hard facts. The program’s primary mission, Taylor says, is to promote science education. Much of the tagging is done by elementary and middle school students across the country; more than 100,000 schoolchildren participated
last fall. In partnership with Monarchs in the Classroom, a program run from the University of Minnesota, Monarch Watch has developed curricula that use butterflies as the bait for active, hands-on education designed to interest kindergarten, elementary and middle school students in science. Projects include rearing live monarchs, planting butterfly gardens and responding to research questions designed by Taylor to encourage amateur lepidopterists to fill in the many blanks in professional scientists' understanding of monarch migration.

What I provide kids is an opportunity to do what I call open-ended science, where the outcome is not scripted,” says Taylor.

“Everybody does scripted science, where the end is known. I want students to learn from their failures, because that is where science is made. That’s where the fun is.”

In his Haworth Hall office, which doubles as Monarch Watch headquarters, two dozen monarchs flit and flutter beneath lights in cages built of wood, window screen and duct tape. As he talks, passionately, about their appeal, the butterflies sup on kitchen sponges soaked in sugar solution. Paper covers every horizontal surface and most of the vertical ones: The walls bear newspaper clippings, magazine articles and posters heralding Taylor’s academic work. The general effect is decidedly low-tech and casual and pleasantly chaotic, not unlike the childhood room of a budding bug collector. Taylor, who grew up in Minnesota and spent summers at his grandmother’s Wisconsin farm, had a natural inclination toward biological interests as a boy, but he lacked mentors. “Everything I did was by trial and error,” he says—breeding mice, raising ducks and starting his own beekeeping operation at 14. “It was all self-instruction. That’s great if you’re driven to do it, but not every kid is. A lot of kids need guidance to get to the point where they can self-instruct, and that’s basically what this program does.”

In an age when Nintendo and MTV compete with the natural world for children’s attention, shifting kids’ attention from the great indoors to the great outdoors may seem a tough assignment. But Monarch Watch’s founders were surprised by how easy it turned out to be.

“When we started Monarch Watch we didn’t understand the charisma attached to monarchs, how that pulled people in and kept them involved even when things
didn’t seem to be working,” says co-founder Brad Williamson, a former student of Taylor’s who teaches high school in Olathe. It was Williamson, c’74, g’77, who came up with the idea of enlisting students to help with butterfly tagging. Pragmatism, rather than vision, was his inspiration: Sign up 50 teachers with 100 students, he told Taylor, and you’ve got 5,000 people chasing butterflies. But it wasn’t long before the two realized they’d stumbled onto something more valuable than the research data the tagging generated. They had discovered a powerful teaching tool.

“The butterfly has this incredible biology. It’s rather wondrous that it goes to Mexico and then comes back in the spring,” Taylor says. “But perhaps more important, the monarch is accessible and big and showy and tough. You can handle it; it doesn’t fall apart when you pick it up. It’s easy to rear. It can’t bite or sting. It’s perfectly friendly and accessible, and it has this absolutely spectacular metamorphosis that’s also accessible. It’s so wonderful to watch this butterfly come out of its pupa and expand its wings; kids just sit there and their mouths drop open.”

That grade-school kids could be awed by butterflies may seem unremarkable, but Williamson discovered the same attitude in his students at Olathe East High School, where “nobody was too cool to get excited about catching butterflies.” Similar reports came from less traditional settings: A woman teaching at the Lansing Correctional Facility brought monarch larvae into the classroom, then was surprised to see inmates give up their breaks to watch butterflies emerge from their cocoons. But what Williamson remembers most is a phone call from a Florida elementary school principal.

“The principal wanted to know if Chip would talk to one of the monarch coordinators, a second grader, who had some questions for him. The kid got on the line and asked a couple of questions about telling the difference between mommy and daddy butterflies, and Chip was sort of chuckling to himself at how cute that was,” Williamson says. “And then the principal got back on the line and said he wanted Chip to know about the success of this program, because that young kid was an autistic child and those were the first words he’d ever spoken at the school. ‘They’d just about given up, because they couldn’t get to him. But the butterflies had gotten to him.”

When Monarch Watch volunteers began tagging butterflies, in 1992, scientists knew little about the population dynamics—the overall size, health and workings—of...
the eastern North America monarch population.

“At the time there was no consistent monitoring at the overwintering sites, so we didn’t have any idea how strong the population was,” Taylor says. Those sites were not even discovered by the scientific community until the mid-1970s, when University of Toronto biologist Fred Urquhart hinted at their whereabouts in a National Geographic article. Urquhart, famously protective of his academic turf, ran a tagging program for over 30 years with his wife, Nora. (In 1976 an Urquhart tag from Minnesota showed up in Mexico, providing the first proof that monarchs migrate long distances.) “But it never produced a lot of results because they never analyzed the data,” Taylor says. “This was of some concern, as they were getting on in years and it didn’t look like they were ever going to analyze it.”

Taylor had established himself as one of the world’s foremost bee experts in the 1970s with his research on African “killer” bees—work that frequently took him to Mexico, where he saw monarchs on their round-trip journeys. By the early ’90s that research was winding down, and Taylor was looking for another study area. When a colleague in Mexico called in the spring of 1992 to say that almost no monarchs were moving north, he was intrigued.

Williamson was then working to establish a network of teachers across Kansas who wanted to involve students in real research. “The idea was, ‘Let’s not play games with trying to create simulated research; let’s actually involve students in real problems that need their work and input,’” he says. “What we were trying to do is realize that kids might have difficulty coming up with their own questions, but that they could get excited

During their fall migration, monarchs funnel into Mexico from every state east of the Rocky Mountains. (Western monarchs migrate to the California coast.) Taylor believes their journey tracks the sun’s position in the sky. The migration begins when the sun’s angle above the horizon at solar noon falls to 56 degrees. When that happens is a factor of latitude: The sun reaches 56 degrees on Aug. 26 in Minneapolis but doesn’t fall that low until Oct. 1 in Austin, Texas. At the winter roosts in Mexico, where Monarchs arrive around Oct. 30, the sun remains at 56 degrees longer than at any other point on their route. When it ascends to that angle again in March, the spring migration north begins.

The leading edge

1 Minneapolis: Aug. 26
2 Omaha: Sept. 4
3 Lawrence: Sept. 11
4 Oklahoma City: Sept. 20
5 Austin: Oct. 1
6 Mexico wintering sites: Oct. 30
about doing real science.” During a summertime visit to Taylor’s office, the two talked butterflies and Monarch Watch was born.

Williamson helped sign up teachers across Kansas, hoping to develop valid scientific data from their tagging activities. “It wasn’t very long into that first year that we realized the educational opportunity far, far outweighed whatever data we were going to get out of the research. I’ve always held that if you do good science, education and enthusiasm will follow. And that’s exactly what happened.”

Jim Mason, c’75, a naturalist at the Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita and a Monarch Watch participant, has witnessed the program’s power to interest children in hands-on science.

“Anytime you can offer a child actual contact with a living creature, that has a big impact. Kids will remember for a long time that they were the ones who held the butterfly, who put the tag on his wings. They go home and tell their parents, and the next time we see them they’re still bubbling about it.”

Butterflies make a good introduction to science, Mason says, because they are accessible. “They can open doors for those with an interest in biology, especially for urban kids, because they can then go on to study insects, which you can find in your backyard or even in your house. You can’t do that with what we call the ‘charismatic mega-fauna’—animals like deer. But when you get right down to it there are some pretty charismatic micro-fauna, and the monarch is one of them.”

While Mason sees the education of hundreds of thousands of citizen scientists as Monarch Watch’s biggest impact, he notes that the data gleaned from the nearly half-million butterflies tagged in the program’s first 10 years have produced real scientific gains.

“The tagging program is coming up with a whole slew of data that will hopefully give us a greater understanding of how something with a brain smaller than a pinhead knows how to find its way from Maine to Michoacán—which is pretty remarkable.”

Indeed, when Monarch Watch began tracking the migration, only about 100 butterfly tags had been recovered at the Mexican roosting sites. After 10 years, the number has grown to 1,600. Researchers now know that nearly every state east of the Rockies is represented at the Mexico sites, and they know that where the butterflies begin their journey affects the odds of its success. (Monarchs from the Minnesota-to-Texas corridor are more likely to reach the overwintering sites). They’ve learned much about the risks and losses the migrants encounter on the way (at least half never make it to Mexico) and how degradation of U.S. habitat threatens the migration nearly as much as the destruction of Mexican forests. (Hazards here include genetically modified crops, suburban sprawl and roadside mowing of milkweed, the only plant on which monarch caterpillars feed.) And they’ve learned that six to 10 female monarchs must be produced each summer for every female butterfly that comes north from Mexico in the spring, which gives researchers a clearer picture of just how vulnerable this seemingly

Monarchs can be observed in great numbers on the southern portions of their journey, as with this resting group in Oklahoma (p. 28). Citizen scientists like these children, pictured in 1994, have helped Monarch Watch gather a decade’s worth of data on the migration.

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bountiful butterfly population is.

Perhaps most dramatically, Taylor now thinks he has gained some insight into the issue Mason raises: How do monarchs find their way to Mexico?

“One thing that became clear from this tagging program is that monarchs are fairly predictable in when they arrive,” Taylor says. He knows to expect the leading edge of the migration in Lawrence on Sept. 11, regardless of weather conditions, with peak numbers following nine to 11 days later. He can also date their arrival at any other point on the migration route.

“The regularity of this pattern is really extraordinary, so we started asking why. It turns out that all this migration is apparently associated with a process of tracking the altitude angle of the receding sun in the fall.” As the angle of the sun above the horizon at solar noon falls to 56 degrees—which happens progressively later in the year the farther one moves south—monarchs take wing.

Like most research discoveries, this one, which Taylor and a colleague are now writing up for publication, raises as many questions as it answers. And if it doesn’t quite solve the mystery of how an insect with a brain smaller than a pinhead plots a course from Maine to Michoacán, it does take a big step toward a general theory explaining the timing and pace of a migration that, only 10 years ago, Taylor says, “seemed like chaos.”

“The beauty of it all,” according to Taylor, is that the groundwork was laid for this and other important research gains of the past decade by “a very simple tagging program that involves thousands of citizen scientists, and it is turning up new information every year.”

Not everyone shares this assessment. Lincoln Brower, distinguished service professor emeritus of zoology at the University of Florida and research professor of zoology at Sweet Briar College, is widely considered the world’s leading monarch researcher. He takes a dimmer view of citizen scientists.

“In Four Wings and a Prayer: Caught in the Mystery of the Monarch Butterfly, Brower tells author Sue Halpern, ‘What we get from a lot of amateurs is ‘I saw five butterflies down at the baseball park on Sunday at five o’clock.’ If they went out there every year at the same time and watched what was going on and then published the data, it would be valuable. If you compare a really carefully done experiment with some half-assed little anecdotal report and give them equal weight, that, to me, is not acceptable science.”

Taylor disagrees. “The data from an eighth-grader have the potential to be just as good as those of a retired senior citizen. There is absolutely no reason amateurs cannot get these data. I want to show that anyone can become a scientist.”

As Taylor looks to the future, he sees himself trying to nudge Brower and other monarch biologists toward a more holistic view of the butterflies. Toward that end, he hosted a conference at KU in May that brought together 90 monarch researchers from around the world. “We really have to understand the whole process, the birth and death of monarch butterflies throughout the entire year,” says Taylor, who fears that “sky-is-falling” biology is wasting precious time. “We need to get away from the hand-wringing and get into some real numbers, which is what you need to get governments to take action. We’re dealing with a conservation issue here.”

As part of its mission, Monarch Watch promotes conservation of the monarch’s habitat in Canada, the United States and Mexico. The Mexican roost sites encompass 200,000 acres of forest that are rich not only ecologically, but also economically.

“The lumber in that forest is extraordinarily valuable,” Taylor says of the overwintering range, which is protected by government decree but privately owned. “The government is protecting the land against the peasant’s wishes, so there is constant tension in the local community about whether or not to harvest the trees in spite of the restrictions. And in fact they are nibbling away at the forest all the time because they have to put shoes on their children’s feet.”

That nibbling has led to substantial degradation of the monarch’s winter habitat. Like a moth-eaten overcoat, a forest canopy riddled with holes provides poor shelter from winter winds. It also reduces protection from predators. On a trip to Mexico last February, Taylor visited a site degraded by illegal logging and burning. In November, an estimated 1 million monarchs were roosting there. By January, winter weather had killed around 300,000. When Taylor arrived, he found
no living butterflies and the forest floor was littered with orange and black wings. A March storm at another site caused more losses. There were even rumors, never substantiated, that loggers had sprayed butterflies with pesticides.

The very act that facilitates their close study—a migration that funnels insects normally spread across 2,000 miles into a handful of sites covering less than 50 miles—leaves them vulnerable to catastrophe. “The Achilles’ heel of this system is the overwintering thing,” Taylor says. Wintering monarchs exist in a kind of extended torpor, drowsing in a climate cold enough to conserve energy but not cold enough to freeze. The balance is delicate: Butterflies warmed by the sun will search out water, only to scurry back to their roosts when a cloud passes. Those that linger too long risk being fatally stranded. The rest are easy pickings for predators. Though toxins in the milkweed they eat makes monarchs unpalatable to most birds, some species—the oriole, for instance—will prey on them, as will rodents and insects. And man. Author Sue Halpern writes that Mexican farmers used to smoke butterflies out of the trees and let their cows eat them by the thousands.

Seeing monarchs clustered together 10 million to a hectare (about 3.5 million per acre) is an “absolutely awesome” sight, Taylor says. “If you happen to be there at dawn and there’s a little breeze, the predominant sound is the rustle of wings. When I go down there it’s about as close as I get to being spiritual: You look at this mass of butterflies and realize that every one came over 2,000 miles to get there. You know they represent only the 20 to 50 percent that actually survived the journey, that there were a lot of hazards on the way, a lot of mortality to get where they are. That speaks to the incredible drive in the system to survive.”

Monarch Watch is waging its own fight for survival: Last year the $200,000-a-year program, which gets no consistent direct support from the University, posted $32,000 in red ink. Most of its funding comes from the sale of educational materials, a thriving sideline in butterfly T-shirts and gardening kits, and from donations. (Taylor and his wife are the biggest private donors.) Monarch Watch’s Adopt-A-Classroom program, a goodwill effort that collects and delivers donated supplies to 30 schools near the Mexican roosting sites, is perennially imperiled by budget shortfalls, and Taylor says he’ll probably have to reduce his staff, which now consists of three full-timers and several undergrads. This comes as news to the conservation groups that regularly solicit Monarch Watch for money. “We have people requesting grants because they have only a half-million dollar budget,” Taylor says wryly. “We have such visibility that people assume we have millions to work with.”

Still, Taylor remains committed to what he says is the most rewarding work he’s done during his long and illustrious academic career. “People who are basically disconnected from the natural world will write a letter in the dead of winter saying, ‘I want to thank you for allowing me to participate in your program, because for the first time in 40 years I connected with something really fantastic and it was awe-inspiring,’” Taylor says. “They say we’ve got them looking at the stars and looking at birds and looking at plants in a way they never would have done without our program. That’s the kind of positive feedback that says, ‘Hey, let’s keep this thing going.’”

Research assistant Jim Lovett, c’93, c’95, distributes donated school supplies to Mexican schoolchildren during Monarch Watch’s annual Adopt-a-Classroom trip (p.30). Left and above: The rich oyamel fir forests of central Mexico’s Transvolcanic Mountains shelter millions of monarchs from November to March.
For those who are mooved by fanciful art and aren’t cowed by a parade of puns, summer was the season to steak out Kansas City: CowParade, made famous by its U.S. debut two years ago in Chicago, finally reached Cowtown U.S.A.

Area artists—including, of course, KU alumni, some of whose work is featured here—lassoed their free-ranging imaginations and horned in on the action, fashioning festive cows to be displayed at landmarks across Kansas City. Cows could be found at the Country Club Plaza, Crown Center, Swope Park, Union Station—everywhere, it seems, but the stockyards.

Cartoonist Charlie Podrebarac, ’81, got a jump on the cattle drive: He has drawn his “Cowtown” cartoon since 1984. Podrebarac created three of the KC cows, including “Cowlvis,” featured for months on a Westport billboard. Painter Mike Savage, ’80, saw his “Shaken Not Steered” displayed on the Plaza and “I’ve Looked at Cows From Both Sides Now” penned up in Union Station. And handbag designer Kate Brosnahan Spade, ’86, created a colorful cow that grazed, of course, in front of Halls.

“You see people everywhere with their maps, checking off the cows,” Podrebarac says. “It’s become this compulsion, a huge, citywide scavenger hunt. Everyone
has a camera and their maps, and they've got to see every cow.

Some Kansas Citians beefed that the CowParade idea had lost its tastiness; others said the cows were so well done that while the idea might not have been original, the KC cows certainly were. Jerry Elbaum, president of CowParade Holdings, of West Hartford, Conn., said, "The art is phenomenal. The consistent quality of art here is the highest we've seen in any venue."

There was also some ribbing by art lovers who contended that the artistic energies and financial resources ($5,000 sponsorships were found for most of the 205-cow herd) might have been better spent on more serious outdoor, public art. To which the artists and fans reply: Moo to you.

"People love outdoor activities they can do as a group," Savage says. "This summer they have an outdoor activity that involves art, and kids really
Mike Savage (top) whoops it up aboard “Shaken Not Steered” on the Plaza. Lawrence muralist David Loewenstein, ’93, (above) adds final touches to “Cowalligator,” whose habitat was Shawnee Mission Park. Susan McCarthy, c’77, f’81, (above left) poses in place of her “Cow Grazing in the Flint Hills,” which was sent back to the ranch for repairs after cow-tipping vandals toppled it from its Plaza perch.
love these cows. This is public art that people are enjoying in the middle of a long, hot summer. I guess I don’t understand what could possibly be wrong about that.”

Standing near his “Shaken Not Steered” cow in front of a Plaza furnishings store, Savage groans when he sees that a couch awaiting pickup by a customer has been stashed directly behind his cow. And he laughs when someone makes mention of the “cowch” crowding his cow art.

That’s how it is around these bovine canvases. For the smallest reasons on the hottest days, people pause and smile.

“I just love watching people as they look at the cows,” Savage says. “When they get to each cow, they’ll look at it for a moment and then they’ll say hi to the other people who are also there at that cow. What else is going to get people to stop on the sidewalk and say hello to total strangers?”

Podrebarac recalls a recent Sunday when he had to repair his “Nascow Stockyard Race Cow” at the Wyandotte County Courthouse. After slathering on a fresh dose of glue, Podrebarac was stuck holding Nascow’s tailpipe until the glue set.

“It was 100 degrees on a Sunday afternoon, and in the short time I was there, three groups of people came up and took pictures of the cow and chatted with me,” Podrebarac says. “There’s no way anyone would even be walking by City Hall on a hot Sunday afternoon, let alone stopping and chatting. But these cows brought them out.

“The cows are temporary. What’s not temporary is the introduction kids are getting to outdoor art. These memories will last.”
Lifetimes of service
Fred Ellsworth honors go to 3 whose loyalty exemplifies the standard set by the Association’s longtime leader

Study the history of service to the University shared by the three 2001 Fred Ellsworth Medallion recipients, and you’ll note several similarities. Each has ardently made the case for KU in a small Kansas community. Each has shown a commitment to young people as a local volunteer for the Kansas Honors Program. And each has worked to ensure that the University’s traditions and rich cultural offerings grow even stronger for generations that follow.

This year’s medalists are William P. Bunyan III, Dodge City; Barbara Burkholder Nordling, Lawrence; and Linda Bliss Stewart, Wellington. The Alumni Association’s national Board of Directors and the KU community honored them Sept. 14 at the Adams Alumni Center.

The Ellsworth medallion has been given since 1975 to those who follow the example of extraordinary service to KU set by the Association’s longtime executive secretary, Fred Ellsworth, c’22, who retired in 1963 after 39 years. Winners are chosen by representatives from the Chancellor’s Office and the Alumni, Athletics and Endowment associations.

Bunyan, c’61, has acted as Dodge City’s unofficial ambassador to KU for more than a quarter-century. As chair of the Dodge City alumni chapter, Bunyan presided over a seven-county area to host countless University events with his wife, Susan. He shared with the Alumni Association his statewide vision as a board member from 1987 to 1992. In 1987 he was among the first to receive the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award for sustained local volunteer service to KU.

For years he has encouraged countless western Kansas students to choose KU, urging his local alumni chapter to establish a merit-based scholarship for new Jayhawks and chairing the local Kansas Honors Program events, part of the Association’s statewide tribute to the top 10 percent of high-school seniors. He also became known for his signature “orientation program” for Hill-bound students, inspiring their excitement for KU traditions.

Also for the Association, life member Bunyan has served as a member of Jayhawks for Higher Education, which communicates the needs of higher education to the Kansas Legislature, a ‘Hawk to ‘Hawk mentor to KU students and an employment liaison for the Hire a Hawk program. For the KU Endowment Association, he was a member of the National Council and a leadership donor for Campaign Kansas, the University’s fund drive from 1988 to 1992, and he served on the the Greater University Fund Advisory Board. He is a Chancellors Club and Williams Educational Fund member.

Nordling, ’51, has made service to the University a career, lending her substantial volunteer efforts to strengthen the arts and academics at KU. She has served on the School of Fine Arts advisory board and the Lied Center board of governors. Her committee peers laud her special talent for uniting people in support of the arts for school-age children. Nordling helps facilitate many programs that bring world-class performing arts to KU and to local public-school classrooms.

Before she and her husband, Bernie,
L'49, moved to Lawrence, Nordling was a KU stalwart in Hugoton, hosting numerous KU events in her home and chairing the Kansas Honors Program for many years. She also advanced KU's legislative agenda as a Jayhawk for Higher Education. She and Bernie are Association life members.

For the KU Endowment Association, she assisted Campaign Kansas in the late 1980s as a National Council and Southwest Kansas committee member and special gift donor. She and Bernie are members of the Chancellors Club and the Williams Educational Fund.

Linda Bliss Stewart, '60, is described by colleagues as a silent hero of the KU community. Her behind-the-scenes work on University boards and committees has one common denominator: her desire to strengthen the arts at the University and to make performances more accessible to Kansans. Stewart was instrumental in the planning that helped shape the programming philosophy for the Lied Center.

As a central Kansan, she encouraged talented young students as the chair for the Kansas Honors Program in Wellington, where she and her husband, John, b'58, make their home. She also has served as a member of Jayhawks for Higher Education. She and John are Alumni Association life members.

For the KU Endowment Association, she served on the National Council Constituent Committee and was a leadership contributor for Campaign Kansas. She and John are Chancellors Club and Williams Educational Fund members.

Newest scholars find time for plethora of pursuits

If their high school careers are any indication, this year's freshman Woodward Scholars will bypass first-year trials in time management. Michelle Burhenn, Topeka, and Wesley Cannon, Lenexa, proved their academic prowess and found plenty of hours in their days for other activities.

Burhenn, a second-generation Jayhawk (see p. 48), edited The Blue Streak, Washburn Rural High School's newspaper, and further sharpened her journalistic skills through a job at the Topeka Capital-Journal, where she began working as a copy clerk and earned a spot as an editor for one of the newspaper's weekly regional tabloids. She also devoted time to the city's Youth Action Coalition and to her church, where she served as a camp counselor.

Cannon, who with his two older sisters represents his family's third KU generation (see p. 45), racked up honors in math at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School along with championships in swimming as he tutored elementary- and middle-school students in math and reading.

The two join four continuing scholars to complete the Alumni Association's 2001-02 contingent of Woodward Scholars. Their $2,000 annual stipends are provided to former Kansas Honor Scholars by the Association thanks to a $100,000 endowment from the estate of Herbert Rucker Woodward, a'27. The other four students, all sophomores, are Nathan Dormer, Topeka; Jonathan Hersh, Wichita; Julie McGough, Overland Park; and Carrie Robertson-Tucker, Hugoton.

Burhenn says her first task on the Hill will be to introduce herself to a journalism school adviser. She planned her career at an early age. "I've wanted to work for a newspaper since I was 8," she says. "I remember getting our first computer when I was 6 and writing plays. Then I started reading the Sweet Valley High books that lots of girls read. My favorite character was Elizabeth, who was editor of her school newspaper."

Burhenn will also report for work at the Lawrence Journal-World, where, as she did at her hometown newspaper, she'll start out as a copy clerk and hope to earn bylines. And she has made room for reading in her schedule to keep up with the English classes that are her second passion. Her favorite books? Tess of the D’Urbervilles, Wuthering Heights and My Antonia. She says she’s looking forward to tackling the works of Christopher Marlowe her first semester.

Cannon looks forward to his five-hour Calculus II class, but he isn’t making guarantees about a major just yet. He hopes to find opportunities to continue his work with elementary-school children.

“I love the interaction,” he says. “They need role models. A lot of them don’t
think academics are really important, but I want them to know that being a good student and taking hard classes will one day make your life easier.”

Cannon will find his share of volunteer opportunities as a member of the Student Alumni Association, the Alumni Association’s volunteers corps of undergraduate students. All Woodward Scholars are SAA members and student members of the Alumni Association (known as Tradition Keepers). They first learned about the Association and their chance to apply for Woodward Scholarships when the Association traveled to their communities to recognize them as Kansas Honor Scholars through the Kansas Honors Program.

Directed by Carolyn Mingle Barnes, c’81, KHP recognizes the top 10 percent of Kansas high-school seniors. Barnes and her corps of alumni volunteers organize 40 programs statewide. University professors, administrators and Association staff travel to the program sites to honor scholars from all 105 counties. The Association established the Woodward scholarships in 1994 to honor Woodward, a Chanute native and member of the KU golf team who traveled worldwide during his distinguished career as an architect.

Football rallies follow Jayhawks’ road campaign

Western Jayhawks eager to get wild while rooting for KU football can gather for three hot pregame rallies this season.

The Alumni Association’s first pregame rally will support the football team’s first road game, Sept. 22 at Colorado. The Boulder event is set for The Millennium Harvest House.

Frontrange Jayhawks from Denver, Colorado Springs, Boulder, Fort Collins and lovely mountain towns in between will almost certainly make this the biggest Frontrange Chapter event of the year, according to Kirk Cerny, c’92, g’98, senior vice president for membership services.

“Our Colorado alumni always support the Jayhawks when they come in to play CU,” Cerny says, “and this pregame will be one of the biggest yet.”

Cerny also notes that the KU men’s basketball team will play at Colorado Jan. 5, and he anticipates that plenty of tickets will be available for Frontrange Jayhawks to support the Crimson and Blue.

The Jayhawks have an open week the following weekend, then travel to Lubbock, Texas, to face Texas Tech. Again, the Alumni Association will be ready with a pregame rally near the Alumni Pavilion on the southwest side of Jones Stadium. The event is sponsored by the Dallas and Lubbock chapters.

The last road trip of the season for Terry Allen’s football team is Nov. 10 at Texas. Austin will be hopping with Jayhawk alumni, who will gather at Shoal’s Garten, the oldest beer garden in Texas and a favorite haunt for the KU faithful.

“The Colorado and Texas pregames will be two of the biggest events in their local chapter areas in the upcoming year,” Cerny says.

Tickets are available to all three games, as well as all KU home games. To order, call the KU ticket office at 800-34-HAWKS. For information about the Association’s pregame rallies, contact Cerny or Melissa Sutton, membership services secretary, at 800-584-2957, or see the Association’s Web site, www.kualumni.org.

Cerny also wants alumni to know that tickets to the Maui Invitational and men’s basketball games at Arizona, Princeton and UCLA “are already very hard to come by, if not impossible, and the athletics ticket office won’t have any available.” KU fans hoping to attend those games will have to look to other sources for tickets.

Cerny says 350 Association members have already signed up for the Flying Jayhawks trip to Maui, and pregame rallies are scheduled before each of KU’s three games, Nov. 19-21.

The Association’s TV Guide to Kansas Basketball, which will be included in issue No. 6, will include listings of more than 60 locations nationwide where KU fans gather with friends of a feather to cheer on the Jayhawks.

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**2001 KU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

**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
JUMPIN’ JAYHAWKS: The Jayhawk jog at Shawnee Mission Park had hot action at the finish line (above) and in the Tot Trot (far left). Payton and Mallory Fahler, 4-year-old twin daughters of Jeff, c’89, and Helen Taylor Fahler, f’89, preferred the arts table (top left). SAA’s Ice Cream Social (below) was the perfect chance for freshman Jerri Williams of Junction City to display her first Jayhawk cheek tattoo (left) and for three students new to the Hill to show their KU pride by waving the wheat (below center). Also new to the Hill are Athletics Director Al Bohl and his wife, Sherry, who met the KC crowd at the Terry Allen Picnic (bottom left).
Alumni Events

Chapters & Professional Societies

For more information, contact Kirk Cerny at 800-584-2957, 785-864-4760 or kcerny@kualumni.org, or see the Association’s Web site, www.kualumni.org.

September

11
- Wichita Chapter: "Tuesday with Al Bohl"

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- Dallas Chapter: KU vs. Wyoming TV watch party

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- Wichita: School of Engineering Professional Society, with Dean Carl Locke
- New York Chapter: Thirsty Third Thursday
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22
- Frontrange Chapter: KU vs. Colorado pregame rally, Millennium Harvest House
- New York Chapter: KU vs. Colorado TV watch party

October

4
- Kansas City: School of Journalism Professional Society reception, with Dean Jimmy Gentry

6
- Lubbock Chapter: KU vs. Texas Tech pregame rally, alumni pavilion, Jones Stadium

13
- Lawrence: Homecoming, Kansas Honors Program Alumni Volunteer Day, Student Alumni Association 15-year reunion, Jayhawk Mascot reunion, Adams Alumni Center
- New York Chapter: PS. 50 Cleanup Day

16
- Chicago: School of Journalism Professional Society reception, with Dean Jimmy Gentry
- Salina: School of Education reception, with Dean Angela Lumpkin

18
- Wichita Chapter: Thirsty Third Thursday

20
- Lawrence: Flying Jayhawks reunion and party, Adams Alumni Center; Student Alumni Association KU/MU drum exchange

22
- Lawrence: School of Law Professional Society golf tournament

24
- Dallas/Fort Worth: School of Engineering Professional Society, with Dean Carl Locke

25
- Kansas City: School of Fine Arts Professional Society, with Dean Toni-Marie Montgomery

27
- New York Chapter: “La Bohème,” New York City Opera
- San Antonio Chapter: Dinner

November

4
- Valley of the Sun Chapter: Big 12 picnic

10
- New York Chapter: Habitat for Humanity, Newark
- Austin: KU vs. Texas pregame rally, Sholz’s Garten

15
- Wichita Chapter: Thirsty Third Thursday
- New York Chapter: Thirsty Third Thursday

Pregame football rallies

EARL RICHARDSON
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION events before KU football games at Colorado, Texas Tech and Texas all begin three hours before kickoff. There is no cover charge, and reservations are not required. Pay only for what you order. For game tickets, call the athletics department at 800-34-HAWKS.

BIG BLUE MONDAYS at Fieldhouse Sports Cafe (9617 W. 87th St., Overland Park) are again underway. KU football fans can gather each Monday to watch highlight films and talk football with assistant coaches, writers and other personalities. For more information, contact Ned Smith, c’91, at 913-339-6687 or 913-696-1648.

Remembering Dane Bales

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September

10 El Dorado: Michael Coash, 316-441-2000
12 McPherson: Mary Kornhaus, 620-669-0125
17 Parsons: Charles and Mary Catherine Brown, 620-421-6066
18 Ottawa: Charlie and Margy Porter, 785-242-8732
19 Wellington: David Carr, 620-326-3361
24 Sedgwick County: Nick and Naomi Ard, 316-722-9390
25 Lawrence: Karen Van Blaricum, 785-843-4714

October

3 Arkansas City: Jean Snell, 620-441-2000
4 Hays: Fred and Shiela Brening, 785-625-2529
10 Southern Johnson County: Mark and Elaine Corder, 913-592-7299
16 Salina: Pat Thompson, 785-825-5809
17 Hutchinson: Terry Edwards, 620-663-7079
23 Johnson County: Bill and Anne Blessing, 913-327-5454
24 Shawnee Mission: Joyce Thompson, 913-268-9856
25 Topeka: Michael and Marcia Cassidy, 785-234-5098
29 Manhattan: A. Mark and Toni Stremel, 785-537-3253
30 Wichita: Martin Bauer, 316-265-9311

November

1 Emporia: Gary Ace, 620-342-9555
6 Osage City: Josi Garland, 785-528-4081
7 Chapman: Susan James, 785-922-6366
14 Kansas City: Chris Schneider, 913-573-2851
15 Coffeyville: Nancy Wright, 620-232-7100

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Become a Rare Bird

To upgrade your membership to Jayhawk Society level today, call 785-864-4760.
The shrill cicada rhythms of late summer die down around Lawrence as the newest members of the Jayhawk family alight on the Hill. Traffic slows, grocery store lines lengthen and the city pulses with the frenetic energy of youth. "Townies" may grumble, but in truth we're all touched with a slight case of freshman envy.

All of us long to be 18 again and take that first walk through the rust leaves carpeting Marvin Grove as hot September days give way to crisp October evenings. Late-night study sessions and caffeine binges lie ahead, but they're tempered by lifetime friendships and a special professor's praise to make the heart soar.

As school begins this fall, thousands of families send children off to the Hill. Few parents can resist reflection upon their own slightly yellowed memories of the joys and challenges of their time at KU, perhaps tinged with some latent feelings of freshman envy all their own. In an unselfish moment we realize there's no better tradition we can pass on to the next members of the Jayhawk family.

BY ANDREA HOAG
Fifth Generation

When Jacob Vander Velde comes to the Hill this fall, he brings family ties that stretch back more than a century. Jacob is a Shawnee Mission Northwest graduate and National Honor Society member who won a research paper award for his academic work. He plans to major in marketing. He is the son of Joseph Vander Velde, e’81, and Betsy Robinson Vander Velde, s’73, s’74, of Shawnee. Jacob is the grandson of Arthur, c’42, m’44, and Betty Hess Robinson, c’43, of Shawnee. Great-grandparents were David, c’06, and Aileen Weaver Robinson, c’06. His great-great-grandmother was Gertrude Bullene Weaver, c’1877, and Jacob’s great-great-grandfather, David H. Robinson, was one of the first professors to teach at the University. In honor of his KU family ties, Jacob represented the Class of 2005 and received the symbolic torch from upperclassmen at KU Traditions Night Aug. 20.

MEGHAN ARMSTRONG graduated from William Howard Taft High School in San Antonio, where she was a member of Student Council, varsity soccer and volunteered with the Animal Defense League. She plans to make journalism her major. She is the daughter of Jeffrey, c’78, and Catherine Neal Armstrong, h’79, of San Antonio. Her grandfather is the late Harvey Wilson, b’52, and her grandmother is Donna Wilson, assoc., of Prairie Village. Her great-grandfather is James T. Lamb, c’29, l’31.

CHRIS BURKET’S talent as a photographer was displayed in the Kingman High School yearbook, where he was also editor-in-chief. His work also has appeared in other publications, including his community newspaper. Chris plans to major in film studies. Parents are George E. Burket III, c’65, and Linda Burket of Kingman. His paternal grandparents are George E. Burket, Jr., m’37, and Mary Burket of Wichita. Chris’ family association to KU has spanned nearly a century—his great-grandparents were Clarke, l’12, and Maud Spurrier Wallace, ’15.

EMELIE ERIN DILLMAN graduated from Blue Valley Northwest High School, where she earned academic acclaim. She remained on the honor roll all four years and received a Presidential Award for Educational Excellence. Emelie plans to study journalism. Parents are Steven Dillman, c’81, Kansas City, Mo., and Jan Davidson Helfer, d’78, g’80, Overland Park. Her maternal grandparents are James, c’52, and Emilie Trickett Davidson, ’52, Leawood. Her great-grandfather was Oscar Wood Davidson, c’24, m’26.

Fourth Generation

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ARTHUR ROBINSON

DAVID ROBINSON

MEGHAN ARMSTRONG

CHRIS BURKET

EMELIE ERIN DILLMAN
LESLEY HUMPHREYS graduated cum laude from Ashland High School, where her classmates elected her basketball sweetheart queen. Lesley's academic achievement earned her a national history and government award. She is the daughter of John, c'74, and Diane Humphreys, Ashland, and the granddaughter of the late Frederick Humphreys, b'43, and Carrie Arnold Humphreys, c'46, Ashland. Her great-grandparents were John E. Humphreys, g'36, and Francis Arnold, who attended KU in 1918.

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LINDSAY ERIN MATHEWS is an honor roll student from Blue Valley Northwest High School, where her writing was published in her school's literary magazine. She received a presidential award for academic excellence and was awarded a Whittaker Leadership Scholarship. Lindsay's parents are David Mathews, c'75, m'78, and Lucinda Green Mathews, d'77, Overland Park. Her maternal grandparents are Robert Green, a'50, Lawrence, and the late Martha Grob Green, c'52. Paternal grandparents are Robert Mathews, c'49, m'54, and Patricia Mathews, Overland Park. Lindsay's great-grandfather was C. Kelsey Mathews, e'19.
Romania on a mission trip with the Campus Crusade for Christ. Brandon plans a major in vocal performance in the School of Fine Arts. He is the son of Daniel Snook, b’77, and Dana Krueger Snook, b’78, Richardson, and his grandfather is Roy Krueger, c’54, of Russell. Brandon’s great-grandfather was Hiram Wentworth, c’15.

ELIZABETH KAY TOLAND was class president of Iola High School, where her academic achievement earned her a McFadden Scholarship, a Freshman Honors Scholarship and distinction as a Kansas Honor Scholar. She played in her community band and also served as music librarian. Elizabeth is the daughter of Clyde, c’69, l’75, and Nancy Hummel Toland, g’74, of Iola. Her grandparents are the late Stanley Toland, c’30, l’32, and June Thompson Toland, c’36, of Iola. Elizabeth’s great-grandmother, Lucy Wilson Thompson, attended KU in 1909.

ERIN WYATT graduated from Lawrence Free State High School where she was a member of the varsity volleyball team. Erin plans to study interior design. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Jennifer Lucas Wyatt, d’91, Lawrence. Her grandparents are W. Max Lucas, e’56, g’62, a former KU dean of architecture, and Jane Vaughn Lucas, d’58, g’76, Lawrence. Erin’s great-grandfather was Thornton Vaughn, c’30.

JESSICA BROWN is a Kansas Honor Scholar who graduated from Bishop Ward High School, where he was co-captain of the basketball team his senior year. An Oread Scholar and Whittaker Leadership Scholarship recipient, Adam volunteered at St. Mary’s food kitchen and the Sanctuary of Hope. He joins his brother, Ryan, on the Hill. Adam’s parents are Dennis and Nancy Foster Browne, d’74, g’82, Kansas City. His maternal grandparents are Robert, c’48, and Jeanne Atkinson Foster, c’46, Kansas City.

JENNIFER BURCH distinguished herself in the classroom and in athletics at Clearwater High School, where she received a national foreign language award and played volleyball and basketball. Jennifer put her musical talents to work as a volunteer piano player at an area nursing home. She comes to KU with an advertising degree in mind. Parents are J. David Burch of Parker, Colo., and Katherine Altman Burch, c’79, Clearwater. Maternal grandparents are William, c’56, and Nella Bailey Altman, c’54, Clearwater.

WES CANNON is a Kansas Honor Scholar from Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, where he received an achievement award in mathematics. Also honored as a Kansas City Star Scholar-Athlete and a Woodward Scholar, Wes participated on his school’s swim team and qualified for Junior Nationals. He is the son of James, b’65, l’68, and Elaine Proctor Cannon, c’65, Lenexa. Maternal grandparents are Warren Proctor, c’36, Augusta, and the late Margaret Coutant Proctor, c’36.

TYLER BEAVER was an editor of the newspaper at DeSoto High School, where he also played on the tennis team. He is the son of David, a’77, and Cheryl Stelmach Beaver, c’76, l’79, and follows his sister, Sarah, to the Hill. Tyler’s grandparents are Jack, m’53, and Patricia Scherrer Stelmach, c’45, Kansas City, Mo.

MARK BEST is a Kansas Governor’s Scholar and Mount Oread Scholar who graduated from Larned High School. Mark’s academic achievement also earned him a Presidential Outstanding Academic Achievement Award and distinction as a Kansas Honor Scholar. He plans to pursue a degree in law. Parents are Michael, d’79, and Elizabeth Roth Best, c’80, Larned. Marks maternal grandparents are Robert, b’54, and Rosalee Osborne Roth, c’54, Larned.

ADAM BROWNE is a Kansas Honor Scholar who graduated from Bishop Ward High School, where he was co-captain of the basketball team his senior year. An Oread Scholar and Whittaker Leadership Scholarship recipient, Adam volunteered at St. Mary’s food kitchen and the Sanctuary of Hope. He joins his brother, Ryan, on the Hill. Adam’s parents are Dennis and Nancy Foster Browne, d’74, g’82, Kansas City. His maternal grandparents are Robert, c’48, and Jeanne Atkinson Foster, c’46, Kansas City.

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Catherine Carithers presided over student council at The Harley School in Rochester, N.Y., where she also participated in choir, soccer and drama club. She plans to major in English. Catherine is the daughter of Warren, c’78, and Shelly Carithers, Rochester, N.Y. Her grandmother is Martha Webb Carithers, g’78, PhD’82, Topeka.

Alan Clement distinguished himself in the classroom as well as on the football field at Pittsburg High School. He was a National Merit commended scholar and a football kicker named to the all-state team three consecutive years. He plans to study physics. Alan’s parents are Ron and Patricia Alloway Clement, c’68, Pittsburg. Maternal grandparents are Curtis, b’42, and Betty Allen Alloway, c’42, Kansas City, Mo.

Gregory Waylan Denton is a Whitaker Leadership Scholar from James Madison High School in Vienna, Va. He has been awarded a dean’s scholarship and a Robert M. Carey scholarship in mechanical engineering. He is the son of Elwood Denton, Vienna, Va., and Jo Waylan Denton, n’68, Overland Park. His maternal grandfather is the late Thornton Waylan, c’35, m’35.

Ashley Emerson is a Kansas Honor Scholar who was valedictorian of her class at Nickerson High School. Voted homecoming queen, Ashley was also active in marching band, where she was lead trumpeter. Her brother, Travis, is a member of the class of 2004. Ashley is the daughter of Ted, c’76, and Judi Loewen Emerson, s’76, Hutchinson. Ashley’s paternal grandfather is the late Calvin J. Emerson, c’50.

Eric Flaton is a graduate of Parsons High School, where he competed in football and track and was captain of his school’s basketball team. He was nominated for the National Wendy’s High School Heisman award in recognition of his athletic ability. Parents are Frank, c’75, and Rebecca Groves Flaton, d’73, g’74, Parsons. Eric’s grandfather, Bill Groves, p’51, Wichita, enjoyed attending his 50th year reunion hosted by the Alumni Association last April.

Paul Gregory is a National Honor Society member from Blue Valley North High School, where he was sports editor of his school newspaper. Paul spent four years on the honor roll, and was named an Eastern Kansas League Scholar-Athlete. Parents are Lewis, c’75, and Laura Davis Gregory, j’77, Leawood. Paul’s grandparents are Richard, c’53, m’54, and Coleen Davis, Leawood.

Stephanie LeClaire is a Mount Oread Scholar and a Whitaker Leadership Scholar who graduated from Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. She was nominated for homecoming queen and her many outside interests included volunteer work for the Animal Haven shelter. She plans to major in strategic communications in the School of Journalism. Parents are Richard, c’70, and Susan Bick LeClaire, c’70, Shawnee. Her paternal grandfather is John LeClaire, e’31, Overland Park.

Ryan Scott Mattson is a National Merit commended scholar who graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa, Okla., where he participated in drama club and jazz band. Ryan also plays in a rock band that recorded a CD. His parents are Lynn and Pamela Meador Mattson, d’72, 175, Tulsa. His grandfather, Richard C. Meador, was a member of KU’s Class of 1950.

Marshall Murphy was an all-around sportsman while he attended Andover High School, participating in football and wrestling in addition to hunting and fishing in his spare time. Marshall will major in business like his brother, Matthew, a member of the Class of 2002. His parents are D. Michael and Barbara Murfin Murphy, b’72, Wichita. Maternal grandparents are the late William R. Murfin, b’42, and Betty Gains Murfin, c’41, Wichita.

Jarvis Odgers graduated from Pittsburg High School, where his skills on the basketball court earned him an award from the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association. Jarvis follows his sister, Monica, a member of the Class of 2003, to the Hill, where he plans to major in business. Parents are Rodney, c’71, m’74, and Karen Odgers. His paternal grandfather is John Odgers, b’50, Topeka.
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SARAH OLDHAM showcased her acting abilities in the drama club and thespians during her years at Derby High School, while her academic performance garnered her a listing in Who's Who of American High School Students. She is the daughter of Darrell and Sharene Plattner Oldham, b'73. Her maternal grandmother was Oma Ogle Plattner, c'41.

JACK PENDRY was elected prom king of The Independent School in Wichita and was captain of the golf team that took first place at regional competition. He is the son of Charles Pendry, Jr., c'74, and Jann Brooks Pendry, d'75. Jack's grandmother is the late Emma Staton Brooks, c'47.

RYAN PESCHKE graduated from Glenbrook South High School, where he was on the varsity diving team. Ryan also volunteered for Christian Youth Mission's house rehabilitation program. He is the son of Karl and Anne Brooks Peschke, c'65, Glenview, Ill. His maternal grandparents are William and Rose Schuepbach Brooks, c'33, Kansas City, Mo.

JENNY PITCHFORD is a National Honor Society member from Sandia Preparatory School. In addition to her membership in Spanish National Honor Society, Jenny volunteered for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America. She is the daughter of John and Pamela Waldorf Pitchford, j'71, Albuquerque, N.M. Maternal grandparents are Melvin Waldorf Jr., m'47, and Mary Waldorf, Mesa, Ariz.

PAUL REEVES attended Tyro Community Christian School in Coffeyville, where he focused on foreign languages; he's conversant in both German and French. In his free time, Paul refereed youth soccer. He is the son of William, e'76, and Rebecca Hyten Reeves, n'78, of Coffeyville. Grandparents are Donald Hyten, b'50, l'52, of Wellington, and C. Virginia McCrea Hyten, c'51, of Lawrence.

ZACH RENN is a Kansas Honor Scholar from Wellington High School, where he was named a Kansas Board of Regents Scholar and earned a medal in the state high school golf tournament. He follows his brother, Ben, to the Hill and is the son of Chad, j'75, and Pamela Palmer Renn, d'74, Wellington. His grandfather is the late Robert Renn, b'48, l'51.

KELLIS ROBINETT graduated from L.C. Anderson High School in Austin, Texas. He participated in golf, bowling and physics, and plans to major in journalism. Kellis is the son of Mark, d'72, g'77, and Carolyn Evans Robinett, d'72, Austin. He is the grandson of the late Thomas Evans, b'48, and Vivian Baker Evans, d'76.

JOHN SCHMIDT graduated from Shawnee Mission North High School, where he was on the yearbook staff and lettered in baseball. He is the son of Michael Schmidt, c'74, and Gail Vessels, j'74, of Overland Park. John's grandfather is Leon Schmidt, c'48, of Apopka, Fla.

ABBIE SOREM is an honor roll student from Memorial High School in Tulsa, Okla., where she participated in arts activities and the Girl Scouts. Abbey plans to study art therapy. She is the daughter of James Sorem Jr., e'78, g'81, Ph.D'85, and Gentra Abbey Sorem, c'80, l'83, Tulsa. Abbey's grandparents are James Sorem Sr., e'55, and Mary Schauvliege Sorem, n'55, of Jetmore.

BRANDON TURNER graduated from Blue Valley North High School, after excelling as a scholar and a musician. He was principal bassoonist for his school's band and received a president's student service award for his
community involvement. Parents are Marc, c’75, m’79, and Linda Weinstein Turner, j’75, Leawood. Brandon’s paternal grandmother is the late Lois Kram Turner, g’66.

TYLER WALDORF is a Kansas Honor Scholar and National Merit commended scholar from Blue Valley North High School, where he was elected prom king. He received a President’s Award for Educational Excellence and presided over the Spanish National Honor Society. Tyler plans to study architectural engineering. He is the son of James Waldorf, c’74, m’77, St. Augustine, Fla., and Debra Baringer Waldorf, d’75, Leawood. Maternal grandparents are Melvin Waldorf Jr., m’47, and Mary Waldorf, Mesa, Ariz. His cousin, Jenny Pitchford, profiled above, extends another branch of the family’s KU tree.

MARY WESTFALL is a National Merit finalist and Missouri Top 100 scholar from Blue Springs High School. Outside the classroom, Mary dedicated herself to Life Lights, a church service organization. She is the daughter of Randall and Joyclyn Redwine Westfall, c’79, of Blue Springs, Mo. Mary’s grandparents were Herold, c’48, and Joyce Durall Redwine, c’46.

ELIZABETH LOUISE WINETROUB is an academic All-American from Leavenworth High School. Betsy edited her high school yearbook and led the golf team as captain her senior year. She is the daughter of Dale, b’73, and Elizabeth Hartley Winetroub, d’71, g’73, Leavenworth. Maternal grandparents are W.C., b’44, and Patricia Ferguson Hartley, c’47, Mission Hills.

BROOKE YINGLING graduated from Lawton High School in Lawton, Okla., and is a self-described “army brat” who has lived in seven states and two foreign countries. Brooke was on the honor roll all of her high school years and received a writing award from the Lawton Businesswomen’s Association. She follows her brother, Scott, to KU. Her parents are John and Ann Bradford Yingling, d’75, Peachtree, Ga. Her maternal grandparents are William, b’47, l’51, and Joan Morris Bradford, c’50, Wamego.

JULIE BALDWIN, Kansas Honor Scholar from Shawnee Mission South High School, daughter of George, c’73, and Sara Scheibe Baldwin, d’72, Overland Park.

ANDREW BALK, St. Albert High School, Council Bluffs, Iowa, son of John, j’71, g’75, and Cheryl Erickson Balk, c’80, Columbus, Ohio.

MEGHAN BROZANIC, Millard North High School, daughter of Ron Brozanic, j’74, and Patti Wacht Benker, j’73, Omaha, Neb.

MICHELLE BURHENN, Woodward Scholar from Washburn Rural High School, daughter of Russell and Sheryl Anderson Burhenn, b’81, Topeka.

SAMUEL CAMPBELL, Eudora High School, son of Richard, b’87, and Janet Sommer Campbell, d’79, Eudora.

LISA CROWTHER, Wichita Northwest High School, daughter of Philip, l’76, g’76, and Janet Simmons Crowther, g’77, Wichita.

LINDSEY CUNNINGHAM, Academy Northwest, Seattle, daughter of Debra Skie Scrivner, d’73, Leawood, and Alan Cunningham, e’71, Issaquah, Wash.

PATRICK DAVIS, Coventry High School, son of Kenneth, j’80, and Nancy Lenzen Davis, d’81, Coventry, Conn.

JOSHUA DEMPSEY, Piper High School, son of Michael P. Dempsey, c’70, Kansas City.

CHRISTOPHER DUENSING, Valley Heights High School, son of Kenneth, c’76, and Zita Wassenberg Duensing, b’77, Blue Rapids.

JAMES FLAIGLE, Kansas Honor Scholar from Wichita Northwest High School, son of Harold, c’71, and Carla Flaigle, Wichita.

STEPHANIE FROST, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, daughter of Gregg Frost, c’75, g’87, Lenexa, and Leslie M. Potucek Knop, g’99, Overland Park.

ROBERT GANDY, Olathe South High School, son of Robert and Susan Majure Gandy, d’71, Olathe.
JOHNNY KAUFFMAN, Shawnee Mission East, son of Gordon, e’61, and Ruth Kauffman, Overland Park. Siblings Bob and Anne, current KU students, welcome him to the Hill.

JUSTUS KILIAN, Hays High School, son of Randall, c’77, and Terry Kaase Kilian, Hays.

NICK KREHBIEL, Kansas Honor Scholar from Moundridge High School, son of Ken, p’79, and Cheri Krehbiel, McPherson.

ANDY KROEKER, Shawnee Mission South, son of Robert, c’68, l’76, and Barbara Hills Kroeker, c’68, Overland Park. He joins his brother, Nick, ’03.

RYAN LUNT, Pratt High School, son of Philip, c’60, l’64, and Rose Lunt, Pratt. Ryan’s great, great uncle, Will Hess, was a member of the first KU basketball team of 1899 coached by James Naismith.

ANDREW MISAK, St. Joseph High School, son of O. Robert, e’67, and Anna Hegenbart Misak, d’67, l’75, Victoria, Texas.

BRIAN MORROW, Edmond Santa Fe High School, son of Richard, e’76, and Debi Alm Morrow, c’78, Edmond, Okla.

BRIAN MICHAEL PALMER, Chillicothe High School, son of J. Michael and Patricia Huddleson Palmer, g’75, ED’84, Chillicothe, Mo.

MONICA J. RANDALL, Kansas Honor Scholar from Spring Hill High, son of William, c’76, and Linda Randall, Spring Hill.

ANN RYAN, Salina Central High School, daughter of Marc, c’68, and Martha Larson Ryan, n’76, Salina.


ZACHARY A. SCHAMAUN, Great Bend High School, son of Steven and Sheryl Dreiling Schamaun, b’80, Great Bend.

NICOLE PRATT SLATER, Idaho Falls High School, daughter of John and Nancy Pratt Slater, d’70, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

CLINT THRASHER, Lawrence Free State High School, son of Gregory, c’71, and Cathy Wright Thrasher, d’75, Lawrence.

MARK ZILLMAN, Kansas Honor Scholar from Leavenworth High School, son of John and Gayle Shalkoski Zillman, c’74, Leavenworth.
1930s
Marvel Anderson Beeler, c’30, and her husband, Raymond, make their home in Randall. George Davis Jr, c’37, makes his home in Davidson, N.C., with his wife, Marguerite.
Fred Littlooy, c’39, f’41, lives in Colorado Springs with Helen Johnson Littlooy, c’41. Bernice Snyder Rosenkranz, c’32, is retired in San Diego.
Mary Jane Bruckmiller Spahr, ’38, celebrated her 85th birthday April 28. She and her husband, Charles, e’34, make their home in Shaker Heights, Ohio.
Jane Cravens Stavenau, c’38, is retired in Salem, Ore.

1941
William Palm, c’41, s’49, was honored recently when a scholarship in the KU School of Social Welfare was named for him. He lives in Inglewood, Calif.

1942
Ellen McElvain Coester, n’42, enjoys traveling, church work and genealogy during retirement. She lives in Fort Scott.

1943
Mary Roby Jenkins, n’43, and her husband, Paul, assoc., live in Leavenworth and enjoy traveling.

1944
Robert, c’44, m’47, and Elaine Funkhouser Hazen, assoc., celebrated their 50th anniversary last December. They live in Prairie Village.

1945
Rose Messer von Unwerth, n’45, makes her home in Overland Park with her husband, Hans.

1946
Ethel McMichael Geesling, n’46, is a resident of Turon.

1950
John Atherton, c’50, f’53, a retired lawyer, makes his home in Emporia.

1955
James Detter, c’55, m’62, is a professor emeritus of laboratory medicine at the University of Washington. He and Carol Rogers Detter, n’60, live in Seattle.

1956
Ruth Elsea Harold, n’56, does volunteer work and keeps busy with gardening and travel. She
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and her husband, Lane, e’51, g’55, live in Independence, Mo.

Joann Franklin Knox, f’56, makes her home in San Rafael, Calif. She enjoys traveling.

Howard Sturdevant, c’56, f’62, is a senior marketing representative for J.D. Reece in Leawood.

Donald Williams, c’56, m’60, and his wife, Nancy, live in Newport Beach, Calif., where he’s retired.

MARRIED

Judy Bickmore, ’56, and William James, b’60, Sept. 1. They live in Overland Park, where Bill works for Aristocrat Motors.

1957

John Brockhouse, m’57, a retired physician, lives in Emporia with his wife, Alice.

Leland Carlson, c’57, makes his home in St. Louis, where he’s a retired dentist.

John Jurcyk Jr., ’57, received the Kansas Bar Association’s Distinguished Service Award earlier this year. He’s a senior partner with the Kansas City firm of McNary, Van Cleave & Phillips, and he and Rita Menghini Jurcyk, c’56, live in Lake Quivira.

William King, c’57, m’61, keeps busy in retirement with volunteer work, golf, skiing and travel. He and Mary Miller King, d’59, live in Great Bend.

Donna Brown Kocher, n’57, works part time at a nursing home in Atwood.

Wanda Stalcup Morrison, n’57, lives in Hutchinson, where she’s active in Republican politics.

Mildred Clark Pacunski, n’57, works part time as a goldsmith/metalsmith in Port Orchard, Wash., where she and her husband, Joseph, assoc., make their home.

John Reese, c’57, m’61, builds houses with Habitat for Humanity. He lives in Lawrence, where he’s a retired surgeon.

Virginia Seymour, g’57, is retired in Leavenworth.

Vincent Sternitzke, EdD’57, lives in Vallejo, Calif., where he’s a self-employed psychologist.

David Zerfas, d’57, a retired engineer with IBM, makes his home in Hot Springs Village, Ark.

1958

Franklin Bichlmeier, m’58, is active with senior organizations and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity. He lives in Overland Park.

Marilyn Baker Carstens, c’58, lives in Castle Rock, Colo., where she’s retired.

John Clarke, f’58, is retired in Ness City.

John Cooper, c’58, m’62, practices pediatrics in Estes Park, Colo.

Patricia Viola Cormack, d’58, is retired after a 27-year career teaching math. She lives in Abilene.

Kenneth Flanders, p’58, works as a pharmacist at HyVee in Lawrence.

Richard Hinderliter, e’58, recently moved to Gladstone, Mo., from New Jersey, where he’d lived for the past 42 years.

Molly Smith, n’58, continues to make her home in Mission.

Charlene Woodard, c’58, recently was inducted into the Columbus Sports Hall of Fame as a softball player.

1959

Garry Hays, g’59, PhD’64, retired in July as president of United States International University in San Diego.

Patricia Cary Peterson, h’59, directs the laboratory at Mercy Hospital in Fort Scott. She lives in Arcadia.

Neil Walman, d’59, makes his home in Coral Springs, Fla.

1960

Stephen Bunten, b’60, is president of Western National Bank in Lenexa. He and Susan Maxwell Bunten, c’61, live in Mission Hills.

Kathy Lentz Cottingham, f’60, lives in Niantic, Conn., where she’s a retired graphic artist.

Susan Kliewer Gallagher, c’60, and her husband, Roy, d’61, are retired in Crownsville, Md.

James Metzger Jr., e’60, manages technical development at Emerson Tool in Hazelwood, Mo. He lives in Baldwin.

Cora Price Nollendorfs, c’60, wrote Teaching German in Twentieth-Century America, which was published last spring by the University of Wisconsin Press. She lives in Madison.

1961

Michael Bukaty, e’61, is president and chief operating officer of Latshaw Enterprise in Wichita.

Gordon Leonard, c’61, retired earlier this year as a psychologist and supervisor with the Milwaukee public schools.

Edward Reilly Jr., c’61, was picked in May by President George W. Bush to chair the United States Parole Commission. He lives in Leavenworth.

Earl Thompson, e’61, makes his home in Jacksonville, Fla., where he’s a retired petroleum engineer.

Larry Wood, e’61, is retired in Lincoln, Neb.

1962

Sandra Edson Grundeman, d’62, g’64, retired last year as a speech/language patholo-
gist with the Fairfax County public schools. She lives in Springfield, Va.

Robert Keys, m’62, retired in January after a 32-year career practicing anesthesiology in Topeka, where he and his wife, Joyce, make their home.

Anthony Reed, d’62, teaches photography part time for the Wichita Center for the Arts. He also enjoys painting landscapes.

John Wolf, c’62, g’66, is assistant dean of continuing education at KU. He and Phyllis Bono Wolf, ’72, live in Lawrence.

1963
Dennis Benner, b’63, is executive vice president of corporate development at Autobytel in Irvine, Calif. He lives in RanchoPalos Verde.

Bruce Hodges, m’63, an Overland Park resident, is executive director of the Medicine Hall of Fame and Museum in Olathe.

Frederick Madaus, g’63, former career services director at KU, continues to make his home in Lawrence with Carolyn Swartz Madaus, ’80. She’s a retired teacher.

William McCane, d’63, works as a counselor in the Kansas City school district. He lives in Blue Springs, Mo.

1964
Bennie Ruth Grewing Gilbert, c’65, g’68, PhD’73, recently retired from teaching at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo.

David Kennedy, d’65, l’68, continues to make his home in Wichita.

Madelaine Lafferty Smith, d’65, is retired in Colorado Springs.

Donna Multer Ward, d’65, serves as president of the Colorado Healthcare Directors of Volunteer Services. She lives in Pueblo, where she’s also director of volunteer services at the Colorado Mental Health Institute.

1966
Joan Howard, d’66, g’69, retired recently after 32 years with the National Archives and Records Service. She lives in Lakewood, Colo.

Larry Koskan, d’66, is chairman, president and CEO of Biomune Systems and founder, president and CEO of Donlar. He lives in Orland Park, Ill.

Dale Puckett, j’66, commutes from Goddard to Wichita, where he’s general manager of Freedom System Integrators.

Roger Schmidt, c’66, g’72, is an associate professor of biology at Columbia College in Columbia, S.C. He lives in Lexington.

Larry Sukut, e’66, an engineer with Alaska Airlines, recently completed a seven-month sabbatical, during which he traveled around the world. He lives in Seattle.

1967
Robert Basow, j’67, is an associate professor of journalism at KU.

Harold Hladky, e’67, manages the chemical engineering laboratory at Western Michigan University. He lives in Battle Creek.

Patricia Cowen Pitts, c’67, g’70, directs the iStrategy Studio at UMKC. She lives in Kansas City.

Ann Schroeder Porter, d’67, is principal of Lewis and Clark Elementary School in Grand Forks, N.D.

Myron Reed, e’67, recently joined GPW & Associates in Lawrence as vice president of engineering.

Raymond Reichenborn, a’67, is a principal associate at Wilson & Co. in Wichita.

Donna Ann Kuhlmann Vaughan, c’67, m’71, is medical director of the geropsychiatric unit at Geary Community Hospital in Junction City and a staff psychiatrist at Pawnee Mental Health Services in Manhattan, where she lives.

1968
Robert Dotson, j’68, works as a news correspondent for NBC News. He lives in New York City.
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Myron Hultgren, m’68, is retired in Leawood, where he and his wife, Joyce, make their home.

Karen Dix Jones, c’68, works as a manager for Johnson & Johnson. She lives in Kendall Park, N.J.

Jeanette Opperman Mellinger, c’68, directs public relations for the North Carolina Symphony. She and her husband, Alan, c’68, live in Durham.

Betty Hansen Stewart, d’68, g’86, is a literacy coach for the Platte Valley School District, and her husband, John, d’67, g’72, EdD’78, is associate superintendent of the Greeley-Evans School District. They live in Loveland, Colo.

Stephen Van Sickle, c’68, manages training for the Federal Aviation Administration. He lives in Albuquerque, N.M.

MARRIED

John Hadl, d’68, to Daniele Alexander, Feb. 25. They live in Lawrence, where John works for the KU athletics department.

1969

Joseph Fix, c’69, PhD’77, is executive vice president and chief technical officer for Yamanouchi Pharma Technologies in Palo Alto, Calif. He lives in Half Moon Bay.

Richard Hall, b’69, teaches math at Washington Township High School in Sewell, N.J.

David Reed, m’69, practices with the Wichita Radiological Group.

1970

John Holzhuter, s’70, lives in Overbrook and is executive director of Let’s Help in Topeka.


James Kring Jr, e’70, is executive vice president of Bartlett & West Engineers and vice chairman of the executive committee of the American Consulting Engineers Council. He lives in Topeka.

John Oberzan, j’70, recently became financial adviser at Robert W. Baird & Co. in Lawrence.

John Tilton, c’70, serves as president of the Kansas Dental Association. He practices in Wichita.

Stanley Whitley, d’70, recently was elected to the U.S.A. Masters Track and Field Hall of Fame. He lives in Alta Loma, Calif., and teaches physical education at Bonita High School in La Verne.

1971

David Andersen, j’71, is senior vice president of communications at Charter Communications in St. Louis.

Monty Briley, b’71, g’72, recently joined Central Bank and Trust of Hutchinson as Wichita market president. He lives in Wichita.

James Coffelt, c’71, g’86, is a senior software engineer for Encoda Systems in Lakewood, Colo.

Ray Fisher, c’71, m’74, practices internal medicine at the Wichita Clinic.

Mona Grimsley-Hett, j’71, is retired from the Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp. She lives in Topeka.

Lee Polson, c’71, recently became a partner in the Austin, Texas, law firm of Strasburger & Price.

James Riceo, c’71, practices medicine in Joplin, Mo., where he and his wife, Kathryln, live with their sons, Tanner, 6, and Patrick, 3.

Ward Whelan, b’71, is president and CEO of Whelan’s in Topeka.

Darrell Woelk, e’71, recently became vice president of engineering at Docent Inc. He lives in Austin, Texas.

1972

Gail Stubbs Dunker, d’72, g’73, is a professor of education at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park. She lives in Stilwell.

Robert Iler, e’72, lives in Gambrills, Md. He’s a senior engineer at Veridian Engineering in Lexington Park.

Brock Kretzinger, ’72, practices medicine in Emporia.

1973

Gladys Bright Baxley, PhD’73, is president of Healthcare Services Development Corp. in Washington, D.C.

Janie McCooley Escobar, f’73, directs occupational therapy at the University of Miami’s Jackson Memorial Hospital. She and her husband, Aldo, live in Miami with their daughters, Alexandra, 12, and Mariella, 9.

Rosemary Pinet Hartner, d’73, teaches in the Vista, Calif., United School District, and her husband, Rick, is a self-employed metal sculptor.

Thomas Simpson, m’73, chairs the board of directors of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. He’s a family practice physician in Sterling.

Josephine McKittrick Trowbridge, g’73, is retired in Russell.

Richard Watson, a’73, works for RTKL in Miami, Fla., where he’s a senior project manager.

Ronald Worth, a’73, recently received the Smart CEO Award from the Greater Washington Society of Association Executives. He’s executive vice president of SMPS in Alexandria, Va., and lives in Olney, Md.

1974

Daryl Hartter, d’74, traveled to Paris earlier this year. He lives in Columbus, Ohio, where he’s a senior research scientist at Battelle Memorial Institute.

George Liesmann Jr, m’74, is vice president for medical affairs at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Topeka. He lives in Berrycot.

Richard Merker, c’74, is president of Interstate Savings & Loan in Kansas City.

Randall Schmidt, c’74, lives in Fort Worth, Texas, where he’s a partner in the law firm of Kirkley Schmidt & Cotten.

Robert Warren, b’74, is chief financial officer at Centex Engineering and Construction in Dyersburg, Tenn.

Stephen Wood, j’74, a resident of Austin, Texas, is a partner in the law firm of Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons.

1975

Sheila Bair, c’75, f’78, recently was nominated by President George W. Bush to become assistant secretary of the treasury for financial institutions. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Thomas Christian, c’75, has been promoted to vice president of sales for Clampitt Paper Co. in Dallas. He lives in Flower Mound.

Karen Kohler Clegg, f’75, recently moved from Kansas City to Washington, D.C., where she’s vice president and general manager of the defense and space division of Honeywell.

Les Diehl, b’75, is vice president and general counsel for American Home Life Insurance in Topeka.

John Mastio, b’75, received the Centurion Award for 2000 from AXA Advisors. He works for Mastio Financial Resources in Wichita.

Odell Weidner, j’75, is president and CEO of Capital City Bank in Topeka.

1976

Philip Fladung, f’76, is vice president of sales and marketing with the Rototech Group. He lives in Carmel, Ind.

Suzette Werner Jones, f’76, lives in Tulsa, Okla., where she’s president of TherapyWorks.

Richard Kovatch, j’76, is founder and CEO of Salesvantx in Dublin, Ohio.

Bob Meckenstock, c’76, lives in Hays, where he’s president of Main Street Securities.

Bradley Theidinger, m’76, has a private neurology practice in Kansas City.

Keith Wilson, p’76, owns Wilson Oil in Winfield.

1977

Kathleen Schons Putthoff, c’77, h’77, supervises the laboratory at Canyon Park Medical Group in Edmond, Okla.
CLASS NOTES

Robert Reese, b’77, recently was elected chairman of Johnson County’s Water District No. 1. He lives in Prairie Village and manages information security for Sprint.

MARRIED
Debra Vignatelli, c’77, d’78, and Richard Konzem, b’80, May 11. They live in Lawrence, where Richard is associate athletics director at KU. Debra is vice president of SBC Communications in Topeka.

1978
Steven Briman, c’78, is executive vice president of Bartlett & West Engineers in Topeka.

Greg Klipp, c’78, lives in Lincolnshire, Ill., with his wife, Katie, and their children, Gregory, 17; Carrie, 15; and Brian, 14. Greg is vice president of Transworld Systems in Elk Grove Village.

Vicki Librach Swider, b’78, manages the CPA firm of Bergman, Schraier & Co. in St. Louis. She lives in Ellisville with her husband, Richard, and their children, Elysha, 14, and Michael, 12.

1979
Bryce Bidleman, c’79, works as a geologist with Trans Pacific Oil in Wichita. He lives in Valley Center.

Douglas Edmonds, e’79, f’82, recently became a principal in the compliance department of DeFrayn Mayer in Overland Park.

Craig Garrison, c’79, is retired in Lake Jackson, Texas.

John Goodman, j’79, has been promoted to senior vice president at Helzberg Diamonds in Kansas City.

Julie Nicolay Larrivee, j’79, works as a freelance writer in Grafton, Wis., where she and her husband, Wayne, live with their sons, Scott, 20, and Bryan, 14.

Timothy Votapka, c’79, m’83, makes his home in Highland Park, Ill., with his wife, Laura.

1980
Karen Loudon, d’80, h’85, g’87, recently became a certified orthopedic clinical specialist. She lives in Overland Park.

Cecil Walker, c’80, owns and is president of CW Construction Services in Longwood, Fla.

BORN TO:
Craig, c’80, g’85, and Jennifer Thole Berquist, j’94, g’96, son, Landon Albert, April 27. They live in Lawrence.

1981
Amy Finch, PhD’81, is an associate professor at Fort Hays State University.

Steven Hitchcock, d’81, teaches in Richmond, Mo.

Glenn Jackson, c’81, g’86, recently joined Landplan Engineering in Lawrence as a project engineer. He lives in Eudora.

George Pollock Jr., c’81, j’82, has been promoted to senior copy editor at the Newport News (Va.) Daily Press, where he’s a business section designer. He also won the grand prize last spring in the Fan Fiction Writing Contest at the Anime North convention in Toronto.

BETTY ROGERS SCHRANDT d’81, works as a technical writer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Kansas City. She lives in Lansing with her husband, William, e’95.

1982
Rick Baker, p’82, is a pharmacist at Mount Carmel Medical Center in Pittsburgh.

David Hill, f’82, manages design programs for IBM in Research Triangle, N.C. He lives in Cary.

Susan Lemen, c’82, lives in Orange Park, Fla., where she’s CEO of Dynamic Corporate Solutions.

1983
Paul Concannon, g’83, is a senior project architect at HDR in Omaha, Nebraska.

Mark Eboch, c’83, manages geographic information systems at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. He and Karen Carleton Eboch, b’81, live in Maumee, Ohio, and she’s a lecturer in the department of management at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Dan Gehlbach, m’83, practices medicine with Reproductive Medical & Infertility in Shawnee Mission.

Zack Mansdorf, PhD’83, directs safety, industrial health and environment at L’Oreal. He lives in Paris, France.

Christopher Seitter, e’83, works for Velcro USA, where he’s a director and general manager. He lives in Hampton Falls, N.H.

1984
Kimberly Coe Baker, c’84, g’91, and her husband, Richard, live in Topeka with their son, Edward, 1.

Rita Gilmore Koester, m’84, practices pediatrics in Edgewood, Wash., where she and her husband, Timothy, live with their children, Nick, 16, Meghan, 13, Allie, 10, and Sean, 4.

Howard Shaw, c’84, m’88, is vice chair and program director of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa.

MARRIED
Jolene Leiker, j’84, to Gregory Hall, Feb. 10 in Kansas City. Jolene works for IBM in Somers, N.Y., and Greg works at the New York Stock Exchange. They live in Danbury, Conn.

1985
Gwen Reimer Cooper, c’85, works as an analyst at Central Locating Service in Raleigh, N.C.

Carolyn Risley Hill, c’85, recently became chief executive of Starkley, which provides services for mentally disabled adults. She lives in Wichita.

BORN TO:
Kathleen Kane Donoghue, b’85, and John, son, William Terence, Feb. 21 in Fayetteville, N.C., where he joins two brothers, John, 4, and Joseph, 2.

Jon Gilchrist, b’85, f’88, and Linda, son, Jon Patrick, Jan. 24 in Leawood, where he joins two sisters, Tate, 6, and Aubrey, 3. Jon is an attorney with Payne & Jones Chartered, in Overland Park.

1986
David Gage, b’86, is president of Gage Management in Lawrence, where he and Mary Remboldt Gage, c’81, g’01, live with their children, Jacob, 14; Travis, 12; Amanda, 11; and Stephanie, 8.

Janet Wohlrab Gose, b’86, and her husband, Joseph, c’88, g’92, live in Shawnee Mission with their children, Cara, 3, and Jacob, 1.

Robert Sutryk, f’86, recently joined Sullivan Higdon & Sink in Kansas City as an art director. He lives in Olathe.

Kathleen Wilson, c’86, is a community support worker at Comtre. She lives in Fenton, Mo.

1987
Stephen Ariagno, b’87, 190, recently was elected vice president of the Kansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He lives in Wichita.

Bashar Hanna, c’87, g’89, works as an electrical engineer with Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, Mich. He lives in Farmington Hills.

William ‘Trey’ Humphrey, b’87, is general counsel with Lockton Cos. in Prairie Village.

Carl Saxon, b’87, directs finance for Square One in Allen, Texas.
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Rick Stone, ’87, owns the Medicine Shoppe in Hutchinson.

BORN TO:
William, ’87, and Bethany Beilharz Humphrey, ’88, daughter; Katherine Ann, Jan. 1 in Shawnee Mission, where she joins a brother, William, 5, and a sister, Elena, 3. William is general counsel for Lockton Cos. in Kansas City.

Gregory Kaul, j’87, and Shannon, son, Davis Robert, Dec. 3 in Orlando, Fla., where he joins a sister, Macy, 2. Greg directs sales for Premier Convention Sales.

1988
David Francke, c’88, recently became vice president of the import division of the Robert Mondavi Corp. in Chicago.

Heather Hughes Johnson, c’88, d’88, has been promoted to district sales manager with Pharmacia. She and her husband, Brian, b’88, live in Scottsdale, Ariz. He’s a senior product manager with Medics Pharmaceutical.

Judith Kinshaw-Ellis, g’88, teaches study skills in the Hartford County public schools. She lives in Bel Air, Md.

James Kleikamp, b’88, is president of zbanc Home Mortgage in Lenexa.


Sandra Smith Moore, PhD’88, is retired in Palmyra, Mo., where she and her husband, John, ’81, make their home.

Dennis Smythe, e’88, is senior project manager for Wartsila in Severna Park, Md.

Jeffrey Thompson, f’88, designs footwear for Timberland in Stratham, N.H. He lives in Portsmouth.

BORN TO:
Brady, j’88, and Martha Cernich Stanton, j’90, son, Peterson Quinn, April 25 in Leawood, where he joins a brother, Henry, 1.

1989
Anna Davalos, j’89, produces news for WRC-TV in Washington, D.C. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

John “Jack” Latzer, b’89, directs key accounts for Protocol in Denver. He lives in Westminster.

Michael McDaniel, p’89, directs the pharmacy at CARE Pharmacy in Topeka.

Mitchell Morgan, m’89, practices internal medicine with the Wichita Clinic.

BORN TO:
Laura Meyer Maschler, b’89, g’93, and Edward, j’91, daughter; Lindsey Ann, April 30 in Overland Park, where she joins two sisters, Kailyn, 5, and Jennifer, 3.

Mark, f’89, g’94, and Susan Dickey Putman, c’92, son, Corbin Lawrence, April 30 in Thornton, Colo. Mark is a database administrator at U.S. Bank in Broomfield, and Susan is a customer service representative for Denver Agency Co.

Jeffrey Suggs, j’89, and Coleen, daughter; Hannah Coleen, May 31 in Tulare, Calif., where Jeff works for AT&T Wireless.

1990
Heather Hampton Carlson, b’90, is active with her daughters’ schools. She and her husband, Bradley, c’89, live in The Woodlands, Texas, with Haley, 6, and Sydney, 4.

Christine Cavataio, e’90, directs operations for H2L2 Planners/Architects in Philadelphia.

Karen Gipson Chandler, c’90, works as a human-resources consultant for the city of Castle Rock, Colo.

Jeffrey Wagaman, g’90, is executive director of the Kansas Corporation Commission. He lives in Topeka and recently received the Mike Harder Public Administrator of the Year Award.

MARRIED
Timothy Tuttle, c’90, to Carmel Irwin, March 9. He’s a judge advocate with the U.S. Air Force at Ramstien AFB, Germany.

BORN TO:
Lori Kaleikini Bullock, ’90, and John, b’91, son, Jordan Andrew, May 13 in Franklin, Wis., where he joins a brother, Jaron, 5.

Jana Vohs Feldman, b’90, and Andrew, son, Seth Adam, May 4 in West Liberty, Iowa, where he joins two brothers, Parker, 3, and Noah, 2. Jana is senior project director at NCS Pearson in Iowa City.

Bradley, j’90, and Jill Douglas Robbins, g’97, daughter; Paige Elizabeth, Jan. 25 in Overland Park, where she joins a brother, Brock, who’ll be 2 in November. Bradley is a master police officer in Leawood, and Jill teaches math in Blue Valley.
**CLASS NOTES**

**1991**

Michelle Carramusa. d’91, recently joined Builders Publishing as a national marketing director. She lives in Overland Park.

Linas Grikis. j’91, makes his home in Chicago, where he practices corporate law with McDermott, Will & Emery.

Jordan Lerner. e’91, recently became a project manager and electrical engineer with GPW & Associates in Lawrence.

Thomas Schaeffer. e’91, manages engineering at Fru-Con Engineering in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Steve Wright. c’91, i’94, is an assistant vice president of Commerce Bank in Kansas City.

**MARRIED**

Ted McBride. c’91, and Tiffany Sharp. c’98, Sept. 30. They live in Overland Park, where Ted manages projects for Sprint and Tiffany is a surgical nurse at Menorah Medical Center.

Cheryl Stallwitz. c’91, to Wesley Pudwill, June 2 in Nassau Bay, Texas. She’s an account manager and business analyst with Praxair, and they live in Seabrook.

**BORN TO:**

Matthew. b’91, and Kelly Halloran Birch. j’92, son, Adam Patrick, Jan. 18 in Wichita, where he joins a brother; Jeffrey, 3. Matthew is an account executive with Adelphia Business Solutions.

Lori Hanson. c’91, and Timothy Manning. c’92, daughter; Aidin Helena Manning, May 15. They live in Lawrence, where Lori is an administrative assistant at Gene Fritzel Construction. Timothy is a producer and director with Time Warner Cable in Overland Park.

Bradley. b’91, and Theresa Pettersch Larsen. b’91, son, Bailey Michael, April 12 in Issaquah, Wash., where he joins a brother; Brandon, 4. Bradley is a product manager for Microsoft, and Theresa is a senior technical applications consultant for Sprint Wholesale Service Group.

Paige Cowden Maret. c’91, and Robert. e’93, daughter; Halle Jennifer, April 30 in Lawrence, where she joins a sister; Leah, who’s almost 2. Robert works for Starfire Engineering & Technologies, and Paige is an environmental biologist with Tetra Tech.

**1992**

Dru Stewart Fritzel. c’92, co-owns Interiors in Lawrence, where she and her husband, Thomas. c’92, make their home. He’s vice president of Gene Fritzel Construction.

Amy Schwindt Nachtigal. b’92, is chief financial officer of St. Luke’s South Hospital in Overland Park.

Heather Miles Scott. c’92, works as a territory manager for Hill’s Pet Nutrition in McKinney, Texas.

**MARRIED**

Kenneth McRae. c’92, i’96, and Susan Beaver. d’99, Jan. 27 in Overland Park. He’s an attorney with Petefish, Immel and Heeb in Lawrence, and she works at Central National Bank.

**BORN TO:**

Jeffrey Lane. b’92, and Kathleen, son, Collin Jeffrey, May 26 in Las Vegas, where Jeffrey is a project manager with Anchor Gaming.

Mark Pettijohn. b’92, and Traci, daughter; Chloe Amelia, March 30 in Solomon, where she joins a brother; Gareth, who’s nearly 2.

**1993**

Christopher Hanna. b’93, co-owns the Bleu-Jacket restaurant in Lawrence, where he and Teresa Lynch Hanna. c’92, make their home.

Jason Jundt. c’93, g’96, works as a financial analyst for IBM Global Services. He lives in Raleigh, N.C.

John Mullies. b’93, h’97, recently was promoted to PathNet Enterprise architect with Cerner in Kansas City.

Brian Prosser. e’93, g’95, manages product marketing for EPIQ Systems in Kansas City.

James Remer. c’93, is secretary/treasurer of Buckeye Development. He lives in Kansas City.

David Stallwitz. e’93, manages sales for Phillips K-Resin, and Carrie Meeks Stallwitz. a’94, directs public relations for the DLR Group. They live in Roeland Park.

**MARRIED**

Melissa Grace. c’93, to Jason Honsaker, May 5. They live in Pensacola, Fla.

**BORN TO:**

Michael. c’93, and Christina Clayton Ducey. c’93, daughter; Olivia Anne, Nov. 7 in Kansas City, where Michael is an assistant professor of chemistry at Saint Mary College.

Melissa Nehrling Holmgren. ’93, and Jonathan. e’96, daughter; Abigail Grace, Feb. 27 in Seaside, Calif, where she joins a brother, Jonathan, 7, and a sister, Emily, 5.

Sherry Unstead Kivett. b’93, g’99, and Larry. b’95, son, Jacob Carter, March 31 in Flower Mound, Texas. Larry is national manager of communications for Deloitte & Touche in Dallas.

**1994**

Buran Ayuthia. c’94, manages products for Sentry Insurance. He lives in Madison, Wis.

Nikkie Sackvich Freeman. b’94, g’95, is business assessment manager for Sprint in Westwood.

Michael Myers. e’94, is a staff engineer with Boeing. He and Jennifer Murrill Myers. c’98, live in Torrance, Calif., with their son, Grant, who’ll be 1 Sept. 30.

Jeff Pacha. e’94, works as the finance business partner for quality at Cessna Aircraft, and Brett Weinberg. c’94, is a senior associate with Carmichael Lynch Spong in Minneapolis, Minn. He lives in Minnetonka.

Linda Wright. g’94, directs the Johnson County Area Agency on Aging. She lives in Prairie Village.

**BORN TO:**

Mary O’Connell. c’94, and Steven Hill, son, Zachary Harrison O’Connell Hill, May 28 in Lawrence, where he joins a sister; Juliana, 2.

Steve is staff writer for the Kansas Alumni Association.

Stacey Neff Watts. d’94, and Terry, son, Troy Joseph, March 31 in Olathe. They live in Ottawa, where Stacey teaches science. Terry is a production planner for Graphic Technology in New Century.

**1995**

Kimberly Ebert Jones. e’95, recently became a structural engineer with the DLR Group in Overland Park. She and her husband, Todd. e’95, live in Olathe.

**MARRIED**

Desiree Fish. j’95, to Lawrence Wilson, May 5 in New York City. She directs public affairs for American Express, and he’s senior vice president for marketing and business strategy with Net-Value.

Deborah Gillespie. b’95, to Brett Smith, Sept. 9 in Leawood. She’s a contract administrator with Black & Veatch, and he’s a network design engineer with Sprint. They live in Olathe.

**BORN TO:**

Kristen Weewers Lykes. j’95, and Jeff, son, Benjamin Ross, April 3 in Oklahoma City, where Kristen is a supervisor for Hertz Financial Center.
1996
Daniel Almanza, f'96, co-owns The Bleu-Jacket restaurant in Lawrence, where and his wife, Kay Kimball Almanza, c'88, live with their children, Fischer, 7, and Ellen, 4.
Douglas Conder, PhD'96, is executive director of Cross Timbers Community Foundation. He lives in Keller, Texas.
Jeffrey Grace, b'96, works as a producer for IMA in Wichita.
Chad Roesler, c'96, recently became an investment representative with Edward Jones in Lawrence.

MARRIED
Jeremy Bezdek, b'96, to Emily Dennis, Nov. 25 in Tulsa, Okla. He manages marketing for Koch Industries in Chicago, and she’s an actress and a teacher.

BORN TO:
Catherine Johnston Cordova, n'96, and Maximillian, '01, son, Creighton Robert, May 21 in Lawrence, where Catherine is a nurse at Mount Oread Family Practice and Max works for United Parcel Service.

1997
Andrew Bunten, b'97, works as a strategic finance analyst for Esurance in San Francisco.
Timothy Huskey, f'97, directs bands for Cain Middle School in Rockwall, Texas.
Peter Sittenauer, c'97, serves as a captain in the U.S. Army. He lives in Fort Knox, Ky, with his wife, Carolyn, and their daughter, Sarah, 1.

1998
Lisa Bartling Finlay, c'98, supervises tellers at First Fidelity Bank in Norman, Okla.
Carol Koski, h'98, manages medical records at the KU Medical Center’s Cancer Center in Kansas City.
Melissa Quigley, c'98, works as a new technology adviser for the Lexus division of Toyota Motor Sales in Torrance, Calif. She lives in Redondo Beach.
Jason Unrein, b'98, c'98, manages advertising for SRC Communications in San Antonio.

MARRIED
Robert Smith, b'98, to Amber Roselle, May 5 in Denver. He’s an investment manager with King Financial, and she’s a project coordinator with Shaw Contract Flooring. They live in Overland Park.

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BORN TO:
Debra LiaKos, d’98, and Jeremy, son, Brayden Kane, Jan. 12 in Lawrence, where Debbie is senior teller at Capitol Federal Savings.

1999
Mark Adams, e’99, is a project engineer for CMS Viron Energy Services. He lives in Olathe.
Ann Hammond, e’99, is a sales service assistant for Coordinated Supplies & Supplies in Lawrence.
Sara Shay Tarvin, j’99, works for Coca-Cola. She and her husband, Cory, live in Overland Park.

BORN TO:
Layne Gentry Martin, d’99, and Harold, son, Blake, June 22 in Olathe, where Layne is office manager for Playground magazine.

2000
Bob Armintrout, s’00, is a family specialist with DCCCA Family Preservation Services in Kansas City. He lives in Independence, Mo.
Dan Kulmala, PhD’00, has accepted a position as visiting assistant professor of English at Fort Hays State University. He had been a lecturer in KU’s English department.
Matthieu Piganiol, g’00, works as an analyst for Accenture in Paris, France.
Blaine Riney, j’00, recently became an investment representative with Edward Jones in Lawrence.

MARRIED
Andrea Steffens, b’00, to Jeff Myers, April 21. They live in Shawnee, and Andrea manages accounting for Sandy Inc. in Lenexa.

BORN TO:
Devon Reese, l’00, and Emily, daughter, Kate Jacalyn, June 1 in Reno, Nev. Devon is a law clerk for the Nevada Supreme Court in Carson City.

2001
Maria Albert, c’01, manages prerenovation education programs for the Kansas Department of Health. She lives in Lawrence and recently received the Rising Star Award at the National Lead-Safe Housing and Indoor Air Environmental Health Conference.
Tauni Brooks, b’01, is a media assistant with Kuhn & Wittenborn Advertising in Kansas City. She lives in Lawrence.

Trent Frankum, b’01, works as analyst for CB Richard Ellis in Manila, Philippines.
Koren Hawk, j’01, is a music inventory analyst with Best Buy in Eden Prairie, Minn.
Bruce Hull, ’01, is a diplomat with the U.S. Department of State at the U.S. Embassy in Barbados.
Alissa Overall, ’01, manages a branch of Commerce Bank in Lawrence.

MARRIED
Shannon Mossberg, c’01, to Shelby Kuehler, May 11 in Las Vegas. She works for Statestreet Financial in Kansas City, and he owns Insul-Tech Services in Lawrence, where they live.

BORN TO:
Michael Burns, h’01, and Melissa, son, Ethan Michael, May 15 in Rolla, Mo., where Michael is a nurse anesthetist at Phelps County Regional Medical Center.
Robynn Hart Krueger, g’01, and Peter, daughter, Kathryn Nicole, Nov. 28 in Golden, Colo.
IN MEMORY

The Early Years
Betty Millard Dickerson, c'29, 93, March 25 in Wichita, where she taught at the Wichita Art Association for many years. Two sons survive.

Miriam McClelland James, c'26, 95, April 21 in Virginia Beach, Va. She is survived by a daughter and two grandsons.

1930s
Everett “Andy” Anderson, ’32, 93, June 25 in Topeka. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Kyle; a son, Dana, b'59; a daughter, Sally Anderson Martell, d'58, seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Alice Gallup, f'33, 89, May 28 in Lawrence, where she was a retired teacher and administrator. She is survived by a brother, Alfred, b’38.

Helen Homolka, c’32, 91, June 21 in Holyrood. She worked for KU food services before moving to Claffin. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. A niece and a nephew survive.

Dorothy Harvey King, c’32, 89, March 24 in Kansas City, where she was a retired medical social worker. A cousin survives.

Olive Edmonds Laing, c’36, 89, May 25 in Winchester where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by a daughter; three brothers; two of whom are H.V. Edmonds, d’41, f’49, and Ernest Edmonds, d’38, g’46; and a granddaughter.

Ethelyn Soper Lonnberg, c’32, 89, April 17 in Wichita, where she co-owned Wichita Vinegar Works. Several nieces and nephews survive.

Herlan Loyd, c’35, m’40, 88, March 24 in Carmichael, Calif. He was an oncologist and a hematologist and is survived by his wife, Marjorie, two daughters and four grandchildren.

Max Ontjes, b’33, 91, June 26 in Hutchinson. He is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Ontjes Falletta, c’62; and two sons, David, c’59, and Sam, c’67.

John Page, e’39, 89, May 7 in Lafayette, La. He was a retired geophysicist and is survived by his wife, Lorrel, a son, a daughter; a brother; two sisters and four granddaughters.

Hattie Davis Pierson, ’33, 90, June 16 in Lawrence. She is survived by a son, John, c’58, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Heinz Puell, c’35, 92, May 26 in Osterwalde, Germany. He is survived by his wife, Irene Teubner Puell, c’34, and four sons.

Genevieve Bero Sears, c’31, 90, March 27 in Vallejo, Calif. She had been a teacher and a columnist and is survived by a daughter.

Virginia Downey Stone, ’33, 91, June 20 in Lawrence, where she had been director of KU’s Joseph R. Pearson Residence Hall. She lived in Eudora and is survived by a son, Darryl, c’72; a daughter, Darlenee Stone Overstreet, f’61; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

John Vogel Jr., b’39, 85, June 19 in Lawrence. He was a stockman and a farmer and had served in the Kansas House of Representatives. He received KU’s Ellsworth Medallion for unique and significant service to the University. Survivors include a son; a daughter; Nancy, c’63, d’63, g’65, PhD’71; a brother; and four sisters.

1940s
Velma Boyd Amberg, ’41, 85, Jan. 4 in Newark, Del. She held the Barn Studio in Lindenbergh, Pa., and is survived by her husband, Lyle, c’38, g’39, and two daughters.

Alice Gaston Bragg, ’47, 76, May 31 in Hutchinson, where she was a retired appraiser. Three daughters; a sister; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive.

Ramon Charles, g’49, EdD’53, 83, June 12 in Raymore, Mo. He was director of guidance for the state of Kansas and regional director with Science Research Associates. Survivors include his wife, Gwendolyn, two daughters, a brother; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dolores Custer Chesky, c’48, 74, March 15 in Halstead. She had worked for Chesky Insurance and Chesky Arabian Horse Farm. She is survived by three sons, two of whom are Victor, g’79, and Eric, d’81; a sister; and five grandchildren.

Frank Darden Jr., e’46, 74, March 1 in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was founder and chairman of Mercury Production and a director of Quicksilver Resources. He is survived by his wife, Lucy, two sons, a daughter; a sister and eight grandchildren.

Virgil Davis, c’49, 80, May 18 in St. Joseph, Mo., where he was retired from Swift and Co. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; a son, Scott, c’73; a daughter; a brother; and a sister.

Melvin Hayes, c’47, April 20 in Palm City, Fla., where he was a retired writer and editor. He is survived by his wife, Helen, two daughters, a brother; four grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

Robert Keplinger, ’48, 81, June 27 in Shawnee Mission. He attended KU before and after his service in the Army in World War II, where he served in the Pacific and won a Bronze Star. Survivors include a sister, Martha Keplinger Cook, c’50, and a brother; Donald, b’42.

Patrick Liebert, e’49, 76, June 5 in Norman, Okla. He is survived by his wife, LaVon; four sons; three daughters, one of whom is Susan Liebert Parker, d’71; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Ralph Miller, d’42, 82, May 15 in Black Butte Ranch, Ore. While at Oregon State University, he coached the men’s basketball team to four Pac 10 Conference championships and eight NCAA tournament appearances. The basketball court at Oregon State’s Gill Coliseum is named for him. Earlier he coached at Wichita State University for 13 years. Survivors include his wife, Emily Milam Miller, c’42; two daughters; a son; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Joyce Durall Redwine, c’46, c’48, 76, May 31 in Blue Springs, Mo. She had been chief medical technologist at Kiowa County Memorial Hospital and a bookkeeper at Redwine Motor and at Blue Springs Family Eye Care. She is survived by two sons, John, c’72, and Jack, b’75, g’76; a daughter, Joyclyn Redwine Westfall, c’79; a brother; and nine grandchildren.

William Salero, p’49, 74, June 12 in Kansas City. He lived in Manhattan and was retired director of pharmacy at Lefene Health Center. A sister survives.

Frances Mee Byrn Stephenson, d’49, 77, June 8 in Topeka. She lived in Lawrence, where she was a retired teacher. A son, a daughter; six grandsons and six great-grandchildren survive.

Charles White, m’42, 85, June 27 in Kansas City. He had established the radiology department at the Wichita Clinic and also worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Nelda Bortz White, c’38, h’39; three daughters, two of whom are Sally White Guilfoyle, d’71, and Mary White Pusateri, n’76; a sister; a brother; and five grandchildren.

Wendell Wood, b’49, 84, April 28 in San Antonio. He had been chief underwriter at the department of Housing and Urban Development and later was an independent real-estate appraiser. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, two sons and a sister.

1950s
Rose Bachman, d’59, 71, June 5 in Liberty, Mo. She lived in Kansas City, where she taught school and later worked for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Two sisters and a brother survive.

Martha Grob Green, ’52, June 9 in Kansas City. She lived in Lawrence, where she was a founding member of St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church. Surviving are her husband, Robert, a’50; five daughters, Becca Green Diederich, c’93, Lucinda Green Mathews, d’75, Stacey, h’89, Heather Green Bravence, d’89, and Kimberly, a’98, e’98; a son; a brother; and nine grandchildren.

Berniece Hughes, ’50, 72, May 24 in Wichita, where she was a bookkeeper and accountant for Southwest National Bank. She is survived by
three sisters, one of whom is Lula Hughes Hunt, ’48.

Thelma Sprout Keller, c’52, 70, May 17 in Orlando, Fla, where she was a physical therapist. She is survived by her husband, Louie, two sons and a sister.

Richard Nabours, m’54, 73, May 15 in Topeka, where he was a family practitioner. Two sisters survive.

Phyllis Nehrbass Pankratz, d’55, 69, June 1 in Midland, Mich. She is survived by her husband, Paul, c’55; three sons; a brother, Carl Nehrbass, c’64; two sisters, Rowena Nehrbass Pine, c’81, and Joyce Nehrbass Elliott, d’58; and eight grandchildren.

Donald Powell, b’51, 73, April 2 in Wichita, where he was retired personnel manager with Cessna Aircraft. He is survived by his wife, Zelph, two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Gerald Scott, c’55, 68, May 16 in Ventura, Calif, where he was retired from a career in the motion picture industry. He is survived by a son; a daughter; a sister; and a brother, Lloyd, b’42.

Charles See, m’59, 67, April 18 in Houston. He practiced family medicine for 41 years and is survived by his wife, Ann, a son, a sister and a grandson.

Lennard Shipley, b’51, 76, Dec. 16 in Neodesha. Among survivors are two sons and a daughter.

William Sladek, c’59, 65, June 16 in Wichita, where he was a retired petroleum geologist. He is survived by his wife, Sheri; two sons, two daughters; a stepson, three stepdaughters, his mother; a sister and 11 grandchildren.

Frank Surber, b’54, 69, June 2 in Lee’s Summit, Mo., where he was a CPA. Surviving are his wife, Patricia, two daughters and four grandchildren.

Earl Watson, c’50, l’51, 78, May 26 in San Diego. He had been vice president and project manager at Ebasco and later was a consultant for Finance Factors Insurance in Honolulu. Survivors include three sons, a daughter, two sisters, a brother and three grandchildren.

Robert Wood, m’53, 74, May 13 in Peabody, where he was a physician. He is survived by two sons, one of whom is Timothy, f’82; and a sister.

Julian Zimmerman, c’52, l’53, 84, March 31 in Austin, Texas, where he was president and CEO of Lumberman’s Investment. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, a daughter, a stepson, a stepdaughter; two sisters and six grandchildren.

1960s

Ernest Krivohlavek, ’62, 77, June 25 in Wichita, where he was a retired teacher. He is survived by two daughters, Carol Krivohlavek Swan, e’79, and Pamela Krivohlavek Robinson, c’74; a stepson; three stepdaughters; three grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Agnes Kiger Mahon, ’68, 93, June 10 in Dallas, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by her husband, Harry; a daughter, Sylvia Mahon Allgaier, d’58; a sister; three grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

Jack McCall, j’62, g’65, 56, June 25 in an airplane crash near McAlester, Okla. He lived in Ozawkie and taught automobile mechanics for USD 501 in Topeka. Surviving are his wife, Ruth, two stepsons, two brothers and six grandchildren.

Michael Metzler, e’65, g’67, 58, May 1 in Kissimmee, Fla., where he was retired from a career with Black & Veatch. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Patterson Metzler, f’65, s’70; a son; a daughter; his mother, Rosa Lee Metzler, c’33; a sister, Elizabeth, c’81; a brother, John, e’74, g’79; and a grandson.

1970s

Calvin Atwood, d’74, 50, May 29 in Arlington, Texas. He co-founded Atwood Convention Publishing and is survived by his wife, Linette, a daughter; two sons, his parents and two brothers.

Donald Brewster, ’70, 64, June 20 in Topeka. He lived in Lawrence, where he owned Brewster Construction and Northstar Realty. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; two daughters, one of whom is Gayle Brewster Robbins, s’91; two sons, Donald, g’01, and Kyle, b’89; five brothers, one of whom is Gerald, e’67; two half brothers; a half sister; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

James Ellis, e’70, 54, June 19 in Lawrence, where he lived. He worked for Mid-West Conveyor in Edwardsville and is survived by his parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Kathryn Keesee Gold, d’74, June 4 in Kansas City, where she taught German at North Kansas City High School for 27 years. She is survived by two sons, her parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Rita Suderman Lind, ’72, 57, May 23 in Lawrence, where she was language arts coordinator for USD 497. She is survived by her husband, Richard, ’61; a daughter; two sons, one of whom is Richard, d’89; her parents; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

Jack Singleton 111, d’74, April 22 in Kansas City. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Warriner Singleton, ’76; his father; Jack Jr., a’48; and a sister.

Raymond Whelan, g’77, g’82, PhD’85, 69, Nov. 1 in Wilson, N.C. He had been a professor of French at Barton College and is survived by his wife, Chantal, c’85; a sister; and three brothers.

1980s

Michael Galle, ’85, 40, June 13 in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He lived in Lawrence and is survived by his parents and a sister, Suzanne, c’89.

Lani Mortenson, s’80, 61, April 7 in Olathe. She lived in Paola, where she was executive director of the Paola Housing Authority. Her mother; two sisters and a brother survive.

Theodore Nichols, l’81, 49, April 26 in Anthony, where he was an attorney. He is survived by his wife, Sandy; a son; a daughter, Brandy, c’00; a brother; and a sister.

James Swanson, ’80, 47, June 17 in Wichita of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He lived in Junction City and was a technical engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation. Surviving are his parents, R.W., d’38, g’39, and Phyllis Sikes Swanson, c’39; two brothers; and a sister, Sue Swanson Hornbaker, c’70.

1990s

Patricia Johnston Aventa, c’93, 58, March 24 in Grandview, Mo. She lived in Independence, Mo., where she was a founding member of Preservation Renaissance Independence and worked for Ochsner, Hare & Hare. She is survived by a son, her mother; and a sister; Jeanette Johnston Okerstrom, g’87.

Gary Barnes, l’92, 42, May 30 in Las Vegas, where he was a telephone technician. He is survived by his wife, Laurie, his parents, four sons, a daughter; two sisters and his grandfather.

Lori Irving, PhD’92, 38, April 29 in Vancouver, Wash., where she was a professor of psychology at Washington State University and a national authority on eating disorders. She is survived by her husband, Mike Morgan, her parents, two brothers and a sister.

Pamela Dowell Martinez, ’91, 44, June 18 in Lawrence, where she was a nurse at Asthma, Allergy and Rheumatology Associates. She is survived by her husband, John, c’71, m’74; two daughters, one of whom is Jennifer Martinez Weiford, b’94, m’98; two sons; her parents; five brothers; one of whom is Gregory, b’76; and a grandchild.

Anne Turner, g’94, PhD’00, 33, May 11 in Rolla, Mo. She was a visiting professor in the writing program at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by her parents, a brother and her fiance, Dan Kulkma, PhD’00.

Associates

Clara Gingrich Peterson, 84, April 6 in Kent, Wash. She is survived by her husband, Carl, b’38; two sons, one of whom is James, e’68; a daughter; and two grandchildren.
Driven to distraction

Cell phones divert the head, not the hands—and that's what makes them dangerous

Your brain has a limited amount of processing power, and as you do more tasks the amount of resources doesn't increase," Atchley says. Instead, the limited resources get stretched between multiple tasks. "If you're trying to walk and chew gum you're now sharing resources between two tasks." Easy tasks present few problems, but mix driving and talking—which are much more complicated than most of us think—and things get a little more dicey.

“Conversation is an extremely complicated computational process,” Atchley says. “We can't make our best supercomputers speak to us or understand what we’re saying. That illustrates how much computational power it takes to talk.”

Evidence of this distraction can be found in the, well, distracted nature of cell phone chatter.

“If you are talking and driving, it's as if you drive a little bit and then talk a little bit. During the time you’re talking, you’re not really actively attending to the road,” he says. In a car moving 40 feet per second, a moment's lapse is enough to cause a crash.

Atchley expects accidents rates to decrease initially in New York, as drivers curtail their talk after learning that cell phones and driving are an unsafe combination. But because the law encourages switching to hands-free equipment rather than abandoning cell phones altogether, he predicts that accident rates will increase as more and more people embrace what they mistakenly believe is safer technology.

The only real solution, he believes, is an outright ban on phoning and driving. At least one city, Brooklyn, Ohio, has instituted such a ban. Others are working toward a nationwide ban. A Philadelphia mother, Patricia Pena, began lobbying for tougher cell phone restrictions after a driver ran a stop sign while dialing a cell phone, killing Pena’s 2-year-old daughter.

“People argue that lots of other things are distracting, so we shouldn't pick on cell phones, but I really have a problem with that,” Atchley says. “If it's something you could regulate and reduce the number of accidents, why wouldn't you do that?”
ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING
Change aims to streamline architectural engineering

Architectural engineering has a new name and a new administrative structure this fall, after a task force of alumni and faculty recommended shifting administration of the program from the School of Architecture and Urban Design to the School of Engineering.

The change is designed to streamline administration and improve faculty recruitment and retention by ending the old arrangement under which faculty members served dual appointments with the schools of architecture and engineering. Currently eight faculty members have split appointments. The realignment will result in six faculty with full-time appointments in the engineering school and three with full-time appointments in architecture—including one new position in the School of Architecture.

“We were discovering with the 50-50 arrangement that it just wasn’t clear enough that faculty were attached to one school or another,” says John Gaunt, dean of architecture. The new administrative structure, Gaunt says, will be invisible to students but will help faculty members navigate the promotion and tenure process more easily and compete more effectively for research dollars. “The point was to create clarity and focus that would help in recruiting and retaining faculty,” he says. “I feel we have accomplished this very successfully.”

If the Kansas Board of Regents approves the administrative change, the new department will be called civil, environmental and architectural engineering.

Begun in 1913, the program offers a five-year undergraduate degree that gives students a broad background in architecture with specialized training in engineering.

It is one of only three five-year architectural engineering degrees in the nation. The program also offers a master’s of science degree and a master’s of construction management. Those degrees and the curriculum will not change.

“We have worked together to develop this new administrative structure without changing the excellent academic program present in architectural engineering,” says Carl Locke, dean of engineering. “We want to continue the strong input from the School of Architecture and Urban Design to develop graduates who have a special perspective on both the architectural and engineering aspects of their degrees. We have excellent students from all over the country in this program with a strong faculty.”

About 200 students enroll in architectural engineering annually.

BUSINESS
Entrepreneurs encouraged to look to KU for interns

A new School of Business initiative will allow entrepreneurs to tap a valuable resource that big companies have been using for decades: student interns.

The entrepreneurial internship program will match business students with entrepreneurial companies in biotechnology, software, technology, manufacturing, retail and other sectors. Qualified companies can receive partial funding of student salaries and will have access to the school’s Career Services Center database.

A joint effort by the School of Business, Students in Free Enterprise and the Kansas Innovation Corporation, the program is funded by a $50,000 grant from the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City.

“Many of these students have an impressive technological sophistication that can benefit almost any business,” says Jeff Morrow, b’89, g’90, director of entrepreneurial internships at KU. “We think entrepreneurs will find this a great opportunity to have high-quality graduate and undergraduate students at their business for a semester or longer.”

The new program marks an expansion of the school’s entrepreneurial offerings, which enroll more than 200 students annually in four courses and a directed independent study. The MBA program recently added an e-business concentration, too.

The entrepreneurial internships program will be part of the school’s existing internship program, directed by Lisa Ottinger. She says the School of Business views internships as a “vital component” of students’ education.

“They get the opportunity to explore possible life choices in their field and to adapt to the business environment. Businesses get excellent, fresh perspectives and highly skilled people for a term. Many also find this is an opportunity to preview potential employees.”

Entrepreneurs interested in learning more about the program should contact Jeff Morrow at 785-864-7556.

EDUCATION
Fun, informative activities planned for Open House

Bunsen burners and blood pressure checks, story readings and stress-busting exercises are just a few of the School of Education’s offerings for the University’s first Open House, Oct. 6.

Like schools and departments all over campus, the School of Education will use interactive demonstrations and tours to help children and adults from Lawrence and surrounding communities experience the diversity of KU’s programs.

Activities for children at Joseph R. Pearson Hall include story time readings from the children’s literature collection, face painting and sidewalk geography art. At Robinson Center, kids can enjoy tumbling and other physical activities.

Parents can take part in presentations on school violence prevention and career exploration for children in Pearson Hall, and get weight management tips for adults and kids and tour the school’s Exercise Physiology Lab at Robinson. The presentations—led by School of Education students, staff and faculty—will start every 30 minutes from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
A trip to an unfamiliar grocery store can be a stressful event for the most seasoned shopper. For those with severe mental illnesses, a trip to any grocery store can be daunting.

That’s why three KU Medical Center faculty members who assist mentally ill patients chose grocery shopping as a means for studying new ideas about teaching daily-life skills.

“We are trying to determine both if the intervention is effective, and what the factors are that predict whether or not [participants] will benefit from the intervention,” says Tana Brown, associate professor of occupational therapy in the School of Allied Health.

Brown, PhD’99, is the primary investigator on a $433,500, three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. Helping Brown with the research are co-investigators Melisa Rempfer, g’95, PhD’00, assistant professor of occupational therapy and a clinical psychologist, and Edna Hamera, g’74, PhD’77, associate professor of nursing.

Brown explains that people with schizophrenia and other severe mental illnesses often have “cognitive deficits,” or difficulty paying attention, remembering things and making decisions. (The researchers are careful to distinguish between cognitive and intellectual difficulties.)

Those cognitive deficits can make a simple trip to the grocery store anything but simple, and can make independent living difficult or impossible.

“Grocery stores are such a complex physical environment, and they can have difficulty screening out the environment to figure out what’s important and what’s not,” Brown says.

Though class participants make supervised shopping trips, much of the work is done at various research sites. The training in “community support programs” usually lasts for nine half-hour sessions, during which the participants are taught some shopping basics: the little carrots cost more than bags of regular carrots; items on the bottom shelf are often better bargains than items at eye level; labels should be read for nutritional information.

The KU researchers consulted the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill about shopping-related issues, and trained coordinators and staff members to teach the sessions and carefully test progress in grocery-store field trips.

“One of the big issues is price,” Brown says. “We interviewed people before we designed the project, and we found that almost everybody was living below the poverty line. Most receive Social Security as their primary income. They have very little money, and they want to buy as much as possible with the...
money they do have. That's why we try to teach them things like scanning the whole display, from top to bottom. Many of them tend to go for whatever they first see at eye level.”

Brown says their research already has indicated that a strong predictor of success in grocery training is a good score on the “Hope Scale,” a nationally known tool to measure optimism developed by KU psychology professor Rick Snyder. The researchers believe that boosts in hope, confidence and self-esteem—already damaged by a world that stigmatizes mental illness—would also improve a mentally-ill person’s ability to handle the complex chores of daily life.

“As a psychologist, I understand memory impairments or attention impairments, symptoms associated with mental illness, at a clinical level,” Rempfer says. “But now I’m with somebody at a grocery store and I see how these things really influence day-to-day living and have such a negative impact for people. It’s much more significant to me to see these things not so much at the clinical level, but at the real-life level. By helping people attain better skills to live independently and successfully in the community, hopefully we can improve their quality of life to an extent that is truly meaningful.”

Brown says the last part of the training is the most difficult: applying the new skills during unescorted shopping trips. Not only will the supermarket be a challenge, but, since most people in the study don’t own cars, they must either negotiate public transportation or arrange for rides with family and friends.

“Most of the people in our study are doing their own shopping now,” Brown says, “but even with assistance from a case manager or a family member, it’s with usually with some difficulty.

“We can talk about grocery shopping as an example, but we hope the strategies we use to teach this will also be used for things like taking the bus and managing money. These are real barriers for many people.”

FINE ARTS
The shows will go on under new leadership

KU performing arts have two new top administrators: Lawrence Mallet, formerly of the University of Nebraska, is the new chair of the department of music and dance in the School of Fine Arts, and Tim Van Leer, formerly a venue director in California, is the the new executive director of the Lied Center of Kansas.

Mallet had been interim dean of the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the Lincoln campus, and previously was director of Nebraska’s School of Music since 1993.

He replaces Stephen Anderson, who left KU in spring 2000 to become dean of the Conservatory of Music at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif.

“I know that KU can become one of the top music and dance programs in the country,” Mallet says. “This is a wonderful department with a great heritage, a great tradition and an exciting future.”

Mallet, a clarinetist, has performed in Carnegie Hall and with a variety of bands and orchestras as a guest soloist, and has served as director of bands at three universities. He earned his doctorate in instrumental conducting from the University of Iowa, his master’s in clarinet and woodwind performance from Ohio State, and his bachelor’s in clarinet performance from Iowa.

Van Leer comes to the Lied Center from the El Camino College Center for the Arts in Torrance, Calif.

He replaces Jacqueline Davis, g’73, who left in June 2000 to become executive director of the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center.

Van Leer has 27 years of experience as an arts presenter, including earlier stints at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg, Fla., Mershon Auditorium at Ohio State University, and the Gammage Center for the Performing Arts at Arizona State University.

“I can’t begin to tell you how excited I am to be the new executive director of the Lied Center,” Van Leer says.

Dean Toni-Marie Montgomery says Van Leer brings “an incredible wealth of experience as an arts manager and presenter. Tim’s national stature assures the Lied Center’s continued success as a top university presenting organization.”

GRADUATE
Indian program’s founder named to Bowlus chair

Donald Fixico, director of indigenous nations studies, has been named Thomas M. Bowlus Distinguished Professor in American Indian History.

The new professorship, established through a gift to KU from the estate of the late Thomas M., b’38, and Elva Ottman Bowlus, c’39, provides an annual $10,000 salary stipend and a $5,000 research fund for at least five years. The gift also funds fellowships for students in the indigenous nations studies program and scholarships for Haskell Indian Nations University students who take classes at KU.

“During the 50 years that my parents lived in Oklahoma, they developed a deep appreciation for the natural world and for the traditions and philosophies of Native American cultures,” said Jean Bowlus. “KU is where they met and where they married, so they were fond of the University.”

The indigenous nations program, which Fixico founded in 1999 with the cooperation of Haskell, awards a master’s degree for study of traditions, diversity and culture of American Indians.

JOURNALISM
Reporting students win prestigious Howard prizes

Newspaper and magazine students won numerous awards in recent national journalism contests, including two first-prizes in the prestigious Roy W. Howard National Competition.

Those winners were Kursten Phelps of
Manhattan and Jay Krall of Bartlett, Ill.
Leita Schultes of Rolfe, Iowa, was a runner-up.
The first-place winners received $3,000, while Schultes won $2,000. All three winning entries were written as final projects for Professor Ted Frederickson’s newspaper reporting course and published in the University Daily Kansan.

“The success of our students in the Howard competition exemplifies the excellence of our students, faculty and our reporting classes,” Dean Jimmy Gen-try says. “While we have long been known for fine instruction in editing, our

Home care
New dean aims to focus on community health at Wichita medical campus

The complexities of a modern school of medicine are innumerable. But S. Edwards Dismuke, new dean at the School of Medicine-Wichita, understands that his predecessor, Joe Meek, had it just about right by continually emphasizing medicine’s human elements, including people and pride.

“He really makes people feel good about themselves,” Dismuke says of Meek, “and feel good about this school.”

Meek, c’54, m’57, always a prominent spokesman and vocal supporter of his Wichita campus, retired June 29 after 10 years as dean. One of the roles that Meek took particular pride in was organizing and rallying the volunteer physicians who support KU’s medical training in Wichita.

Dismuke, Kansas Health Foundation distinguished professor of public health and himself a 10-year veteran of the Wichita campus, immediately announced that he would continue Meek’s work with doctors in Wichita and rural communities throughout Kansas.

“Running a community-based medical school is much different from running a school in an academic center like the KU campus in Kansas City,” Dismuke says. “We are so dependent on others, particularly on volunteer physician faculty and our community hospitals. One of my highest priorities is to become a trusted community partner as we all work to improve the overall health of Wichita, Sedgwick County and Kansas.”

Dismuke, who has taught internal and preventive medicine for 23 years, in 1988 left the faculty at the University of Tennessee to join the KU Medical Center in Kansas City. Three years later he moved to Wichita, where he helped create the nationally ranked master’s of public health program, which grants degrees jointly with Wichita State University. One of his first stated goals as dean is to create a “national model” for a community-based medical school campus.

Dismuke is now responsible for the 27 departments at the Wichita campus, including 95 full- and part-time faculty, as well as 130 administrators and staff. The school also works with more than 700 volunteer physicians with affiliation to Via Christi Regional Medical Center’s St. Francis and St. Joseph campuses, Wesley Medical Center and the VA Medical Center.

Before he was named dean, Dismuke served as chairman of preventive medicine for both the Wichita and Kansas City campuses.

“I am very pleased to have my colleague with whom I have worked so effectively taking over the leadership of the Wichita campus,” says Deborah Powell, executive dean of the School of Medicine and vice chancellor for clinical affairs. “I am sure that he will continue to build on the strong foundation of excellence laid by Dean Joe Meek.”

Says Don Hagen, executive vice chancellor of KU Medical Center, “This is a very important time for medical education in our country, and Dr. Dismuke has the talent and skill to lead our Wichita campus into the next generation of medical education.”
Electronic records need reforms, standardization

Managing patient care depends in large part on managing patient records, which is why Mike Bleich, associate dean for clinical and community affairs, co-wrote a chapter on the subject for a new nursing textbook.

Bleich and Marcelline Harris, a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Minnesota/Mayo Foundation and assistant professor at Winona State University, were invited to contribute a chapter on electronic medical records for Economics and Nursing: Critical Professional Issues. According to Bleich, the textbook is the first to focus on economics in nursing.

Bleich says he and Harris made a good team for the project because she is most interested in the details of technology, while his interests are in systems applications.

One goal for the evolution of electronic medical records is to create a system in which professionals from all health disciplines—such as nurses, doctors and therapists—might use a standardized language when they enter patient information. That way, Bleich says, the patient’s electronic record can truly assist all health-care providers in their decision making.

He says another goal is to create electronic records systems that could easily be sent from one health-care site to another.

“There are some studies that would say 30 or more percent of a nurse’s time can be spent in some type of documentation,” Bleich says. “Improved electronic records can result not just in time savings, but also in improved data accuracy.”

Bleich says other areas of concern are confidentiality of the electronic records and how these systems might help save money.

“The whole shift is happening right now, where more and more data is entered in the patient record electronically,” Bleich says. “This whole notion is huge.”

KU students will lead national organizations

Honors are again flooding the School of Pharmacy, especially in leadership positions within national student organizations.

Fifth-year pharmacy student Patrick Brady of Bonner Springs was recently elected president of the Academy of Students of Pharmacy, which is affiliated with the American Pharmaceutical Association. As president, Brady will oversee the executive committee for an organization that represents more than 18,000 pharmacy students nationwide.

Another fifth-year student, Angeline Eichenlaub of Overland Park, reached the highest elected position of Phi Lambda Sigma’s Leadership Society House of Delegates. Membership to the organization is by invitation only.

Leonard Plain, p’01, of Winfield, was elected chairman of the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation’s executive committee. Plain will be one of seven pharmacy students coordinating exchange programs throughout 35 countries.

“We actively promote student involvement in these organizations and we open our pockets to financially support their transportation to meetings,” Dean Jack Fincham says. “We’ve boosted funding 10-fold because this is an important focus for us. We want our students to feel really good about the University of Kansas, because when they graduate and go on to be successful in their positions, we hope they will be glad to contribute their time, talents and treasures to their alma mater.”

Hartford doctoral program selects two for fellowships

Two doctoral students in the School of Social Welfare were among seven U.S. scholars selected by the Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program in June to receive $60,000 fellowships in support of their dissertation work.

Mercedes Burn-Klug was chosen for her work on the “Social Role of Seriously Ill Nursing Home Residents.” Mitsuko Nakashima, g’89, g’91, won for her research on “A Naturalistic Inquiry of Psychosocial and Spiritual Well-being Among Terminally Ill Older Adults.” KU was the only university to have two students chosen for the prestigious awards.

Fellows receive $40,000 from the John A. Hartford Foundation of New York City and $20,000 from their home institutions over a two-year period. The program, which is administered by the Gerontological Society of America, also provides mentoring and leadership development and supports fellows’ attendance of GSA and the Council of Social Work Education annual meetings.

The Hartford Foundation estimates that 600,000 social workers practice in the United States, but only about 7 percent at the doctoral level specialize in aging.

The Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program is designed to cultivate the next generation of geriatric social work faculty who will become teachers, role models and mentors for future social workers caring for the elderly and their families. It is part of a major initiative by The Hartford Foundation to improve the well being of older adults by strengthening geriatric social work.
Flood relief
Fifty autumns ago students passed buckets, not the buck

On July 13, 1951, after a five-day deluge dumped 16 inches of rain on a valley already soaked by months of wet weather, the Kansas River swept into Lawrence, engulfing homes, businesses, farms—and nearly every road out of town—in muddy, swirling water.

On Mount Oread, summer classes went on, interrupted only by the drone of planes dropping supplies in Memorial Stadium and the clamor of students climbing Old Fraser’s tower to view the watery spectacle. But those returning to campus in September found a town still reeling from disaster. Dick Hale, who spent the summer in southwestern Kansas, recalls the shock. “It was just unbelievable to see the high-water marks,” says Hale, ‘52, “unbelievable that months later so much cleanup remained to be done.”

Many North Lawrence buildings had been swept away, and families with homes to return to still faced the gargantuan task of removing several feet of thick river mud.

The Interfraternity Council floated a proposal: Instead of spending time and money decorating for Homecoming, why not help North Lawrence dig out? Hale’s house, Phi Kappa Sigma, signed on, as did other fraternities. Sororities volunteered to serve lunch. Soon scholarship and residence halls joined the effort, and by October 700 students turned out for the first of several Saturday cleanups.

Hale worked in a basement, ankle deep in ooze so thick that students had to form a bucket brigade to bail it out by hand. North Lawrence residents were grateful for the help. “These kids have done a wonderful job,” homeowner Virgil Ball said. “I just don’t know what I would have done without them.” Nearly 700 families registered for Red Cross aid that fall; students helped cut the list to 150.

“No huge convolutions of chicken wire and papier-mâché will teeter in the breeze outside of organized houses,” the Daily Kansan editorialized on Homecoming eve; there would be “no triumphs of crepe paper, engineering ability and freshman elbow grease adorning the University this Homecoming.” But 35,000 fans still braved a December mist to watch KU beat Missouri. The newly built Campanile made its Homecoming debut, hosting recitals and tours. And though bereft of brightly lit decorations, the campus houses still drew crowds of parents, friends and alumni for coffee and doughnuts after the game. Dark on the outside, perhaps, but bright as ever within.
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