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The alumni magazine continues to be a marvelous publication and I appreciate your talent; keep up the good work.

The Danforth Chapel story [“Little Chapel on the Hill, issue No. 6] was very well done, but I wish that my friends Ned and Janet Taylor Tanner had been contacted for a photo, because Ned’s father was the architect for the chapel, and they were married there the fall after they graduated. Janet was a roommate of mine in the Chi O house, and we have been close friends all these years.

Dottie Thomas Dickey, c’48
Prairie Village

Editor’s note: As noted in Steve Hill’s story, the late Edward Tanner, e’46, KU’s first architecture graduate and a Distinguished Service Citation honoree, designed Danforth Chapel. Edward Jr., b’48, and Janet, f’48, are retired in Colorado and Arizona.

The Edwards Jayhawks

We were very pleased the dedication of the Edwards Jayhawk received attention in the last issue of the Kansas Alumni magazine [“Twin beaks,” Jayhawk Walk] and also a rightful place in the calendar that accompanied it. We feel mine in the Chi O house, and we have been close friends all these years.

Robert M. Clark
Vice Chancellor

Our valued associates

We’re enclosing $60 for 2007 joint membership in the Association. I’m sure we puzzled you last year, by asking that my wife, Jane, be included, even though she is not a KU grad.

It all started back in the ’40s, when I worked for Lockheed Aircraft, while she (a United Airlines employee in San Francisco) was flown to Burbank as a troubleshooter at the Los Angeles Airport across the street from Lockheed.

When she moved to North Hollywood across the street from my living quarters, she caught the attention of five other men in my house. A poker game ensued—my hand was unbeatable.

I proposed; she accepted; we were married just as KU’s big drive for Campanile construction hit town. Soon I found I was treasurer for Greater Los Angeles KU alumni. I didn’t realize the assignment would entail collecting and remitting Campanile funds from more than 900 KU grads in the area.

When I first got my computer connected to the Internet, I began playing around on Google to see whether I could find information on my mother’s friends from KU. At one point it said that members of the Alumni Association could get addresses of other members.

Right away, I signed up my mom [Anna Doty Winters, f’38]. A few weeks later her best friend called from California [after her request had been forwarded by the Alumni Association]. Their renewed friendship lasted a couple of months before he died of cancer. My mother [who died in 2005] was so grateful for all that the Association did for her in making the contact.

Alan L. Winters
Via e-mail (residence unknown)

We messed U.P.

I just received my copy of your annual report. The map on page 5 has a glaring error: the Upper Peninsula of Michigan has been omitted. Michigan does extend north of Wisconsin. Check with any of the geographers on campus.

Gary Agin, e’63
Houghton, Mich.

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A tradition is born: On Dec. 13, midway through finals week, the Student Involvement and Leadership Center organized “Finals Frenzy,” at which stressed-out students (including sophomore basketball star Julian Wright, far left) gathered outside the Kansas Union and screamed their lungs out.

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22 Dallas: School of Education Professional Society reception

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Mary Colglazier, M.D., died in 2003.

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As legislators and University leaders finished their lunch Nov. 2 in Malott Hall, Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway nodded toward the eldest member of the group: University Architect Warren Corman, ’50.

Corman, the chancellor explained, had designed Malott Hall more than 50 years ago, early in his long career as architect for the Kansas Board of Regents.

“If this building had held up as well as Warren has, we wouldn’t need to have this conversation,” Hemenway said.

Bursts of laughter followed, as heads nodded in agreement. Through comic relief, the chancellor had depicted a grim problem in stark relief: the halls of higher education have not aged gracefully.

As you’ll read in Chris Lazzarino’s story, the academic buildings at all six Regents universities are sorely in need of repair. The total price for deferred maintenance has reached a whopping $727 million, including $208 million on KU’s Lawrence campus and nearly $76 million at the KU Medical Center.

If the subject gives you an eerie sense of déjà vu, don’t worry. We have reported on the longstanding dilemma before, most recently in 2005, when the needs totaled a mere $584 million.

This year, however, there is hope that Kansas will begin to address the issue. The state currently has a $300 million budget surplus and, now that lawmakers have completed a long and painful process to establish a vital funding plan for K-12 education, higher education issues have regained prominence.

Throughout the fall, Nelson Galle, Regents chair, Hemenway and other university presidents traveled the state, providing examples of falling ceilings, leaky roofs, faulty windows, frayed wiring and rusting pipes.

They asked for a “down payment” toward the total cost, ideally in the range of 25 percent, or about $180 million. Students at KU, Kansas State and Wichita State universities implored Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, ’80, to include deferred maintenance in her budget proposal, and alumni, including the Jayhawks for Higher Education, added their voices to the chorus.

In her State of the State address Jan. 10, the governor promised to unveil by the end of January a “multiyear plan” to deal with the issue. She also proposed a $30 million increase in the operating grant for all Regents universities, and she vowed to provide additional state scholarships for higher education to help middle-class families cope with the recent five-year climb in tuition costs.

Leaders in the Kansas Legislature also included deferred maintenance in their goals for the session. Republicans in the House of Representatives proposed creating a trust fund of $75 million—one-tenth of the total bill—for repairs. They also asked the Regents to submit a five-year plan that designates repairs in priority order, building by building.

Senate President Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, in his response to the State of the State address, announced a task force to find solutions for the backlog of repairs. He also asked the group to submit proposals to maintain steady tuition costs and streamline the operation of vocational and technical schools. He appointed Sen. Jean Schodorf, R-Wichita, to lead the group.

Morris called deferred maintenance “a glaring problem,” adding that the failing infrastructure has subjected university students to “conditions we would never tolerate in a K-12 environment.”

Those conditions will only worsen if the state continues to postpone solutions. Now that deferred maintenance is on leaders’ to-do lists, talk must lead to action.
...To where the air is sweet

Spencer Lott can tell you how to get to, get to Sesame Street: Wrangle an invite from Snuffleupagus.

The Lawrence theatre freshman spent a week in August on the New York City set of the long-running children’s show. He attended a “Sesame Street” Puppet Workshop (the first in 15 years) at the invitation of Martin P. Robinson, the puppeteer behind Snuffleupagus. Lott met Robinson at the O’Neill Puppetry Conference in Waterford, Conn.

“It really was a dream come true,” says Lott, who has wanted to be a puppeteer for as long as he can remember. “It’s really encouraging, I’m not there yet. I’m only 19 and I’m still learning the tricks and meeting the people, but it’s really encouraging to get the opportunity to learn what it takes to be in this business.”

In addition to working with “Sesame Street” cast members like Kevin Clash (Elmo) and Matt Vogel (Big Bird), Lott was among 25 workshop participants who recorded a monologue that the show’s producers keep on file.

“It means I’m on their list of possible replacement puppeteers,” Lott says of his audition tape. “I could be chicken No. 4 on a ‘Sesame Street’ skit.”

He’s on his way ...

School spirit on line one

It raises goosebumps on fans and strikes fear in opponents, but now the nation’s greatest college cheer has a new assignment: Keep callers hanging on when they’re placed on hold.

Noting that many people gain their first impression of KU over the phone—where 70 percent are put on hold at some point—University Relations put together Rock Chalk Remix, a snappy medley that combines the KU chant and a jazzy update of the Alma Mater. Faculty, staff and offices on the Lawrence campus can use the music, which is also accompanied by the “KU Serves Kansas” radio spots broadcast during football and basketball games, to replace the dead air that callers previously heard. Plans are even underway to let Jayhawks download the two-minute song to play at tailgates and watch parties.

So go ahead: Hold that line! And feel free to whistle while you wait.

This Tiger roots for the Jayhawks

Curtis Granderson, the Detroit Tigers’ superstar center fielder, admitted shortly before the World Series that he harbors an odd assortment of lifelong sports allegiances: the NFL’s Buffalo Bills, baseball’s Atlanta Braves (outfielder David Justice was a favorite), and the Kansas Jayhawks.

“I’d love to go to one of their games,” Granderson said of KU’s men’s basketball team, in a USA Today profile.

After reading the article, Alumni Association president Kevin Corbett, c’88, and Athletics Director Lew Perkins both sent along offers for Granderson to attend a game in Allen Field House as their guest. Here’s hoping he makes it to Lawrence before pitchers and catchers report in mid-February, and we’d suggest he try for Jan. 15 ... if only so we can cheer on a Tiger to twist Missouri’s tail.
A time machine’s final lessons

E
arl Schweppe, professor emeritus of electrical engineering and computer science, was recently carting pieces of an IBM 650 through Eaton Hall when wide-eyed students asked, “What’s that?”

Schweppe explained that it was the guts of KU’s first mainframe computer, installed in Strong Hall in 1957. He pointed out the tubes and wires, then pulled out a broken belt drive and said, grinning, “This is what powered the memory.”

Schweppe estimated that the fully assembled, room-size computer had about one kilobyte of memory, far less than a digital watch, which is precisely why it’s worth saving from the Dumpster.

“This was the first successful, profitable computer ever built, and I’m just trying to keep it from getting trashed,” said the legendary former professor of the grueling course “History of the Computer.”

Next he plans to clean off some of the tubes and preserve them as historical trophies for honors graduates, who will likely have the same reaction: “What’s that?”

A horse of KU colors

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n Nov. 4, Kentucky-based trainer Doug Danner saddled Free Thinking in the Breeders’ Cup Mile, with the jockey clad in blue silks emblazoned with a custom-stitched Jayhawk, representing the Danner family’s pride in hailing from Burlington.

Not so remarkable, perhaps, except that Free Thinking’s owner, Jim Nelson, of Tulsa, Okla., is an OU alumnus.

Nelson bought Free Thinking about a year ago, and sent the 5-year-old under-achiever to Danner, who trained him gently for his season debut last April in Lexington. Keeneland Race Course didn’t have Nelson’s Maple Ridge Stable silks in stock, so the trainer put his own silks on the jockey.

Free Thinking ran second, then won a stakes race at Churchill Downs by more than 7 lengths, followed by a runner-up finish in a Grade II stakes.

By then Nelson had shipped his silks to Kentucky, but in his first race under his owner’s colors, Free Thinking ran seventh. So when they sent him to New York for a big race at Belmont Park, Danner and Nelson reverted to the Jayhawk silks, and Free Thinking responded by placing a close second. They left the KU colors on for the Breeders’ Cup, and a devoted OU Sooner watched his first Cup entrant run under a Jayhawk-clad rider.

“That jockey could have been naked and I wouldn’t have noticed the difference,” Nelson says with a laugh. “It was the Breeders’ Cup.”

Free Thinking ran 11th in a crowded race, and returned with a bruised eye that swelled shut that night. He’s recovered now, and Nelson is pondering which silks to use for Free Thinking next year.

“If KU fans want to get behind him, I might be inspired to leave the Jayhawk silks on him,” Nelson says. “If he runs like he did this year, I’m sure I could take it.”

Giddyup.
A project to add six new classrooms and additional staff space to the Hilltop Child Development Center will need to negotiate the usual hurdles any KU construction project faces.

Board of Regents approval must be granted. Blueprints must be drawn. Funding must be finalized.

One other condition must be met before an addition to the 18,000-square-foot building gets the go-ahead from Hilltop director Pat Pisani. Nap time must be honored.

“Contractors have to know that from 12 to 2:30 they can’t be doing loud, banging noisy work,” says Pisani, g’68. “We’ve got sleeping kids. It’s going to create chaos for hundreds of parents later in the day if for five months none of these kids gets a nap.”

The $2 million project will add about 7,200 square feet by extending both wings of the L-shaped center, which was built in 2000 to provide child-care for about 212 preschool children of KU students, faculty and staff. Hilltop serves another 100 or so kids through after-school programs.

More than 300 children are on a waiting list. The children of KU students get first priority, and there are about five slots held open for the University to use as a recruiting tool for landing high-profile faculty. The wait for faculty and staff families can often stretch from two to four years.

“The hardest part of my job is when I talk to someone who is desperate for childcare and I have to say there’s absolutely no way we can help,” Pisani says.

Adding six new classrooms and 12 teachers will allow Hilltop to care for about 90 more children. That won’t come close to wiping out the waiting list, but it will help. Negotiations also are
Parent rap

Social Welfare project to help adoptive parents smooth the move to family life

The first few months after the birth of a new baby can be a blur of sleepless nights, endless diapers and chaos where once there was calm.

The key to getting through those first stressful weeks and months: support, and lots of it.

The same goes for those who adopt children, even though the challenges may differ, according to Alice Lieberman, a professor of social welfare who will soon launch Strong and Stable Families, a support program for families who adopt.

“There is a lot of evidence to suggest that recently adopted children put unique strains on the family,” she says. “This is a way to sustain the family through the transition.”

Lieberman received a five-year, $1.25 million grant to launch the program from the Administration for Children and Families, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Her project has two basic goals: educate parents and offer some relief from the daily pressures a recent adoption can bring.

“We try to get people knowledge and skills for parenting,” Lieberman says. “Research suggests that commitment to the marriage is a big factor in successful adoptions, so the program also builds in material to give people ways to sustain their commitment to their partners.”

Sessions can take the form of a weekend retreat or weekly “date nights.” In both cases, parents who have adopted a child within 18 months meet with social work professionals and other parents for family life training. Child-care is provided as part of the program.

“Part of the reason we do this is to give parents a break,” Lieberman says.

“If kids get adopted into homes where they can’t be handled, there are problems later on and the community suffers.”

—Professor Alice Lieberman
Jiā yóu, KU!

The Jayhawks’ win over Dartmouth Nov. 28 was notable not only for the 51-point margin, but also for the play-by-play. Zhiqun “James” Liang, visiting scholar and adviser at KU’s new Confucius Institute, and Sheree Willis, c’79, g’01, associate director of the institute, called the action from Allen Field House—the first time in Big 12 history a game was broadcast in Chinese. Students in China and Lawrence gathered to hear the call, streamed live on kuathletics.com.

“I like to think that we are paying the peace dividend,” Lieberman says. “Because if these kids don’t get adopted or they get adopted into homes where they can’t be handled, there are problems later on and the community suffers as a result.”

Classes will begin in March, and Lieberman hopes to sign up parents who have adopted recently (within the last 18 months) with a wide range of experiences.

“This really is for parents who are happy campers or stressed out campers,” she says. “We’re looking for a heterogeneous group.”

For more information on Strong and Stable Families, contact Lieberman at the School of Social Welfare, alicel@ku.edu.

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A hand up

New scholarship targets Kansas students in need

A longtime KU benefactor this fall created a new scholarship program that will help Kansans who face financial need or other personal hardships attend the University.

The Ernest F. Lied Foundation of Las Vegas donated $5 million to the KU Endowment Association to fund The Christina M. Hixson Opportunity Awards.

Christina Hixson, the trustee of the Lied Foundation, says she created the scholarship to help students who otherwise would not have the means to attend a four-year university.

“I’m interested in giving students a chance,” says Hixson, who did not have the opportunity to go to college.

“This scholarship will support a lot of first-generation college students, and students who didn’t think that they could afford KU,” Hixson says. “That’s my hope—to make a difference to them.”

Hixson Opportunity Awards are worth $5,000 per year for four years. The first 10 scholarships will be awarded to freshmen admitted for the 2007-08 academic year. Ten more students will be added each year until the program supports renewable scholarships for 40 students annually.
Applicants must demonstrate financial need or have faced personal hardship; they must also qualify academically to enter KU. First priority will go to students whose parents did not receive a four-year college degree.

KU has many need-based and merit-based financial awards. During the current academic year, 7,290 private scholarships, fellowships and other awards worth more than $23 million were given to some 5,000 students. But the Hixson Opportunity Awards are unique because of who they target, and when.

“Ms. Hixson is reaching out to students who aren’t even thinking about college,” says Marlesa Roney, vice provost for student success. “These are people for whom college is not even on the radar screen, not because of talent or ability, but because of finances or family situation. Now we are able to say to them, ‘Because of this program, you should be thinking about KU and we can provide you with financial support.’”

Students who may qualify for the awards will hear from KU long before it’s time to apply. The Office of Student Success will work with schools, churches and community groups to identify potential applicants as early as the sixth grade.

“It’s imperative that we get the message to them early,” Roney says, “because students who don’t see college as a possibility often don’t take the college prep courses in high school. We need to plant the seed early so they can take the kinds of courses they need to succeed at KU.”

Once they arrive on campus, Hixson Opportunity Award recipients will get a hand from Hawk Link and other retention programs that are designed to ease the transition to college, especially for those students who are the first in their families to attend a four-year school.

“I think what Ms. Hixson really talks about is hope,” Roney says. “She may not actually use that word, but that’s the impression created for me. She wants to give people hope and knowledge that there is going to be a way for them to go to college.”

The Lied Foundation has committed more than $19.5 million to KU over the years. Past foundation gifts include lead construction support for the Lied Center for the Performing Arts, programming support for the Lied Center, and funding for biomedical research at KU Medical Center. Hixson received KU’s highest honor, the Distinguished Service Citation, from the University and the Alumni Association in 1993.

Michael Behe, professor of biochemistry at Lehigh University and author of Darwin’s Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution, addressed “The Argument for Intelligent Design in Biology” as part of the Knowledge: Faith & Reason lecture series.

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WHEN: Dec. 7
WHERE: Crafton-Preyer Theatre

BACKGROUND: Behe’s scientific research focuses on complex biochemical systems in plants and animals. He argues that some biochemical organisms are “irreducibly complex,” and thus cannot be the result of gradual Darwinian evolution. His ideas are often cited as scientific evidence of Intelligent Design by proponents of that view.

ANECDOTE: Behe says that his views do not argue that evolution doesn’t happen, only that evolution cannot explain the origin of certain complex biological organisms. Behe also denies that his aim is to encourage the view that only God could have created such complex systems.

QUOTE: “I’m not doing this to justify some theological point,” Behe said. “I do not claim to know the mind of God.”

“My argument is not that Darwinian processes don’t explain anything; it’s that Darwinian processes don’t explain everything.”

—Michael Behe
New damages discovered as storm repairs proceed

Add another victim to the roster of wind damage wreaked by the March 12 microburst: Allen Field House’s metal roof, which must be replaced at a cost of $700,000 to $900,000. The storm’s extreme winds lifted the roof and weakened watertight seams; when repairs proved ineffective, the Federal Emergency Management Agency recommended it be replaced.

The roof is only 9 years old, and was expected to last as long as three decades. “It’s significant, because we had not anticipated replacing this roof for many years,” says Jim Modig, a’73, director of design and construction management. “But it has to be done.”

Modig hopes bids are completed in time for installation to begin in the spring, but well after the men’s and women’s basketball teams have played their final home games.

Also awaiting a new roof is Summerfield Hall. Green, Snow, Bailey and Budig halls, and the Art and Design Building, all required new roofs, or significant repairs, after being fitted with new roofs within the past 10 years.

Specialized crews braved frigid December winds while replacing the roof on Fraser Hall, a project so perilous it required its own full-time safety supervisor, for the protection of laborers above and pedestrians walking near the heavily used building.

Despite numerous unforeseen complications, Modig thinks the original repair estimate of $6 million might be off by as little as $500,000. He and his crews have compiled four huge binders of paperwork, documenting every dime and minute devoted to storm repairs, in anticipation of FEMA reimbursing about 75 percent of KU’s uninsured losses, estimated at about $4 million. (About $1.5 million of the total was damage to student housing and other structures that are insured.)

The state’s Finance Council voted in December to reimburse KU for the remaining 25 percent. –Chris Lazzarino

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Highly rated department achieves academic first

Steven Maynard-Moody, professor of public administration, has been elected to the National Academy of Public Administration. He is KU’s fifth member of the prestigious group.

With Maynard-Moody’s election, KU’s department of public administration becomes the first in the country to have all of its full professors as members of the academy.

The department is among the top-ranked public affairs programs. U.S. News and World Report currently rates the MPA program in city management and urban policy first in the nation.

Class Credit

Henry Fitch, professor emeritus of ecology and evolutionary biology (“Regarding Henry,” issue No. 6, 2002) received the 2006 Suzanne L. and Joseph T. Collins Award for Excellence in Kansas Herpetology from the Center for North American Herpetology.

The award, named for photographer Suzanne Collins, ’82, and Adjunct Herpetologist Joseph Collins, recognizes excellence in photography and academic research of Kansas amphibians, snakes and reptiles. Fitch was honored for his paper “A Field Study of the Timber Rattlesnake in Leavenworth County, Kansas,” which appeared in the Journal of Kansas Herpetology.

Fitch is entering his 57th year living on the Fitch Nature Reserve, which is part of KU’s Field Station and Ecological Reserves outside Lawrence. His 1999 book A Kansas Snake Community: Composition and Changes Over 50 Years, is widely hailed as the longest study of invertebrates ever conducted.
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Milestones, money and other matters

- **KU’S ENDOWMENT PASSED $1 BILLION** during the fiscal year that ended June 30. Endowed funds, which are managed by KU Endowment on behalf of the University, rose by almost 10 percent for the year, to $1.05 billion. The total value of Endowment’s assets, which includes the endowed funds and real estate holdings, reached $1.25 billion. Endowment contributed $99 million in University support last year, and has provided total support of $1.3 billion since it was founded in 1891.

- **PAUL HANSON** received the 2006 HOPE Award. The Honor for an Outstanding Progressive Educator was established by the Class of 1959 and is the only KU teaching award given exclusively by students. Hanson, a professor of chemistry, was presented the award at Memorial Stadium during the Nov. 18 football game between KU and Kansas State.

- **KU RANKS NINTH** in the world when it comes to the rate of new patents issued, according to a study released this fall by the nonprofit think tank called The Milken Institute. “Mind to Market: A Global Analysis of University Biotechnology Transfer and Commercialization” found that KU receives .62 patents for every patent application filed. At the end of fiscal 2006, KU held 45 U.S. patents with 53 pending.

- **SCOTT HARRIS** was named Coach of the Year by the National Debate Tournament. Harris has coached the KU debate team for 16 years, qualifying for the National Debate Tournament every year and advancing to the Final Four in 1994 and 1998. The team is currently ranked No. 1 in the nation.

- **THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES** announced the five recipients of its Alumni Distinguished Achievement Awards for 2006-’07. The winners, who will be honored at the Dean’s Club gathering in April, are Thomas G. Burish, PhD’76, provost of the University of Notre Dame; Steven Hawley, c’73, a veteran astronaut who has flown on five space shuttle missions; Rosemary O’Leary, c’78, l’81, g’82, distinguished professor of public administration and co-director of the Program for the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University; Randy Scott, PhD’84, chairman and CEO of Genomic Health; and B.H. “Pete” Fairchild, c’64, g’68, author of four books of poetry and the Lorraine Sherley Professor of Literature at Texas Christian University.

- **JAMES GUNN,** j’47, g’51, professor emeritus of English, has been named a grand master of science fiction by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America. “The grand master award is an honor that every science fiction writer aspires to but few dare consider might happen,” says Gunn, who has written 28 science fiction books and directs the Center for the Study of Science Fiction at KU. “A significant part of the honor is to join the 24 earlier giants in the field, to be mentioned in the same breath with Robert A. Heinlein, Isaac Asimov, Arthur C. Clarke, Jack Williamson, Frederik Pohl, Ursula K. Le Guin and all the others who have received the award before and those who will come after.”
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Quick study
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With Kaun’s return, the young man they call Shady shifted from center to his natural position at power forward, and shifted his role from starter to sixth man. Arthur asked Self to bring him in off the bench to avoid a tendency toward early fouls that seems to be one of the few hitches in an otherwise stellar start to his college career. He has put his pine time to good use.

“I’m just seeing how they call the game, how the other team is playing, what they’re doing out there so I can come in and not make the same mistakes,” Arthur says.

Self pinpoints that eagerness to avoid mistakes as the most pleasant surprise about Arthur, who committed to Kansas last May after first postponing a news conference in which he was expected to choose Baylor. After sleeping on his decision overnight, Arthur said he changed his mind because he dreamed that he saw himself playing in a Kansas uniform. Slow to commit, he has been quick to catch on.

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Self says. “You know how all guys hate to screw up? He really hates to mess up. He’s going to become a very, very smart basketball player here real soon. He’s well on his way, because he studies it and he’s really getting it.”

After encountering what his coach calls “a bit of a freshman funk” in late December, Arthur’s production dipped slightly from his team-leading 13.4 points per game. (Entering Big 12 play, he was third in scoring, behind sophomores Brandon Rush and Mario Chalmers, with 12.5 points per game. He led the team in blocked shots, with 32.)

Arthur has fought through slumps before. Asked if he worried about the vaunted “freshman wall,” he admitted that he had, even before games began.

“I thought I hit it in the off-season, when we were doing workouts. My body. I was like, man, I’m never going to get over this hump. But it wore off and I’m starting to play better.”

Arthur picked up the nickname Slim Shady because of his slight stature in high school, but hitting the weights has helped him bulk up and drop “Slim” from his handle. He has displayed good range and a soft touch when shooting the ball, and his nimble post play, quick release and willingness to learn have impressed his fellow big men.

“He’s a very smart basketball player, with some really, really good post-up moves,” Kaun says. “He reads the defense very well and has a quick shot. He can hit shots from the top of the key.” Adds sophomore Julian Wright, “He’s pretty good at challenging everybody, not just the big men. He’s a guy who competes and wants to get better every day.”

Self says that Arthur, known for his shot-blocking while leading his Dallas high school team to two state titles, is learning quickly on defense as well—a must for anyone looking to gain playing time on a team that led the nation in field goal percentage defense last season (also at 37.1 percent) and ranks eighth this year (at 37.1 percent). Like many freshmen, he tends to play defense with his hands, rather than his feet, Self says, and that has contributed to his foul troubles. But another factor, according to the coach, is that he has been asked to play center, at times, instead of his natural position of power forward.

With Kaun healthy again, Arthur seems poised to make an even greater leap forward as Big 12 play begins—and the Jayhawks look more than ever like the team to beat. —Steven Hill

From jubilation to heartbreak

Jon Cornish’s record runs and KSU victory bring smiles; Mizzou loss halts celebration

Running back Jon Cornish didn’t end his KU football career in a bowl game, or even with a victory, but he left his mark nonetheless. The senior from New Westminster, British Columbia, rushed for 1,457 yards, breaking Tony Sands’ single-season record, set in 1991, by 15 yards.

Cornish, the Big 12’s leader in all-purpose yards at 137.6 per game, was one of two unanimous first-team All-Big 12 selections by the Associated Press. Sophomore cornerback Aqib Talib, of Richardson, Texas, who led the nation in passes defended and tied for the Big 12 lead in interceptions, also was chosen All-Big 12 by the Associated Press, and both were voted first team All-Big 12 by the conference’s coaches.

Unfortunately for the Jayhawks, individual honors turned out to be the highlights of a 6-6 season that flattened out with a 42-17 loss at Missouri. Although the Jayhawks qualified for a post-season bowl game with six victories, they did not finish high enough in the Big 12 to earn an invitation to one of the confer-
ence’s eight affiliated games.

The loss at Missouri dampened spirits that were soaring after a 39-20 victory over Kansas State. That win, the season finale in Memorial Stadium, was the Jayhawks’ third conference victory in a row after a string of four consecutive conference losses by a combined total of 21 points.

“It was a good day for our kids,” coach Mark Mangino said after the Kansas State game Nov. 18. “I’m really happy for them. They deserve it. They deserve to have some fun, and some time to celebrate.”

Said Cornish, “I had no intention of letting K-State win this game. If we had lost this game it would have been the ultimate disappointment.”

Senior center David Ochoa and junior fullback Brandon McAnderson both were named All-Big 12 second team. Senior safety Jerome Kemp, junior defensive tackle James McClinton, sophomore linebacker Mike Rivera and senior guard Bob Whitaker, who started every game of his KU career, were named honorable mention.

“He’s a tough son of a gun,” Mangino said of Whitaker.

On Dec. 29, more than a month after KU’s final game, offensive coordinator Nick Quartaro resigned, citing a desire to leave coaching for “a new career path.” Quartaro, also quarterbacks coach and associate head coach, was a member of Mangino’s original coaching staff. No replacement had been named as of press time.

The 2007 schedule opens Sept. 1 at home vs. Central Michigan, which beat Middle Tennessee State, 31-14, in the Dec. 26 Motor City Bowl, one of the postseason games KU had hoped to receive an invitation from. KU’s home Big 12 schedule includes Baylor Oct. 13, Nebraska Nov. 3, Iowa State Nov. 17 and Missouri Nov. 24.

The Big 12 in December announced that KU will face Missouri in its final regular-season game through 2015, resuming a tradition that had been interrupted only once from 1950 to 1994. —Chris Lazzarino

Bill Nieder, who won the 1960 Olympic shot put, recently became the ninth Jayhawk inducted in the National Track and Field Hall of Fame. Nieder, ’56, of Mountain Ranch, Calif., set three world records, won the NCAA title in 1955 and captured five conference titles. ...

Big 12 cross country champion Colby Wissel finished 26th at the NCAA championships, and the Jayhawks finished 20th in the men’s team standings. .... According to research by the Kansas City Star, the record for most men’s basketball career coaching victories, now held by Texas Tech’s Bob Knight, is not held by a KU alumnus for the first time since Kentucky’s Adolph Rupp, c’23, took the record from Western Kentucky’s Edgar Diddle in 1967. Rupp was passed by North Carolina’s Dean Smith, d’53, in 1997. Forrest C. “Phog” Allen, ’09, owned the mark from 1923 to ’62. ... Track coach Stanley Redwine has been named U.S. men’s head coach for the Pan Am Games July 13-29 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. ... Men’s basketball coach Bill Self on Nov. 30 signed a new contract, good through March 2011. His previous contract would have expired in April 2008.
Sports Calendar

Men's basketball

JANUARY
20 at Texas Tech
24 at Baylor
27 Colorado
29 at Nebraska

FEBRUARY
3 Texas A&M
7 Kansas State
10 at Missouri
14 at Colorado
17 Nebraska
19 at Kansas State
24 Iowa State
26 at Oklahoma

MARCH
3 Texas
8-11 at Big 12 Championships, Oklahoma City

Swimming & diving

JANUARY
26-27 Iowa State

FEBRUARY
14-17 at Big 12 Championships, College Station, Texas

Indoor track & field

JANUARY
20 Jayhawk Invitational
27 at New Mexico Invitational

FEBRUARY
2-3 at Husker Invitational, Lincoln, Neb.
9-10 at Iowa State Classic
23-24 at Big 12 Indoor, Ames, Iowa

Tennis

JANUARY
21 vs. Tulsa and Drake
27 Texas

FEBRUARY
3 vs. Syracuse, at Wake Forest
4 at Wake Forest
11 Arkansas
16 BYU
17 Utah
24 at Oklahoma State

MARCH
2 at Iowa
3 at Iowa State
10 Nebraska
11 vs. Louisville and St. Louis
30 at Baylor

Women's basketball

JANUARY
20 Iowa State
24 at Kansas State
27 at Nebraska
31 Texas Tech

FEBRUARY
3 at Texas A&M
6 Colorado
10 at Texas
14 Missouri
18 Kansas State
21 Oklahoma
24 at Colorado

MARCH
1 at Missouri
6-8, 10 at Big 12 Championships, Oklahoma City

Women's golf

FEBRUARY
7-9 at Hawaii-Hilo Invitational
26-27 at The All-American, Charlotte, N.C.

MARCH
5-6 at Louisiana Classics, Lafayette, La.
19-20 at the Western Intercollegiate, Santa Cruz, Calif.
26-27 at Stevinson Ranch Intercollegiate, Stevinson, Calif.

Men's golf

FEBRUARY

MARCH
16-18 at Betsy Rawls Invitational, Austin, Texas
24-25 at Mountain View Collegiate, Tucson, Ariz.

Tennis

FEBRUARY
8-11 vs. UC-Santa Barbara, Cal, Oregon State, San Diego State and UMass, at Campbell-Cartier Classic, San Diego
16-18 vs. South Carolina, Florida State, Jacksonville and Memphis, at Tallahassee, Fla.
23-25 vs. Kent State, Louisville and Iowa, at Louisville, Ky.

Softball

FEBRUARY
2-4 vs. Iowa State, Tulsa and North Texas, at Tulsa, Okla.
9-11 vs. Drake, North Dakota State and New Mexico, Jayhawk Invitational
16-18, 20 vs. Cal-Poly, Idaho State
24-25 at Oklahoma State
28 at Missouri State
31-April 1 Baylor
On Oct. 12, Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway and Athletics Director Lew Perkins sat at a table at the front of Haml Auditorium, staring grim-faced into a rank of TV cameras. Flanking the cameras were sportswriters, columnists and radio reporters from across the region, as well as curious coaches, athletes and University staff.

Hemenway was not wearing the crimson-and-blue striped tie he typically dons for happier news conferences in the Wagnon Student-Athlete Center.

“By now I assume you have all read the NCAA Committee on Infractions’ decision,” Chancellor Hemenway began, in his most somber, serious tone. “I want to emphasize what should be very clear: This was a major infractions case.”

Not a good day. Certainly not a jaunty-Jayhawk-on-the-lapel kind of day:

• The most serious offense was “academic fraud” committed in summer 2003 by a football graduate assistant who, according to the NCAA ruling, supplied correspondence-course test answers to two junior-college recruits who were trying to gain KU eligibility.

• The NCAA ruled that a booster gave improper benefits—including cash, clothing and transportation—to a basketball player and his family. According to coach Bill Self, the player thought the gifts were allowable because he considered the booster part of his extended family.

• On top of these major violations, the NCAA added the dreaded tag of “lack of institutional control,” largely for allowing the compliance office to disintegrate into a half-time position from 2001 to 2003.

The NCAA placed KU on probation until October 2009. The University already had placed the athletics department on two years of probation, after announcing the results of its internal investigation in July 2005.

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

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The NCAA also revoked three initial football scholarships (following similar self-imposed reductions mandated for 2005 and ’06) and one men’s basketball scholarship for each of the next two seasons, and reduced allowable on-campus visits by men’s basketball recruits from 24 to 16 for two years.

Because the NCAA did not impose bans on postseason tournaments (as happened Oct. 31, 1988, when KU was last placed on probation, preventing the Jayhawks from defending their 1988 men’s basketball championship) or TV appearances, some commentators announced that KU got off easy.

Headlines in the Kansas City Star included “Humble Pie Goes Uneaten” and “Penalties considered light.” Topeka Capital-Journal columnist Kurt Caywood, while praising KU’s spirited investigation and compliance-office corrections, also noted that while the NCAA report highlighted the “buffoonery” of former Athletics Director Al Bohl, “most of the rest of the principals—all those whose names you would recognize—received absolution.”

Hemenway and Perkins did not seek absolution—only recognition from the NCAA that they were committed to permanently fixing what was broken—and, while they accepted the sanctions without argument or appeal, neither did they think KU got off easy. They still don’t.

Oct. 12, 2006, like Oct. 31, 1988, will remain a dark day for KU athletics. But those in charge—those whose names you would recognize—expect that it will help the University get better at the serious business of playing intercollegiate athletics with integrity.

“The fact of the matter is, the University of Kansas dropped the ball,” Hemenway said in November. “We didn’t have a program that was in compliance the way that Jayhawk fans want it to be and the way that the chancellor and the athletics director want it to be. We’ve taken those penalties and we are moving on, with the very strongly held conviction that we will never again let something like this happen at the University of Kansas.”

Enter Theresa Becker.

** Associate Athletics Director Theresa Becker, who has been in charge of KU’s athletics compliance office since Nov. 1, 2005, concedes she still doesn’t really see herself as an administrator. Her first job after leaving Southeast Missouri State University with an education degree was as softball coach at Furman University in South Carolina. From 1992 to ’95 she was head women’s basketball coach at Iowa State University. Then she spent two years as associate head women’s basketball coach at the University of Nebraska before joining the NU compliance department in 1997.
“I never wanted to be an old coach,” Becker says in her modest office, filled by a large desk whose surface is a quilt of tidy piles of paperwork and her well-thumbed copy of the 500-page NCAA Manual. “I always wanted to be a players’ coach, participating in practices and engaged in activities with my kids, so I knew there would be a day when I would want to get into administration. But even with that thought, the last place within the athletic department I would have preferred to work was compliance.

“Compliance is a chore, a task, a responsibility. It’s a job that most people wouldn’t want to touch with a 10-foot pole. But I’ve taken a lot of my coaching attitude and my coaching philosophy, and I look at it as a challenge.”

The KU athletics department already had issued the results of its two-year internal investigation, which launched the NCAA investigation, when Perkins recruited Becker from Nebraska, where she was assistant athletics director, to head KU’s compliance office as associate athletics director.

“When Lew said to me, ‘We don’t want just a compliant program at Kansas; we want the best compliance program in the country,’ that really sparked a deep interest,” Becker says. “And I’ve always enjoyed being put into situations where I can build and create.”

She got her wish.

Since her arrival, the compliance office’s three full-time staff members and a part-time administrative assistant have all moved on.

To replace them, Becker hired Kristine Fowler, from the University of Miami, as assistant athletics director for compliance, and compliance coordinators Angela Riffey, b’04, g’07, and Randal Krahulik, who share team-by-team oversight of documentation and monitoring. She also brought in Dino Bell, c’96, g’99, known to KU fans from his days as a running back in the 1980s, as director of initial and continuing eligibility.

Becker also plans to search for a replacement for former Assistant Athletics Director Merlene Aitken, who left in August for an associate A.D.’s position at Winston-Salem State University, once the dust settles from the staff overhaul she engineered in less than a year.

Becker arrived too late to prevent the sanctions announced Oct. 12. It’s now her job to make sure the chancellor never again has to reconsider wearing his KU colors at an athletics department news conference.

She speaks softly and precisely, projecting confidence, ability and authority. She is calm and organized while also working quickly. Maybe even quickly enough to suit the boss.

“When I came here, I was surprised and, to be perfectly frank, disappointed,” Perkins says of his hiring in summer 2003 and his now-infamous first day on the job, when he was briefed by Interim Athletics Director Drue Jennings, d’68, l’72, on the department’s tumultuous compliance situation. “I was taken back a bit when I saw that we had half a position for compliance—a third of a position, really, because the person in that job was also senior woman administrator and director of sports.

“From that day, there was never any question what my priority was going to be. Compliance went straight to the top, and it has stayed there every single day for more than three years.”

The NCAA case chronology states

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to meet its responsibilities—coupled with the then director of athletics ignoring the need to upgrade the compliance effort—are clear indicators of a lack of institutional control,” the NCAA’s Committee on Infractions stated in its major-violations report.

Yet according to every available indicator, the culture of compliance within KU athletics has completely changed under Perkins and Becker.

The University of Alabama’s Gene Marsh, chair of the NCAA Committee on Infractions, said shortly before the penalties were announced, “The actions that were taken by Perkins were meaningful and significant. ... He’s made all the right moves since taking the job.”

Overland Park attorney and consultant Rick Evrard, hired by KU to conduct the internal investigation that led to self-imposed sanctions and an NCAA investigation, says, “I think Chairman Gene Marsh’s comments said it all. It’s a changed atmosphere on the University of Kansas campus. There is a full commitment to compliance from the chancellor’s office on down, and Lew is the spearhead for making sure there are enough resources, enough availability of personnel and funds. Whatever compliance needs to run properly, that will be taken care of.”

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Rick Evrard began his career in 1985 as an NCAA investigator. He is now a member of Bond, Schoeneck & King, a 140-person firm headquartered in Syracuse, N.Y. His Overland Park office has three partners and two associates, all of whom specialize in NCAA compliance audits and internal investigations.

He has seen NCAA compliance from every possible angle, and he says that while all NCAA schools design different compliance plans, the results must be identical: industrious oversight. When things go wrong, the problems become very public and very serious.

“We all know that if you don’t change the oil in your car’s engine, sometime, somewhere, it’s going to break down,” Evrard says. “That’s similar to compliance, and not just in athletics but probably in any aspect of institutional integrity. It’s going to break down if you’re not checking it on a regular basis. Do institutions know this? I have to believe they do, but that doesn’t necessarily mean those individuals who are in charge of that institution at that time are willing to say, ‘OK, we want outside eyes inside, looking at us. We want to know what’s going on.’ I think a lot of institutions are fearful.”

Is that what happened at KU, to one degree or another, from 2001 to 2003? Did we forget to change the oil?

“That’s a fair analogy,” Evrard says. Perkins doesn’t disagree: “This university maybe didn’t have a sense of how important compliance was. That’s my impression, anyway. There wasn’t an appreciation of how much time and effort came with the right compliance efforts. There is a sense of urgency now.”

Evrard says that, had he been brought in before 2003, he might have identified the need for “increased staff and a change in some of the personnel.”

He adds, “But that’s not uncommon. We could go on maybe half of the Division I institution campuses right...
now and probably say the same thing.”

KU won’t let Evrard stray far. He is on retainer, and will conduct annual compliance audits and assist the University in preparing reports required while under NCAA probation.

“Every year I go to the athletics department,” Hemenway says, “and I say to everyone who works there, ‘Let me make it very clear: This is going to be a compliant university, and if you don’t feel that you can live by the rules of the NCAA then you shouldn’t be at this university.’ This is not a university that is going to accept some kind of outlaw tag, or be known as a place where people are always trying to cheat or work around the rules.

“The bottom line is, the price of successful compliance is eternal vigilance.”

Theresa Becker overhauled more than her staff. She also is changing almost every aspect of compliance within the athletics department, starting by creating a policy and procedures manual, mandatory forms to help coaches and staff work their way through complex regulations, and educational brochures for alumni and boosters.

“The challenge here is, there wasn’t a lot of documentation being done. Now we’re requiring documentation,” Becker says. “You try to be as gentle about it as you can, but you have to do it. Without it, you’re not protected.”

Becker and her staff are never far from their NCAA Manuals, and they make frequent visits to the NCAA Web site, where more than 5,000 rules interpretations are archived and updates posted daily. They attend summer workshops hosted by the NCAA and the Big 12 Conference, and she and her top assistant attend a fall conference in Dallas to meet with their Big 12 colleagues.

“It’s frustrating because I know, and I think everybody on my staff could tell you, that we can’t keep up with everything,” Becker says. “It’s endless.”

She sees her compliance office as a sort of “central nervous system,” ultimately guiding every action taken by everyone in the athletics department, as well as conducting seminars for boosters and the University’s financial aid and registrar’s offices.

A benefit to emerge from the NCAA sanctions, and especially the humiliation of the Oct. 12 news conference—at which coaches and staff had to watch their two most senior bosses be held publicly accountable for preventable errors—is that Becker’s constituency witnessed the importance of compliance performed not just well, but perfectly.

“Yeah, it pretty much shuts up the conversation about people being disgruntled,” she says with a smile. “I tell our coaches quite often that as a former coach, I hated documentation. I was saying the same thing: What does this have to do with coaching? But nowadays, it has everything to do with coaching.

“We’re using the major infractions case as a building block toward developing a comprehensive compliance unit here at the University of Kansas. We’re going to be fine.”

In other words, maybe Al Bohl was on to something after all. Compliance doesn’t sell tickets. After the events of Oct. 12, compliance sells itself.

 ever, in any way, promoted KU athletics programs.

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Happy Trails

ROBERT DAY’S ROLLICKING TALE OF A MODERN KANSAS CATTLE DRIVE TURNS 30

BY STEVEN HILL

You can see him in Big Ed’s Steak House in Bird City, or in any number of cafés in western Kansas. You might come across him on a lonely back road, a dusty figure on horseback driving a few head of cattle to pasture. You can find him in Ludell, a tiny dirt-street town in the state’s northwestern corner, where the mayor is a dog named Coco and where, most mornings, the local co-op hosts the Committee to Save the World. Spangler Tukle lives.
Tukle, for those who don’t know or need reminding, is the memorable anti-hero of Robert Day’s classic comic novel, The Last Cattle Drive. In 1977 the story of Tukle’s absurd bid to drive a herd of cattle across Kansas to the stockyards in Kansas City became an unlikely national best seller and Book-of-the-Month-Club selection. The book launched the writing career of Day, c’64, g’66, who has since produced a pair of novellas, In My Stead and Four-Wheel Drive Quartet, scores of short stories and essays, and pieces for Washington Post Magazine.

This fall the University Press of Kansas published a limited edition of The Last Cattle Drive, 500 copies signed and numbered by Day. The 30th anniversary edition includes his essays on writing the novel and the almost-making of a movie based on it.

Even then Tukle and his ancient hired hand Jed seemed avatars of a rugged, self-sufficient life that appeared rapidly fading. And now?

“Not as faded as you might imagine,” Day says, relaxing at a downtown Lawrence coffee shop during a fall stint as visiting professor of English at KU. “People with profane audacity still exist there. Whether they would have the sort of Don Quixote quality to try to drive a herd of cattle anywhere I don’t know, but there is in fact still a rough-and-tumble quality to the life.”

Consider the men of Ludell, where Day lives when he’s not teaching at Washington College in Chestertown, Md., or visiting the 16th-century French estate of the great essayist Michel de Montaigne, where he and his wife, Kathryn Jankus Day, spend summer and fall. These sons of the prairie are straight-shooting ranchers and farmers, mostly, whom Day has dubbed the Committee to Save the World.

“Profane,” he says, with wonder and clear delight. “They don’t know what political correctness is. No idea. They’re just these characters.”

Day is a collector of characters. In an interview with New Letters magazine, which has published his short stories and essays for 25 years, he talks of his desire to write a story called “The Last Supper at the Chevy Chase Country Club,” peopled by “a baker’s dozen of reprobates and oddballs and fruitcakes and radicals” who’d be out of place in polite society.

“I like to think my fiction is a home for such people,” Day says. “They can eat with their fingers, tell foul and rotten jokes, drink too much, belch and fart, and toss the bones of the pork ribs to the dogs under the table.”

And tell good stories.

Had things not worked out for him as a writer, Day might have spent his days riding herd on cattle ranchers as the sheriff of Ten Sleep, Wyo.

He might have made a living flying 707’s for United Airlines.

Or he might have become chancellor of his alma mater.

In 1980, Anthony Burgess, author of A Clockwork Orange, visited KU, and Day, who’d made Burgess’ acquaintance years earlier, drove from western Kansas to see him. He brought with him Ward Sullivan, the real-life inspiration for Tukle. Del Shankel—serving as interim chancellor while a search got underway for a permanent leader—was entertaining Burgess and a welcoming committee of deans and professors at The Outlook. After Sullivan fetched a bottle of scotch from his pick-up to inject some spirit into the dry affair, Burgess nominated Day to be chancellor of KU.

“You’ll need to put that in writing before midnight,” Day reports Shankel as saying. “Do you want a piece of paper?”

Instead Burgess reached for the KU napkin underneath the scotch bottle. “Some of the whiskey had run down the bottle so that the University’s red and blue Jayhawk had become besotted,” Day recalls. Burgess then penned Day’s nomination inside a speech balloon that made it appear that it came directly from the Jayhawk itself.

Having turned down jobs in law enforcement and commercial aviation after graduating from KU, the novelist was not disappointed to be passed over for Gene Budig. The episode yielded something far more valuable: a good yarn.

Day is often asked if the cattle drive really happened. Long after the novel became a hit, he stopped at the Brookville Hotel, scene of a memorable night of debauchery for his characters, and ate one of the restaurant’s famous chicken dinners. On the way out, he signed the names of Spangler et al. in the hotel’s guest book. The prospect of some literary detective uncovering that tidbit—like all mixing of fact and fiction in his life—clearly delights him. His mantra is borrowed from the writer Katherine Anne Porter, once a mentor: “I shall try to tell the truth, but the result will be fiction.”

No surprise, then, that a drive being organized for this summer by Newton King, p’63, a Lawrence pharmacist and fan of The Last Cattle Drive, has Day’s full endorsement. “Mirth and merriment are part of my fiction and part of my life,” he says, “so it’s going to be a great deal of fun.” The four-day lark will retrace part of the route Tukle and his crew covered.

On a trial run last fall, Day, King and a few others mounted horses and started driving the “grisy, nasty looking steers” King had rounded up. They encountered an unfenced milo field on the way. “The cattle went into the milo, through a fence and into a pasture. We never found them. Don’t know what happened to ‘em,” Day says, laughing so hard that tears come to his eyes. “The lost cattle drive!”

Lost, perhaps, but not forgotten. Spangler Tukle lives.
Like a fabled mountain whose shrouded summit can’t be seen, let alone climbed, the dollar figure seems too remote to be real: $727 million in repairs and maintenance at the six Kansas Board of Regents universities, including $208 million on the Lawrence campus and $76 million for KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

Since statewide numbers were last compiled and reported in 2004, the price tag for repairs left undone has grown by $143 million, because of inflation in construction costs, deterioration of aging buildings and infrastructure, and gross underfunding of annual maintenance. It is estimated that $84 million a year is the minimum maintenance budget required by the state’s six universities; in fiscal 2006, the state allotted $15 million, including $4.4 million for KU’s Lawrence campus, where annual deterioration is estimated at $20 million.

If the totals are too huge to comprehend, consider a specific: Malott Hall’s infamous Room 10, a laboratory in such disrepair that the only positive thing that could possibly be said is that it meets minimum safety requirements.

Just don’t expect to turn a tap and get hot water. Hot water doesn’t run here. Grisly tub basins, surrounded by corroded metal trim, wouldn’t be suitable for washing a dog; troughs running down the middle of the lab benches leak so severely that the room below, a laser lab awaiting a new faculty tenant, is regularly flooded; exhaust hoods for experiments are so ancient they aren’t even acceptable as storage space.

Most startling of all, the lab is assigned to Professor Kristin Bowman-James, a former department chair and one of the senior members of the faculty.

“Our faculty are very dedicated, and it’s a good thing,” says Susan Teague, the chemistry department’s business manager. “The condition of these laboratories makes it hard to recruit new faculty.”

Even more excruciating, some faculty formerly assigned to Malott Hall have been awarded laboratories in the glorious new Multidisciplinary Research Building, where state-of-the-art workspaces are bathed in light from huge windows that overlook the wooded hillsides of West Campus, while the main campus remains depressingly old school.

“They see the nice new labs over there,” Teague says, “and they see they have everything they need—such as hot water—and it’s kind of an eye-opener.”

Malott Hall’s Room 10 requires about $120,000 in urgent repairs, and only five or six of the building’s 70 laboratories are fully modernized. In Lindley Hall, Vice Provost Don Steeples, distinguished

KU and other state universities hope for relief from a $727 million backlog in upkeep for aging buildings

\* Corroded laboratory basins (left) and electrical outlets (top) are dreary reminders of maintenance needs for aging campus buildings.
professor of geology, works in an office with an interior wall severely eroded by water seepage. At Wescoe Hall, one of the busiest classroom and office buildings on campus, a 30-year-old transformer exploded in September, and the slab floor buckles and heaves like a carnival fun house.

Steam tunnels that honeycomb Mount Oread are rotting so badly that employees are not allowed to enter some sections, where structural failure is a matter of when, not if. About 11 percent of the 16,000 feet of tunnels require repair or replacement, at an estimated cost of nearly $9 million. The University currently spends about $500,000 annually to forestall disaster, but the total tab is estimated at nearly $9 million.

Though the numbers have inflated over the years, the stories are not new. Kansas Alumni publicized the problem two years ago, in issue No. 1, 2005.

News outlets across the state periodically report the running tab on deferred maintenance costs, especially when the matter is sent before the Legislature.

This time, though, there’s a difference: The pleas for help are being heard.

In her Jan. 10 State of the State speech, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, g’80, cited the deferred maintenance debt as one of her priorities for the legislative session. While she declined to offer any specifics, she did promise to soon deliver her proposal for reducing the debt.

“We must address the problem of maintenance at our state’s colleges and universities,” the governor said. “By the end of January I will present a multiyear plan to meet those critical needs, and I look forward to working with you to address this long-overlooked situation.”

She then immediately departed the issue: “But post-secondary education is not about buildings; it’s about preparing young Kansans for the rest of their lives in a competitive, changing, global society.” While her proposal for a “significant increase in scholarships” is surely welcome, her choice of words highlights the difficulty of keeping a decidedly unsexy issue such as building maintenance at the forefront.

The Kansas Board of Regents is taking pains to remind Sebelius, lawmakers and citizens that the 20.5 million square feet of academic and administrative buildings (not including such buildings as residence halls and student unions) on the six campuses compose two-thirds of the state’s entire building inventory. KU’s Lawrence buildings alone represent 20 percent of the state’s gross square footage, and their average age is 46.

Regents chair Nelson Galle, of Manhattan, has championed the issue, with strong support from the other eight regents. And, in a new front for the funding battle, student leaders from across the state have taken up the cause, delivering to the governor thousands of postcards signed by their student constituents, pleading for politicians to stop ignoring maintenance deficiencies that

“Our faculty are very dedicated, and it’s a good thing. The condition of these laboratories makes it hard to recruit new faculty.”
threaten their educational experience. “There’s a lot of demographic differences, institutional differences, size differences, political atmosphere differences, but this is one of those issues that, no matter how you look at it, the students agree on,” says KU student body president Jason Boots. “The students want their classrooms and the facilities to be up to date and, frankly, in one piece. It’s hard to say no to that.”

Boots says his Plano, Texas, high-school chemistry laboratory was better than the lab in which he studied at KU: “It’s really not a very good environment, and I don’t think it would take a whole lot for the lab space in a high school to be in better condition than the labs I’ve seen here.”

Melissa Horen, student body vice president, says she frequently sees graduate students working in tiny offices without heat or air conditioning, and wood mold around the windows. “Why would they come here?” she asks sadly. “I wonder if they knew this in advance.”

Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway hopes the governor and lawmakers “will see value in a kind of down payment on a very large problem. We won’t solve it entirely, but this will be a way to get started.”

In the end, though, the ultimate constituency that must be convinced are the owners, the citizens of Kansas. “I think there is a significant number of legislators and folks in the public who understand the need,” says Jim Modig, a’73, director of design and construction management. “But I also think there are still some folks out there who don’t fully understand the impact of that need. The dollar number is the piece that I think is the most difficult to deal with.

“If you’re looking at a tax increase, that’s personal to everybody. And so you look for a way to minimize the impact on the taxpayer while you try to leverage and build some financial pool to take care of the problem. It’s pretty difficult to find that balance.”

Which is exactly where our aging buildings find themselves hanging in the balance.
Calling all Jayhawks

Alumni Association seeks nominations for national Board members by March 1

If you know a fellow Jayhawk who longs to give back to KU, consider nominating your true-blue friend for a seat on the Alumni Association’s national Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee asks all members of the KU family to forward nominations to Lawrence by March 1.

In April, the Nominating Committee will review all nominees and select a slate of at least four candidates to serve. The entire Board then will consider the slate for approval at its May 18 meeting. New directors will begin their five-year terms July 1.

Volunteers who serve on the Board must fulfill the following duties:

• Attend three Board of Directors meetings annually—in the fall, spring and during Commencement Weekend;
• serve on a standing Association Committee (Alumni and Student Programs; Communications, Marketing, and Records; or Membership);
• adhere to the Bylaws of the Association;
• represent the Association at KU events locally and nationally;
• actively promote membership in the Association;
• identify and cultivate volunteer leaders and financial support for the Association;
• make a charitable gift to the Association and/or University annually.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

• be a member of the KU Alumni Association;
• attend three meetings of the Board of Directors annually at own expense;
• have a desire to advance KU.

More information, including nomination forms, is available online at www.kualumni.org. To submit a nomination, download or fill out the form online and send a personal letter of recommendation to the KU Alumni Association, 1266 Oread Ave., Lawrence, KS 66045.

Nominate a true-blue Jayhawk for a seat on the KU Alumni Association’s national Board of Directors

Spring fever!

KC’s Rock Chalk Ball, reunions set for April

Like the blooms along Lilac Lane and the tulips in front of Budig Hall, reunions are a sure sign of spring on the Hill. Along with the annual 50-year and Gold Medal Club reunions, this April features an event transplanted from winter: Kansas City’s popular Rock Chalk Ball—a February event for more than a decade—has moved to April 28.

The Class of 1957 reunion is set for April 20-21. Festivities include a class dinner, campus tours and a special recognition ceremony, where classmates can get the scoop on what everyone has been up to in the past 50 years. The reunion committee is led by Dick Bond, c’57, l’60. All Class of ’57 alumni are welcome to attend—even if you didn’t complete your degree, you’re still part of the alumni family.
Jayhawks who have passed their 50-year milestone belong to the Gold Medal Club, which also gathers each April. This year’s president is Otto Schnellbacher, d’48. The Gold Medal Club Brunch will convene April 21 at the Kansas Union. Members are encouraged to come early and enjoy the time to reconnect and hear from KU leaders.

Alumni will put a spring in their step April 28 at the Rock Chalk Ball, which returns to the Overland Park Convention Center. Invitations will be mailed in late January.

Max Falkenstien, c’47, the beloved former Voice of the Jayhawks, is the ball’s honorary chair. Sarah McColley Harrington, j’89, auction chair, is preparing one of the best auctions yet, featuring Flying Jayhawks travel and unique KU goodies, such as a jersey signed by Nick Collison.

For more information or to make your reservations for the spring events, visit www.kualumni.org, call 800-KU Hawks or e-mail kualumni@kuluamni.org.

Judy Ruedlinger Award winners

Promising Student Alumni Association leaders were rewarded for their hard work with $1,000 scholarships in honor of the first SAA adviser, Judy Ruedlinger: (l to r) Ali Hansen, Kyle West and Ellen Stolle.
As first graders settled down for story time with Don Fambrough, KU’s beloved "Coach Fam," he impulsively changed a storybook classic into a tale about three little Jayhawks and the big bad Missouri tiger. Six months later, the Association published Fam’s tale, “The Three Little Jayhawks,” with illustrations by Larry Leroy Pearson. KU fans responded favorably: The book sold out in only five weeks. The second edition will be ready by mid-January and will be available through the Web site at www.kualumni.org, and at area book and gift stores.
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1928
Frank, c’28, g’36, and Leota Wagner Klingberg, c’34, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in September. They live in Carbondale, Ill.

1935
Howard Miller, e’35, continues to make his home in Seattle, where he’s retired.

1937
Jane Marshall Campbell, c’37, was named 2005 Citizen of the Year by the Clark County Times-Courier in recognition of her community volunteer work. Jane makes her home in Berryville, Va.

1941
Ilse Nesbitt Jones, c’41, wrote Five Texts in Etruscan: Early Gothic Language of Tyrrenians and Ancient Jutes. She lives in Prairie Village with her husband, Elden, c’51.

1944
Betty Austin Hensley, c’44, performed last spring with the International Flute Orchestra in St. Petersburg, Latvia, Estonia, and Finland. She lives in Wichita, where she owns Flutes of the World.
William Sirridge, m’44, received the Distinguished Medical Alumnus Award last fall from the KU Medical Alumni Association. He and Marjorie Spurrer Sirridge, m’44, live in Kansas City.

1951
Betty Park Chronister, j’51, and her husband, Irvin, g’58, recently traveled to Egypt and Russia. Their home is in Kansas City.

1954
John Brand Jr., c’54, l’69, practices law at Stevens & Brand in Lawrence.

1955
James Moorhead, a’55, makes his home in Lone Tree, Colo.

1956
Louis Heil, j’56, recently was inducted into the American Public Transportation Association’s Hall of Fame. He’s retired CEO of McDonald Transit Associates, and he makes his home in Azle, Texas.
Donald Johnston, b’56, l’66, is president of Intrust Bank in Lawrence, where he and his wife, Alice, make their home.

1957
Clarence Bender, b’57, l’64, retired last summer after practicing law for 42 years. He and Jane Gagelman Bender, f’56, live in La Mesa, Calif.
Victor, c’57, m’61, and Elizabeth Branine McCall, d’57, make their home in Fort Worth, Texas.

1958
Robert Hartley, j’58, co-authored Death Underground: The Centralia and West Frankfort Mine Disasters, which was published last summer. He lives in Westminster, Colo.
Rex Owen, e’58, is retired in Littleton, Colo.

1960
Charles Clutz, a’60, f’64, makes his home in Hingham, Mass.
Peter Curran, b’60, l’66, a partner in the Lawrence law firm of Stevens & Brand, recently was selected for inclusion in the 2007 edition of the Best Lawyers in America.

1961
Harry Craig Jr., c’61, l’64, recently was chosen for induction into the Topeka Business Hall of Fame. He is chairman of Martin Tractor in Topeka, where he and Karen Martin Craig, d’61, make their home.

Larry Robinson, a’61, is president of Larry W. Robinson Architects in Daytona Beach, Fla.

1962
H.F. Cotton Smith, j’62, recently was installed as president of the Western Writers of America. He lives in Overland Park, where he’s senior vice president of Corporate Communications Group. His 11th novel, Blood Brothers, was released last fall.

1963
Nancy Vogel, c’63, d’63, g’65, PhD’71, recently edited a book of meditations, The World My Father Made, written by the Rev. William Miller. She lives in Lawrence.

1964
Hilda Gibson Getz, c’64, was named associate professor emeritus last summer at Virginia Tech, where she had been an associate professor of counselor education. She lives in Salem, Va.
Alan Gribben, c’64, recently was named the Guinevera A. Nance Alumni Professor at Auburn University, where he heads the department of English and philosophy. He lives in Montgomery, Ala.
Donald Hatton, c’64, m’68, serves on the executive committee of the board of governors of the American College of Physicians. He practices with Reed Medical Group in Lawrence.
John Stuckey, c’64, retired last year after 15 years as head of computing at Washington and Lee University. He lives in Lexington, Va.

1965
Karla Toothaker Kneebone, p’65, works as a pharmacist at Wilson County Hospital. She lives in Neodesha.
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Kenneth Tiger, d’65, g’71, is an assistant principal with the Wills Point Independent School District in Wills Point, Texas.

1966
Webster Golden, c’66, recently was selected for the 2007 edition of the Best Lawyers in America. He’s a partner at Stevens & Brand in Lawrence, where he and Joan Gilpin Golden, b’67, make their home. She’s senior vice president of development at US Bank.

1967
Beatrice Osgood Krauss, g’67, recently became a fellow of the American Psychological Association. She’s executive director for the Center for Community and Urban Health at Hunter College in New York City. Her home is in Newburgh.

1968
Ronald Johnson, g’68, PhD’70, is president of Malone College in Canton, Ohio.

Marvin Koelsch, b’68, owns Midwest Accounting and Management in Wichita.
Michael Meister, f’68, is a senior industrial designer at Cessna Aircraft in Wichita.
Susan Smith Warren, d’68, teaches in the Weld County School District. She lives in Keenesburg, Colo.

1969
Dennis Alexander, f’69, g’70, co-authored Alfred’s Premier Piano Course, which recently was published by Alfred Publishing Co. He’s a composer, and he lives in Cathedral City, Calif.
Jacquelyn Andrews Ashcraft, d’69, taught English and Spanish for two weeks last summer at the Cosmopolitan Language Camp on Lake Ob in Novosibirsk, Siberia. She teaches Spanish and English at Nickerson High School, and she lives in Hutchinson with her husband, Stephen, p’69, who owns Ashcraft Pharmacy in South Hutchinson.
Stephen Craig, d’69, l’73, is president and CEO of Linquist & Craig Hotels & Resorts in Lawrence.
Orville Kolterman, c’69, commutes from Poway, Calif., to San Diego, where he’s senior vice president of clinical affairs at Amylin Pharmaceuticals.
Barbara Elliott Machin, d’69, g’73, is a partner in the Toledo, Ohio, law firm of Bunda Stutz & Dewitt. She lives in Holland with her husband, Peter, c’69, g’73. He owns GB Manufacturing.
John Manahan, d’69, g’82, lives in Kansas City, where he’s CEO of Unified Government of Wyandotte County.
Keith Van Horn, p’69, g’87, works as a pharmacist at Munson Army Hospital at Fort Leavenworth. He lives in Ozawkie.
Tom Wilson, d’69, is a regional consultant for BP America. He lives in Celebration, Fla.

1970
Bruce Coleman, b’70, is president of Coleman Equipment in Bonner Springs and received the Marion Vaughn Award for volunteer service in his community.
Thomas Towner, m’70, retired last...
Mary Ann Torrence, c’71, l’74, was named Kansas revisor of statutes. She lives in Topeka.

Linda Wright Daxon, j’72, works as an agent with Keller Williams Realty in Oklahoma City.

Randy Fisher, j’72, directs media relations for the National Championship Racing Association in Park City. He lives in Valley Center.

Kathryn Warren, c’72, is director of marketing, education and development for Global Film Initiative. She lives in Northbrook, Ill.

Rebecca Heidlage, g’73, EdD’04, recently became principal of academic services at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Overland Park.

David Knoeppel, d’73, is vice president of Longview Physical and Sports Therapy in Longview, Wash. He lives in Castle Rock.

Carla Dennis Laseter, j’73, makes her home in Charlotte, N.C., with her husband, James.

Leslie Kurtenbach Mills, j’73, works as a patent administrator at Complete Patenting Services. Her home is in Oshkosh, Wis.

Paul Stevens, g’73, was inducted last fall into the Missouri Press Association’s Newspaper Hall of Fame. He lives in Lenexa and is central region vice president of the Associated Press.

Barbara Wiley, c’73, g’87, is vice president of human resources at the Uptime Institute in Santa Fe, N.M.

Dale Winetroub, b’73, owns Lee’s Sales and Consignment Center in Leavenworth.

Richard Heil, g’74, PhD’84, recently retired after 41 years as a professor of political science at Fort Hays State University. He continues to live in Hays.

Linda Josserand, p’74, is a pharmacist at Memorial Hospital in McPherson.

Robert Marsh, b’74, works as a designated broker for J. Roberts & Co. in Scottsdale, Ariz. He lives in Mesa.

Michael Sullivan, l’74, practices law with Baird Holm in Omaha, Neb.

Richard Fladung, e’75, is a partner in Strasburger law firm in Houston.

Mark Sinning, c’75, m’78, and Srinuan, daughter, Madalyn, May 4 in New Bern, N.C.

David Foster, c’76, g’78, works as an equity analyst for Botti Brown Asset Management in San Francisco.

Jeanie Lynch Golub, ’76, makes her home in Lincoln, R.I., with her husband, Spencer, PhD ’77. He chairs the theatre, speech and dance department at Brown
University in Providence.

**Rex Niswander**, c’76, was executive producer of “Night Wheel,” a collection of international lullabies released last fall by Laughing Buddha Records. He lives in New York City.

**Jae Pierce-Baba**, f’76, recently co-moderated “The Faces of Caregiving,” a documentary that aired on public television. She and her husband, **Joseph**, c’77, live in Wichita.

**Janice Curtis Waldo**, d’76, teaches at Topeka High School.

**Molly Wood**, c’76, f’91, will be listed in the 2007 Best Lawyers in America. She’s a partner in the Lawrence firm of Stevens & Brand.

**1977**

**Michael Bradley**, e’77, recently became president and CEO of Matrix Service Co. in Tulsa, Okla.

**Richard Putnam**, c’77, l’80, practices law with Baird Holm in Omaha, Neb. He is listed in the 2007 Best Lawyers in America.

**1978**

**Margaret Johnson**, c’78, directs lay ministries for Mount Vernon United Methodist Church. She lives in Wichita.

**Rick Kellerman**, m’78, recently was named president of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He chairs the department of family and community medicine at KU’s School of Medicine in Wichita.

**Jon Robichaud**, d’78, g’90, director of bands and fine-arts coordinator at Blue Springs South High School, recently

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**Profile**

BY MAGGIE KOERTH

**Marathons but a warm-up for dedicated ‘ultrarunner’**

Kristin Walcott hated walking up Mount Oread to class. “I was so lazy,” she says. “I’d be looking around to see if someone was driving up so I could hitch a ride.”

So it’s a bit of a surprise (even to Walcott) that she now spends her weekends running up hills—for fun.

Walcott, c’95, is an “ultrarunner,” one of several thousand people across the country who regularly run races 30, 50, even 100 miles long. They brave unfriendly weather, physical pain and mental exhaustion, running straight through to the end of the course—often taking as long as 24 hours—with only a few brief rest stops along the way.

But ultrarunners like Walcott swear the experience isn’t as hard as it sounds. “I always say that anybody who wants to do it can do it,” she says.

Walcott got into running after she graduated from KU and moved to Washington, D.C. She began with a couple of morning miles for exercise, but quickly ramped up to marathons. She didn’t like those much, though, because running on roads hurt her knees.

Then she discovered trail running. Instead of pushing herself over rough blacktop, Walcott runs on earthen trails through forests. “Trail running is kind of like going back to childhood,” she says. “I feel like I’m playing in the woods.”

Walcott usually races about 30 miles, and works up to those by running 2 or 3 miles on weekdays and 20 on weekends.

“It’s scary because you don’t know if the pain is OK or if you’re going to hurt yourself,” she says. “It really becomes a mental game to figure out what you can do.”

Those limits became very clear last summer, when Walcott ran her first 100-mile race; somewhere around mile 69, she almost gave up. By that point she was running through the dark, trying to avoid slick patches of mud. The bottoms of her feet were burning and she felt so overwhelmed that she started to cry.

The encouragement of her friends kept her going.

“It’s got to be the people,” she says of the supportive spirit freely shared within the ultrarunning community. “They’re all upbeat, and they’re just such forces of personality.”

Walcott managed to get through that 100-mile race, and she plans to run another in May.

But, while some ultrarunners go on to do longer distances or 48-hour runs, Walcott is content to stay at her current level of athleticism.

“My dad asked, ‘What are you going to do next, Kirstin? 200 miles?’ I told him no. This is it. This is fun for me.”

—Koerth, c’04, j’04, is a writer and editor in Minneapolis, Minn.
received the Bandworld Legion of Honor from the John Philip Sousa Foundation. He and Dixie Hemenway Robichaud, d’77, live in Blue Springs, Mo.

1979

Yu-Cheung Cheung, g’79, g’81, works as a master software engineer with Hewlett-Packard in Cupertino, Calif.

1980

Laura Ice, d’80, recently became president of the Wichita Bar Association. She’s deputy general counsel for Cessna Finance Corp.

Sherri Loveland-Dedloff, c’80, l’82, is a partner in the Lawrence law firm of Stevens & Brand. She recently was selected for the 2007 Best Lawyers in America.

Thomas Tingle, a’80, a’82, recently became vice president and sports architecture core practice leader for HNTB Architecture. He lives in Overland Park.

1981

John Calys, b’81, g’82, recently was named vice president and assistant treasurer at Sprint Nextel in Reston, Va. He lives in Leesburg.

Alan Sack, b’81, works as a store manager for TLP Consultants. He lives in Raleigh, N.C.

1982

Eric Dawson, b’82, g’84, is a health planning analyst for Tripler Army Medical Center. He lives in Waipahu, Hawaii.

Laura Ice, d’80, recently became president of the Wichita Bar Association. She’s deputy general counsel for Cessna Finance Corp.

1983

Elliott Green, e’83, works as an electronics engineer for the U.S. Department of Defense. He lives in Washington Park, Ill.

Ruthellyn Henderson Hinton, g’83, PhD’01, recently was promoted to professor of nursing at Pittsburg State University. She lives in Frontenac.

Nancy Ice Schlup, d’83, received an Excellence in Teaching Award last year. She lives in Newton, where she’s an elementary school special-needs teacher.

Charles Schugart, b’83, is president and CEO of U.S. Legal Support. He lives in Bellaire, Texas.

Markham Thomas, b’83, works as a mortgage consultant for Affinity Mortgage in Chicago.

1984

Allen Gourd, c’84, owns Advanced Medical Solutions in Charlotte, N.C. He and Debra White Gourd, b’82, live in Huntersville.

Brandon Greer, e’84, g’91, is an engineering manager at Black & Veatch in Cary, N.C.
Karen Kelly, m’84, recently was named deputy director of the KU Cancer Center in Kansas City.

1985
Marc Ellison, b’85, is national sales and marketing manager for InterMotive in Colfax, Calif.

1986
Evan Ice, e’86, l’93, was selected for the 2007 edition of the Best Lawyers in America. He’s a partner at Stevens & Brand in Lawrence, where he and Jill Redfern Ice, n’86, make their home.

Michael Kuss, e’86, is an associate technical fellow for Spirit AeroSystems. He and Cheryl Hogg Kuss, b’85, live in Mukilteo, Wash.

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Planning Architecture Engineering Interiors in Las Vegas.

Michael Davis, a’90, works as a job captain at OCO Architects in San Antonio.

Paul White, c’90, is a business process engineer with Swiss Reinsurance in Mission. He and Sandra Nieman White, c’89, g’91, live in Shawnee.

MARRIED

Daniel Niemi, j’90, to Kathryn Cutliff Rowe, Oct. 21 in New York City, where he’s an assistant business editor at The New York Times.

1991

Jamie Elmore, b’91, directs business and sales development for Community America Credit Union in Lenexa.

Brian Holmes, c’91, m’96, serves as president of the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians. He and Julia Mayden Holmes, b’91, live in Abilene with their children, Anna, 7; Beth, 4; Nick, 2; and Megan, 1.

Elizabeth Moneymaker, c’91, l’96, practices law with Bohdan Neswiacheny in Sarasota, Fla.

Maj. Mark Schuler, c’91, serves as a strategic planner with the U.S. Air Force in Manassas, Va.

BORN TO:

Lawrence Tsen, m’91, and Paulita, daughter, London, June 15 in Boston, where Lawrence directs anesthesia at Brigham & Women’s Hospital.

Profile

BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

Doctor finds healing in stories past, present

As a teenager in the small Kansas town of Marion during the waning years of Prohibition, retired Navy officer and physician Don Hayen was, in his words, “a ne’er-do-well goof-off.” His antics as a high school freshman landed him in the principal’s office 33 times—and in the local sheriff’s office one fateful day, after Hayen and two buddies had stolen a case of whiskey from the local bootlegger and buried it.

From that visit to the sheriff, Hayen has spun an appealing fictional tale, Moonshine Harvest, about Johnny, a small-town Kansas youth who encounters sinister characters as he tries to learn the truth about a friend’s murder. Hayen, c’55, m’59, published his novel in early 2006 and hopes this year to release another, set in 1951, when massive flooding ravaged Kansas.

Although these are his first works of fiction, Hayen, 72, a longtime dermatologist in the San Diego area, has written often for professional journals, twice winning national honors. In 1984, he won the top writing prize from Medical Economics magazine for his account of his teenage daughter’s cocaine addiction and recovery.

He continues to write about personal issues, and his latest project describes a struggle faced by millions of families: In April 2005, Hayen received the news that he was in the early stages of Alzheimer’s Disease. On his Web site, thetripover.com, he keeps a journal about living with the disease. “I have the sense that the Alzheimer’s patient, after the initial embarrassment of forgetting things and the struggle to hang on, just disappears,” he says. “They’re alive but not present. ‘The Trip Over’ is my idea that I’m going to end up ‘over there somewhere,’ and I want to report on that experience.”

Hayen hopes his journal will help ease the fear of the disease. “My own doctor, who was a friend, whose practice was next door to mine, was hesitant to tell me,” he recalls. “He sent me to a specialist to have him tell me. There’s something wrong with that, and it speaks to the nature of Alzheimer’s; people don’t want to talk about it. The diagnosis is like a death knell. But the truth is that drug therapy puts you in a much better place. And if you can hold off the disease long enough, they’re going to have something that will make you well. We’re on the threshold.”

Hayen still drives, converses and writes confidently, but in a recent journal entry, he wondered whether his recent frustration with printing address labels on his computer signaled that he was “on the brink.” Others who write to the site about their own experiences offer comfort, humor and wisdom, and he hopes to turn the blog into a booklet, urging people to get tested early so they can better cope with the diagnosis.

Meantime, the writer-physician continues to prove that even a misspent youth can lead to good works.
1992

**Scot Stucky, j’92, c’92,** is an executive producer with WAGA-TV in Atlanta.

**BORN TO:**

**Scott Endsley, j’92,** and Maggie, daughter, Lily, July 17 in Shawnee, where she joins a brother, Spencer, 3. Scott owns ScottsPicks.com.

1993

**Jason Brown, c’93,** is an agent with Jason Brown Premier Realty Group in Overland Park.

**Traci Moore Clay, j’93,** owns Traci Moore Graphics in St. Louis.

**Mike Frydman, j’93,** is an account executive with WGN-TV in Chicago.

**Tiffany Grant, c’93,** works as a product manager for BASF. She lives in Montclair, N.J.

**Bill Leibengood, j’93,** directs national marketing for Applebee’s International in Overland Park.

**Yun-Ching Tsou Lin, c’93, g’96,** teaches Chinese for the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education in Savannah, Ga.

**Patti Mason, p’93,** is a pharmacist at...
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1994

Tony Campbell, b’94, is senior manager of U.S. capital markets for KPMG International in London, where he and Catherine Bubb Campbell, b’94, make their home.

Aaron Cooksey, g’94, works as a qualified plans manager for Freescale Semiconductor in Austin, Texas.

Joseph Guerrein, c’94, serves as an aviator in the U.S. Navy in Lemoore, Calif.

Holly McQueen, j’94, and her husband, Bert Dalmer, live in Des Moines, Iowa, with their son, Jake, 1. Holly is a photographer for the Des Moines Register.

Paula Shields, g’94, is a special-education teacher for USD 260 in Derby. She lives in Wichita.

Patrick Smith, e’94, l’97, practices law with Husch & Eppenberger in Kansas City.

1995

Erik Caylor, e’95, works as an IT solutions manager for Teng & Associates in Chicago.

J.P. Gerritz, c’95, and his wife, Amykay, live in Overland Park with their daughters, Katherine and Margaret. J.P. is a manager for Embarq.

Kent Hohlfeld, j’95, edits publications for the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce in California.

Krista Morgan Howard, c’95, l’02, and her husband, Christopher, d’98, l’01, g’01, live in Baton Rouge, La., with their children, Olivia, 3, and Langston, 1. Krista practices law with Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, and Christopher is associate athletics director of compliance at Louisiana State University.

Jay Koester, j’95, was promoted to online editor at the El Paso Times in El Paso, Texas.

Lisa Wood, c’95, m’99, practices medicine with Mid-Atlantic Emergency Medical Associates. She lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Hsin-Fu Wu, e’95, serves as a submarine warfare officer in the U.S. Navy in Norfolk, Va.

MARRIED

John Mullie, b’93, h’97, to Carrie Hazlett, July 29. They live in Overland Park.

Thad Johnson, b’95, to Andrea Williams, May 20. They live in Bristol, Va., where he’s head men’s basketball coach at Virginia Intermont College.
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BORN TO:

Chip Elliott, c’95, and Kathryn, daughter, Meghan Elizabeth, July 28 in Bremerton, Wash. Chip is a supply corps officer in the U.S. Navy.

Matthew, c’95, g’98, and Carrie Williams Jordan, j’97, son, Leo Athen, Oct. 12 in Overland Park, where Matthew is assistant city manager.

Michelle DeSouza, c’96, m’00, is a plastic-surgery resident at the University of Miami.

Richard Holt, c’96, g’03, works as an analyst for Wealth Monitors. He lives in Olathe.

Scott Jarboe, c’96, practices law with Bryan Cave in St. Louis, where he and his wife, Aimee Wittman, c’96, g’99, make their home.

Ted Miller, j’96, directs communications for NARAL Pro-Choice America in Washington, D.C.

Joseph Nemelka, l’96, is president and CEO of Professional Radiology Solutions and president, CEO and secretary/treasurer of IPO Alternative in Mapleton, Utah.

Matthew, c’96, and Susan Anderson Leonard, d’96, daughter, Magdalen Elizabeth, Aug. 4 in Fairway, where she joins a brother, C.J., who’s nearly 2.

Justin Angeles, j’97, edits copy for the Iowa City Press-Citizen. He lives in Tiffin, Iowa.

Stuart Canning, g’97, is an associate dean at Stanford University. He lives in San Francisco.

Beverly Barnes Quinn, c’97, is a graphic designer for HCPRO. She lives in Nahant, Mass., with her husband, Thomas, and their daughters, Elizabeth, Courtney and Anne.

Keri Russell, c’97, j’98, works as associate director of membership marketing at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

Kimberly Walker Savard, c’97, manages professional standards for the National Association of School Psychologists. She lives in Lumberton, N.J., with her husband, Dillon, c’99.

Brett Stauffer, c’97, recently accepted a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars fellowship at Yale University. He lives in New Haven, Conn.

Rebecca Ashbrook Carrell, j’97, and Mike, daughter, Caitlyn Ashbrook, April 22 in Flower Mound, Texas.

Britton, d’97, f’97, g’03, and Amy Monson Haney, b’97, daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, June 26 in Shawnee.

Kevin, b’97, and Brooke Thompson Kopp, s’97, son, Anderson Terry, Sept. 28 in Phoenix, where he joins a sister, Anne, 2.

Kelly Blanton, e’98, works as a process engineer with Honeywell in St. Louis.

Class Notes

Gretchen Gradinger, b’98, lives in Kansas City, where she’s corporate counsel for Golden Star Inc.

Kelly Hale, d’98, manages public relations for the Kansas Speedway in Kansas City.

Alana Jones Kennon, j’98, coordinates events for Union Multipurpose Activity Center. She lives in Tulsa, Okla.

Leslie Warren Linzy, c’98, directs client services for Jerold Panas Linzy & Partners. She lives in Carmel, Ind.

Kimberly Tiger, n’98, is a nurse at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

**BORN TO:**

Collin Altieri, c’98, l’01, and Dana, daughter, Sydney Marie, June 24 in Lee’s Summit, Mo. Collin practices law with Shughart Thomson & Kilroy in Kansas City.

Kylie Fincham Cook, c’98, and Joshua, daughter, Carter Ruth, June 16 in Phoenix. Kylie is a new home sales consultant for Meritage Homes.

Amy Shoemake Nelson, c’98, and Andrew, sons, James and Michael, July 12 in Seguin, Texas.

Aroop, c’98, m’02, and Julie Henning Pal, h’02, daughter, Leah Joy, Feb. 22 in Lenexa, where she joins a sister, Ava, 2.

1999

Timothy Guy, ’99, is district manager of The Sports Authority. He lives in Wichita. After graduating from KU with a degree in communications studies, she moved back to Philadelphia to be near her two sisters.

“I was not a history person growing up, but I have learned so much here,” she says. “The real stories are better than anything you could ever create.”

In her quest to preserve history and share it with the public, Needle has inadvertently become part of it.

**Profile**

**Grad brings history to life in City of Brotherly Love**

One of Amy Rodenberg Needle’s favorite childhood pastimes was planning shows and special events for the neighborhood kids. Little did she know that her backyard creations were a sign of things to come.

During the 2006 tourist season, an estimated 250,000 people flocked to hear stories that are part of an initiative she helped develop.

Needle, c’97, is executive director of Historic Philadelphia’s Once Upon a Nation, an organization that brings the history of the renowned city to life through tours, musical performances, storytelling, living history exhibits and activities.

“What we want to create with Once Upon a Nation is the ability to tell more stories about the history of what happened here,” Needle says.

The initiative includes tours that trace the nation’s founding footsteps and 13 storytelling benches located throughout the city. But Needle’s pride and joy is Franklin Square, a park founded by William Penn, which underwent a $6.5 million renovation.

The park features a mix of activities and historic elements she helped plan and see to fruition, including a miniature golf course where players can putt balls through the crack in a Liberty Bell replica, and a carousel fashioned after the first American-made carousel, which was created in Philadelphia. The park’s centerpiece is a restored 1825 fountain.

“My favorite part of the job is being able to create something new,” Needle says. “I like the challenge of it.” She derives satisfaction from knowing that she is teaching people about history.

Needle also serves as president and chief executive officer of Historic Philadelphia Inc., Once Upon a Nation’s parent organization. Before taking that job, Needle spent 10 years with the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau. During her stint there, Philadelphia Mayor Edward Rendell (now the governor of Pennsylvania) asked her to coordinate a millennium celebration for the city. That work led to her current position when Rendell asked her to help him find a way to “connect the dots” on the city’s historical elements.

A native of the Philadelphia area, Needle lived in King of Prussia until she was 10, when her family moved to...
Class Notes

Westminster, Colo.  
Ryan Jones, c’99, practices medicine at Anderson County Hospital in Garnett, where he and Stephanie Supple Jones, b’98, make their home.  
Kelly Watson, d’99, directs scholarships and special events for the KU Athletics Corp. She lives in Lawrence.

BORN TO:  
Kevin Strah, c’99, and Gretchen, son, Carson, Dec. 28 in Basehor, where he joins a brother, Brayden, who’s nearly 4. Kevin is a territory manager for Shaw Industries.

David, c’99, g’01, and Elizabeth Huddleston Toland, d’00, g’02, daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, Oct. 14 in Washington, D.C., where David is deputy chief operating officer for the city.

Bryan VanDeun, g’99, and Jona, son, Barrett, April 29 in Berwyn, Ill. Bryan is a special agent for the U.S. Department of Justice.

2000  
Jenna Arbuckle Beverly, c’00, is senior academic adviser for student athletes at Rutgers University in Piscataway, N.J. She lives in Perth Amboy.

Jennifer Roszell Lickteig, j’00, is a real-estate agent at John Hall & Associates in Scottsdale, Ariz. She and her husband, Trent, c’00, live in Cave Creek.

Mark Van Blaricum, b’00, l’02, works as a risk manager and ethics and compliance officer for the Overland Park

Profile  
BY KATIE MOYER

Good times never seem so good for tribute artist

He appears through the mist of the fog machine, motionless as a statue, back turned to the frenzied crowd, eyes to the floor, right index finger pointed to the sky. Suddenly, in a whirl of red sequins, he whips around, his white scarf tracing his graceful movement. Gripping the microphone, he belts out the lyrics to “America.”

Neil Diamond? No, he’s Dave Diamond.

At least that’s his stage name. In his other life as a 23-year-old senior at KU in political science, he goes by Dave Damm. The Wichita native is the founder and lead vocalist for the Dave Diamond band, three of whose seven members are KU alumni. The band performs at corporate events, weddings, benefits and the occasional bar. In February 2006, Dave Diamond debuted at the Cotillion Ballroom in Wichita.

Damm expressed his interest in music early in life. He started on the drums, his first love, when he was 8 years old and learned to play the guitar at 12. His fascination with Diamond began with a cassette tape and a Cadillac. When he was in the seventh grade, his mother drove him around town to the beautiful noise of Diamond, and he’s been a believer ever since.

Still dazzled by Diamond in college, Damm started his career as a tribute artist at karaoke bars, impressing the crowd as he sang and danced to “Forever in Blue Jeans.” After playing the drums in a tribute band for The Doors, he was inspired to start one for Diamond.

Of course, appearance counts when you’re a tribute artist. “Everyone recognizes the sparkly shirt, satin scarf, chest hair and those sideburns,” Damm says. Besides the wardrobe, he admires Neil Diamond for his music and his personality, cheesy though it may be. “Neil Diamond just rocks,” Damm says matter-of-factly.

Although he can’t do much about his lineman physique, Damm works hard to produce a convincing Diamond show. He watches Diamond’s DVDs and emulates his movements in the mirror, and has attended three of his concerts. For extra practice, he sometimes holds private shows for friends at his apartment, where the pool table becomes his stage.

Following a successful show at the Jazzhaus in Lawrence, the Dave Diamond band is set for its biggest show yet for a crowd of 1,600 in Kansas City. The band has also recently signed with an agent and launched a new Web site, www.davediamondlive.com.

Damm is not alone in his quest to emulate the “Jewish Elvis.” Neil Diamond tribute bands can be found all over the world. Damm says confidently that he knows his idol supports his efforts—he read in a biography that Diamond is a fan of tribute artists. “As the saying goes,” Damm declares, “imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.”

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Matthew Way, d’00, is head athletic trainer for Via Christi/Wichita Thunder. He lives in Wichita.

**MARRIED**

Molly Schimmels, c’00, f’04, and Franklyn Carelia, f’04, Sept. 2. She’s an associate with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, and he’s an attorney with the Kansas Bank Commission in Topeka. They live in Lawrence.

Ashleigh Self, a’00, to Michael Adamsky, Sept. 30. They live in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**BORN TO:**

Holly Porter Mason, ’00, and Mark, d’01, daughter, Avery, Feb. 23 in Wichita.

Frederick Patton, f’00, and Kimberly, daughter, Emily Lou, Sept. 14 in Topeka, where she joins two brothers, Zachary, 7, and Andrew, 4.

2001

James Kaplan, j’01, is regional account manager for GSD&M in Chicago.

Amanda Kaschube, j’01, lives in Chicago, where she works as an associate producer for ChicagoSports.com.

Amanda Hash Kernan, b’01, and her husband, Andrew, make their home in Fayetteville, N.C., with their daughter, Lily, 1.

**MARRIED**

Jill Simpson, d’01, and Reed Miller, ’07, Sept. 9. They live in Lawrence, where she directs chapter development for the KU Alumni Association, and he’s a customer-solutions consultant for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Cory Snyder, d’01, to Kendra Huiskens, Sept. 3 in Bay City, Mich. They live in Ann Arbor.

**BORN TO:**

Carrie Padden Gibson, d’01, and Jeffrey, son, Theo, April 29 in Kansas City. Carrie is academy coordinator for PE4life.

2002

Minda Ryan Conyers, c’02, is a speech-language pathologist for Rehab Choice. She lives in Kansas City.

Kylie Colgan Helmer, j’02, c’02, works as an account executive for Saatchi & Saatchi in Overland Park. She and her husband, Kyle, ’97, live in Stilwell.

Summer Lewis Henry, j’02, owns Life Simplified. She and her husband, Brandon, f’03, live in Kansas City, where he works for Wagstaff & Carmell.

Kyle Krueger, d’02, g’04, is assistant director of athletics marketing at the University of Utah. He and Natalie Hoogveld Krueger, d’02, g’04, live in Sandy.

Melissa Montgomery, c’02, works as a sales executive for the Village Voice in New York City.

Russell Pine, c’02, is a project leader for Huhtamaki in De Soto. He lives in Overland Park.

Marco Villa, g’02, g’05, g’06, works as senior system engineer at Hawk Institute
of Space Sciences in Pocomoke, Md. He and Leslie Sphar Villa, g’05, live in Greenbackville, Va.

Binh, e’02, and Amy Wong-Thai, c’03, celebrated their first anniversary Oct. 29. They live in Burlingame, Calif. He’s a bio process engineer for Genentech, and she’s a cytotechnologist at Gynepath Laboratory.

BORN TO:

Bonnie Dodd Wohler, c’02, and Jon, son, Blake Douglas, May 22 in Lawrence, where Bonnie is traffic director for Sunflower Broadband.

2003

Krissa Kiesell Buckley, c’03, is general manager of Press A Dent in Littleton, Colo.

Sarah Cross, c’03, g’06, works as a conservation associate for the Kansas Land Trust. She lives in Lawrence.

Kimberly Ilhardt, c’03, works as a designer at the Derek Porter Studio in Kansas City.

Daphne Johnston, s’03, is an associate director of international undergraduate admissions at KU. She lives in Lawrence.

Roxanne Karpen, b’03, lives in New York City, where she’s a senior research associate with Harris Interactive.

Lindsay Michalick, p’03, is a pharmacist at Gristedes Pharmacy in New York City. She and her husband, Brendan Rineer, c’02, live in Hoboken, N.J.

Megan Parmelee, b’03, works as a corporate finance specialist for Southwest Airlines. She lives in Coppell, Texas.

John Schultz, c’03, is a spinal associate with Nuvasive. He lives in Overland Park.

Robin Unruh, s’03, works as a program therapist at Satanta District Hospital. She lives in Garden City.

Beth Williams, b’03, is a financial analyst at DST Systems in Kansas City.

Adam Wright, c’03, directs the learning center for the University of Phoenix in Cheyenne, Wyo., where he lives.

MARRIED

Jennifer Jones, j’03, to Jordan Miller, Sept. 9. They live in Kansas City, and she’s a marketing specialist for Cerner.

2004

Erin Rodvelt Aldridge, j’04, works as an interactive marketing analyst at Plattform Advertising in Kansas City. She commutes from Topeka, where she and her husband, Brandon, ’05, make their home.

Kaelyn McCall, b’04, lives in Pittsburg, where she’s a small business adviser for the U.S. Peace Corps.

Mary Ann Porch, c’04, j’04, coordinates accounts for Text 100 in New York City.

Ryan Reid, c’04, is national account manager for Favorite Healthcare Staffing. He lives in Prairie Village.

Andrew Schurle, b’04, lives in Chicago, where he’s an associate at Deutsche Bank-DWS Scudder.

Brett Wyard, j’04, is an infrastructure administrator for RSI. He lives in Austin, Texas.

2005

Blake Adams, b’05, is a broker associate for Prestige Realty Group in Denver.

Christopher Benton, c’05, serves as a pilot in the U.S. Navy in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Jennifer Gilmore, g’05, is an intercollegiate camps executive assistant for the University of San Diego.

Michael Harrington, g’05, recently became assistant director of athletic development at Tulane University in New Orleans.

Christine Kelly, j’05, coordinates music and entertainment marketing at Platinum Rye Entertainment in Chicago.

Kathleen McVey, d’05, teaches biology at Turner High School in Kansas City.

Laura Pate, j’05, is a staff writer with Vance Publishing in Kansas City.

Christine Robinson, p’05, works as a clinical pharmacist at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City. She lives in Olathe.

Kyle Rohde, j’05, coordinates accounts for ER Marketing in Kansas City.
Nicholas Rubio, d’05, is fitness director for the Greater Wichita YMCA.

MARRIED

Amy Cox, j’05, and Sean O’Hara, l’06, Aug. 5 in Rochester, Minn. They live in Phoenix. Amy directs communications for the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce, and Sean is an associate at the law firm of Snell and Winter.

Heather Fuqua, c’05, and Trevor Webb, May 27. They live in Lawrence.

Ashley Lewis, b’05, g’06, and Stuart Lamb, b’05, g’06, June 24 in Tulsa, Okla. She’s a staff auditor with KMPG, and he’s a staff auditor with BKD. Their home is in Kansas City.

2006

Bridget Biggs, PhD’06, is an assistant professor of clinical child psychology at KU. She lives in Lawrence.

Aaron Robichaud, f’06, studies for a master’s in trombone performance at the University of New Mexico-Albuquerque.
In Memory

1920s

Evelyn Nelson Little, c’29, 98, Oct. 29 in Wichita. She is survived by her daughter, Sallie Little Norton, ’60, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a step-great-grandson.

Laura Lukens McKe, c’34, 93, Oct. 28 in Westborough, Mass. A son, a daughter, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive.

Eleanor Frowe Moore, c’35, 92, Oct. 25 in Fayetteville, Ga. She lived in Tallahassee, Fla., where she was a retired teacher and medical social worker. Surviving are two daughters, one of whom is Shelley Moore Peters, d’63; two sons; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Alice Russell Mullen, f’39, 88, Sept. 11 in Kalamazoo, Mich., where she had been principal keyboardist of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra. She is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Marjorie Mullen Holmer, f’67; a sister, Ruth Russell Killeen, f’45, g’49; and a brother, Laurie Russell, e’43.

Velma Old, c’36, g’37, 92, Sept. 22 in Coffeyville, where she was a retired language arts teacher at Coffeyville Community College.

Warren Proctor, e’36, 92, Sept. 23 in Augusta, where he worked for Mobil Oil and the Augusta Refinery. He is survived by his wife, Capitola; three daughters, Elaine Proctor Cannon, c’65, Anne Proctor Williams, d’58, and Martha Proctor Reidl, c’78; a son, Robert, c’59, m’63; three stepdaughters; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.


Almeda Boeth Sample, c’39, 87, Sept. 12 in Kansas City. She is survived by a son, David, ’84; a daughter, Judith Sample Thompson, d’73; and two grandchildren.

Gordon Sloan, c’33, 95, Aug. 23 in Wilsonville, Ore., where he was senior judge of the State of Oregon and former associate justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. He is survived by a son; a daughter; a brother, Eldon, c’31; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Lucile Roach Stuckenbruck, c’38, 88, Aug. 12 in Springfield, Mass. She is survived by a son, John, c’72; a sister; and three grandchildren.

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Walter Trombold, b’32, 96, Aug. 2 in Wichita, where he owned Reid Supply Co. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Kaufman Trombold, ’76; two daughters, one of whom is Lynn Trombold Oliphant, d’67; three sons, two of whom are Steven, c’71, m’74, and Chuck, b’80; a brother, George Jr., d’32; a sister, Margaret Trombold Horn, c’38; 17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mary Hawkinson Zehring, f’39, 89, July 4 in St. Paul, Minn. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by two sons, David, c’63, m’67, and William, c’76; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1930s

Charles Bishop Jr., e’36, 90, July 31 in Delmar, N.Y., where he was retired manager of chemicals for U.S. Steel. He is survived by his wife, Leona, a daughter and a grandson.

Harriette Blair Dobbs, c’36, 101, Sept. 18 in Winfield. Several nieces and nephews survive.

Otto Epp, c’32, 97, Oct. 11 in Tribune, where he had edited the Greeley County Republican for many years. Survivors include three sons, Dan, c’64, g’66, David, c’63, and John, c’71, d’73; and a daughter, Mary Epp DiPiero, c’66.

Maurine Pearce Fair, ’35, Oct. 14 in Fort Collins, Colo. She is survived by a son, Daniel IV, f’66; a daughter, Sue Fair Ryan, f’56; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Alexander Fielder, c’38, 90, Oct. 24 in Dallas, where he had been principal flutist for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra for 25 years.

Frank Headley, c’37, 90, June 20 in Auburn, Calif., where he owned Great Western Litho and later was a partner in Pony Express Printers. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary Smith Headley, c’37; a son, David, c’63, g’64; and a grandson.

Hilda Hyort, c’36, m’47, 91, May 19 in Los Angeles, where she was a retired physician.

Frederick McCoy, c’38, m’42, 90, Sept. 26 in Kansas City. He lived in Lake Ozark, Mo., where he was a retired surgeon. He is survived by two sons, Frederick Jr., c’69, and Steven, ’81; three daughters, Judith McCoy Carmen, ’66, Patricia, f’72, and Melissa, f’77; a sister, Verna McCoy Conrad, c’69; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

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1940s

Karl Becker Sr., ’40, 90, Oct. 14 in Wichita, where he was an independent petroleum geologist. Surviving are his wife, Virginia Ochs Becker, ’43; a daughter, Ruthie Becker Gillespie, f’75; three sons, Karl Jr., c’65, Paul, ’68, and Bruce, c’75; a brother; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Henry Brown, c’49, 84, July 21 in Olathe. He was a photographer and a real-estate broker. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Page Brown, f’50; five daughters, one of whom is Nancy Brown English, ’69; three sons; 16 grandchil-
and seven great-grandchildren.

**Richmond Dalton Jr.,’48,** 85, Sept. 19 in Topeka, where he was retired managing editor/executive director of the Topeka Capital-Journal. He is survived by his wife, Margie Jewell Dalton, assoc.; a son, Kevin, ’77; a daughter; a brother; and three grandchildren.

**Robert Eidson, ’42,** 85, Oct. 2 in Johnson City, Tenn., where he was retired. He had worked for Airtronics, IBM, Overlook Systems Technologies and Cambridge Research Associates, and he was co-founder of Decisions and Designs. Surviving are a daughter; two sons; three sisters, Julia Eidson Christenson, d’40, Betty Eidson Fallin, ’38, and Sarah Eidson Walton, assoc.; and six grandchildren.

**Dean Lewis Foster, b’46,** 84, Oct. 27 in Chanute. He is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Marcia, ’78; and a grandson.

**Roy Frost Sr., ’44,** 85, Sept. 16 in Hutchinson, where he was retired director of the American Petroleum Institute. He is survived by his son, R.L. Jr., ’68; a daughter, Jane Frost Horn, ’70; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

**Velories Harlan, b’47,** 84, Sept. 27 in Beaumont, Texas, where he was retired from a career with Dairy Queen. He is survived by his wife, Juanita, a daughter, a stepdaughter, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

**Jerome Hellings, b’41,** 86, Oct. 5 in Tucson, Ariz. He had been president and CEO of Atlas Mutual Insurance, Fidelity Underwriting Agency and Rankin Benedict in Kansas City. Survivors include three daughters, one of whom is Jean Hellings Brinkmann, ’78; a sister, Josephine Hellings Huguenin, c’35; and six grandchildren.

**Kenneth Larkins, c’43, l’48,** 84, Sept. 29 in Versailles, Mo. He had a career in the surety-bond business and is survived by his wife, Jane, a daughter and two grandchildren.

**Jane Coffman Mather, c’41,** 86, Aug. 23 in Kansas City. She is survived by her husband, Richard, assoc.; a daughter; a son; and two grandsons.

**Gust Nelson Jr., c’44, m’46,** 83, Sept. 30 in Wichita, where he was a retired radiologist at St. Joseph Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Emily Fincham Nelson, n’45; a son, Gust, b’75, g’77; two daughters, Signe Nelson Hanson, b’73, and Anna Nelson Hecker, b’86; and seven grandchildren.

**Mary Sims Nesbitt, f’48,** 80, Aug. 31 in Tulsa, Okla. She is survived by three daughters; a sister, Betty Sims Beasley, f’52; a brother, Dean Sims, c’45; and five grandchildren.

**Stanley Stauffer, c’42,** 86, Nov. 2 in Topeka, where he was former board chairman and president of Stauffer Communications. He had served on two boards of the Alumni Association and the William Allen White Foundation. He is survived by his wife, Madeline; four sons, Peter, c’69, Clay, ’79, Charles, ’80, and Grant, b’89; a daughter, Elizabeth Stauffer Leonard, d’86, g’98; a brother, John, j’49; and 11 grandchildren.

**E. Eugene Young, e’47,** 84, July 27 in Oklahoma City, where he was retired vice president with SOHIO. Survivors include his wife, Sharon, assoc.; two stepsons; and a granddaughter.

**Rosemary Jones Rashleigh, c’59,** 69, Aug. 19 in Grand Junction, Colo. She is survived by her husband, Perry, p’56, m’60; two sons; two daughters; a sister, Martha Jones Clyde, d’63; two brothers, one of whom is James Jones, c’60, m’64; and seven grandchildren.

**Leon Schlick, ’58,** 80, Sept. 27 in Kansas City. A sister and four brothers survive.

**Neal Scribner, e’56,** 72, Sept. 1 in Independence, Mo., where he owned Kendra Corp. He is survived by his wife, Karen; a son; a sister, Janet Scribner Baker, c’61; and two grandchildren.

**Wayne Swanson, e’58,** 71, Sept. 27 in Topeka. He is survived by his wife, Blossom Frakes Swanson, ’60; a son, Brent, ‘81; a daughter, Beth, c’81; a

Architectural Firm and from Hunt Midwest. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Several nieces and nephews survive.

**Robert Link Brack, ’54,** 75, Oct. 18 in North Richland Hills, Texas. She lived in Kansas City for years and is survived by three sons, one of whom is Richard, ’79; two daughters; a sister; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Charles Childers Jr., d’56,** 75, June 28 in Greeley, Colo., where he was a musician and worked in the insurance business. He is survived by his wife, Chloe Warner Childers, d’52; a daughter; a son; a sister; and five grandchildren.

**Richard Coolidge, b’55,** 73, March 26 in Tucson, Ariz., where he was a partner in the law firm of Fennemore Craig. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia; two sons; four daughters; a sister, Jane Coolidge Casson, d’59; and five grandchildren.

**D.O. Lewis Hiebert, p’51,** 80, July 22 in McPherson, where he was a pharmacist. He is survived by his wife, Rene; three sons, one of whom is David, i’73; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Hubert “Al” Mayes, m’58,** 74, July 10 in Ontario, Ore., where he practiced medicine. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Gray Mayes, ’54; three sons; a daughter; and eight grandchildren.

**Rosemary Jones Rashleigh, c’59,** 69, Aug. 19 in Grand Junction, Colo. She is survived by her husband, Perry, p’56, m’60; two sons; two daughters; a sister, Martha Jones Clyde, d’63; two brothers, one of whom is James Jones, c’60, m’64; and seven grandchildren.

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John Swoyer, '52, 76, Oct. 27 in Winchester, where he was retired after 43 years in the grocery business. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo Fullbright Swoyer, f’53; two sons; a sister; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Richard Wagstaff, b’50, 80, Sept. 26 in Lawrence, where he was retired. He had been a founding partner in the development of Corporate Woods in Overland Park. Surviving are his wife, Carolyn Campbell Wagstaff, c’54; two daughters, Carolyn Wagstaff Gerwick, d’82, and Jennifer Wagstaff Arbanas, c’84; a son, Richard III, j’80; a brother, Charles, b’50; a sister, Joanna Wagstaff Kline, c’46; and six grandchildren.

Larry Beard, c’64, 63, Feb. 24, 2006, in Erving, Mass., where he was an artist, an author and a co-founder of Cole-Beard Fine Art Productions. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Cole Beard, assoc.; a stepson; and a sister, Cynthia Beard Hoffman, d’68.

Alan Bryant, b’66, 61, Sept. 16 in Arkansas City. He is survived by his wife, Kathy; two daughters, Leanne Bryant Martin, j’92, and Allison Bryant Loney, ’95; a son, Matthew, e’97; his mother, Dorothy, c’40; four sisters, three of whom are Jan Bryant Swanson, d’64, Vicki Bryant Barshay, p’79, and Sue, assoc.; a brother, John, c’75; and four grandchildren.

Carlene Harvey Estes, ’64, 67, Aug. 23 in Standish, Maine, where she and her husband had a marketing business. She is survived by her husband, Robert, g’61; a daughter; two sons; a sister; a brother; and 12 grandchildren.

Darrell Franks, c’66, m’70, 62, Sept. 20 in Louisville, Ky., where he had a psychiatric practice. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, two daughters, his mother and a sister.

Charles Hess, c’62, 64, Oct. 11 in Kansas City, where he practiced law with Bryan Cave. He is survived by his wife, Jane; a son, Charles, b’95; a daughter, Sarah Hess Langston, c’91; his mother, Mary Anne, ’39; a brother, William, b’69, l’73; and two grandsons.

Jane Peckenschneider Imel, n’61, 68, Sept. 13 in Overland Park. She is survived by a son; a daughter, Helen Imel-Geist, s’89; a sister, Mary Lou Peckenschneider Polson, c’49; a brother, Richard Peckenschneider, ’51; and six grandchildren.

Stephen Jones, c’66, 62, Oct. 13 in Watertown, Wis. He had been executive director of RFDF of Madison and was chief operating officer of Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services. Survivors include his wife, Gail; two daughters; a stepson; a stepdaughter; his parents, Edward, m’44, and Jean Boswell Jones, c’41; a brother, Bradley, j’76; a sister; and four grandchildren.

Jane Lindell Lundgaard, c’60, 68, Sept. 29 in Rio Verde, Ariz., where she served on the Community Association Board. She is survived by her husband, Linsley; a son; a daughter; a stepson; two stepdaughters, one of whom is Nina Lundgaard Ballinger, d’72; and 10 grandchildren.

Glenn McCue, b’61, 80, June 21 in Wichita, where he was a retired Boeing weights engineer. He is survived by his wife, Norma; a daughter, Kristine McCue Keith, assoc.; a son; and five grandchildren.

Nadia Medina, g’68, 61, Feb. 8, 2006, in Groton, Mass. She founded and directed the Academic Resources Center at Tufts University, where she also established the Writing Fellows Program. She is survived by her husband, Robert; a daughter; two stepsons; and four grandchildren.

Sandra Canfield Nolan, d’66, 62, Oct. 2 in Olathe. She had been a flight attendant, a teacher and a business owner. Surviving are her husband, Jim; a daughter, Amy Leffingwell, b’93; a son; her mother; a sister, Pamela Canfield Peck, g’88; and two grandchildren.

Ellwood “Lee” Robinson, ’60, 70, Sept. 8 in Wichita, where he had worked for IBM. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, assoc.; two sons; a stepson, Eric Dahlinger, j’82; two stepdaughters, three grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Donald Rubart, c’61, 71, Sept. 9. He lived in Las Cruces, N.M., and is survived by a brother and two sisters, one of whom is Charlotte Rubart Mueller, assoc.

Robert Smith, c’60, 72, Sept. 23 in Kansas City, where he worked as an accountant and an auditor for the U.S. Government. A son, a sister and two stepgrandsons survive.

Michelle Santee Bird, c’72, 56, Sept. 23. She lived in Lawrence, and she is survived by two daughters, Jessica, h’05, and Megan, c’06; her mother, Ruth Santee Swander, c’46, n’49; a brother; and a sister.

John Bork, c’74, l’77, 61, Sept. 25 in Lawrence. He had served as Kansas assistant attorney general and received the Kansas Prosecutor Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Jean Shepherd, d’68, l’77; three sons, one of whom is Karrigan, c’02; a brother, Robert, d’72; two sisters, Kathleen Bork Markwell, d’72, and Tricia Bork Canavan, j’76; and three grandchildren.

Thomas Elmer, c’71, 63, Oct. 19 in Houston. He lived in Kansas City, where he worked at Teague Lumber Co. He is survived by his wife, Dara Billingsley Elmer, ’68; two daughters, one of whom is Lisa, c’95; his mother; seven brothers, one of whom is Timothy, g’86; and four sisters.

Victoria Beeman Dumler Francis, c’75, 53, Oct. 1 in Topeka, where she worked as a special-education para-educator. She is survived by a daughter, Jessica Dumler, j’01; her parents, Jack, b’50, and Velma Beeman, assoc.; and a sister, Jaci Beeman Fell, d’80.

Pablo Golibart, g’76, 69, Jan. 28, 2006, in New York City, where he was a retired teacher. He also studied law and worked as a public-relations executive. Surviving are his wife, Marcia, two daughters and two sons.

Jeffrey Johnson, c’79, 49, Aug. 19 in Stilwell, where he was founder of SolutionPros. He is survived by his wife, Susan; a son; a daughter; his father; and...
three sisters, one of whom is Jill Johnson Coughlin, assoc.  

_Darrel Peterson, j'71_, 57, Aug. 16 in Billings, Mont., where he was director of business development at Advertising Design. He is survived by his wife, Dawn; three sons, one of whom is Jerrad, '97; and a granddaughter.

_Mary Bredfeldt Sherman, p'75_, 54, Sept. 20 in Kansas City. She lived in Lenexa, and she worked as a pharmacist. She is survived by her husband, Stephen, j'72; two daughters, one of whom is Margaret, student; her parents; and a brother.

_Phillip Swenson, p'74_, 58, Feb. 14, 2006, in Concordia, where he was a pharmacist. He is survived by his wife, Janice, a son and his mother.

**1980s**

_Steven Auten, p'85_, 44, Sept. 22. He lived in Osawatomie, where he was a pharmacist. He is survived by his wife, Teri; two daughters, Ashley, student, and Alyssa, student; two sons; his father; his mother, two brothers, Joseph, j'87, and James, '05; and three sisters, Dorothy Auten Barnthouse, n'83, Martha Auten Carter, n'86, and Nancy Auten Kirk, '92.

_Stuart Chaney, h'88_, 43, Oct. 30 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He owned C&C Powersports in Harlingen and McAllen and is survived by his wife, Lecia; a daughter; a son; his parents, Ernie, m'56, and Margie Chaney, assoc.; and two brothers, Mitchell, c'78, l'81, and James, '83.

_Shawn Corwin-Myland, c'82, g'84_, 47, Oct. 1 in Lakeville, Minn. She was vice president of sales at the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau, and she is survived by her husband, Scott; a son; two daughters; her parents, Everett, a'53, g'86, and Samaria Corwin; a brother; and her grandmother.

_John Elvin, c'85_, 45, July 9 in Santa Clarita, Calif. He worked as a conceptual designer for Lockheed Martin Advanced Development Programs (“the Skunk Works”) and had recently received the company’s Aero Star Award for his work in hypersonic vehicle design. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; a daugh-ter; three brothers, two of whom are Brian, b'86, and William, '94; and his parents, Charles, '60, and Cheryl Wilson Elvin, '61.

_John Gardner, b'83_, 46, Oct. 21. He was vice president of sales at Exabyte in Boulder, Colo., and is survived by his wife, Lori; a son; a daughter; his mother, Joanne, assoc.; and a brother.

_Rachel Flood Hanson, j'87_, 41, Sept. 23 in Vail, Colo. She was a public coordinator for the Lake Dillon Fire and Rescue Department, and she is survived by her husband, Tim, '82; her mother, Diane Flood Hanzlicek, d'61; and three sisters, two of whom are Karen Flood Moeder, p'90, and Sarah Flood Rankin, c'96, b'96.

_Stephen Leonard, c'80, g'84_, 51, Sept. 12 in Lawrence, where he lived. He worked as a systems analyst for government contractors in Topeka and Kansas City. Survivors include his mother, Alice, c'37, g'39; and two brothers, Byron II, c'63, and David Yunuba, c'69.

_Gino Strippoli Jr., '84_, 46, Oct. 28 in Avon Lake, Ohio. He was deputy chief copy editor for the Plain Dealer in Cleveland. Survivors include his wife, Jean Gregar Strippoli, '81; a daughter; two sons; his mother; his father; and two sisters, Bernadette Strippoli Krumreich, e'81, and Lisa, '87.

**1990s**

_Barbara Miller McCubbin, a'91, g'96_, 49, Sept. 13 in Olathe, where she had been an architect. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by her husband, Robert, a daughter, her mother, her stepmother, a brother, two sisters, a stepbrother and a stepsister.  

_The University Community_

_James Brewer_, 64, Sept. 23 in Boynton Beach, Fla. He was a professor of mathematics at Florida Atlantic University, and had taught at KU for 15 years. He is survived by his wife, Vivian; three daughters, one of whom is Amy, c'00; three sons; a stepson; a stepdaughter; two brothers; a sister; and four grandchildren.

_Walter Gunn_, 85, Sept. 15 in Leawood. He had been an assistant clinical professor of psychology at KU and is survived by his wife, Bette Lu, assoc.; a daughter; a son; a brother; a sister; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

_Ruth Stephenson Hassanein_, 70, Sept. 1 in Liberty, Mo. She was a professor of biometry at the KU Medical Center, where she also had been associate dean for research in the School of Allied Health and director of research in the department of nurse anesthesia. Survivors include a daughter, Sarah Hassanein Hon, m'98; a sister; two brothers, one of whom is Robert Stephenson III, c'64, m'68; and two grandchildren.

_Bernard “Bud” Hirsch_, 61, Sept. 3 in Lawrence, where he was a professor of English at KU. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Survivors include his mother, Mollie, a brother, a stepbrother and a granddaughter.

_Gretchen Guernsey Leigh, m'38_, 91, Aug. 9 in LaCrosse, Wis., where she was former head of anesthesiology at Gunderson Clinic. From 1946-55, she was an assistant professor of anesthesiology at KU. Two sisters survive.

_Helen Sims_, 94, Oct. 25 in Overland Park. She had directed the public relations department and later the medical and nursing alumni associations at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City. A brother survives.

**Associates**

_Raphie Nelson Allen_, 92, Sept. 2 in Prairie Village. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by a daughter; a son, Robert Gribble, c'65, m'69; two stepdaughters, Marilyn Allen, d'64, and Martha Allen Johnson, d'71; a stepson, James Allen, c'68, m'72; a sister, four grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.
The honors keep coming for Dan Rockhill and the students of Studio 804. The nonprofit program Rockhill founded at the School of Architecture and Urban Design won Architecture Magazine’s Home of the Year award this fall for the second time in three years.

Graduate students in the class design and build an affordable home over the course of a semester. As with the house that won Home of the Year in 2004, the latest 804 project—a 1,200-square-foot modular house—was built in Lawrence, then assembled on site in Kansas City. The house stands on a raised pier foundation at 534 Riverview Ave., in the Strawberry Hill neighborhood. Students worked with El Centro, a local community development organization, to find a qualified buyer for the house.

“I always have to clarify for people that this is a professional competition,” says Rockhill. “The idea that students are participating is more than unusual; it’s almost unheard of. And the fact that for the second time one of our little houses has risen to the top is really very gratifying.”

Rockhill started Studio 804 in 1995 to give graduate students hands-on experience during their final semester at KU. The innovative class features clean modern lines outside and a movable room divider inside. Generous windows capitalize on the site’s panoramic views and abundant natural light.

Design on a dime

Low-cost modernism attracts praise for innovative architecture class
has won a slew of awards and attracted an international following for its embrace of modern design and its use of building materials that are environmentally friendly—all on a tight budget. Student labor and the use of recycled and salvaged materials help keep costs in check.

The intensive Studio 804 approach, in which the students are responsible for every detail of a project, from planning through construction, also has become a model for graduate education at many other universities.

“It’s a very good formula, because young people today are desperate for experience, and I’m willing to give it to them,” Rockhill says. “We’ve kind of become the poster child for the design-and-build concept of architectural education.”

Architecture Magazine considered more than 200 projects before handing out seven awards. One of the remaining six awards went to Rockhill’s private design practice, Rockhill and Associates.

—Steven Hill

Modernist marvels

Work by Studio 804 students figures prominently in Designing & Building: Rockhill and Associates. Published in 2006 by Tuns Press, the 128-page book showcases some two dozen projects designed by Dan Rockhill’s students and by his private architectural practice.

The book grew out of a sabbatical he took in 2001, his 20th year of teaching at KU. The handsome volume prominently features Rockhill’s color photographs of homes and other buildings he and his colleagues and students have built or restored, and it includes essays by noted architecture scholars that make a case for the importance of the design-and-build vision of architecture.

“I’m not saying our way is the only way,” Rockhill says of his goal for the book.

“There are a lot of alternatives to traditional practice, and the design-and-build method is an important one. It’s nice to be able to promote that view.”

Several Lawrence projects are featured in Designing & Building, including the Wagon Wheel Road house and studio of painter Roger Shimomura, distinguished professor emeritus. That house, like some others Rockhill has designed over the years, stirred up controversy when it was built. But it did get built.

“Kansas is not known for modern architecture by any means, so it’s a nice testimonial not only to what we do, but also to the region, that we’re able to do these projects here,” Rockhill says. “It shows that work like this doesn’t have to be limited to the East Coast or West Coast.”

—S.H.

Log Lady carries big axe

Rock ’n’ roll trio energizes Lawrence music scene

In the pantheon of rock ’n’ roll, legendary masters of the three-piece band live on: Cream, The Jimi Hendrix Experience, ZZ Top, The Police, Nirvana.

“The three-piece format gives each musician much more creative freedom,” says Adrian Rees, ’06, bassist and vocalist for Lawrence’s Log Lady. “Each member added to a group further complicates things.”

Rees and drummer Justin Hodson, ’04, met in kindergarten in Lecompton. As kids, they were crazy for music. They joined their high school marching band and had a rock group on the side—Hodson on bass, Rees on guitar.

Eventually, Hodson took up drums. While attending KU, Rees worked at Free State Brewing Co., and there met guitarist Jack Pierrelee, ’06, who convinced Rees to pick up the bass—and Log Lady was born. (The band took its name from a clairvoyant character in the TV series “Twin Peaks.”)

Drawing from influences that include Hendrix, Frank Zappa, John McLaughlin and Wes Montgomery, Hodson and Rees developed a muscular and complex beat in their music.

—S.H.

Designing & Building: Rockhill and Associates

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for Pierrelee’s nonchalant virtuosity. His solos leave audiences open-mouthed. Most of Log Lady’s compositions are instrumental, allowing the trio to trade leads. When a song calls for vocals, Rees does most of the singing.

“One of my professors, Dr. Rick Snyder, said, ‘Life is people, people,’” Rees recalls. “Psychology is about understanding yourself and other people to create positive relationships and managing those relationships to create a positive outcome. That’s very useful when you’re in a band.”

Hailed by a 2005 New York Times travel article as “the most vital music scene between Chicago and Denver,” Lawrence was conspicuously passed over by many of the national “Best Of” lists in 2006. Pierrelee chalks it up to a glut of style and a dearth of substance: “Most people like the novelty of playing music. They buy into the image and walk around with a rock star attitude. We just want to play.”

Rees takes it a step further: “Log Lady is the reset button for the Lawrence music scene.”

The band built its own recording studio and aims to have six or seven “impeccable” songs soon ready for release. While honing production skills, Log Lady records and engineers the music of several local bands. The members keep a tight rehearsal schedule and devote time to individual practice. Rees teaches guitar and bass, and Pierrelee plays, on an unplugged electric guitar, for “a couple of hours everyday.”

Log Lady has performed on stages around Lawrence with increasing frequency, and rarely has the phrase “blowing them away” been as aptly used. Their growing fan club may be chattering about the big time, but the trio is taking it step by measured step.

“Our strengths complement each other,” Rees says. “That’s worth working to keep. We’re all focused on developing the music at our own pace.”

“And,” says Hodson, “we’re not going away.”

—Tom King is a Lawrence free-lance writer.

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Great Outdoors

Author urges kids to go out and play

The next time you talk to an outdoors type, ask how they got interested in the natural world. They probably won’t mention a class they took in school, or book they read.

More likely they’ll say their love of the outdoors grew from less structured experiences—playing along a creek or exploring nearby woods.

But with today’s packed schedules and fewer safe places available outside, we may be rearing kids who prefer com-
puters and video games to tadpoles and treehouses.

That’s the contention of San Diego Union-Tribune columnist Richard Louv, j’71, in his latest book, *Last Child in the Woods*. Louv examines the nature-deprived upbringing of many kids (he even gives it a name—“nature-deficit disorder”), a problem he believes contributes to, among other things, obesity and short attention spans.

Louv offers some prescriptions, including changing school curricula and designing housing developments with space for kids to roam. He contemplates a mass movement back to the rural Great Plains.

I read his words one Saturday in the fall, between bouts of clearing brush in a pasture. Toward evening, I built a small fire to keep warm. I glanced up from Louv’s book to watch the day’s last sunlight bouncing red off the clouds. Southbound geese honked overhead.

Missing such experiences may not be quite as alarming as Louv says. But a life with them is much richer, it seems to me.

Learn the flowers, poet Gary Snyder advises. We’re never too old, but there’s no better time than when you’re a kid.

—Rex Buchanan is associate director for public outreach at Kansas Geological Survey.

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**Art for fun’s sake**

**Sculptor’s playful personality comes through in his art**

Andrew Hadle likes to describe his gear-driven kinetic sculpture as “little wooden cartoons,” but his humor comes in all sizes.

The more-than-life-size metal “Futureman” on display at Ninth and Massachusetts streets is not only his, but it’s also his face. “Kind of spooky,” Hadle admits.

He also paints and draws comics and is eager to try computerized film and animation. The theme running through these diverse artistic sensibilities?

“I like having fun with things,” says Hadle, f’06, “so a lot of my work has that element of humor, too.”

Hadle’s light-hearted art caught the attention of the International Sculpture Center in Hamilton, N.J., where he was recently honored for Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture. One of 22 honorees out of 377 entries representing more than 140 universities and art schools from six countries, Hadle’s whimsical “Picasso and Barbie” was included in the New Jersey sculpture museum’s fall/winter competition exhibition.

Powered by a hand-cranked knob linked to a series of wooden gears, Hadle’s kinetic sculpture portrays a leering Pablo Picasso painting an enthusiastic young model—in this case, a Barbie doll. Others in the “wooden cartoon” series include Jackson Pollock regurgitating on his canvas, producing his famous splatter effect, and Henri Matisse cutting paper in bed.

“When I think about Picasso, I hold him on a really high pedestal, and so does everyone,” Hadle says. “I wanted to kind of bring him down a little bit. Maybe it’s just my way of lowering them to my level, just so I can look at them in the eye for a little while and then let them go back to their history pages.”

Though the small kinetic pieces at first appear relatively simple, they are in fact the result of laborious sketching. After envisioning the original idea—“Picasso paints Barbie,” for instance—Hadle must then figure out how to move the various components.

“I have to do lots and lots of sketches,” he says, “and then it’s sort of a whimsical mix of trial and error, and also some know-how.”

After working his day job as a laborer restoring homes damaged by fire, smoke or water, Hadle spends evenings on his art, either in his Lawrence apartment, where his scavenged map collection papers every inch of wall space in his room, or with his collaborative group of friends and fellow artists. Weekends he spends at his studio in The Art Incubator, a building shared by dozens of young artists in Kansas City’s Crossroads district.

“Sometimes I’ll feel strongly about something and I’ll create because of that,” Hadle says. “And a lot of times, it’s just about creating, about making it happen. To do it for no reason ... maybe that’s the best reason of all.”

To view Hadle’s sculpture in action, visit www.andrewhadle.com.

—Chris Lazzarino

Andrew Hadle used alginate, a quick-setting compound more commonly used for dental molds, to make a highly detailed mold of his face. He then cast a copy in aluminum and welded it to the head of “Futureman,” which stands sentinel at a busy downtown intersection.
Bound by the book

The Snyder Book Collecting Contest celebrates 50 years of uniting KU’s most devoted bibliophiles

In 1956, Robert Vosper, then director of KU Libraries, wanted to share his passion for book collecting with students. So he wrote to Elizabeth Snyder (then Taylor) of Kansas City, whom he had met through Chancellor Franklin Murphy, about his hopes of creating a contest that would encourage young collectors.

“No one will know better than you,” Vosper wrote, “how much pleasure and excitement this can bring, and I’d like to begin to inoculate people with the virus when they are young with the hope that it will take.”

Snyder, an avid collector since high school who developed her own distinguished collections of journalist and social critic H.L. Mencken and Winnie the Pooh creator A.A. Milne, quickly agreed to fund the contest’s monetary awards.

Bearing a cheerful disposition and a handful of fresh daffodils from her garden, Snyder attended the annual ceremony nearly every year, and donated her collections to KU Libraries’ Department of Special Collections. She died in 2004.

Last November, graduate student Todd Giles and undergraduate Travis Canaday won the 50th annual Snyder Book Collecting Contest, joining the ranks of former winners who attended the celebration of one of the five longest-running collegiate book collecting competitions in the United States.

Also attending were members of Snyder’s family, including author Whitney Terrell, her great-nephew, who spoke about “Libby” Snyder’s ardor for collecting and her influence on his career.

Giles, a doctoral student in English, titled his collection “Advice to the Young Poet: William Carlos Williams and the Next Generation of American Poets.” Canaday, a junior in anthropology, won the undergraduate prize for “Life and Times of an Outlaw Journalist: Hunter S. Thompson’s Articles and First Editions.”

Although the honor and monetary awards ($800 cash and a $100 Oread Books gift certificate) are appealing, Giles says collecting is its own reward. He began saving American poetry while he was an undergraduate at Texas Tech simply because he was interested in the subject. He estimates the contents of one small, four-tiered bookshelf in his home to be worth about $15,000, but to him, the collection is invaluable.

“I’ll never sell them,” he says. “Some of these books have traveled with me through four states and 15 years, and I could never part with them.”

His sentiment provides a maxim for bibliophiles: Never disperse the good words.
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