Red Hot Summer Fun

From backyards to blue-ribbon cook-offs, barbecue is smokin’

- Artist transforms trinkets into treasure
Crimson

Blue

Coincidence?
When first-time freshmen arrive on the Hill this fall, they’ll receive something no class before them ever received: a promise of no tuition increase for four years.

BY STEVEN HILL

Broken glass, bottle caps and other common castoffs are among the modest materials Bob Ebendorf uses to manufacture his most uncommon jewelry creations.

BY DIANE SILVER

Summer’s here, and the time is right for a sauce-sлathering, pork-pulling, rib-rubbing look at America’s favorite carnivorous cuisine: barbecue.

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO
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It’s plain to see

We had a good time over Memorial Day weekend reading your great article, “Hidden in Plain Sight,” in the alumni magazine [issue No. 3, 2007]. It was a really good piece!

Thanks for all the good work you do for the University of Kansas.

Warren, e’50, and Mary Corman, c’73, h’74
Lawrence

More of a good thing

I was pleased to read the article on page 37 of the May Kansas Alumni magazine [“More the merrier,” Association]. The Chapter Challenge results were interesting. You will recall the proposal I made last year in an attempt to increase membership percentage in the major chapters and national totals.

Our goal of increasing membership and participation in the Alumni Association has always been an important goal. When I was on the Association’s national Board of Directors, it was a major topic. This looks like a good start.

If anyone would care to pick my aged brain I would be more than glad to review the opportunities as I see them versus the many problems which seem to have been overcome in the last year or two.

Congratulations to the chapters of Wichita, Chicago and Kansas City! I’m interested in your plans for the U.S. expansion of this exciting program.

Guy O. Mabry, b’50
Toledo, Ohio

Bang the drum slowly

The note about saving the IBM 650 [“A time machine’s final lessons,” Jayhawk Walk, issue No. 1, 2007] brought back great memories to me. I remember taking my first computer class in the summer of 1961, the year before I started work with IBM in Kansas City.

I believe we used a low-level programming language, SOAP, to optimize access to the main memory that was on a spinning drum. There was no printer attached. The output was all on cards that had to be taken to an IBM accounting machine for printing.

How times have changed!

Jeanne Sebaugh, c’62
Columbia, Mo.

A white horse on a red barn


I spent my early years near Buffalo, a small town in southeastern Kansas. I remember the livery barn that stood a half block off the main street. The barn’s red paint had faded, but a painting of the head and shoulders of a white horse still showed above the wide double doors of the stable.

Although the painting was not a mural, the article reminded me of the old barn. I have no idea who the artist was, but I remember his work was striking. The barn was torn down sometime during the early ’30s.

My compliments to Chris, Dave Loewenstein, Lora Jost and Kansas Alumni magazine for a great story and for capturing a part of Kansas art that is both historic and contemporary.

Henry Paustian, e’50
Lawrence
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BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNE

First Word

on page 20, KU students and administrators have spent the past several years sifting through the many factors that influence tuition, and they have broken new ground by setting tuition at a flat, four-year rate. The compact offers some certainty for families while encouraging students to complete their degrees in four years. Our story includes all the details and describes the process that created this innovation. Among the most impressive points is that the University threw out some of the jargon long associated with the tuition structure, substituting words that actually make sense to students and parents.

My own summer orientation years ago had been a breeze—as far as I could dimly recall (after all, it was the ’70s).

But nearly 30 years later, as the mom instead of the daughter, I experienced my crash course in KU from a vastly different vantage point. As I tried to absorb the information, skillfully delivered by campus leaders and enthusiastic students but daunting nonetheless, I longed for that ineffable answer that was absent from the agenda.

I wanted peace of mind.

Of course, true peace of mind as a parent is a long time in coming. But this year’s summer orientation moms and dads are taking some solace—even delight—in a bona fide promise from KU: No tuition increase for four years.

True, the pact deals only with dollars and cents and not the larger worries that haunt us as we watch our children sort out their futures. But none of us can ignore the specter of paying for college, or pretend that it hasn’t gotten a lot scarier since my folks wrote a check for $341.44 in August 1977.

So KU’s four-year Tuition Compact offers peace of mind in at least one important aspect. As you’ll read in Steven Hill’s story.

Wander through the Kansas Union on any sweaty afternoon in June or July and you can easily spot the summer orientation parents—even without their name tags. By midafternoon, most of the moms and dads wear a certain expression, best described by the title of a 1993 movie that portrayed their own teenage years in the ’70s: “Dazed and Confused.”

I know the telltale stare all too well, because I am a recovered orientation parent. Two summers ago, I followed my daughter Rachel through the gauntlet. My first mistake was presuming I already knew plenty, by virtue of my career at the Association and my status as an alumna.
On the Boulevard

Exhibitions
“The Prints of Roger Shimomura,” through July 29, Spencer Museum of Art
“Claimed: Land Use in Western America,” through Aug. 12, Spencer Museum of Art
“Haitian Art from the Hughes Collection,” through Sept. 16, Spencer Museum of Art
“At the Way of Writing to the Weight of Writing,” Spencer Museum of Art, through the fall semester
“Aaron Douglas: African American Modernist,” opens Sept. 8

University Theatre
JULY
13-15, 20-21, 27-28 “Starting Here, Starting Now,” Kansas Summer Theatre

Lied Center events
AUGUST
17 Trout Fishing in America

SEPTEMBER
7 Stephan Casurella, Bales Organ Recital Hall
8 Irene Bedard & Deni
21 “The Pink Floyd Experience”
29 Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co.

Special events
AUGUST
13 Student Alumni Association Ice Cream Social, Adams Alumni Center

SEPTEMBER
8 Band Day
14-16 Family Weekend
15 Jayhawk Generations Breakfast, Adams Alumni Center

Academic calendar
JULY
27 Summer classes end

AUGUST
16 Fall classes begin

Jayhawk Generations picnics
Welcome incoming students to the KU family before they head to the Hill.

JULY
15 Kansas City
17 Oklahoma City
18 North Central Kansas
19 Great Plains
21 St. Louis
22 Chicago
23 Topeka
26 Flint Hills
28 Austin
29 Washington, D.C.
30 Lawrence

AUGUST
5 Central North Carolina
Alumni events

JULY
16 Kansas City: Legends of KU Golf Tournament
21 Wichita: Wine tasting
29 Phoenix: Big 12 Alumni Volunteer Day
31 Chicago: Movie in the Park

AUGUST
3 Salina: North Central Chapter golf tournament & dinner
4 Chicago: Big 12 boat cruise
8 Winfield: South Kansas Chapter banquet
16 Dallas: Alumni night Royals vs. Rangers
17 Kansas City: Football rally with Coach Mark Mangino
24 Denver: Alumni night at Coors Field

SEPTEMBER
1 Game Day at the Adams tailgate party, KU vs. Central Michigan
8 Game Day at the Adams tailgate party, KU vs. Southeast Louisiana
9 Chicago: Young Alumni Networking event
14 Lawrence: Gale Sayers golf tournament and silent auction
15 Game Day at the Adams tailgate party, KU vs. Toledo
16 Chicago: Alumni day Bears vs. Chiefs
20 Kansas City: New-member social
22 Game Day at the Adams tailgate party, KU vs. Florida International

OCTOBER
12-13 Volunteer Leaders’ Weekend, Adams Alumni Center

Scenes from the University’s 135th annual Commencement May 20 included (above) Marvin Motley, c’77, l’80, g’81, the Association’s national board chair, addressing the freshly minted alumni; a faculty marshal (top) overseeing the procession into Memorial Stadium; giddy graduates (left) celebrating in the Chi Omega fountain; and graduates of the School of Education (preceding page) cheering the conclusion to one leg of their challenging lifelong journeys.

For more information about Association events, call 800-584-2957 or see the Association’s Web site, www.kualumni.org.
Jayhawk Walk

BY HILL AND LAZZARINO

Chi Omega Fountain, warm spring night. Ten, perhaps a dozen, students, in boxers or bikinis, flopping around in the water. Way past midnight. Red pickup truck approaches from the east. No headlights. Police in hot pursuit down Jayhawk Boulevard, pushing 80, maybe even 90 mph. Truck launches from curb near the traffic cabana, goes airborne, flies past the fountain and smashes into the side of the darkened Chi Omega house. Shattered glass, splintered wood and crushed brick spray the sorority’s first floor which, thankfully, is empty at the time.

No, it’s not the script for a Mount Oread “Dukes of Hazzard” knockoff or the latest breathless video game. It was, in fact, the not-so-typical events that shook campus early in the morning of May 7.

“Everyone just froze inside the fountain,” sophomore Osama El-Tayash told the University Daily Kansan about the moment when merriment shifted into overdrive terror. “We had less than three seconds to move. Even if we did, we wouldn’t know which way to run.”

The misguided driver was taken by air ambulance to KU Medical Center in Kansas City, reportedly with non-life-threatening injuries, and no one on the ground, including splish-splashing students, slumbering sorority sisters and the pursuing police officer, was hurt, leaving us free to giggle about our next get-rich-quick screenplay scheme: “Legend of Jayhawk Boulevard: Flight to Avoid Prosecution.”

Remember that old bumper sticker, typically plastered onto a rusty VW, next to “My Karma Ran Over My Dogma,” that went something like, “Wouldn’t it be great if schools got everything they asked for and the air force had to hold a bake sale to buy a bomber?”

Somebody at Fort Hays State does.

While state legislators wrasled over how to pay down the $663 million maintenance backlog overwhelming the state’s six Board of Regents universities, students at Fort Hays State pitched in with a bake sale.

The buffet of brownies, cupcakes and cookies netted $50.70, donated directly to the Regents’ repair fund. Drew Thomas, president of Fort Hays State’s student government association, calculated that the repair bill would be covered with 13,076 million more bake sales.

Which is a lot of dough, but maybe it’ll get us off the hook for chowing down on too much junk. Cupcakes for Classrooms can’t count for calories, can they?
Tell me a story

Once upon a time, a little girl named Lauren listened to fantastic tales of frog princes and fairy godmothers by the banks of a shady pond.

When she grew up, the lazy summer afternoons snuggling on a blanket with her mother and brother while a librarian read children’s books were among her most vivid childhood memories. She decided her new hometown needed something like it.

So was born Story Hour At Potter Lake.

“Being able stare up at the sky, the fresh air and the water all made for a very imaginative experience,” recalls Lauren Grieb.

KU Bookstores employee and part-time student. “It taught me that reading is fun.”

So bring the kids and a blanket. The free summertime series concludes with noon readings July 21 and Aug. 7. Oread Books supplies the tales and Grieb does the reading. The memories are up to you.

The backside of celebrity

Those of us of a certain advanced age and midsection can never hope to have Brad Pitt’s body. Matt Greer, j’05, is Brad Pitt’s body.

Or at least he will be in “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button,” starring Pitt and Cate Blanchett and directed by David Fincher.

So the story goes: Pitt’s character re-gresses in age, while his love interest, the lovely Ms. Blanchett, advances. Their age arcs cross at about 40, but soon enough the romance evolves into a bittersweet May-December; hence, body doubles for the final bedroom scene.

Not only did Greer triumph over unknown numbers of hopefuls to portray Mr. May, he also got three days of paid work, making him eligible for the all-important actor’s union card, and he spent an entire day in front of the camera for one of the truly distinctive American directors.

Best of all, he gets to wear the T-shirt.

OK, printing “I’m Brad Pitt’s Body Double” hats, shirts, buttons, bumper stickers and business cards was our notion; Greer says it’s good enough that his buddies aren’t shy about spreading the news.

“At parties, my buddies have said, ‘You know, he’s Brad Pitt’s body double,’ and suddenly girls are surrounding me!” Greer says, still a bit mystified by the experience.

“It’s like I’m an entirely different person.”

Yeah, like Brad Pitt, you lucky dog! Enjoy, Matt, enjoy.

Scout’s honor

Mariana Remple’s contribution to Lawrence girl scouting was as big as the great outdoors she loved. She and her husband, Henry Remple, PhD’50, took scouts on family canoe trips in the 1950s, and she helped found Mariner Troop 660 and Hidden Valley, the Lawrence girl scout camp. She continued working at the camp to the day of her death, in 2000.

Remple was also a collector with an interest in history, and over 50 years she amassed an impressive trove of papers and memorabilia. Her daughter, Lucy Remple McAllister, f’58, d’60, g’67, organized the collection, and in March the family donated it to KU’s Spencer Research Library.

Aside from its huge value to scholars of scouting, women’s history, and childhood and community development, a chief appeal of Mariana Lohrenz Remple Girl Scout Collection is the good humor that shines through in Remple’s reports of camping and canoeing trips.

“She had a sense of humor that she could not and chose not to control when she wrote official reports about troop activities,” says McAllister. “The files are full of very funny reports.”

Dunked provisions and lost paddles aside, the adventures built character and secured bonds among girls, she says. “The trips changed lives. Kids learned about self-reliance, that they could handle all kinds of difficulties and come out stronger.”
Help is on the way

A new maintenance plan funds overdue infrastructure improvements, but it’s not enough to reduce backlog total

Steam tunnels, some more than 100 years old and dug by hand, will be the first of KU’s Lawrence campus maintenance needs to benefit from a $380 million deferred maintenance plan passed during the Legislature’s wrap-up session.

The five-year plan sets aside $90 million in state revenues, permits $100 million in state bonds, and authorizes $62.5 million in state tax credits designed to encourage $120 million in private donations for repair projects at universities and community colleges statewide.

“This is a good first step, but it’s only a step,” said Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, g’80, after signing the bill into law May 14. “We still have critical needs at our Regents universities and at other state buildings, and they won’t be addressed in this one action.” She promised to revisit the issue with legislators next year.

For now, the plan will bring about $32 million to KU’s Lawrence campus, and $11 million to the KU Medical Center campus. That compares with a backlog of critical repair projects that KU estimates at $181 million in Lawrence and $72 million at KUMC. The statewide maintenance backlog is estimated at $663 million.

At the Medical Center, the top priority is replacing chillers and boilers at the Applegate Energy Center, which provides heat, air conditioning and water to about 90 percent of campus, says Ed Rau, b’74, director of facilities.

On the Lawrence campus, KU will spend $8.8 million on the repair and replacement of 1,100 linear feet of steam tunnels. The remainder of the money will be used to update mechanical systems and provide other upgrades in 10 campus buildings:

- Wescoe Hall: $3.5 million to improve the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system;
- Haworth and Malott halls: $2.6 million each for HVAC improvements and fume hood replacement;
- Art and Design Building: $1.1 million, HVAC, new windows and a new foundry furnace;
- Murphy Hall: $4.4 million, HVAC and electrical system improvements and a new generator;
- Lippincott Hall: $1.2 million, HVAC, electrical, and fire alarms;
- Lindley Hall: $2 million, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, windows, fume hoods and foundation repair;
- Bailey Hall: $1.8 million, HVAC and fire alarms;
- Watson Library: $1.6 million, HVAC and fire alarms;
- Learned Hall: $1.1 million to begin addressing $2.9 million in needed improvements.
"The Legislature really wanted us to focus on the infrastructure of campus," says Jim Modig, a’73, director of design and construction management. "So you’re not going to see carpet; you’re not going to see a lot of wall finishes; you’re not going to see renovations or remodeling. You’re going to see what I refer to as the nuts and bolts of the University addressed."

Many of those nuts and bolts will be left to another year: The “down-payment list” of critical repairs contained more than 40 facilities, Modig says, out of a total of approximately 150 facilities on campus. Before the current package was passed, he estimated that the Lawrence campus alone was adding about $25 million a year in unaddressed repair needs (through depreciation and inflation) to the deferred maintenance total. The current funding, spread out over five years, reduces that yearly deficit to about $21 million a year.

We’re still falling behind, just at a slower rate, Modig says. Any way you add it up, the list of critical repair projects will only continue to grow unless the state grants further support.

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RUOK?

Texting may be a better way to reach out and touch students in cases of emergency

The University will soon roll out a text messaging system that will allow administrators to quickly notify students, faculty and staff members in the event of a campus emergency.

KU began asking the University community to sign up for the system at the end of the spring semester. As of June, more than 7,000 people had volunteered their cell phone numbers and cell phone providers, according to Marlesa Roney, vice provost for student success. She estimates that more than 11,000 cell phone users will sign up by this fall.

Text messaging is an important part of the emergency response system because it’s seen as a particularly effective way to quickly reach students.

“What we know very clearly is that there’s something of a generational divide,” Roney says. “People my age use e-mail. But for most students today, text messaging is one of the primary forms of communication, so we really need to develop this as a mode of emergency communication as well.”

The texting system is part of a wider effort to beef up KU’s emergency communications capability. Several recent events have highlighted the need for improvement.

In March 2006, the “microburst” storm that uprooted trees and caused $6 million in damage to campus buildings served as “a wake-up call,” Roney says.

“The microburst showed us that we have a plan, but because we’re fortunate enough not to have to use it very often, we get rusty,” she says.

Soon after the storm, an emergency task force began holding regular meetings, looking for ways to add to the tools the University uses to communicate during an emergency. The tragic shootings at Virginia Tech underlined the importance of quick communication between administrators and students.

Then, on June 1, Lawrence police and Douglas County sheriff’s deputies joined KU public safety officers to search campus buildings after a staff member reported seeing a man carrying a rifle on campus.

The sighting was reported to police at 9:15, but official notification from the University did not reach many KU employees until much later. A campuswide e-mail sent out at 10:08 took 40 minutes to hit staffers’ in-boxes. By then, many had

“For most students today, text messaging is one of the primary forms of communication.”

—Marlesa Roney
learned of the situation from media reports or by encountering police officers searching their offices. Reader comments on the Lawrence Journal-World Web site indicated that many staff members were upset with the University’s response. KU officials attributed part of the delay to maintenance on the campus computer network underway at the time.

The searches turned up no evidence of a threat, and a second e-mail sounding the all clear took less than 10 minutes to deliver.

Roney says the scare was difficult for people on campus, “but the good thing is that no one has been hurt, and this has essentially allowed us to learn more and more. ... We learned what it really takes to compose and transmit an e-mail message. We refined those steps, and as we get new technology tools we’ll cut the time it takes.”

In addition to text messaging, administrators are looking at building partnerships with radio and TV stations to help spread the word in case of a campus emergency, tying building PA systems to a central network that would allow campuswide broadcast of emergency announcements, posting alerts on the KU Web site more quickly and a number of other steps.

“The text messaging system is really just one of a variety of different communication tools the University is exploring to help with our emergency communication,” Roney says. “The bottom line is we’ve got to think of every way possible to communicate in case we have an emergency.”

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**Winning picks**

For the second time in three years, KU business students took first place in a national portfolio competition. Students in the Applied Portfolio Management class taught by Catherine Shenoy, b’79, g’84, PhD’92, posted a return of 30 percent on their investments in 2006. The class portfolio, started in 1993 with a $250,000 gift from Kent McCarthy, b’80, g’81, is now worth $2.4 million.

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**Out of the red**

*New business school course to teach freshmen and sophomores the power of the purse*

More than six out of every 10 students who begin college this fall will end their undergraduate days with loan debt, according to statistics compiled by the national Project On Student Debt. More than half of students will pick up a credit card or two along the way, and 41 percent of the cardholders will carry a balance from month to month, paying high-interest finance charges on a median debt of $1,000. All in all, says SmartMoney.com, the average college graduate today starts his working life $20,000 in the hole.

What they find, when they graduate, is a world of work where pensions are disappearing, replaced by defined contribution retirement plans that put the responsibility and risk for funding retirement directly on employees—a tough task if you’re already in debt.

To help students avoid digging that hole in the first place, the School of Business this fall will begin offering a course in personal finance. Open only to freshmen and sophomores, the class will try to reach students before they get into trouble, giving them the know-how to make sound financial decisions and the discipline to do so.

“We’re trying to get to people fairly early in their college career and give them some good information, along with a little bit of training on how to use this information in their personal financial decisions,” says Doug
Houston, director of finance, economics and decision sciences at the School of Business. The class will focus on the uses of debt, credit and savings; banking, insurance and housing issues; and tax, estate and retirement planning.

Houston grants that there’s no shortage of financial advice in the marketplace. On a recent trip to a local bookstore, he saw an entire wall dedicated to personal finance books from the likes of Suze Orman.

“A lot of it is probably good advice,” Houston says. “But the issue is presenting that advice in a way that actually works for students.”

That challenge falls to Samira Hussein, a professor of business administration at Johnson County Community College, who will teach the class. Two sections will be offered, each limited to 60 students. Those who sign up will be required to keep a monthly diary tracking their expenses and develop a budget for saving and spending.

Hussein’s challenge, says Houston, is to motivate students to adapt the theories she teaches into their own financial lives.

“The title of the course is Personal Finance, so let’s make it personal,” Houston says. “Getting people on a plan, more or less like a personal trainer—in part that’s what the instructor will have to do. It’s not enough to understand the concepts, students need to understand how to execute them as well.”

Though the course will address sophisticated financial planning concepts such as the time value of money and discounted cash flow, it is designed to teach non-business majors financial concepts that will benefit them throughout their lives. Students will learn how to protect their assets with insurance, safeguard their personal financial information and avoid identity theft, and analyze the relative benefits of buying or leasing a car and renting or owning a home.

The impetus for the class came from the people who are underwriting many of these college careers: The school decided to offer the class in response to repeated requests from parents.

“Some people say it should be the domain of parents to teach their children responsibility,” Houston says. “I don’t disagree with that, but this is a way to assist with that teaching.”

And, he notes, parents aren’t always the best models when it comes to managing money.

“We’ve had a lot of people say, ‘I wish they had this class when I was in school.’ A lot of adults have not wisely made decisions on the use of credit. It’s easy to go wrong.”

Former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and retired Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers talked about his tenure as chief military adviser to President Bush during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq at the 2007 Dole Lecture.

**WHEN:** May 2

**WHERE:** The Dole Institute of Politics

**BACKGROUND:**

Myers’ stint as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff capped 40 years of service in the Air Force and began less than a month after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Seven days after he took office, the United States began its war to oust the Taliban in Afghanistan.

**QUOTE:** Myers said the United States needs a different long-term strategy to combat extremism. “Our strategy is more like the whack-a-mole machine today, where the terrorists pop up and we whack ‘em. That’s been somewhat effective, but in the end if you want a safer land ... you’ve got to get to the point where men and women don’t want to join Jihad. And the way you do that is not to keep playing the game; you’ve got to take the back of the machine off and change the algorithms that control who wants to pop their head up.”

**ANECDOTE:** During a 2005 tour of U.S. military bases to check troop morale, Myers traveled with two comedians and former Kansas football star Gale Sayers, d’73, g’77, who delivered an uplifting speech at the end of each visit. “They respected me,” Myers said of the troops. “They laughed at the comedians. But they got tears in their eyes listening to Gale.”

“In a lot of our debate about national security today, we’re debating the wrong thing. We’re very much focused on Iraq, which is a very important situation ... But the thing we should be debating is the threat we face from violent extremism.”

—Richard B. Myers
ADMINISTRATION

Grad school growth tied to renewed research focus

A reorganization that aims to strengthen the connection between graduate study and research will bring new leadership and a new mission to the Graduate School.

As recommended by faculty and staff, KU has combined the Graduate School with the Office of the Vice Provost for Research. Steven Warren, director of KU’s internationally known Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies, will be the interim vice provost for research and graduate studies.

Warren succeeds Jim Roberts, e’66, who will return to teaching full time as a professor of electrical engineering. Roberts, who helped establish the Center for Research in 1996, had been vice provost for research since 2004.

Warren, c’74, g’75, PhD’77, returned to KU in 1999 from Vanderbilt University, where he was a professor of special education and deputy director of the John F. Kennedy Center for Human Development. KU’s Life Span Institute is one of the nation’s largest research centers for the prevention and treatment of developmental disabilities.

Provost Richard Lariviere said the departure of Diana Carlin, d’72, g’74, who resigned after eight years as dean of the Graduate School and International Programs for a yearlong position as dean-in-residence with the Council of Graduate Schools in Washington, D.C., made it “an opportune time” to rethink the school’s mission.

“Graduate programs drive research, and research drives graduate programs,” Lariviere said. “The two have so much in common, it makes good sense to bring them together with a single, high-priority mandate.”

International Programs, which includes the Office of Study Abroad, the Applied English Center and international student and scholar services, will be led by Thomas Heilke and Hodgie Bricke, PhD’72. The two will serve as interim associate vice provosts for international programs until a national search names a permanent leader.

RESEARCH

New professorships reward distinguished faculty

Eight faculty members were named distinguished professors this spring.

University Distinguished Professorships went to Kristin Bowman-James, chemistry; A. Townsend Peterson, ecology and evolutionary biology; Joseph Steinmetz, molecular biosciences; and Judy Wu, physics and astronomy.

Victor Bailey was named the Charles W. Battey Distinguished Professor of Modern British History. Richard Levy, c’78, g’80, is the J.B. Smith Distinguished Professor in Constitutional Law. Ann and Rud Turnbull, special education, are the Marianna and Ross Beach Distinguished Professors. The four are the first faculty members to hold these endowed titles.

KU names two types of distinguished faculty
professors. University Distinguished Professorships are recommended by a committee and funded by KU. Named distinguished professorships are recommended by academic units and supported by gifts from donors. There is no distinction between reward criteria or prestige. Recipients of both are among the top national scholars in their fields.

**Milestones, money and other matters**

**WONPIL IM**, assistant professor of molecular biosciences, received a 2007 Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship. The award recognizes the best young faculty members in seven scientific fields. Im will use the $45,000 award to support research on protein interaction that could have applications in nanotechnology and pharmaceuticals.

**A $1 MILLION GIFT** from Franklin and Beverly Gaines, ’70, will create an endowed professorship for the KU Cancer Center and support cancer initiatives at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita. The gift puts the Kansas Masonic Foundation more than two-thirds of the way to its goal to raise $15 million for the Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute, the research arm of the KU Cancer Center.

**THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE** ranks ninth in the country for scholarly productivity, according to a recent survey by the Journal of Social Services Research, which compiles the ranking every five years. The survey considers faculty publications in six high-profile academic journals.

**ALLYN KAUFMANN**, a doctoral student in pharmaceutical chemistry, won a Schering-Plough Science and Innovation Award for his research on lysosomes. Kaufmann is one of 13 students in the nation to win the award. He presented his findings at a June symposium attended by scientists from the Schering-Plough Research Institute.

**TED FREDERICKSON** is the first recipient of the $5,000 Budig Teaching Professorship of Writing. Frederickson teaches newspaper reporting, media ethics and First Amendment law, and he has been on the faculty for 27 years. The professorship, established by former KU Chancellor Gene Budig, will rotate between the School of Journalism and the School of Education.

**THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING** ranks first in the Midwest and sixth in the nation, according to DesignIntelligence, publisher of America’s Best Architecture Design Schools. It’s KU’s highest placement ever in the annual ranking, which surveys architecture professionals to determine which schools produce the most well-prepared graduates.

**LAW PROFESSOR AND FORMER LAW DEAN STEPHEN MCALLISTER**, c’85, l’88, was appointed solicitor general for Kansas by Attorney General Paul Morrison in May. He will assist the attorney general’s office with constitutional litigation.

**BOREN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD** went to four KU students this summer: Jacob Longaker, DeSoto junior; Dustin John Stephenson-Reynolds, Wichita senior; Stephanie Smiros, Overland Park senior; and Zachariah Smith, Derby and Dumfries, Va., senior. The David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships support the study of languages and cultures critical to national security.
High-tech drivers aren’t the only revolution Ross Randall has seen during his coaching tenure: “We now teach [swings] that are almost 180 degrees different from what they did 30 years ago.”

Long and straight
Ross Randall concludes stellar career after 28 years coaching men’s golf

After three decades of coaching the KU’s men’s golf team, Ross Randall can be excused if he doesn’t recognize faces for all of the former players who have been through his program.

Swings, though, are a different matter. “A golf swing is like a fingerprint,” Randall says. “Everybody has their own.”

Since 1980, the defining fingerprint of Jayhawk golf has been Randall. Until now.

During a team alumni reunion May 12 at Alvamar Golf Club, Randall announced to current and former players that he was handing over his coaching responsibilities to first-year assistant Kit Grove, d’99, a former Academic All-American who played for Randall from 1995 to ’97.

Randall will remain with the program as director of golf operations, principally charged with completing the final fund-raising push for the $1 million indoor practice facility planned for the men’s and women’s teams’ private driving range at Alvamar.

“I still enjoy the coaching; I’m just kind of tired of all the travel,” Randall says. “I think this will work out really well. Kit is going to be an excellent coach. He’s a very good teacher and a good player.”

While playing for San Jose State, Randall was runner-up to Hale Irwin at the 1967 NCAA Championships. He played on the PGA Tour from 1969 to ’76, and in 1980 joined KU golf as coach of the men’s and women’s teams; he concentrated only on the men’s team after 1984, and went on to be named conference Coach of the Year three times (1993, ’96 and ’99). His 1999 Jayhawks stunned the Big 12 by winning the men’s team title over perennial powerhouses Oklahoma State and Oklahoma. He coached five All-Americans, and one KU golf alumnus, Matt Gogel, c’94, went on to win a prestigious PGA Tour event, the 2002 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Randall says fundamentals of coaching high-level golf have changed little over the years: College coaches can’t overhaul swings, but should instead focus on the short game, course management and sports psychology.

“The differences between the player on tour you’ve never heard of and the guy who is doing very, very well are minute,” Randall says. “A lot of it depends on the player’s attitude.”

Yet the game itself has been far from static. Young golfers are now taught a swing based on vertical rotation, rather than the classic high-torque, back-twisting swing popularized by Jack Nicklaus and other top professionals of his era. And even the most casual fan knows, changes in
equipment technology allow shots to travel farther than ever; Randall says balls created in the past decade also fly straighter, which is not necessarily a good thing.

“We used to move the ball around a lot more, curving it around trees, playing little fades and draws,” Randall recalls. “Today’s players don’t work the ball, and the ball doesn’t curve. It curves probably one-third as much.”

No Jayhawk has ever fit the modern mold of long and strong better than graduating senior Gary Woodland, winner of three tournaments in 2006-’07. He drives the ball 400 yards and creates clubhead speeds that even exceed those of long-bomber Tiger Woods.

“The tour guy for [equipment manufacturer] TaylorMade said he’d never seen such clubhead speeds generated out of such a smooth swing,” Randall says. “He is certainly the most talented guy I have been around in my career of coaching. He’s got people in all areas of the game of golf excited about his potential. The four years that we were together were just terrific.”

Four terrific years between coach and player: a fitting scorecard for Ross Randall’s career ... seven times over.

Gold rush of ’07
Track & field teams reap Big 12, NCAA honors

Junior All-American Egor Agafonov (“Weight of the world,” Sports, issue No. 3] won the Big 12 hammer throw May 12 in Lincoln, Neb., for his fourth conference title. He followed that with a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Championships June 8 in Sacramento, Calif.

The powerful Russian had KU company on conference and NCAA awards platforms. Eight Jayhawks were named Outdoor All-Americans, the most in school history for individual-event honors, and the men’s team placed 18th at the NCAA meet.

“We finished in the top 20 nationally in cross country, indoor and outdoor,” said coach Stanley Redwine. “That is really a testament to our student-athletes and our coaching staff.”

Among the many spring highlights for men’s and women’s track and field:

Pole vaulter Jordan Scott was named Big 12 Outdoor Freshman Co-Performer of the Year after winning with a meet-record vault of 18 feet, 2 1/2 inches. He again cleared 18 feet to win the USA Junior Championships June 22 in Indianapolis.

Junior All-American Ashley Brown broke her school record in winning the Big 12 100-meter hurdles in 13.27 seconds. She also ran second in the 400-meter hurdles.

Also winning Big 12 titles were junior All-American Crystal Manning, who set a school record in the triple jump at 44 feet, 11.75 inches; junior All-American Barrett Saunders in the long jump (25 feet, 8 inches); and sophomore Zlata Tarasova in the women’s hammer throw (206 feet, 6 inches).

Senior All-American Abby Emsick completed her career with her best season, finishing fourth in the NCAA discus and second at the Big 12. She also was named the Robert Frederick Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was three-time Academic All-Big 12.

Updates

Julian Wright, who left the men’s basketball team after his sophomore season to enter the NBA draft, was chosen 13th overall by the New Orleans Hornets. Former teammate Brandon Rush had declared himself eligible for the draft but retained his eligibility by not hiring an agent; he returned to coach Bill Self’s program after tearing a ligament in his right knee during a pickup game and is expected to recover from surgery in time for his junior season. Former Jayhawk point guard Kevin Pritchard, c’99, general manager of the Portland Trail Blazers, chose Ohio State center Greg Oden with the draft’s first selection. Pritchard was a starter on the KU team that won the 1988 NCAA Tournament. ...

Senior Amanda Costner followed up her Big 12 golf championship by being named “Big 12 Female Sportsperson of the Year.” The clumsy moniker belies an honor of true importance: Costner was cited for her dedication to Douglas County’s Truancy Diversion Program and Lawrence’s Jubilee Cafe. ... KU student-athletes posted combined grade-point averages of 3.02, a school record, including 36 with perfect GPA’s of 4.0. Team GPA’s over 3.0 were posted by women’s golf, volleyball, rowing, tennis, swimming and diving, soccer, women’s track and field, softball and men’s golf. The spirit squad was included in the Athletic Director’s Honor Roll for the first time this spring, and it, too, posted a GPA over 3.0.

Also named All-Americans were senior Eric Babb (long jump), and juniors Julius Jiles (110-meter hurdles) and Kate Sultanova (pole vault).
When freshman Jason Boots came to Mount Oread in 2002, KU students hadn’t faced a double-digit tuition increase in a decade. But this was the first year of tuition enhancement, a five-year plan to help fund much-needed improvements in faculty salaries, campus technology and financial aid. The Kansas Board of Regents called for an in-state tuition increase of 25 percent that fall.

Over the remaining four years of the plan, double-digit increases were the norm. Tuition rose between 15 and 21 percent annually, more than doubling the in-state rate by 2006-07.

Boots, who this spring wrapped up his term as student body president and completed a five-year program in mechanical engineering and business, paid out-of-state tuition. Already substantially more than the in-state rate, out-of-state tuition was subject to less-dramatic percentage increases but still rose significantly during his time on the Hill. He felt the pinch.

**NEW ‘TUITION COMPACT’ TAKES THE SURPRISE OUT OF PAYING FOR COLLEGE**

**A Simple Plan**

BY STEVEN HILL
“Fortunately, it all worked out, but it started to get down to the end and I was like, ‘Is it all going to make it?’” Boots says. He heard from fellow students, many of them Kansans, who felt the same.

“Doubling your cost is hard to plan for and hard to budget for. How do you come up with twice as much money?”

That concern was among the chief reasons that Boots, b’07, e’07, and other student leaders before and after him put together a plan that is the successor to tuition enhancement, a flat tuition rate for undergraduates that fixes the per-hour fee students pay. Billed as the Four-Year Tuition Compact, it promises no tuition increase for four years.

Among the features of the plan:

• First-time degree-seeking freshmen entering KU this fall will pay $213 per credit hour for resident tuition, $560 per credit hour for nonresident. That fee will not rise unless students take longer than four years to graduate. Meanwhile, freshmen who enter KU in 2008 will form a new cohort, with their own four-year fixed rate set by the Board of Regents next June. Each subsequent cohort will likely have a fixed rate higher than the preceding group.

Non-degree seeking students and transfers will pay standard tuition, which will be $194.80 per credit hour this fall for residents and $511.70 for non-residents. This rate will rise each year. Students in the compact who don’t complete their degree in the allotted four years will have to pay the standard rate after the fourth year.

• Course fees, formerly known as differential tuition, are the credit-hour rates every school but Social Welfare and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences levies on top of the standard tuition rate. Under the new plan, these fees will be set for four years, with step increases each fall. This fall, course fees range from $13.80 per credit hour in the School of Journalism to $154 in the School of Law. By the fourth year of the plan, the fees will range from $16.50 to $211.25.

• Required campus fees, which are controlled by the Student Senate, also will be set for four years. Fees for 2007 will be $755.50.

• Room and board costs will be set in two-year intervals. Freshmen this fall will have the option of choosing from a pair of two-year plans, at $4,370 or $3,000. A new two-year plan will be offered in year three.

The net effect of these changes, student leaders and administrators seem to agree, is better predictability.

“When I was in high school, I started looking at my budget and my parents’ budget,” says Hannah Love, a Dodge City senior who this spring succeeded Boots as student body president. “I looked at KU, and I knew how many hours I’d have to work and how many credit hours I could afford. And then I got here, and with the tuition increases that was way off. With this new plan, once you’re here you know what you have to do to make it all work.”

Vice Provost Marlesa Roney and Student Body President Hannah Love agree that the Tuition Compact will be an invaluable policy in allowing students and families to budget four years of college tuition. Roney also emphasizes the compact’s role in communicating KU’s pledge that it wants to retain undergraduates and help them graduate in four years.
Both Love and Boots say the Tuition Compact is a good deal for students. Marlesa Roney, vice provost for student success, who has worked with students since 2004 to refine the plan, agrees—although in this context, she notes, “deal” doesn’t mean saving money. The plan isn’t a cost-cutting measure, but it is a way to present with more transparency the true cost of a KU degree.

“The great deal is that for the first time a student will be able to walk in the door this fall and know, literally within a few hundred dollars, what their four-year degree is going to cost.”

Since 1977, in-state tuition at KU has gone up at an average annual rate of 9 percent. The actual year-by-year increases have ranged from zero to 25 percent. In those 30 years, there have been only three—1978, 1979 and 1982—when tuition did not go up.

Some critics suggest that the Tuition Compact, which presumes an annual increase of 6 percent in setting the flat rate, doesn’t do enough to hold the line on tuition increases. Each new cohort will pay more, meaning increases are inevitable.

But even student leaders say those increases are all but inevitable anyway, because of inflation. Planning for those increases “is just being realistic,” Jason Boots says.

“Not being realistic is what put us in the situation where we had to double tuition in five years. Inflation is going to happen. It affects the cost of equipment, salaries. It’s almost foolish to expect the same education five years down the road for the same price.”

Inflation goes beyond economics, says says Hannah Love. “Expectations also increase. Expectations are higher for technology in the classroom, for faculty-student ratios. With that expectation comes a price tag.”

Along with higher expectations come bigger challenges for KU planners. “The plan is pretty simple,” Roney says. “No tuition increases for four years; a chart that sets fees for four years. But what must happen behind the scenes to help that plan become a reality is very, very complicated.”

With each subsequent class paying a different tuition rate, and with different rates in place for transfers and non-degree students, projecting revenue and managing the University’s finances becomes even more complicated. But it would also seem to be an improvement over the days not so long ago when control of tuition rates was entirely out of KU’s hands. The planning challenge is one that Boots thinks will

A big idea

Steve Munch, c’06, made “guaranteed tuition,” as it was then called, the main plank of his campaign platform when he ran for student body president in 2004.

Munch says he was concerned that midway through the five-year tuition enhancement program, he’d heard no serious campuswide discussion of what came next. He saw tuition affordability as a problem that affected all students, regardless of how they paid for college.

“When you have someone coming in on a fixed budget—their budget, their family’s budget, or a certain amount of scholarships and financial aid—then I think they’re being cheated if they start off thinking they can afford college and the next year that doesn’t cover it.”

Students were supportive of Munch’s idea, but skeptical.

“A lot of folks thought the concept had merit,” Munch recalls, “but most didn’t think something like that was possible, certainly not just by having a few students working on it. I think the phrase that was tossed around a couple of times was, ‘pie in the sky.’”

Munch says he and his vice president, Jeff Dunlap, c’05, realized the project would be a massive undertaking.

“You’re not just talking about raising a fee to build a building or start a new program, you’re talking about radically changing the culture of tuition and higher-education funding at the University. We understood there’d be challenges along the way, but we felt this was good for the University and, more importantly, good for students, and we felt it was our responsibility to give it our best shot.”

After the election, they worked with Marlesa Roney to start brainstorming ideas for how such a plan might work. Roney still keeps in her desk drawer a sketch mapping out their initial plan. She worked with subsequent presidents Nick Sterner, c’07, and Jason Boots to “tweak and refine” the details, but she credits the students for the basics of the compact.

That kind of meaningful student involvement, she says, “is the KU way.”

“A lot of universities give students a pat on the back and say, ‘If we wait a year, they’ll graduate and we won’t have to deal with this issue,’” says Roney, who signed on as vice provost for student success in 2003. “But I learned very quickly here that the student voice is listened to.”

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be good for the University.

“I think that’s one of the things that led to tuition enhancement. The University’s budget was stagnant for 10 or 15 years, and they hadn’t done a whole lot of planning for increases to keep us competitive. Then all of a sudden, ‘We are lagging behind; we need to do this to be competitive,’ and you have these really dramatic increases in tuition.”

Roney says administrators welcome the planning challenge, but she sees a greater good in the compact. By tying flat tuition to a four-year plan, it sends the message that KU is committed to helping students cap their college career with a walk down the Hill.

“I think philosophically it just screams out in a very powerful way that we want you to earn your degree at KU; we want you here for four years, and by golly we want you so much that we’re going to tell you what it costs for that four years so you can plan. I think it gives us an opportunity to literally put our money where our mouth is and say we’re making a commitment to you.”

In conversations with colleagues there has been talk of a possible recruiting advantage (KU is the only major university to offer a four-year flat rate) and of improved retention rates. Roney says she hasn’t bet money on it yet, but she believes students will be less likely to drop out because they can no longer afford school.

Jason Boots says his own college experience taught him that the peace of mind offered by a four-year flat rate is priceless. “It gets kind of concerning for those people who finish three years of college and can’t afford their fourth year,” he says. “I can’t think of anything worse than that.”

While conclusions about recruiting and retention will have to wait, answers to a more pressing question have been heard. Loud and clear.

During summer orientation sessions, when Roney and her staff made their first tuition presentation, students and their families reacted as soon as the first slide, bearing the message “No tuition increase for four years,” flashed on the screen. They burst into applause.

## Four-Year Tuition Compact

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*Course Fees are charged by specific schools in addition to the Compact or Standard tuition. The actual amount of the Course Fee charged depends on the school/courses in which the student enrolls. With student support, Course Fees could be increased beyond the actual increase.

| **Required Campus Fees (Annual)**** | $755.50 | TBD | TBD | TBD |

**Required Campus Fees are determined in collaboration with Student Senate. A new methodology has been developed that will align the approval process with the Four-Year Tuition Compact.

| **ROOM AND BOARD (Two-year Contract)** |         |         |         |         |
| Room (4-person suite)                  | $4,370  | $4,370  | TBD     | TBD     |
| Board (400 meals/$200 Cash)            | $3,000  | $3,000  | TBD     | TBD     |
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BETTER BURNING
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ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY, NO CHEMICAL ADDITIVES
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To the left and right of James Bowman’s many-miled motorhome are shiny new rigs, each of which must have cost close to $100,000. All around him, confident, champion cooks scurry about their custom-built barbecue smokers, some of which are even built into the rear cargo sections of their sparkling RVs and trailers.

Bowman, ’74, doesn’t have his new cooker. It’s still at home, not quite finished, so he’s using his son-in-law’s big smoker.

“Mine is still in the process,” says Bowman, a welder and millwright recently retired from the General Motors plant in Kansas City and a former defensive back for coach Don Fambrough’s football teams from 1971 to ’73. “I was crawling around on the ground for 10 days, trying to get it done in time, but I had to put that aside and start loading up my motorhome and figuring what all I was going to bring out here.”

“Out here” is the big-time of competitive barbecue cooking, the second-annual Oklahoma Joe’s BBQ Cookoff and World Brisket Open, May 18-19 in the parking lot of the Kansas Speedway. It is Americana nirvana, a barbecue contest at a NASCAR track, and it’s here that Bowman, his son-in-law, brother-in-law, wife, grandchildren and friends have decided to move from backyard barbecuing to the contest circuit, where trained and certified judges ruthlessly rate your meats in blind taste tests, the outcomes of which can be worth thousands of dollars and, more important, bragging rights that can launch an empire.

“I’ve seen some heavyweights out here,” Bowman says.

Cook it, study it, sauce it, smoke it, grill it, have a contest over it and make new friends with it; just don’t forget to eat the savory sensation of the new American summer, barbecue.
Indeed, parked next door is the Smokin' Guns rig of Phil and Linda Hopkins, who parlayed their 1999 Jack Daniel's World Championship into a successful restaurant and catering business in Northtown Kansas City. What Bowman perhaps doesn't know is that Hopkins, like himself, is a welder by trade who fashioned his own cooking rigs, and one day not so long ago took the leap just as Bowman is doing now.

For Hopkins, the transformation began in 1995, when he attended his first American Royal Barbecue, an annual October rite since 1980 that has become one of the world’s biggest and most prestigious barbecue events. The following year he attended a few more, and soon enough he “pretty much got hooked.”

“My wife says we got into it 12 years ago because we’re competitive, but we stay in it for the camaraderie,” Hopkins says. “Barbecuers are so friendly.”

Elizabeth Nice Lumpkin, ’90, championship cook and owner of Boss Hawg’s of Topeka, says, “Everybody is there to win, but you still help everybody who needs anything from you.” She relates a story about a blue-ribbon cook whose neighbor at a big contest accidentally burned his brisket during the night; this fellow handed over one of his own, cooked and ready to turn in, knowing it could beat him in the judging. “Winning,” Lumpkin says, “was less important to him than comradeship.”

Lumpkin advises that Bowman and other contest neophytes should not cringe at the sight of their competitors’ custom-built smoking rigs, some of which cost $10,000 or more. “We won the world brisket championship on a Weber cooker that cost $180,” she says. “It’s not the size of the smoker; it’s the taste of the meat that wins contests.”

Also at the Speedway event is cook-off...
veteran Craig Kidwell, of Odessa, Mo., who is surrounded by many thousands of dollars worth of equipment while relating the details of his first American Royal, in 1985: “We had a Weber in the back of an El Camino,” Kidwell says, chuckling at the memory. “It doesn’t make any difference what you cook on. Learn your techniques, your spices and your cooking times. Once you have all that down, then any dog can win.”


“Perfectly good food can’t be no sin,” poet Honoree Fanonne Jeffers writes in the title work of The Gospel of Barbecue. “Laugh a little harder. Go on and gnaw that bone clean.” Zora Neale Hurston, in Dust Tracks on a Road, wrote, “Maybe all of you who do not have the good fortune to meet or meet again, in this world, will meet at a barbecue.”

Phil Hopkins, of Smokin’ Guns BBQ, invokes the spirit of communal events by saying, “It’s all fun, man. Come and hang out.” Kansas City barbecue legend Ollie Gates, quoted in Peace, Love, and Barbecue, says, “It’s all good, as long as it’s done with some feeling. Barbecue allows people to express themselves.” Lawrence writer, chef and restaurant consultant Tom King says barbecue is about the ritual, a secular communion.

“There’s one thing about barbecue,” says aficionado Tim Stultz, c’92, a Lawrence builder and barbecue competitor. “Even if it doesn’t win a blue ribbon, it’s still pretty good.”

Pretty good, and pretty huge. Everywhere we turn, barbecue and grilling seem to signal the onset of summer. The Borders bookstore in downtown Lawrence ushered in the Memorial Day weekend with a display of 13 barbecue books— one of which, by TV chef Rachael Ray, focused only on barbecue side dishes—and just as many different jars of barbecue sauces, plus an assortment of barbecue forks and spatulas.

When the Kansas City Royals recently unveiled plans for a $250 million renovation of Kauffman Stadium, they trumpeted a “giant barbecue pit behind right field.” Said a team official, “Thousands of people will be hanging out there wanting to partake in what Kansas City does best.” (He presumably meant barbecuing, not winning a whole lot of baseball games.)

The Kansas City Barbeque Society, formed in 1986, has more than 5,000 members and sanctions about 300 barbecue contests worldwide. In 1999, authors Rick Browne and Jack Bettridge estimated that 6 million people attend 500 barbecue contests each year.

Kansas City psychiatrist Richard Davis, c’53, m’54, won a blue ribbon for his sauce at the first American Royal Barbecue, in 1980, launching the iconic brand K.C. Masterpiece. Bryan Tyrell, c’84, catering manager for Bodean’s BBQ Smoke House restaurants in London, says longingly, “Per capita, I would say there’s more barbecue in Kansas City than anywhere else in the world. I could name 10 restaurants there I would eat at tomorrow if I could.”

Cowtown Barbecue sauces, a team effort that includes Podrebarac and Jeff Stehney, j’84, owner of the wildly popular Kansas City joint Oklahoma Joe’s, won American Royal blue ribbons in 2001 and 2002, leading to Podrebarac’s playful marketing and label-art riffs on “best sauce on the planet!”

“Like the heart of darkness,” Podrebarac says of barbecue mania, “there’s no way out.”

James Bowman, son-in-law Ed Williams and brother-in-law George White Sr. are firing up Williams’ big cooker on the Friday of the Oklahoma Joe’s cookoff at Kansas Speedway. Their firepit bantering sizzles right along with hickory sticks rapidly reduced to coals.

On The Internet

BBQ SAMPLER PLATTER:

Lawrence:
- Bigg’s Barbecue: biggsribs.com
- Buffalo Bob’s Smokehouse:
  lawrence.com/places/buffalo_bobs_smokehouse
- Gran-Daddy’s Q:
  lawrence.com/places/grandaddys_q
- Vermont Street BBQ:
  vermontstreet-bbq.com

Kansas City:
- Arthur Bryant’s:
  arthurbryantsbbq.com
- Gates Bar-B-Q gatesbbq.com
- Oklahoma Joe’s Barbecue:
  oklahomajoesbbq.com

Topeka:
- Boss Hawg’s: bosshawgsbbq.com

Other goodies:
- Bodean’s BBQ Smoke House, London: bodeansbbq.com
- Gates Bar-B-Q: gatesbbq.com
- Cowtown Sauce: cowtownbbq.com
- Kookers Kare volunteer network, benefiting Harvesters Food Network: kookerskare.com
- Sauce of the Month:
  bbqsauceofthemonth.com
- Info and links: thesmokering.com

“Everybody wants to be the best,” Ed Williams says. “I know I do.” He explains that his cooking philosophy won’t waver from what he does every weekend at home in KCK: “I just do what I do. It’s all about the taste.” Says George White, “We all sit around the grill and smell the smoke. That’s when we know it’s done.”

“Smell the smoke, baby, smell the smoke,” Williams says. “It’s all good.”

Lois Bowman, James’ wife, explains that their family cookouts operate on “an open-door policy. And sometimes they get pretty full.”

“I don’t care whose house I go to,” James Bowman says, “I’m going to eat.”

Talk of backyard family barbecues turns the men toward the real purpose of their first foray in competition cooking: their children and grandchildren. They grew up the sons of Kansas City fathers who passed on their love of barbecue, and they intend to do the same.

“It’s definitely all the way down in the bones,” White says. “It’s what we know.”

“This is a tradition that’s passed on,” Bowman adds. “That’s important to us.”

“Our kids watch us do this barbecuing that we enjoy, and it makes a difference,” White continues. “Instead of being out there in the streets, doing what kids do, our kids are with us, with the family, and they actually watch us.”

“Then they are doing what Daddy and Uncle are doing,” Williams says. “They are cooking.”

“They have a positive thing to watch and learn,” White says. He adds, “If you could bring down the price of charcoal and the price of these grills, then our kids would really do it.”

“Serious money,” Williams agrees. “But it’s fun.”

“It’s as much fun as there is,” James Bowman says, smiling, staring at the smoker and plotting strategy. The long weekend is finally under way.

“Perfectly good food can’t be no sin. Laugh a little harder. Go on and gnaw that bone clean.”

—Honorée Fanonne Jeffers
Boxes of surveys fill Barbara Shortridge’s Lindley Hall office. Shortridge, g’68, PhD’77, a geography lecturer, teaches a course each fall called Geography of American Foodways, which includes lectures on barbecue history and tradition.

She currently researches the dining habits evident in all 3,000 or so U.S. counties. To do so, Shortridge mailed out surveys—local librarians proved especially willing to cooperate—asking longtime local residents to list a sample menu they would prepare for out-of-town guests. She enters the results into spreadsheets and searches for patterns in distribution, for instance, of fruit-pie preferences.

As for barbecue, regionalism rules. A sauce favored in one North Carolina county might be spurned a few miles away, to say nothing of variable preferences for the basic barbecue elements of pork, beef, sausage, chicken and turkey.

Shortridge roughly outlines the area of barbecue’s true heritage within a geographic rectangle bordered by Austin, Texas; Memphis, Tenn; North Carolina; and north Florida. Kansas City, known for inclusive tastes for meats and sauces, is, historically speaking, an outsider.

“After the Civil War, the Exodusters who came to Kansas City brought their
“When they got to Kansas City, they found a place where they had access to really cheap meats, with the stockyards there, and really nice wood, with hickory forests close by. That combination of factors put Kansas City well, not on the map, it didn’t get on the map until much later, but it started a tradition.”

Fred Woodward, director of University Press of Kansas, was at the University of South Carolina Press in the late 1970s when he noticed the director had signed a contract for a book about another Southern favorite. “A history of grits,” Woodward says, barely cloaking his disdain for the notion. “I imagine I had a moment then when I thought that barbecue was more interesting than grits.”

So Woodward, a native of Clarksville, Tenn., who grew up eating pulled-pork sandwiches with slaw and twice-baked potatoes, boned up on barbecue. He researched the word’s etymology, the history of barbecue as it was created in tropical areas of the New World, and its place in the society of the slave-holding rural South and, later, its commodification in the modernized South, especially for early business opportunities for entrepreneurial African-Americans.

While he ponders “wispy dreams of writing a book one day,” Woodward pursues the immediate matter of barbecue with a dozen or so campus colleagues who occasionally road-trip around the area, or even as far as the Texas Hill Country, for carnivorous feasts.

“Because it was traditionally cooked outdoors, and in large quantities, barbecue came of age as a sociable meal for family, friends and even entire communities (a notion never lost on ambitious politicians). A slow-cooked food should not be spurned by a fast-paced society; eat it around the firepit, picnic table or banquet hall, but please do so together.”

Barbecue’s best quality, it might be said, is that it’s not easily eaten in a car. “This idea of families no longer sitting down to table to eat together, I think that’s a real loss,” Woodward says. “It’s a sociable time, when people should visit and be in good humor.”

He is pleased about the popularity of barbecue contests: “This is a way to keep the craft going.” Yet Woodward also notes that barbecue passions—“Our culture’s habit of professionalizing pastimes,” is his phrase—occasionally burn a bit hot. “I do think it’s part of the American character, that people take their avocations too seriously,” he says. “But, you know ... you can do worse things.”

Topeka restaurateur Elizabeth Lumpkin grew up in Kansas City, Kan., where her father took her to Rosedale Barbecue every Saturday. “In Kansas City, it’s a birthright. It’s part of our heritage,” she says. “It’s part of who we are.”

While living in Lawrence and working as a technical writer in the early 1990s, the newlywed Lumpkin began tinkering with her own recipes and techniques. In 1995 she saw an advertisement for the annual barbecue contest in McLouth.

“I had no idea what a barbecue contest was all about,” Lumpkin recalls, “but I said, ‘I make some pretty darned good ribs so I’m going to do that.’ And my husband went along very grudgingly.”
Cutting to the sizzle, Hank, ’94, and Elizabeth Lumpkin became one of the country’s most successful competition barbecue teams. They opened a storefront catering kitchen and watched in amazement as it virtually expanded itself into a huge restaurant and bar on 29th Street in southwest Topeka.

Hank, by all accounts one of the most popular members of the championship barbecue circuit, died suddenly in 2003; Elizabeth spent two years trying to decide whether to carry on, until finally she decided that remaining in barbecue would have to be part of her healing.

“If it’s something like a religion, like some people say it is, then I suppose you’re a Baptist or a barbecuer, right? So I’m a barbecuer. It’s still not as fun as when Hank was here, and it probably never will be. But a bad day at the barbecue is a lot more fun than a good day at the office. So here I am.”

Back in the Boss Hawg’s kitchen, 34-year-old kitchen manager Jerome Elrod oversees a rotisserie of savory ribs destined to delight dinner-hour patrons. He works quickly and happily.

“I love it. I love cooking this food. I love going around town in my work shirt and people say, ‘Oh, you’re at Boss Hawg’s? It’s so awesome! Keep it up!’ It feels good to be part of this company. It feels good to be part of barbecue, period.”

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Alas, James Bowman won no ribbons in his contest debut. His team beat about a third of the crowded field in the brisket contest, and was 49th of 87 in the chicken category, so while there is room for improvement, so, too, is there room for hope.

And a whole lot more fun.

“It was a great experience,” Ed Williams says. “We knew we had a lot to learn, and we did. Plus we had our family supporting us, so it’s all good.”

He pauses, then asks, “So, when’s the next one?”

Trendy barbecue not always so hot

DESPITE POP-CULTURE PRESUMPTIONS TO THE contrary, BARBECUE’S APPEAL IS NOT, AND NEVER HAS BEEN, UNIVERSAL.

Dick Laverentz bought Southern Pit BBQ, a popular student hangout near 19th and Massachusetts streets, from Ralph Bright in 1959. He offered rotisserie ribs, beef and ham, but made more money selling beer than barbecue.

“I used to get requests to barbecue a raccoon,” recalls Laverentz, now retired in Oskaloosa and a merchant at the Lawrence Antique Mall. “Anything that walked or moved, they thought I could barbecue.”

He adds, “There was more demand for steak then, as opposed to barbecue, which I would consider a specialty item at that time. It was still something that was not the standard fare, so to speak.”

Ribs, brisket, ham and pork won’t be the fare—standard or otherwise—at the Casbah Market, a grocery opening this summer in the downtown space formerly occupied by the Casbah clothing and accessories shop.

Partners Josh Millstein, e’01; his girlfriend, Cassy Ainsworth, c’07; and sister, Casey Millstein, a senior sculpture student, are vegetarians, yet just because they won’t eat or sell meat doesn’t mean they don’t want an invitation to the block-party barbecue.

“Veggie burgers, tempeh, portabella mushrooms, those are all huge for vegetarians to grill,” Ainsworth says. “We have fun with that just like everyone else does. It’s a great American tradition.”

Millstein says he doesn’t want to scare off omnivores; when they need veggies to fill out their barbecue meals, he hopes they stop into the Casbah.

“We’re going to concentrate on making it a place meat eaters will still appreciate,” Millstein says. “We want to cater to them.” —C.L.
A man and his young daughter wander through alleys, carrying paper bags. They scout around Dumpsters, leaning down to snatch bits of debris. A busted cuff link, a broken plastic spoon, a corner of clear plastic sporting a VISA logo, scraps of newspaper, even worn bits of broken glass—all become treasured finds.

Their adventures are part of their daily trek to and from school. Years later, father and daughter laugh about how they spent more time bending over to pick up things than walking.

“My daughter likes to say that what she remembers about me is my elbow and butt,” says Robert Ebendorf, f'61, g'63.

Those trips did more than help Ebendorf and his daughter, Brittany, bond. They gave him raw material for his work. He transformed broken glass into an ornamental bowl. The busted spoon, credit card logo and other discards became a necklace. Both pieces of “found art” are now found in prominent museums.

Ebendorf, master metalsmith and jewelry designer, returned to KU in March to share his work with students and explain how his love of flea-market junk and old photographs, his fascination with a paw from a road-kill squirrel or the claws of dead crabs, led to a career that has stretched more than 40 years. As a teacher and artist, he has revealed the beauty in everyday junk—and changed his craft.
Robert Ebendorf has reshaped our understanding of adornment; his jewelry has transformed the field,” says Charlotte V. Brown, director of the Gallery of Art and Design at North Carolina State University.

Or, to put the point differently: “He’s been able to treat a piece of gravel like a diamond and get away with it,” says Jon Havener, KU professor of design.

At 68, Ebendorf holds the Carol Grotnes Belk Distinguished Professorship at East Carolina University. He is in the middle of a three-year visiting professorship at the Bristol School of Art, Media and Design in England.

A lifetime retrospective of Ebendorf’s work recently toured the United States, ending at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. He has been named a Master of the Medium and inducted into the Metalsmith Hall of Fame.

But despite Ebendorf’s worldly accomplishments, Havener says, the artist is “PLAYFULNESS IS IMPORTANT.”

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“very empathetic, very emotional about his responses to things. That’s sincerity you can’t fake.”

He is unpretentious, soft-spoken, even shy at times. Wearing worn jeans and a blue-plaid flannel shirt during his spring visit to KU, Ebendorf could easily be mistaken for a farmer, not only because of his attire, but also because of his hands. Broad with wide fingers, short nails and a scattering of grit from the workbench, these are a working man’s hands.

And he prefers to let his hands do the talking. He feels obliged to offer a lecture to senior students in metalsmithing and jewelry design, but neither teacher nor students come alive until Ebendorf reaches into his backpack and pulls out objects wrapped in soft cloth. He delicately unwraps each one and hands it to the student at his right. She turns it slowly in her hands as she gazes, then gently passes it on to another student.

As the students carefully admire pins that Ebendorf fashioned from old aluminum coasters, he says he discovered the dull, silver-colored disks with curlicue engraving at a flea market. He recounts standing in the market and thinking through all he could do to turn these 25-cent pieces of junk into art.

“I thought, ‘I can rivet something here,’” Ebendorf says, pointing to a spot on the disk. “I can rub grout into the surface to bring out the design’, and I do mean grout like you’d use in the bathroom.’”

He pulls out another bundle and uncovers a copper bracelet. A closer look reveals that the gleaming piece is made from pennies he has turned into perfect domes.

“Playfulness is important,” Ebendorf says. He once set himself the task of figuring out how much fun he could have with a penny. He challenges the students to do the same.

Spellbound, the students don’t utter a word as they reverently pass the bracelet from hand to hand.

Ebendorf tells the students about how he almost flunked his academic classes at KU, struggling with D’s because of the dyslexia that had always plagued him.

Ebendorf says “the disasters” of his high school academic career in Topeka left him thinking sports would be his only avenue to success. He excelled in football and wrestling, earning scholarships from several universities. But he turned to art after longtime KU design professor Carlyle Smith visited his high school, saw potential in the quiet athlete, and invited Ebendorf to Mount Oread. His art professors tutored him in writing while teaching him to make jewelry, and he went on to win a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Norway. The trip gave him the contacts he needed to launch his career, which has included more than 60 national and international exhibitions.

Ebendorf, who once nearly discarded his own future, says second chances have special meaning to him.

“These materials are like my gemstones and my gold and my diamonds. They would have ended up in a landfill. I have the opportunity to give them materials another life.”

Silver is a Lawrence free-lance writer.

― Jon Havener
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Jayhawks uphold Ellsworth tradition

The medallion for outstanding service to the University goes to 3 who follow the standard set by Fred Ellsworth

The Alumni Association and its Board of Directors will honor three winners of the Fred Ellsworth Medallion during the annual fall dinner Sept. 7 in the Adams Alumni Center. The honorees for 2007 are Richard L. “Dick” Bond, c’57, l’60, Overland Park; James B. Martin, g’68, Lawrence; and Linda Duston Warren, c’66, m’70, Hanover.

A yearly tradition since 1975, the Ellsworth award honors longtime Association leader Fred Ellsworth, c’22, who retired in 1963. Each year, alumni and friends submit nominations; representatives from the Chancellor’s office and the Alumni, Endowment and Athletics associations select the recipients.

Bond, a joint life member of the Alumni Association with his wife, Suzanne Sedgwick Bond, c’58, and a member of the Jayhawk Society, currently serves as a board member for Midwest Trust Co. of Missouri, Valley View Trust Co. and The Bank of Blue Valley.

Bond began his legal career as the first city attorney for Overland Park. For 25 years, he served as chief of staff for members of the Kansas Congressional delegation, including Robert Ellsworth, e’45; Larry Winn Jr., c’41; and Jan Meyers. In 1986 he began his own career in public office when he was appointed to the Kansas Senate. He continued to serve the 8th district, winning re-election three times. He led the Senate as president from 1997 to 2000 and retired in 2001.

His career also included five years as a partner in the Prairie Village law firm of Bennett Lytle.

In 2002, Gov. Bill Graves appointed Bond to the Kansas Board of Regents. He served as chair from 2004 to 2005.

While at the School of Law, Bond was inducted in Phi Delta Phi and served as president of the Student Bar Association.

As an alumnus he led the KU Law Society as president.

For his community service, Bond has received numerous awards, including the Distinguished Service Citation, KU’s highest honor for service to humanity, in 2001. For his dedication to KU, he also received the School of Law’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998 and the school’s James Wood Green Medallion in 2004.

For the Alumni Association, Bond has volunteered for Jayhawks for Higher Education. In addition he serves on boards for the KU Edwards Campus, Cancer Center and Medical Center.

Martin, a life member of the Alumni Association and president of the KU Endowment Association from 1991 to 2002, is a trustee for the KU Center for Research and trustee emeritus for KU Endowment.

Martin has dedicated most of his career to the University and higher education. After working as a professor and administrator at Valley City State College in North Dakota, he returned to his alma mater in 1974 as director of program development for KU Endowment. He continued to take on additional duties,
becoming executive vice president in 1987.

From 1985 to 1992, he led Campaign Kansas, which far surpassed its initial goal of $177 million to raise $265.3 million for KU. In 1991, he became president of KU Endowment and led the organization for more than a decade, including the 2001 launch of KU First, another record-setting campaign that raised $653.8 million through 2005.

In addition to his work nationwide with hundreds of alumni and corporate donors, Martin became a leader in the fund-raising profession. For years he volunteered to oversee regional and national programs for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the organization for those who work in the advancement of higher education. He became known nationwide for his papers and presentations on fund raising.

Martin received the CASE District VI Distinguished Service Award in 1984. He also received Wichita State University’s Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1996. He earned a bachelor’s degree in English from WSU in 1965 before beginning his graduate studies in English at KU.

Warren, past national chair of the Association’s Board of Directors, is a joint life and Jayhawk Society member with her husband, Roger, c ’54, m ’57. The Warrens are longtime volunteers for the Association’s Kansas Honors Program, which recognizes the top 10 percent of high school seniors in Kansas each year.

She began her national Board service in 1997 and chaired the Association from 2003 to 2004, providing historic leadership through a pivotal year of staff transition. She continued her guidance until 2006 as a member of the Executive Committee, overseeing reorganizations of staff and governance.

For more than 30 years, Warren has cared for Kansas residents as a family practitioner in the communities of Hanover, Washington and Waterville. She currently practices in Hanover. She has also led two hospitals as chief of medical staff, and she has helped train young physicians in the daily demands of rural family practice as a preceptor for the School of Medicine. She also has served on the medical school’s admissions committee and KU Medical Center’s advancement board.

In 1995, she became the first woman to lead the Kansas Medical Society as president since the society’s founding in 1859. She also is a fellow of the American Academy of Physicians and a diplomate of the American Board of Family Physicians.

In her profession, Warren received the 2001 American Medical Association Pride in the Profession Award and the 2004 Changing the Face of Medicine award, also known as the “Local Legends” honor, given to one woman in each of the 50 states. She represented Kansas nationally for more than 20 years in various elected roles with the American Medical Association. For her career accomplishments and her service to KU, she was inducted into the KU Women’s Hall of Fame in 2005.

**Welcome home**

**Guided by the Association, Homecoming gears up for festive fall events**

Jennifer Mueller Alderdice, director of student programs, has long been an integral member of the Homecoming Steering Committee. But until last year, the event was something of a wayward charge, bouncing from Student Union Activities to the office of the dean of student life and other points in between.

Homecoming is an orphan no more. The Homecoming Steering Committee now operates out of its natural home, the Alumni Association, where Alderdice, g’99, helps guide the work of her fellow advisers and 15 students who compose the committee.
“Now it’s our gig,” Alderdice says. “Jayhawk Nation” is the theme for Homecoming 2007, set for Nov. 3, when KU plays Nebraska in Memorial Stadium. Campus events are scheduled for the entire week, leading up to the annual parade down Jayhawk Boulevard on game-day morning.

Alderdice is particularly pleased about the bureaucratic shift because it brings yet another energetic group of students into the Adams Alumni Center. “It has brought a lot of great students we wouldn’t have otherwise seen into the alumni center,” Alderdice says. “It’s so much fun having them here. It’s almost like our own student group.”

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Mike Wellman departs KUAA after 22 memorable years

He was a multi-sport star athlete for Lawrence High School, a three-year starter at center for the KU football team, and a third-round draft pick in 1979 by the Los Angeles Rams (81st overall, one spot ahead of a certain Notre Dame quarterback named Joe Montana). He donned the famous helmets of the Rams, the Green Bay Packers, the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers, and even played for short stints in the USFL and Canadian Football League.

Yet for Mike Wellman, none of the on-field glory matches what he did in May 1986: earn his degree. “Getting that degree was probably the proudest moment of my life,” says Wellman, c’86, who left the Association June 30 after 22 years of service to pursue business opportunities and spend some serious quality time with his wife, Sandy, and their seven grandchildren. “That was a real sense of accomplishment, above and beyond the athletics. It felt good.”

When he returned to campus, and his Lawrence home, to pursue his degree, Wellman also needed work. He accepted “the first job I could find,” as housekeeping supervisor in charge of the night shift for what was then the Adams Alumni Center’s busy Learned Club.

In 1991 Wellman was named Adams Alumni Center facility manager, and by the mid-1990s, when he was supervising installation of Internet wiring, he began to branch into all aspects of the Association’s growing online communications.

In 1999 Wellman was named director of the Adams Alumni Center and special projects, and in 2003, when he was finally freed of his building responsibilities, he was named director of Internet services and special projects. Among the countless online endeavors he spearheaded were the monthly e-newsletter KU Connection and online “ultimate guides” to KU football and basketball. “In my view, Mike set the industry standard for keeping alumni and friends informed and connected with the University while always striving to protect their privacy and keep them from getting inundated with electronic communica-
Every dollar helps

The KU Alumni Association has long been proud of its affiliation with Greensburg, which for many years has hosted KU faculty, Association staff and area Kansas Honors Program honorees at a unique event called the Greensburg Honor Roll. Within days of the May 4 tornado that devastated Greensburg, Association staff launched a campus fund-raiser that in two weeks generated $30,419.55 for American Red Cross relief efforts. “What happened to Greensburg hit home for all of us,” says Senior Vice President Mike Davis, d’84, g’91. “We wanted to do whatever we could to help.”

4 Jayhawks to join national Board

Members of the Class of 2012 began their terms July 1

During its annual Commencement weekend meeting, the Association’s national Board of Directors elected leaders for the new fiscal year and approved a slate of four alumni to serve five-year terms as directors.

Joe Morris, b’61, Leawood, will chair the Association, succeeding Marvin Motley, c’77, l’80, g’81, also of Leawood. The new chair-elect for the 2007-08 year is Tedde Tasheff, c’78, New York, N.Y. Morris is chair of an investment firm, The Capital Corp. Motley, a career executive with Sprint, now Sprint Nextel, is director of process excellence. Tasheff is senior attorney with the National Center for Law and Economic Justice.

Four Jayhawks who began their terms July 1 are:

Paul “Bud” Burke Jr., b’56, Lawrence, is president and CEO of Issues Management Group Inc. He served as a state senator from 1975 to 1997 and as president of the Kansas Senate from 1989 to 1997.

Ray D. Evans, b’82, g’84, Prairie Village, is managing partner of Pegasus Capital Management, a wealth advisory firm. As a Kansas City area volunteer, Evans received the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award in 1996.

Karen Humphreys, c’70, l’73, Wichita, is chief U.S. magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court.

James A. Trower, b’77, Salina, is managing partner of Woods & Durham Chartered, a public accounting firm. A longtime chapter volunteer in Salina, he and his wife, Joyce, received the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award in 2002 for their service.

The four were chosen April 25 by the Nominating Committee from a field of alumni nominated by Association mem-

It has always been a natural fit for me here, and the Association is another natural fit that was reinforced in a lot of ways over the years. A lot of roots are here for me and my family.”

Despite the years—decades, even—of service to KU, this loyal Jayhawk has one matter left undone: Although he earned his degree, Wellman never walked down the Hill.

“It was a busy night up here at the Learned Club,” Wellman says of his May 1986 Commencement. “I had to work.”

Twenty-two years later, Mike Wellman can finally take a well-earned break. And who knows, maybe he’ll grab a cap and gown and make that long overdue walk down the Hill.

“tions,” says Association president Kevin Corbett, c’88. “Mike is as creative a person as I’ve ever met, and he was respected by everyone he worked with. He took it upon himself not just to make sure that people around the world were connected to the Alumni Association, but also people across campus.”

Wellman’s late father, Vere, joined Jack Mitchell’s football staff in the early 1960s, moving the family from Hutchinson to Lawrence when Mike was in the third grade. Wellman saw Mount Oread through a boy’s wide eyes, and later as a student and star athlete. When he returned to Lawrence at the conclusion of his football career, Wellman discovered that another chapter awaited him at KU.
Highlights from the May 9 Grad Grill, the Association’s annual farewell fest for seniors, included an appearance by Big Jay (top) and the chance for campus pals (above, l to r) Harlan Davis, Scott Goldstein and Ricky Temkin to reminisce about their KU adventures. Temkin, b’07, spent his senior year as Kansas Alumni’s advertising sales intern.

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1935

1948
Kenneth Higdon, b’48, is retired in Lenexa.

1951
Marcene Dameron Grimes, c’51, is executive director of the Topeka Jazz Workshop. She lives in Tecumseh.
Lois Walker, c’51, d’54, published a book of her poems and her art last fall. She makes her home in Amityville, N.Y.

1952
Mel Reuber, c’52, m’58, makes his home in Burlington, Colo., where he recently came out of retirement to return to pathology and cancer research.

1954
Thomas Schlotterback, f’54, g’56, exhibited his art at the Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art. He lives in Bellingham, Wash.
Robert Wykert, d’54, will celebrate his 80th birthday July 27. He lives in Topeka.

1956
Sanford Markham, c’56, m’60, moved from Iowa City, Iowa, to Coral Gables, Fla., for his position as professor of obstetrics and gynecology and executive associate dean for student affairs at Florida International University in Miami.

1959
Ronald Baker, b’59, is an emeritus agent with Prudential Financial in Overland Park.
Lynn Miller, c’59, g’62, recently published French Philadelphia. He’s a professor emeritus of political science at Temple University in Philadelphia.

1961
James Coleberd, c’61, was appointed to the Missouri Medal of Valor Review Board. He lives in Hannibal.
Thelma Latter Dailey, d’61, makes her home in Broomfield, Colo.
Cecily Johns, c’61, g’67, lives in Santa Barbara, where she’s a retired librarian at the University of California.
Darryl Roberts, c’61, PhD’68, was named Kansas Official of the Year in boys’ soccer last year by the National Federation of State High School Associations. He lives in Wichita.

1962
Norma Belmont-Chico, g’62, has a private practice in architecture and interior design in Quezon City, Manila, Philippines.
William Griffiths, ’62, works as a social insurance quality analyst for the Social Security Administration. He lives in Lehigh Acres, Fla.

1963
Ted Lawson, c’63, is retired in Spokane, Wash.

1964
Martha Ryan, d’64, g’84, retired last year after a 10-year career with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, where she developed certification curricula and tests for nurse aides, medication aides and home-health aides. She lives in Topeka.
1966

Donald Crawford, e’66, is parish manager for the St. Timothy Catholic Community in Mesa, Ariz.
Rosalie Jenkins, j’66, recently was named vice president of corporate communications for the Depository Trust & Clearing Corp. in New York City.
Martha Ahrens Miller, c’66, owns Juliana Collezione in Leawood.

1967

Edward Wolcott, e’67, works for ATK in Brigham City, Utah, where he’s chief engineer for space shuttle solid rocket motors. He lives in Providence.

1968

Andrew Edwards, c’68, is an office manager for the Federal Aviation Administration. He lives in Los Gatos, Calif.

1969

Dennis Alexander, f’69, g’70, a composer with Alfred Publishing Co., wrote a song, “Touch a Rainbow,” that will be performed in an upcoming movie, “Reservation Road.” He lives in Cathedral City, Calif.
William Coates Jr., c’69, l’72, practices law with Coates & Logan in Overland Park and is an adjunct professor of trial advocacy at KU. He lives in Prairie Village.
Philip Higdon, j’69, g’70, recently was elected to the board of the American Diabetes Association. He’s a partner in the Phoenix law firm of Perkins Coie Brown & Bain.
Kraemer Winslow, c’69, g’72, owns Make Your Point Communications. He lives in San Rafael, Calif.

1970

Richard Barrows, e’70, is an associate professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He lives in Orange Park, Fla.
Janice Wagner Collins, d’70, works as a literacy coach at Jennie Wilson Elementary School in Garden City.
Christyn Bell Divine, j’70, recently moved to Naples, Fla., where she’s director of marketing for TIB Bank.
Ronald Lang, d’70, g’79, retired this spring as an English teacher at Lawrence High School.

MARRIED

David Aikins, d’70, and Linda Noland, ‘82, March 16 in Lawrence. He’s co-owner and president of Lawrence Decorating Center, and she’s a development assistant at the KU Endowment Association.

1971

Mary Patch, c’71, works as a paralegal at H&R Block in Kansas City.
John Peed, d’71, g’73, directs fine arts at Saint Mary’s Hall in San Antonio.
Bill Perry III, b’71, l’75, heads a new company, Legacy Title Services, in Overland Park.
Julie Brewer Pike, n’71, g’80, is corporate director of risk management at Mar-
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tin Memorial Health System. She lives in Naples, Fla.

1972

James Berkley, b’72, is chairman of Stockton Bancshares and Relianz Bancshares. He lives in Stockton.

Charles Spitz, a’72, received the Marvin M. Lewis Award for distinguished service to Boy Scouting from the BPO Elks at their annual convention in Charlotte, N.C. He is president of Charles A. Spitz AIA in Wall Township.

1973

Theodore Gradolf, c’73, retired recently as sales force integration manager for UPS. He lives in Roswell, Ga.

Robert Matreci, g’73, is senior member of the technical staff at Agilent Technologies in Santa Rosa, Calif.

John Sanderson, 1’73, recently retired as district judge of the Fifth Judicial District in Emporia.

John Schroll, c’73, m’76, owns Advanced Skin Technologies in Overland Park.

Linda Ireland Slebodnik, d’73, is a senior benefits specialist at Oasis Outsourcing in Overland Park.

1974

Carol Anderson Armstrong, d’74, g’78, continues to make her home in Lawrence, where she retired last year as a sixth-grade teacher at Schwegler Elementary School.

Gene Betts, b’74, g’75, is CEO of EM-BARQ Corp. He lives in Leawood.

Thomas Christie, d’74, g’81, EdD’89, retired this spring as executive director of educational programming for the Lawrence Public Schools.

Allen Eckelman, d’74, is a secondary principal for the Sumner Community Schools in Iowa.

Ronald Green, p’74, works as a clinical pharmacist for Caremark. He lives in Scottsdale, Ariz.
Kathleen Turner, c’74, was elected president of Phi Beta Kappa’s Gamma Chapter at Davidson College in Davidson, N.C., where she’s a professor of communication studies.

1975

Thomas Shrimplin, p’75, works as a staff pharmacist at Ransom Memorial Hospital in Ottawa.

Olivia Yarbrough Stringer, n’75, retired last fall as a colonel in the U.S. Air Force, commanding the 604th Medical Squadron at Fairchild AFB in Spokane, Wash. She lives in Dixon, Calif.

James Walters, a’75, a’77, is senior principal at HOK Sport in Kansas City. He lives in Bonner Springs.

1977

Michael Bradley, c’77, is president and CEO of Matrix Service Co. in Tulsa, Okla.

Steven Richardson, c’77, m’80, lives in Dublin, Ohio, where he’s national medical director for GlaxoSmithKline.

1978

Trip Haenisch, b’78, owns and is CEO of Waldo Collection/Martynus-Tripp. He lives in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Avilio Liscano, c’78, e’78, is executive vice president of operations for Lucta USA in Northbrook, Ill.

Vicki Ensz Schmidt, p’78, a member of the Kansas Senate, recently was honored with the Hubert H. Humphrey Award by the American Pharmacists Association for her leadership on legislation that impacts the recognition of pharmacists. She makes her home in Topeka.

1979

Richard Keyser, c’79, recently was promoted to senior vice president of Cheniere Energy O&M Services in Houston.

Daniel Steele, g’79, associate professor of music education at Central Michigan University, was named Music Educator of the Year by the Michigan Music Educators Association. He lives in Mount Pleasant.

1980

Jeff Armstrong, j’80, is group director for Muller & Company in Kansas City.

David Wagner, c’80, g’94, recently became utilities director for the city of Lawrence. He lives in Baldwin City.

1981

Robert Atkinson, c’81, president of Creative Source Group in Riverside, Mo., lives in Lenexa.

Gerald “Jay” Donohue Jr., b’81, is executive director of the International Association of Defense Counsel in Chicago.

MARRIED

Kimberly Payne, c’81, to Donald Popravak, April 7. Their home is in Chicago.

Blake West, d’79, f’79, EdD’95, serves as president of the Kansas National Education Association. He lives in Overland Park.
1982
Matthew Boxberger, c’82, works as a real-estate appraiser with Boxberger Appraisals in San Jose, Calif.
Georgia Gilman Lytle, ’82, teaches reading at Pleasant Hill Middle School. She lives in Lee’s Summit, Mo.

1983
David Corliss, c’83, g’85, l’88, was appointed city manager of Lawrence last fall.
Mark Lee, c’83, lives in Bonner Springs, where he’s a produce truck farmer and a free-lance writer.
Linda Wilson Lipp, b’83, is the business administrator at Lenexa Methodist Church.
Kay Goldschmidt Martin, d’83, works as a senior consultant at ESIS. She lives in Prairie Village.
Mandy Rickart Pilla, ’83, is a nurse with the Wichita public schools.

1985
David Danner, j’85, works for Keystone Freight Corp. in Greensboro, N.C.

1986
Robert Bertels, j’86, recently became group management director at Osborn & Barr Communications in Kansas City.
David Crew, j’86, is a financial planner with Integrated Financial Group/Securities America in Atlanta.
Robert Giess, c’86, manages laboratory compliance at Children’s Medical

Profile
BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

McNeely rides to rescue as Reno’s city manager

When he arrived 11 years ago in Reno, Nev., Charles McNeely found a downtown desperate for redevelopment, a lack of attention to neighborhood issues, an urban core physically divided by railroad lines and, most troubling, a mistrust in the government’s ability to do anything about any of it.

“There was, in my opinion, a common perception that Reno was not very well run, that politically we were always in battles, that there was a lack of consistency in policies and directions, that we lacked a common vision,” McNeely recalls from the city manager’s office in Reno’s city hall. “Projects we’ve accomplished since then have given residents a degree of pride in their city and a comfort level with the city’s capability to enhance their lives.”

For his successes, McNeely, c’73, g’75, in 2006 received the Stene Award for Managerial Excellence from KU’s department of public administration. The award is named for one of McNeely’s mentors, the late distinguished professor Edwin O. Stene, who created KU’s lauded MPA program in 1948. McNeely also was honored by the National League of Cities’ National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials for his commitment to serving Reno’s black citizens.

McNeely says he was inspired to find a career in local government while growing up in Kansas City, Kan., during the turbulent 1960s. He saw disparities in services, housing, public safety and education, and his teachers at KCK’s Sumner Academy encouraged him to get an education that would allow him—much like the Reno city government he later would lead—to do something about it.

“KU opened my eyes to what kinds of things were out there,” he says, “and I really got a chance to see how one could make a difference by being involved in local government from the inside.”

McNeely joined the city of Palo Alto, Calif., as an intern; 10 years later, “at the ripe old age of 32 or 33,” he became city manager of nearby Seaside. In 1996 he accepted Reno’s offer to help guide the city through a troubled transition out of its gambling-mezza heritage.

McNeely restructured the city’s Neighborhood Advisory Boards. He razed a blighted chunk of downtown to build a movie theatre complex that would encourage visits by citizens and guests. And he steered the city through ReTRAC, a $265 million project to lower more than 2 miles of railroad lines to below street level, where they no longer would snarl traffic at 11 crossings, hamper emergency vehicles on busy streets and emotionally divide the city.

Those projects made a significant psychological difference in the mindsets of our residents,” McNeely says. “Whether they liked a project or not, it proved that the city could deliver.”

Among the projects Charles McNeely encouraged to help Reno reinvent its downtown are a movie theatre and even a kayak course, both of which proved to citizens that city resources could spur private investment. “Our job,” McNeely says, “is to be the catalyst.”
Class Notes

Center in Dallas.  
David O’Brien, j’86, covers the Atlanta Braves for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. He recently won the Best Blog award from Cox Newspapers for his online blog about the team.

1987
Laurie Blackburn, c’87, l’90, works as a financial adviser with McLaughlin Investments in Alexandria, Va.  
David Boersma, b’87, directs finance for Ameron International in Houston.  
Randall Fears, ’87, does financial advising with Randall Fears & Associates in Mission.  
Mark Turgeon, c’87, was selected in April as men’s basketball coach at Texas A&M in College Station.

1988
Jody Dickson Becker, j’88, works as an editor with Networx Communication in Kansas City.  
Elizabeth Dillon, n’88, g’94, teaches nursing at Donnelly College. She lives in Prairie Village.  
William Mar, c’88, manages quality assurance for Core Mobility in Mountain View, Calif. He lives in San Francisco.  
Stephanie Quincy, c’88, l’91, recently became a partner in the Phoenix law firm of Steptoe & Johnson.  
Scott Reimer, j’88, is senior manager of advertising and brand management for the Salt River Project in Tempe, Ariz.

1989
John Latzer, b’89, directs sales for the Art is the second act for former TV producer

Marianne Hart Norton, d’67, fills her Four Winds Gallery in Beaufort, S.C., with sacred and cultural art gathered from the far corners of the world.

Visitors encounter totems from Brazil, etchings from the Far East, and angel musicians carved in Poland—as well as handicrafts fashioned by fair-trade cooperatives in some of the poorest parts of our planet.

“The whole idea is to sell beautiful objects of art that say something about the culture they came from,” Norton says.

The Topeka native launched her business in California four years ago after a 15-year career producing television documentaries and reality shows. Both jobs require strong research skills and a curious mind, which play to Norton’s strengths. “I love digging into things,” she admits.

Chasing art in countries as far-flung as Bolivia, Botswana and Cambodia, Norton focuses on religious and sacred art, which reveal the most about the artist’s culture. A longtime avid traveler, Norton visits places few others encounter.

“I’m often in the artist’s studio or home and meet their family,” she says. “I try to find pieces that tourists wouldn’t typically see.”

Steering her business, Norton makes changes as she goes. Though she initially sold wholesale to galleries, museum stores and interior designers, she soon got the itch for a shop of her own. Her search for the perfect location led to Beaufort, a thriving arts community near her granddaughters in Myrtle Beach.

“It’s an old, old, lovely little town,” Norton says. And because most other Beaufort galleries feature Low Country artists, she knew Four Winds could fill a niche free of competition from its neighbors.

Moving to Beaufort spurred other changes, too. With a nudge from Norton’s son Tom, a passionate environmentalist, the gallery branched into fair-trade products: dolls from Kyrgyzstan, telephone-wire basketry from South Africa, weaving from Swaziland, and organic coffees, teas and chocolates. Soon, Four Winds will stock furniture made with reclaimed woods and sustainable products crafted in Mozambique, Tanzania and Zanzibar.

Norton thinks these additions fit well with her art offerings: Both provide beauty and economic empowerment. Customers might find less expensive items elsewhere, she says, but “people slaving over rugs for pennies a day is not helping anyone.”

In her gallery Norton sees wins all around: beautiful art for customers, a fair price for artisans, earth-friendly products for the environment—and for herself, a strong sense of satisfaction.

—Crupper, d’67, is a Lawrence free-lance writer
Charles Blaser, b'90, l'93, is executive director of the Douglas County Community Foundation in Lawrence.

David Boehnke, s'90, s'94, works as a financial adviser for Waddell & Reed in Leawood.

John Impens, b'90, is vice president of the Bank of the West. He lives in Kansas City.

Marcy Greene, c'91, commutes from Bethesda, Md., to Washington, D.C., where she's a deputy division chief with the Federal Communications Commission.

**BORN TO:**
Daniel, j'91, and Heidi Schrandt Simon, g'00, son, Parker Daniel, March 8 in Olathe, where he joins two brothers, Jackson, 3, and Cooper, 6. Dan publishes the Olathe News, and Heidi is associate solution tools division of Jones/NCTI in Centennial, Colo. He lives in Westminster.
director of admissions and scholarships at KU.

1992
Carrie Schneider Key, b’92, directs financial reporting for Skanska USA Building in Parsippany, N.J. She and her husband, Richard, ’90, live in East Stroudsburg, Pa.
Michael Sullivan, c’92, is a management assistant for the Internal Revenue Service. He lives in Overland Park.

MARRIED
Ignacio Espinosa de los Monteros, e’92, to Amber Scott, March 17 in Indianapolis. They live in Hartford, Conn., where Ignacio is a strategic initiatives manager for United Technologies.

1993
Christopher Beal, c’93, practices law with DLA Piper in San Diego.
Mark Domitrovich, c’93, owns Lotties in Chicago.
Kent Eckles, c’93, commutes from Olathe to Overland Park, where he’s vice president of government relations for the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce.
Candace Freund, f’93, is associate creative director for Tom Dick & Harry Advertising in Chicago.
Jamie Howard, s’93, works as a business analyst for Citigroup. He lives in Portland, Maine.
Amy Wolf Jones, b’93, manages cost and budgets for ING Americas in Alpharetta, Ga.

BORN TO:
David Anstaett, c’93, and Sarah, daughter, Ursula Benedict, Jan. 29 in Madison, Wis., where she joins a brother, Henry, 4.
Leona Dalavai Scott, c’93, f’94, and Robert, daughter, Jaia Ruth, Aug. 18 in Bedford, Texas. Leona is communications director and editor for the National Association of Women in Construction.

1994
Todd Caudle, b’94, is a senior investment executive with Caudle Financial in Atchison.
Allison Lippert, j’94, lives in Provo, Utah, where she’s an editorial publishing systems trainer for Digital Technologies International.
Stephen McGeorge, g’94, serves as deputy chief historian for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command. He lives in Dumfries, Va.
Brook Moody, ’94, directs corporate sales and marketing for the Sunway Hotel Group in Overland Park.

BORN TO:
Scott Grace, b’94, and Erin, son, Charles Andrew, Feb. 17 in Houston, where he joins two sisters, Morgan, 3, and Emma, 5. Scott is a broker with Amerex Natural Gas.

1995
Erik Caylor, e’95, directs technology solutions for Henderson Engineers in Overland Park.
Joseph Ibarra, b’95, is director of program management for Essilor. He lives in Lantana, Texas.
Amy Wittenauer Johnson, ’95, manages client services at NISA Investment Advisors. She and her husband, Gregory, b’94, live in St. Louis.
Emily Sorensen, j’95, is marketing project manager for RightNow Technologies in Bozeman, Mont.

BORN TO:
Matthew Crane, c’95, and Kelly, son, Matthew Patrick Jr., March 17 in Lenexa, where he joins a sister, Elizabeth, 2. Matthew manages Hertz Equipment Rental in Kansas City.
Angela DeSandro Ferguson, c’95, and James, c’96, son, Jackson Charles, Sept. 20 in St. Louis. Angela is a postdoctoral research fellow at Washington University, and James practices law with Vanliner Insurance.
Jeffrey Nichols, c’95, l’99, and Meghan, daughter, Aubrey, March 14 in
Kristen Riccardi-Schrader, c’96, g’98, manages programming development for CN8 Sports in Philadelphia.

Jennifer Switzer, b’96, g’97, works as international tax manager for Mary Kay in Dallas. She lives in Plano.

Born To:

Krista Wendt Murphy, e’96, and Zach, daughter, Ella Grace, Dec. 15 in Oakland, Calif., where she joins a sister, Clare, who’s nearly 2. Krista is a senior associate electrical engineer with Flack & Kurtz.

Lenexa, where she joins a brother, Nathan, 3. Jeffrey is a partner in the Overland Park law firm of Wallace, Saunders, Austin, Brown & Enochs.

Gretchen Craig Robinson, c’95, and Ian, son, Colin Craig, Nov. 5 in Grain Valley, Mo. Gretchen is a client advocate with DST Systems in Kansas City.

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Alumna finds calling as earth advocate

Unlike most New York City apartment dwellers, Anne Tempel, ‘05, is proud of the cockroaches in her bedroom and the worms under her kitchen sink.

The roaches are no ordinary insects. “Cheech” and “Chong” are Madagascar hissing cockroaches that live in a terrarium. And the red wiggler worms are part of a vermicomposting project. They live in a sealed plastic bin and turn kitchen scraps into valuable compost.

A music major who performed flute, carillon and choral, Tempel says she hoped for a career in music education or performance until a series of disappointments led her to rethink her goals.

One day in Lawrence, she headed to Liberty Hall to see the 2006 global warming documentary “An Inconvenient Truth,” featuring Al Gore. The film shifted her life’s direction.

“I walked out of the theater a completely different person, and nothing had happened to me quite like that ever before,” Tempel recalls. “I saw it as an opportunity, because it gave me a lot of passion about climate change. And I knew right then that I could do something about it.”

Soon after, Tempel headed to New York. She worked with the city’s Department of Parks and Recreation as a member of the GreenApple Corps, an AmeriCorps program. Among other things, she taught ecology, conservation and botany to public school students.

She even took her cockroaches on the road.

“They sit in my hand and are really big and fascinating for kids,” Tempel explains. “They’re used to human contact, and don’t put up much of a fuss when I grab them.”

Certified as a New York City master composter, she has helped others learn how to compost by showing them, among other things, how to set up worm bins.

Tempel also volunteered for The Climate Project, a coalition Gore formed to deliver the slide show he did in the documentary. She was selected from thousands of applicants and trained in January with Gore and his staff in Nashville, Tenn.

“It was great; I loved it,” Tempel says. “I was really busy at the time, but there was a good balance of socializing and networking as well as intense training.”

Tempel has given nearly a dozen live presentations, including one in April sponsored by the Lawrence Sustainability Network.

“I’ve had people get up and walk out, but most people stay no matter how long to ask questions or make comments,” she says of her talks. “Sometimes they play devil’s advocate. But it always ends up, overall, to be a very positive thing.”

And that, you might say, is music to Tempel’s ears.

Babcock is a free-lance writer in Morristown, N.J.

Inspired by “An Inconvenient Truth,” Anne Tempel joined Al Gore’s Climate Project and worked for New York City’s GreenApple Corps. She now teaches English in China, where she hopes to reach a new audience with her climate-change presentations.
A long press run for Ukraine native

n a life that has so far spanned 89 years and two continents, Waldo Dick, b’50, has seen a world of change.

Dick was born in the Ukraine in 1917, the year of the Russian Revolution. The resulting turmoil sent his Mennonite family on a long journey that landed them in the United States in 1923.

When they reached Ellis Island, after spending more than a year as refugees in Turkey, their ship was denied entry. Finally able to disembark in Boston, the family traveled to Newton, where Dick’s sister and her husband had emigrated earlier. After a short stay, he moved west with his parents to help found a Mennonite settlement in Newport, Wash. After he graduated from high school, in 1936, they moved back to Kansas, where Dick’s brother-in-law introduced him to the machine that would be his life’s work: the printing press.

He started working as a Linotype operator for a weekly Mennonite paper in Newton. More than 70 years later, he still goes to work each day at the East Allen Courier, a free-circulation weekly newspaper and commercial printing business he owns in Grabill, Ind., population 1,500. His work there was transformed by a revolution of a different sort.

“The Linotypes are all gone,” says Dick. “We’re all computerized now. There’s been an awful lot of changes in this industry from the days when we used to melt lead for type.”

After moving back to Newton, he enrolled in nearby Bethel College and then transferred to KU. Before he could complete even a semester on Mount Oread, he was drafted into the Civilian Public Service, an alternative service corps for conscientious objectors. He fought forest fires, completed soil conservation projects and worked in a mental hospital during a nearly four-year tour of duty in Nebraska, Oregon, Montana, Iowa and New York. He returned to KU to complete a degree in industrial management after the war.

His well-traveled childhood and young adult years stand in contrast to his long tenure at the Courier, which he bought in 1955.

“When you’re young, you don’t know exactly what you want to do,” Dick says with a chuckle. “But once you get married and have kids, you better settle down.”

Dick enjoys editing articles submitted by readers about church and school activities, social clubs and “small-town happenings” while his son takes care of the printing operation. He says there’s a simple reason he hasn’t retired.

“I like my work. I like to put the paper out, and I feel like we’re serving the community with our little paper, that the people really like it.”

Not the stuff of headlines, perhaps, but more than enough for a happy life.
**Iris Rosenthal**, c’98, works as a sales representative for ISSA in Lincolnwood, Ill.

**Lynette Ruder**, e’98, is a senior yield analysis engineer for Intel in Colorado Springs. She lives in Castle Rock.

**Ann Marchand Thompson**, j’98, and her husband, Jason, celebrated their first anniversary in May. They live in Alexandria, Va. She’s an editor at the Washington Post.

**BORN TO:**

**Ryan Savage**, b’98, and Monica, daughter, Ava Olivia, Dec. 21 in Houston, where Ryan manages commercial development for the Williams Companies.

**BORN TO:**

**Brodie Knop**, c’99, is a heavy equipment sales representative for the Victor L. Phillips Co. He lives in Overland Park.

**Kevin Pritchard**, c’99, recently was named general manager of the Portland Trail Blazers. He lives in West Linn, Ore.


**BORN TO:**

**Julie Numrich Murray**, c’99, l’02, and Daniel, son, Evan, Feb. 10 in Roeland Park.


**2001**

**Kimberly Burke**, c’01, practices law with Farris Law Group. She lives in Branson, Mo.

**Robert Davis**, c’01, is a technical service associate with SAFC Biosciences in Lenexa.

**Sarah Carkhuff Fizell**, c’01, lives in Topeka, where she’s a policy analyst for the Kansas Health Institute.

**Catherine Davis Krammer**, d’01, g’02, and her husband, Edmund, celebrated their first anniversary June 9. They recently moved from Grain Valley, Mo., to Painesville, Ohio.

**Autumn Metler Nieland**, c’01, works as a sales associate with Morr Sharp Associates in Chicago.

**Erik Reedy**, c’01, is a senior analyst at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City.

**MARRIED**

**Kimberly Mathews**, d’01, g’03, and **Anthony Erisman**, d’03, g’05, Jan. 20. They live in Olathe. She’s a physical therapist at the Athletic Rehabilitation Center, and he’s an athletic trainer instructor at Park University.

**Megan Meierhoffer**, j’01, and **Jay Wombolt**, c’01, Feb. 17 in Palm Springs, Calif. They live in Prairie Village. She’s a sales associate with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, and he’s associate vice president at First Saint Louis Securities.

**2002**

**Crystal Bremer**, d’02, is a marketing adviser for the Korinek Group in Dallas.
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Joshua Katz, e’02, g’04, is an engineer with Boeing. He lives in Lynnwood, Wash.

James Mauro, e’02, g’05, serves as an engineer with the U.S. Navy in San Diego.

Kelli Olberding Nichols, b’02, g’06, does academic advising at KU. She lives in Shawnee.

Chandler Poore, b’02, works as an analyst with the Sunflower Group in Overland Park.

Lindsay Putnam Roesler, ’02, lives in Lawrence and is an executive recruiter for the Chase Group.

Kendra Seaman, c’02, teaches at KIPP DC: Key Academy in Washington, D.C.

Greg Weeks, p’02, directs the pharmacy at Thomas Hospital in Fairhope, Ala.

**MARRIED**

Stanton Barker, ’02, and Nicole Gordon Barker, c’04, Oct. 21. They make their home in Olathe.

**BORN TO:**

Roberto, c’02, m’07, and Kerry Muirhead Rodriguez, c’02, son, Mason, Jan.

24 in Olathe. Roberto practices medicine at the KU Medical Center.

**2003**

Jeremy Borchert, e’03, works as an associate engineer with Medicine Lodge Inc. He lives in Logan, Utah.

Abby Coble, p’03, is a pharmacist with Wal-Mart in Exton, Pa.

Christopher Hartley, j’03, works as a sales consultant for Ashton Woods Homes in Englewood, Colo.

Emily Jeter, c’03, practices law with the Colorado State Public Defender’s Office in Castle Rock. She lives in Littleton.

Claudia Meng, h’03, g’05, an occupational therapist with Rehab Choice, makes her home in Kansas City.

Clinton Osler, c’03, manages accounts for Rinker Materials in Kansas City.

Scott Patterson, c’03, is an aviation meteorologist with ENSCO. He lives in Naperville, Ill.

Shalini Shanker, c’03, works as a post graduate compliance assistant with the University Athletic Association in Gainesville, Fla.

Jason Shumaker, d’03, is offensive coordinator for the University of Saint Mary.

Ruckus of enrollment: Signing up for classes hasn’t always been as easy as point and click. KU students enrolling in 1947 gathered in Robinson Gym to vie for good schedules, their gazes fixed on the board announcing closed classes.
Class Notes

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- **e** School of Engineering
- **f** School of Fine Arts
- **g** Master’s Degree
- **h** School of Allied Health
- **i** School of Journalism
- **j** School of Law
- **m** School of Medicine
- **n** School of Nursing
- **p** School of Pharmacy
- **PharmD** School of Pharmacy
- **s** School of Social Welfare
- **DE** Doctor of Engineering
- **DMA** Doctor of Musical Arts
- **EdD** Doctor of Education
- **PhD** Doctor of Philosophy
- **(no letter)** Former student
- **assoc.** Associate member of the Alumni Association

football team. He lives in Leavenworth.

2004

Stephanie Potter Bryant, j’04, is a team leader with Aviva USA. She lives in Topeka.

Amy Postel, b’04, does investor reporting for Real Time Resolutions in Dallas.

Rachel Pryor, b’04, works for Ironwood Capital Management in San Francisco.

Megan Schwerdt, j’04, is a staff accountant for Kornitzer Capital Management in Mission.

Gary Woodland, ’07, will represent the United States in July in the Fuji Xerox U.S.-Japan Collegiate Golf Championship in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.

Kirby Mullenberg Zimmerman, c’07, serves as a U.S. Air Force weather officer. She and her husband, Curtis, live in Lodge Grass, Mont.

2005

Elaine Fukunaga, f’05, recently received a Fulbright grant to study the piano works of Joaquin Rodrigo in Madrid, Spain, for the 2007-08 academic year. She graduated in May with a master’s of music from the Manhattan School of Music in New York City.

Patrick Holloway, c’05, works as a logistics broker for CH Robinson in Chicago.

Amanda Michilin Mahoney, b’05, recently was promoted to lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Navy. She is stationed in San Diego.

Rachael Nickerson, s’05, s’06, coordinates planning and projects for the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness. She lives in Phoenix.

Jennifer Polk, c’05, is a corporate programs associate with Associa. She lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

2006

Meghan Miller, j’06, graduated with a master’s in athletic leadership in June from the University of Washington. She lives in Seattle.

Robert Podany, b’06, g’06, is an accountant with Price Waterhouse Coopers. He lives in Overland Park.

Meagan Reichstein, c’06, lives in Chicago, where she’s an exhibit manager assistant for Corcoran Expositions.

Ann Ryan, c’06, works as a research assistant with Monarch Watch in Lawrence.

Stacy Sippel, c’06, b’06, is a water resources assistant engineer for Olsson Associates in Overland Park.

2007

Elissa Lemesany, c’07, manages the office for Parkway Properties in Lawrence.

Mark Pliska, c’07, is assistant portfolio manager for Detterbeck Wealth Management in Palatine, Ill.

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In Memory

1920s

Alice Swenson Giesecke, g'28, 102, Feb. 11 in Loma Linda, Calif.

1930s

Raymond Anderson, c'35, m'39, 93, April 8 in Kansas City, where he was emergency department director at Children’s Mercy Hospital and a professor emeritus of medicine at the University of Missouri. He is survived by two daughters, Susan Anderson Kost, d'62, and Sally Anderson Edwards, c'70, d'71; a son, William, c'72; 12 grandchildren; three sons, one of whom is Barry, c'71; a daughter; and three grandchildren.

Ruth Montzingo Andrews, d'39, 95, March 10 in Lawrence, where she was a retired teacher and librarian. She is survived by a son and a sister, Jane Montzingo Berman, c'33, m'38.

Adelma Watson Buchele, c'38, 89, Feb. 5 in Austin, Texas. Survivors include three sons, one of whom is Barry, c'71; a daughter; and three grandchildren.

Evelyn Orme Caruthers, c'35, 92, March 10 in Kansas City, where she was a retired reading specialist. She is survived by a son, Bertram Jr., c'67; a daughter, Patricia, '61; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Josephine Laws Eggleston, c'38, 93, April 18 in Medicine Lodge. She is survived by three sons, one of whom is Dale, b'72; and six grandchildren.

Fearn Chambers Fletcher, c'32, 96, Jan. 12 in Cupertino, Calif. A son, a daughter, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive.

Beverly Berns Herschman, c'34, 94, Dec. 4 in San Diego, where she was a retired writer for Walt Disney. She is survived by two sons, one of whom is Henry, a'69; a daughter, Judith Herschman Houston, '69; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Clifford Higer, c'33, 98, Feb. 9 in Spokane, Wash. He retired in 1973 from teaching chemistry and math at Everett Junior College. A daughter and three grandchildren survive.

Josephine Hulpieu, n'32, 99, Jan. 14 in Dodge City. Several cousins survive.

Delos Woods Nye, c'39, 89, March 21 in Oklahoma City. Two daughters, two sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive.

Charles “Bud” Tansey Jr., l'38, 91, March 4 in Farmington, N.M., where he was a retired attorney. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; a daughter, Mary Tansey Pendergrass, c'65; three sons; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

1940s

James Barney Jr., c'46, PhD'50, 80, Feb. 20 in Carson City, Nev., where he was a research scientist. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Leonard Barney, '48; a son; a daughter; and two grandchildren.

Marion Bearly, e'48, 81, March 20 in Centralia, Ill., where he was retired from a career with Gulf Oil. He is survived by his wife, Joe Ann Wright Bearly, assoc.; a daughter, Frankie Jo, c'75; and a brother.

William Bradford, b'47, f'51, 83, May 3 in Wamego, where he had been president of First National Bank. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Leonard Barney, '48; a son, a daughter; and two grandchildren.

Hubert Church, e'48, 83, Jan. 4 in Nevada, Iowa, where he was retired from the Iowa Department of Transportation. He is survived by his wife, Ellen Wagenfield Church, d'45, g'49; two sons; two daughters; a brother; a sister; and five grandchildren.

Florence Allen Citrynell, '44, 84, Feb. 5 in Louisville, Ky., where she worked at the Kentucky Derby Museum Gift Shop. She was the niece of former KU basketball coach Phog Allen. A daughter and a granddaughter survive.

Dorothy Stewart Crow, c'43, 85, March 4 in Tulsa, Okla. She is survived by a son, Stewart, '73; two grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Betty Allison Dagenais, c'42, 85, March 8 in Atchison. A son and three grandchildren survive.

Julia Ann Casad Dagenais, c'46, 81, March 31 in Wichita, where she was an adjunct professor of English at Friends University. Survivors include her husband, Ralph, '43; a son, John, c'71, g'76; two daughters, one of whom is Jane, c'77; two brothers, Robert Casad, c'50, g'52, and Charles Casad, e'47; and five grandchildren.

Harold DeLongy, b'47, 84, March 31 in Tulsa, Okla., where he was retired from a career with Cook Paint and Varnish. A daughter and four grandchildren survive.

Arthur Fitch, e'49, g'52, 78, Aug. 13 in San Carlos, Calif., where he was a retired engineer and research scientist. He is survived by his wife, Linda, a daughter, two sons, a sister and three grandchildren.

Jane Crouch Geiger, c'41, 88, April 14 in Mission. She is survived by her husband, Dwight, b'41; two sons, Larry, b'66, and Steven, b'77, g'90; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Betty Cummings Getty, '48, 80, April 3 in Lawrence. She is survived by her husband, Richard, d'49, p'55; two daughters, Suzanne Getty Dillon, d'74, and Sarah Getty Thomas, f'78; and three grandchildren.

Verda Ames Hufford, c'46, 90, March 8 in Ogden, Utah. She is survived by a son, Ralph Praeger Jr., c'63; a daughter;
two sisters; two granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren.

Doris Blackman Johnson, n'46, 84, Jan. 9 in Houston. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence, c'44, m'46; two daughters, one of whom is Joyce Johnson Burr, d'68; three sons; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Leland “Bob” Johnson Sr., a'42, 88, March 22 in Wichita, where he was a retired architect, engineer, writer and inventor. He is survived by two sons, one of whom is Leland Jr., e'67, g'69, PhD'76; two daughters, one of whom is Margaret, c'78; a brother, Dana, f'50, EdD'59; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Walter “Sonny” Jones Jr., c'47, 86, April 20 in Scott City. He is survived by his wife, Harriet Bossemeyer Jones, c'45; two sons, Walter III, c'75, and Steven, c'79; a sister; and five grandchildren.

Alvin Leonard, c'41, 88, Feb. 7 in Portland, Ore., where he was a retired ground-water geologist and hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Society. He is survived by his wife, Jean; two sons; two daughters; a sister, Elaine Leonard Vick, c'85, s'92; and two grandchildren.

Robert McBride, b'47, g'49, 84, Aug. 16, 2006, in Kansas City. He was retired from W.E. Isle Co. Survivors include his wife, Mary; two daughters; and four grandchildren, one of whom is David Hammer, '08.

Jack McKee, j'49, 82, March 10 in Prescott, Ariz., where he was a retired financial consultant. He is survived by his wife, Bernice, three daughters, two sons and nine grandchildren.

Barbara Buxton Mickey, b'42, 85, March 9 in Kansas City. Among survivors are her husband, Donald; a daughter, Carrie Stafford Berhorst, n'89; a stepdaughter; and two grandchildren.

Betty Jones Mole, '43, 85, April 11 in Lawrence, where she was a meal site manager at the Lawrence Senior Center. Two daughters, a brother, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive.

Myrnice Ott Neis, c'42, 87, April 17 in Omaha, Neb. A daughter and a brother survive.

Dorothy Shields Smith Schwartz, c'47, 81, Dec. 14 in Salina. She is survived by her husband, Albert; two sons, one of whom is Brian Smith, j'77; two daughters, Laurie Smith Colahan, d'75, and Alice Smith Jones, d'80; four stepsons, two of whom are John Schwartz, m'70, and Albert Schwartz, l'77; three stepdaughters, two of whom are Mary Schwartz Boman, n'79, and Margaret Wallert, g'01; a brother, John Shields, c'52; a sister; 11 grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Joseph Sciandrone, e'48, 82, Jan. 30 in Sacramento, Calif., where he was retired from the Corps of Engineers. He is survived by his wife, Frances, a son and a sister.

Edgar Sherbenou, c'47, g'49, PhD'57, 83, Jan. 23 in DeKalb, where he was on the political science faculty at Northwestern Illinois University. He is survived by his wife, Helen Maclean Sherbenou, n'48; two sons; a sister; and six grandchildren.

William Sirridge, m'44, 86, April 14 in Kansas City, where he was retired from a 30-year career at the UMKC School of Medicine. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; a daughter; three sons; a brother; and 10 grandchildren.

Joe VanSickle, d'41, 86, Feb. 28 in Asheville, N.C. He had been a band director and owned the Music Shop in Murfreesboro, Tenn. A brother, James, e'44, survives.

Nancy Wahl, c'41, 89, March 12 in Kansas City. A sister, Marjorie Wahl Carson, c'38, is among survivors.

Robert Wiedemann, e'48, 84, April 18 in Lakewood, Colo., where he was retired from a career with Denver Water. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Ada Kopke Wiedemann, b'47; two sons; and four grandsons.

Virginia Gsell Williams, f'43, 85, Feb. 2 in Olathe. She is survived by her husband, Donald, b'42; two daughters, Nancy Williams Shepard, d'66, and Shirley Williams Montgomery, f'68; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1950s

Byron Brooks, e'50, 88, Feb. 24 in Lawrence, where he was retired from Farmland Industries. He is survived by his wife, Julia Allbaugh Brooks, assoc.; three sons, Mark, c'67, Carl, c'70, d'71, g'81, and Bruce, e'75; three brothers; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Marlyn Frizell Brown, f'51, g'73, 80, Feb. 11 in Ozawkie. She owned and operated Valley West Galleries in Lawrence and was a founding member of the Kansas Artist Craftsmen Association. She is survived by her husband, Robert, '51; a son, Craig, '79; a daughter, Cindy, f'81; a brother, William Frizell Jr., '54; a sister; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Lillie Mosimann Budimilija, b'51, March 27 in Overland Park. She was retired director of elementary education for the Kansas City, Kan., public schools. Two brothers survive, one of whom is James Mosimann, '65.

Marcia Porter Carpenter, d'55, 74, March 9 in Prairie Village. She is survived by two sons, one of whom is Mark, c'85; a daughter, Carrie Carpenter Robson, h'84; two brothers; and five grandchildren.

Myron Click, e'52, l'56, 78, April 22 in Naples, Fla., where he was a retired attorney. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Janis Hartell Click, c'57; two sons, one of whom is Jeff, c'82; a daughter, Kim Click Maddrey, c'84; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

Sally Rice Collingwood, d'58, 70, April 11 in Wichita. She is survived by her husband, Wheat; a daughter, Julie Collingwood Blumenthal, '87, g'90; and two granddaughters.

Robert Creighton, c'56, l'60, 73, April 5 in Atwood, where he was retired from practicing law with Brown, Creighton and Peckham. He had served as chairman of the Kansas Board of Regents and on the advisory board for KU’s Hall Center for the Humanities. Surviving are his wife, Lavina; two sons, Alexander, l'89, and John, c'88, b'88; a
brother; and five grandchildren.

Bruce Dillman, j'56, g'62, 71, Aug. 18 in Gene Autry, Okla., where he was in charge of Web page design for the Gene Autry Museum. He wrote The Cowboy Handbook and is survived by a son; his mother; a sister; a brother, Robert, c'67; and three grandchildren.

Glenn Foster, e'53, July 30 in Syracuse, N.Y., where he retired from Carrier Air Conditioning. He is survived by his wife, Edith, four daughters and seven grandchildren.

Gerald Garrett, c'54, g'62, m'66, 74, Feb. 27 in Mukilteo, Wash. He had been director of radiology at Providence Medical Center in Seattle. Surviving are his wife, Lolly; a son; a daughter; three brothers, Spencer, '62, Harold, '68, and William, '59; and two grandchildren.

Phyllis Glass, d'52, g'59, 76, April 12 in Overland Park. She had a 40-year career with the Shawnee Mission School District and had played bassoon for the Kansas City Civic Orchestra. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Two cousins survive.

Robert Lytle, c'52, l'55, 75, April 28 in Prairie Village, where he was a partner in the law firm of Bennett, Lytle, Wetzler, Winn, Martin & Pishny, which later merged with Lathrop & Gage. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; a daughter, Robert Jr., c'84; a sister, Rosemary Anne Lytle McDaneld, '90; and four grandchildren.

Jack McCabria, e'52, g'60, 77, March 24 in Lawrence. He lived in Eudora, where he was retired from a career with Westinghouse. Survivors include his wife, Maxine Miller McCabria, c'52; a son; two daughters, one of whom is Lynette McCabria Weis, g'86; a brother; and three grandchildren.

Barbara Peters McCamish, n'59, 69, April 23 in Bowie, Md. She had been a pediatric nurse in Texas, Kansas and Hawaii and had worked as a tax practitioner in Maryland. Survivors include her husband, Bob, e'58, g'63; a daughter, Susan McCamish Rosenfield, h'88; a son; and five grandchildren.

Gilbert Norwood, m'53, 83, Dec. 15. He lived in Hummels Wharf, Pa., where he was a retired orthopedic surgeon. His wife, Mary, and two daughters survive.

Leonard Parkinson, c'59, 69, March 31 in McLean, Va. He was a lobbyist for Aerojet Corp. and had been a Soviet political and military analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency. He is survived by his wife, Judith Gorton Parkinson, f'61; a daughter, Jennifer Parkinson Lawner, c'95, g'01, g'03; and a sister, Carolyn Parkinson Gough, d'63.

Mary Kathleen “Kathy” Denney Peters, '57, 75, April 2 in Lawrence. She is survived by her husband, Richard, a'54; two sons, one of whom is Christopher, c'83, m'89; a daughter, Laura, '83; three brothers; a sister; and five grandchildren.

Glenn Peterson, g'51, 83, Feb. 3 in Greensboro, N.C. He lived in Burlington, where he was a retired teacher. Survivors include his wife, Emily, four daughters, a son, seven grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Clarence Thompson, m'53, 80, July 23 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he was a retired physician. Among survivors are his wife, Cathy; two sons, one of whom is Thomas, c'74, m'78; and two daughters.

E. Cessus Tyree, e'52, 93, April 7 in Denver, where he was a retired topographical surveyor. A daughter, two sisters, two brothers and three great-grandchildren survive.

Darlene Burton Wheeler, c'50, c'52, 79, March 22 in Arvada, Colo. She is survived by her husband, Loren, a son, a daughter, a brother, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Buddy Bowles, b'64, 76, March 23 in Topeka, where he was retired from a career with the state of Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Creta Ann, assoc.; a son, Steven, d'73; two daughters, Judith Bowles Wolfe, d'74, g'86, and Lana Bowles Stagner, c'76, g'79; a sister; two brothers; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Ralph Buglewicz, c'60, g'64, 69, March 27 in Overland Park, where he was a professor of Russian studies in the metropol-
Manufacturing and previously owned Bid Facilitators and Carpet Square in Leavenworth. Surviving are his wife, Linda; two sons; a stepdaughter; and a brother, Marvin, d'65.

**Philip Lacey, c'71, l'74,** 57, March 29 in McPherson, where he was an attorney with Bremyer & Wise. He is survived by his wife, Sharlyn Gelvin Lacey, d'71; two sons, one of whom is Jason, l'00; a daughter; his mother, Ruthanne Finley Lacey, '64; a brother, Bruce, '78; and a sister, Jean Lacey Pollock, '74.

**Lawrence Magrath, PhD'73,** 63, Feb. 24 in Chickasha, Okla., where he was a retired professor of biology at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

**Diane Pilhal March McCoy, c'76,** 52, March 7 in Crowley, Texas, where she was a clinical social worker. She is survived by her husband, Lincoln Scott, c'80; three sons; and three sisters, Terri, '76, Carol Pilhal Braden, '83, and Lisa, '85.

**Stefanie Pulliam, c'75, g'77,** 54, March 26 in Wichita, where she had been a substitute teacher and a childcare director. She is survived by her husband, Lincoln, b'47; three children; and a brother and a sister.

**Patricia Morton Rohr, g'73,** 62, Nov. 26 in Philadelphia. She lived in Lacomia, N.H., where she was a school psychologist and a teacher. Surviving are her husband, Bill, three daughters, a stepson, two stepdaughters, a sister, four grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren.

**Michael Sheridan, b'77,** 52, March 9 in Jacksonville, Fla. He was a CPA and was director of tax for CSX Corp. Surviving are his wife, Karen; a son; a daughter; his father, a brother, Jeffery, e'78; and three sisters, one of whom is Suzanne Sheridan Lykken, b'81.

**Linda Barnes, l'88,** 49, Dec. 31 in Alexandria, Va. She worked at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Survivors include her father, Donald, e'57, and mother, Dorothy Barnes; a brother; and a sister.

**Mary Dean Buckley, s'81, s'83,** 47, Oct. 23 in Virginia Beach, Va. She is survived by her husband, Matthew; four sons; her father, Gerhard Dean, c'43; her mother, two sisters, Nancy Dean Boone, c'76, and Martha Dean-Johnson, h'83; and a brother, Daniel Dean, j'77.

**Kathryn Chapman Carr, EdD'82,** 72, Nov. 22 in Kansas City. She lived in Warrensburg, where she was a professor emerita of reading at Central Missouri State University. She is survived by her husband, Richard, a son, a daughter, four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**Meredith Brow Rothrock, c'87, g'90,** 42, May 2 in Lawrence, where she owned the Blue Dandelion. She is survived by her husband, Edwin, '84; two daughters; two sons; her parents; three brothers, one of whom is William Brow, '94; and her grandmothers.

**Terri Lynne Phillips Stutz, d'85, g'03,** 44, May 9 in Kansas City, where she taught elementary school for many years. She is survived by her husband, Thomas, '87; a daughter; her mother; three brothers; and a sister.

**Scott Vignery, e'82,** 47, Nov. 13 in Burlington, N.C., where he worked at Raytheon, Kidde, and Purolator. Survivors include his parents, Eugene, j'78, and Mildred Vignery; a brother; and a sister.

**Leslie Noble Ballew, c'97,** 33, April 29 in Kansas City, where she was a producer at Barnstorming. Survivors include her parents, two sisters, a brother and her grandmother.

**Bruce Murphy, m'97,** 57, March 30 in Des Moines, Iowa, where he was a plastic surgeon. He is survived by his wife, Susan, two sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

**Janet Oates Ralstin, s'91,** 56, April 15 in Merrimack, where she was a senior project manager for Paragon Biomedical. A brother survives.

**Jeffrey Shewey, c'91,** 40, April 3 in Washington, D.C., where he owned HomeSold-Home. He is survived by his partner, Randall Borgersen, his parents, a sister, a brother and his grandmother.

**John Winter, c'91,** 39, April 5 in Lithia, Fla. He had been a weatherman for WFLA-TV in Tampa. Survivors include his wife, Karen, his father and stepmother, his mother and stepfather, two sisters and his grandmother.

**Jan Fillman Guth, c'05,** 50, March 18 in Kansas City, where she was a software engineer for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. She lived in Lawrence and is survived by her husband, David, associate professor of journalism; a daughter, Susan Elizabeth Guth, '07; her father; two brothers; and a sister.

**Dennis “Jeremy” McAlexander, c'02,** 31, March 22 in Naples, Fla., where he worked for Kone Elevator. He is survived by his parents and a sister.

**Robert Lewis, 84,** April 22 in Lawrence, where he retired from KU in 1998 after nine years in University Relations. He is survived by his wife, Verla; seven sons, one of whom is Stephen, d'72; three daughters; 24 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**Francis “Frank” Prosser Jr., c'50, g'54, PhD'55,** 79, March 20 in Lawrence, where he was a professor emeritus of physics and astronomy at KU. He is survived by a son, David, c'79; two daughters, Rebecca, '78, and Martha Prosser McCarter, c'85; a brother, John, a'55; and four grandchildren.

**Robert “Bob” Walters, c'62, g'84,** 69, March 29 in Lawrence, where he was a retired manager of research facilities at the KU Center for Research. He also had owned Ethan A. Smith Moving and Storage and had served as mayor of Lawrence. Survivors include his wife, Anne Larigan Walters, d'64; and three sons, Christopher, d'95, Michael, l'00, and Andrew, '91.
Never one to run with the herd (except for locally raised bison, of course), Hilary Brown cooked up an innovative restaurant that’s winning rave reviews, and national press attention, for its emphasis on grass-fed meats and organic ingredients, all purchased from suppliers as close to Lawrence as possible.

**Rare burger**

*The All-American meal gets a makeover*

Opening her downtown Lawrence restaurant, Local Burger, in 2005, Hilary Brown set out to prove that fast food—especially that quintessentially American combo of a cheeseburger and french fries—needn’t be unhealthy.

Inspired by Slow Food, a movement that started 20 years ago in Italy to battle what some saw as fast food’s threat to regional culture and cuisine, Brown admired the movement’s celebration of food that is “good, clean and fair.” She shared its concern for protecting human health, animal welfare, workers’ rights and the environment.

Less appealing was the feeling that Slow Food works best for those who have a surplus of money and time to devote to it.

“Slow Food is awesome, but I don’t want just rich people and foodies to be able to eat healthy,” says Brown, h’94. “I’m trying to do Slow Food fast.”

Brown uses local, organic ingredients where possible, drawing on a network of small, independent farmers. Burgers are made from grass-fed beef, bison or elk, meats that she says have less fat than conventional grain-fed beef. Fries start with organic spuds deep-fried in coconut oil. Whole wheat buns have no chemical additives and there’s a gluten-free variety, too. And the cheese—like all the meat Local Burger serves—is hormone free.

While it would be unfair to call Brown’s fare “fast food,” the restaurant at 714 Vermont St., with its bright décor and informal atmosphere, owes more of its style to fast food than gourmet. Yet Local Burger rejects the corporate model at every turn. Side dishes like quinoa and brown rice offer an alternative to fries. Homemade smoothies and peppermint tea sub for soda. Recycling bins alleviate the need for industrial-sized trash cans. The menu invites diners to ask where the food comes from, what’s in it and how it was prepared.

“It’s unpretentious,” Brown says. “If you’re
going to serve local and organic, you have to make it fun and convenient and not too expensive. I don’t think you can change people by just telling them conventional food is bad, organic is good.”

Instead, her goal is to remind patrons that their choices have consequences.

“I’ve always been fascinated by connections,” explains Brown, who lists 25 businesses within 20 miles or less whose products she uses. Shopping locally not only leads to better health, she believes, but also strengthens local economies, communities and the environment.

Lately she has gotten considerable media attention for her bid to educate eaters. This spring Local Burger earned mentions in The New Yorker, Body + Soul and Vanity Fair. In May, it was one of three businesses featured on “Big Ideas for A Small Planet,” a documentary series on the Sundance Channel that focuses on environmental issues.

Brown even cooked up her own film project, the short documentary film “Localize Me.” The project is a twist on Morgan Spurlock’s “Supersize Me,” in which the filmmaker ate nothing but McDonald’s food for 30 days, recording the toll it took on his body. Brown found a volunteer whose diet consisted of nothing but fast food and fed him at Local Burger for a month. The man lost 23 pounds, dropped 119 points from his cholesterol, and boosted his testosterone more than 100 points.

“I wanted to feed someone for 30 days because I knew it would be helpful. I wanted to show people that it’s not that hard to get healthy. You don’t have to give up burgers and fries.”

Though her french fries are organic, Brown admits, that doesn’t make them the healthiest item on the menu. She clearly hopes those who come for a french-fry fix eventually take a chance on some of her healthier dishes. And she hopes the combination of food that’s good and food that’s good for you gets more diners in the door.

“I love introducing people to new food,” she says. “The young girl who’s a vegetarian will come in for tofu and a veggie burger, but if I put cheeseburgers on the menu, she can bring Dad. And maybe someday she might even get Dad to try the quinoa-millet pilaf.”

He’ll be in for a treat. —Steven Hill


**Bold print**

Though best known as a painter, Roger Shimomura has worked in a wide range of media over his 40-year career, including performance, installation, ceramics and printmaking.

In 1999, the University Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Art donated a master set of his prints to the Spencer Museum of Art. The Prints of Roger Shimomura: A Catalogue Raisonné, 1968-2005, by Emily Stamey, g’05, doctoral student in art history and Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellow, unites 136 images created before 2006, collecting all but the most recent Shimomura prints.

Created with support from the Marilyn J. Stokstad Publications Fund, this handsome catalogue documents the evolution of Shimomura’s prints from his early days as a Syracuse University grad student, when he first experimented with printmaking techniques in his apartment bathroom. In an artist’s statement, Shimomura writes that he has since “consistently turned to printmaking when I needed a fresh direction or a recharge of my creative batteries ... ” Thus, many of these gorgeously reproduced works show the artist at his most exploratory. As a whole, the print oeuvre traces the emergence of many themes and styles that distinguish this provocative artist’s work—all insightfully examined in Stamey’s essay.

With a companion exhibition that runs through July 29, The Prints of Roger Shimomura: A Catalogue Raisonné, 1968-2005, celebrates what Stephen Goddard, the Spencer’s senior curator and curator of prints and drawings, calls “a singularly important event” for the museum. —Steven Hill

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**Speed racers**

Students engineer exotic race car that wows judges

Long nights and weekends in their Learned Hall shop began last summer. After spending the fall semester completing the designs for the 2007 model of their formula-style racing car, engineering students in the Jayhawk Motorsports team began construction on the chassis in January, and by the conclusion of Spring Break they had completed fabrication of the carbon-fiber body parts.
“We outsource some parts, but not many,” says team member Gretchen Christenson. “Basically, we make everything.”

The endless hours paid off in May and June, when the team took high honors at its two biggest events. In June, the KU mechanical engineering students placed second overall, their highest-ever finish, at the prestigious Formula SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) West competition, which attracted 80 teams from around the world to Fontana, Calif.

Out of 1,000 possible points, the Jayhawks finished second to Texas A&M by 3.7.

“What a dedicated team of achievers,” says adviser Robert Sorem, associate professor of mechanical engineering. “To me they are the best. The team members brought fresh ideas to the design process. They made their designs work, and they showed great presentation skills and unparalleled sportsmanship.

They really impressed the judges.”

In May, Jayhawk Motorsports finished 10th at the Formula SAE competition in Detroit. KU has finished in the top 25 in Detroit in seven of the past nine years, and is the only team to successfully complete all aspects of the technical competition for the past seven years.

The formula sports cars created for those seven competitions are still in the KU shops, but each year the team starts anew with 24 seniors, who work on the car for their senior design project alongside volunteers who typically join the team before their senior year.

At the California competition, the KU team placed in the top 10 for endurance, design, sales presentation, autocross and acceleration. It also won Altair Engineering’s William R. Adam Engineering Award, worth $1,000, and placed second in the Goodyear Best Performance,
Honda Dynamic, Timken Friction Management and SAE Spirit of Excellence awards competitions.

The 2007 Jayhawk Motorsports car has a ground clearance of 1 inch, is 112 inches long, weighs 440 pounds, and accelerates from zero to 60 mph in four seconds.

“We had teams and judges gawking at our car all week,” says team captain Tanner Rinke, e’07. “The judges even spent an hour with us until the grounds closed, just to talk with us about our design.”

—Chris Lazzarino

New hope

KUMC study reveals better Parkinson’s therapy

A recent study conducted at the KU Medical Center provides new hope for the 1.5 million Americans who live with Parkinson’s disease.

The study involved nearly 400 patients who were having trouble managing their symptoms with levodopa alone. Levodopa, or L-dopa, is widely used to boost dopamine, one of the brain chemicals reduced by Parkinson’s disease. As a patient’s disease progresses, each dose of L-dopa might provide less and less relief. For some, it controls symptoms for a mere one or two hours compared with a full day’s relief at the beginning of therapy.

What’s more, the drug can result in debilitating side effects, called dyskinesias, which cause unpredictable and uncontrollable movements.

In the race to improve treatments, doctors gave the patients in the KU study a once-a-day, prolonged-release formula of ropinirole, a federally approved drug. According to the published findings, more than half of the patients on the new formula experienced considerable improvement, enjoying two extra hours of symptom relief without worsening the dyskinesias seen in L-dopa therapy.

Ropinirole, a drug also used in treating restless legs syndrome, has been approved for the treatment of Parkinson’s disease since 1997. The current form of ropinirole is used three times daily to reduce the side effects of L-dopa; the new, prolonged-release formula used in the study would significantly reduce patients’ daily “off time,” in which disease symptoms return as drugs wear off, while also decreasing the number of pills taken daily.

“I am pleased with the results of the study,” says principal investigator Rajesh Pahwa, director of the Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorder Center. “Once-a-day preparation reduced side effects and improves patient compliance.” Compliance refers to a patient’s ability to take all prescribed medication, and it usually improves when a patient is prescribed fewer daily doses.

The prolonged-release form of ropinirole is expected to be available in a year or so, and although it showed some common side effects, it appears to be as effective as the immediate-release ropinirole and better tolerated. The two main drug types used in Parkinson’s disease therapy are L-dopa and dopamine boosters like ropinirole, so the treatment options for the disease are limited. Discovering a new drug formula means fashioning an alternative for patients and their families.

“We need better treatment options for our patients,” Pahwa says. This study, he explains, could give Parkinson’s patients another choice and a better life.

—Katie Moyer

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Into the thin air

Steve Hawley, Salina’s favorite son, lives yet another dream with induction in astronaut hall

As a child gazing at the dark, star-filled Kansas skies, Steve Hawley imagined a time when telescopes would be flown into pristine space, away from the effects of the atmosphere and far from the lights of cities. In his dream, the young boy from Salina knew astronomers would need to live and work in space to operate those telescopes, and he wanted to be one of them.

Pursuit of that dream led Hawley first to KU to study physics and astronomy, then to California for a doctorate in astronomy and astrophysics, and finally to the Cerro Tololo observatory atop a 7,000-foot peak in Chile. There, in 1978, he received a phone call that changed his life. NASA offered Hawley, c’73, a job as an astronaut.

“My childhood dream of having telescopes in space to study the universe came true, with one minor miscalculation on my part,” Hawley says. “If you want to use the Hubble Space Telescope you don’t get to go to space. You go to Baltimore.”

Miscalculations aside, Hawley has led a remarkable career. On May 5, the boy who dreamed of flying telescopes was inducted into the Astronaut Hall of Fame at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Hawley found himself on stage among legends John Glenn, John Young, Scott Carpenter and Jim Lovell.

Since the hall opened in 1990, only 66 people, including all three KU astronauts—Hawley, Joe Engle, e’55, and Ron Evans, e’55—have been elected.

“It’s unbelievable that I found myself standing alongside the astronauts who were my heroes as a kid,” Hawley says. “If I was known for anything during my career, it was most likely for my poor launch record. I think I’ve climbed into a fully loaded orbiter with intent to fly 15, 16, 17 times and only launched five.”

Five times in space. Only?

—Eileen Hawley directs external relations at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. She is married to Steve.
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