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BY REX BUCHANAN



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# Lift the Chorus

## Kent Whealy, MIA

I was bowled over to discover that Kent Whealy, founder of the Seed Savers Exchange, ["Back to the Garden," issue No. 5, 2005] is not only a KU alumnus, but was once one of those ink-stained wretches at the J-school, like me.

I've been reading of Kent's work for more than 20 years. Long ago I placed him firmly in my list of Most Important Americans. Why? Because he sees the big things the rest of us somehow can't quite make out. He knows that when 7,000 named varieties of apples shrinks to 700 in a hundred years something scary is happening.

It's heartening that the MacArthur Foundation, which does an uncanny job of finding the right people to give its "genius grants," focused on Kent Whealy as a recipient. In doing so, they made themselves look good.

Tom Stewart, j'54  
Sulphur Springs, Texas

## If those walls could talk

One hallmark of KU and the Midwest is a respect for people of all ages. I think *Kansas Alumni*, probably unintentionally, disrespected older campus structures that no longer serve students, and thus disrespected the students who used those structures. In a weak attempt at humor, you flippantly dismissed these older buildings, waved a thumb-to-nose goodbye, and disregarded the memories of hundreds of students who spent millions of hours in these edifices.

First it was Jolliffe Hall. With absolutely no thanks to Mr. Jolliffe, who enabled housing for so many scholarship hall awardees, and with no regard

for the history of students who spent their KU lives within, you declared good riddance to the Jolly Green Giant. As someone who spent four years in residency there and who likely could not have attended KU without that scholarship, I was hurt by the neglect. I felt badly for University donors, who can count on being disrespected and forgotten like Mr. Jolliffe.



Now in issue No. 3, 2005, "Raze of Sunshine" [Jayhawk Walk] makes light of Lindley Annex. You neglect to report that this lowly structure was home to KU's nationally recognized, perennial powerhouse debate team. As a member of that team, I proudly represented KU for four years, bringing home—with teammates—trophy upon trophy. It was all possible because we had space in Lindley. Many of my fondest KU memories were in a structure your respect-deficient writers, Hill and Lazzarino, celebrate KU "finally will be rid of."

Superficial research. Disrespectful story. Thoughtless journalism.

Robert H Campbell, j'68  
Encinitas, Calif.

## Good timing

I thoroughly enjoy reading *Kansas Alumni*. It is consistently interesting and well done.

This month [No. 3, 2005] it was very timely because I was meeting with friends from the Copyeditors List for dinner. Chris Lazzarino's profile on Dr. Deborah Gump ["Editing legend lives on in Gump's classroom"] gave me a chance to share the information about her Web sites with people who truly "care about precise use of language."

Thanks and keep up the good work!

Linda Kerby, n'7 c'8  
Leawood



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“Fluid Art 2005,” annual performance art class exhibition, Dec. 9, Art and Design Gallery

“Lee Friedlander At Work,” through Dec. 11, Spencer Museum of Art

“Discourse on Discovery: Native Perspectives on the Trail,” through Dec. 11, Spencer Museum of Art

“*Selecciones*: Mexican Art from the Collection,” through Jan. 8, Spencer Museum of Art

“Embodiment,” through Feb. 19, Spencer Museum of Art

“The Sacred and the Secular: Buddhist Imagery in Religious and Popular Contexts,” through February, Spencer Museum of Art

“Explore Evolution,” Natural History Museum

## ■ University Theatre

### NOVEMBER

**14-20** “An Army of One,” by Zacory Boatright, ’05, co-produced with English Alternative Theatre

### DECEMBER

**2-8** “The Snow Queen,” by Hans Christian Andersen

## ■ Lied Center events

### NOVEMBER

**17-18** University Dance Company  
**20** Band Spectacular  
**29** Symphonic Band



■ “Explore Evolution,” an exhibition that depicts the ways scientists research evolution and how evolution is fundamental to contemporary science and medicine, opened Nov. 1 in the Natural History Museum and will be in place for about two years. The Explore Evolution Project is headed by Judy Diamond, of the University of Nebraska State Museum, and includes six university partners. The project is funded by a \$2.8 million grant from the Natural Science Foundation.

### DECEMBER

**1** Jazz Vespers  
**4** Holiday Vespers, Organ Vespers  
**6** Nicholas Frazier Bideler  
**7** University Band

## ■ Lectures

### NOVEMBER

**17** Samantha Power, on human rights and genocide, Humanities Lecture Series, Kansas Union ballroom  
**21** Glynis Sweeny, illustrator, Hallmark Design Symposium Series, Spencer Museum of Art

## ■ Academic Calendar

### NOVEMBER

**23-27** Thanksgiving break

### DECEMBER

**8** Fall classes end  
**9** Stop Day  
**12-16** Final examinations

### JANUARY

**20** Spring classes begin

### MARCH

**20-26** Spring break



## ■ Alumni events

### NOVEMBER

- 17** Lawrence: School of Education professional society
- 18** Atlanta, San Antonio chapters: KU vs. Idaho State TV watch party
- 18** Seattle Chapter: KU night with the Sonics-Chicago Bulls
- 21** Kansas City Chapter: Big Blue Monday
- 21** Chicago, Orlando chapters: KU vs. Arizona TV watch party
- 21-23** San Antonio, Tampa chapters: KU Maui Invitational TV watch parties
- 26** Tailgate at Adams Alumni Center, KU vs. Iowa State
- 26** Atlanta Chapter: KU vs. Iowa State TV watch party
- 30** Kansas City: School of Engineering professional society

### DECEMBER

- 1** Omaha Chapter: wine tasting
- 2** Atlanta Chapter: Jayhawk social
- 3** Atlanta Chapter: KU vs. Western Illinois TV watch party
- 4** Seattle Chapter: KU night with the Sonics-Indiana Pacers
- 6** New York Chapter: KU vs. St. Joseph's pregame rally, Jimmy V Classic



**6** Omaha, Orlando, Tampa chapters: KU vs. St. Joseph's TV watch party

**10** Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Dallas, Orlando chapters: KU vs. California TV watch party

**12** Kansas City Chapter: Big Blue Monday

**12** Tradition Keepers finals dinner, Adams Alumni Center

**14** San Antonio Chapter: Holiday Get-Together

**26** Seattle Chapter: KU night with the Sonics-Boston Celtics

### JANUARY

**4** Chicago Chapter: KU night with the Bulls-Seattle Supersonics

**7** Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Dallas, Omaha, Tampa chapters: KU vs. Kentucky TV watch party

**14** Atlanta Chapter: KU vs. Kansas State TV watch party

**16** Austin, Dallas chapters: KU vs. Missouri TV watch party

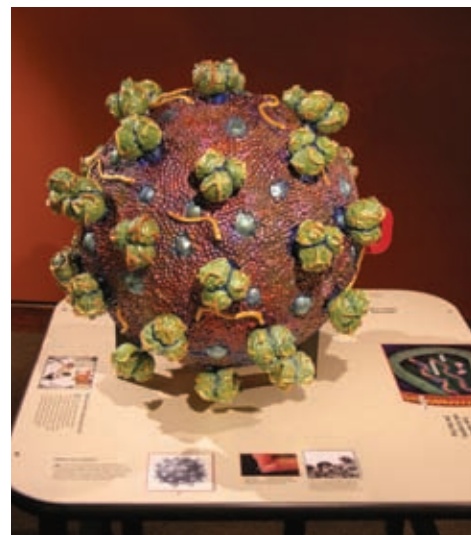
**25** College Station: KU vs. Texas A&M pregame rally, Dixie Chicken

### FEBRUARY

**3** Kansas City Chapter: Rock Chalk Ball, Overland Park

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■ "Explore Evolution" was primarily developed for middle-school audiences, though the material will certainly interest older students and adults, and interactive displays (above and left) are fun for younger children. The exhibit occupies renovated space once the territory of Comanche; the old warhorse has a new display near Dyche Hall's front entrance.

## ■ Kansas Honors Program

### FEBRUARY

- 6** Concordia
- 9** Larned
- 13** Fort Scott
- 20** Holton
- 22** Pleasanton

### MARCH

- 1** Great Bend, Hiawatha
- 7** Washington
- 8** Atchison
- 29** Medicine Lodge

### APRIL

- 5** Chanute, Colby
- 6** Logan
- 17** Greensburg Honor Roll
- 19** Scott City

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Some of the nation's biggest stars are right here at KU. Stars like Ron Borchardt (left), pharmaceutical chemistry professor, internationally influential scientist and recipient of the 2005 Chancellors Club Career Teaching Award. Or Dale Abrahamson (right), pioneering researcher in

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BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

# First Word



Let's play free association. I'll write two words, peculiar to KU parlance, and you utter the first words that come to mind.

Western Civ.

Whoa, settle down now, it's OK. Don't swear in front of the children. You don't have to recall the reading list.

But you do remember—if not the entire syllabus, you surely recall one or two of the authors. Plato, Sophocles, anyone?

Nearly all of us remember, because nearly all of us—70 percent of KU undergraduates—endured the ordeal. The two-semester gauntlet of great books, a KU tradition for 60 years, has been required in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for all bachelor's of arts or general studies degrees and most bachelor's of science degrees. Social welfare and journalism majors also must take Western Civ. Though the course format and content have changed through the years, students' reactions remain much the same, according to Jim Woelfel, director of the program, who has written an essay celebrating the 60th anniversary of the courses now formally known as Humanities and Western Civilization.

"Most students dread Western Civ before they take it," he writes, "and many postpone it as long as they can."

Years after graduation, however, a strange phenomenon takes hold, according to Woelfel. Required reading becomes an acquired taste. Many alumni now look back fondly on Western Civ; the mention of the phrase even evokes wistful sighs, not pained exclamations.

Alumni, in fact, are Western Civ's biggest fans. Woelfel cites countless conversations through the years with survivors, who describe the courses as "the most exciting and rewarding experience

of their undergraduate career." For many Jayhawks, he writes, "Western Civ is a decidedly delayed reaction."

So it made perfect sense that the program's birthday party featured a writer who enjoyed the luxury of taking his freshman-year great books courses again—at age 48. David Denby, staff

EARL RICHARDSON



Denby

writer and film critic for *The New Yorker*, delivered the Western Civ anniversary lecture Sept. 28, just as *Great Books*, his 1996 account of his academic reprise, was reissued this fall, with Denby's new, post 9/11 introduction.

*Great Books* describes Denby's return in the early 1990s to Columbia University to retake his alma mater's classes in Literature Humanities and Contemporary Civilization ("Lit Hum" and "CC" to the initiated). The two courses began at Columbia in 1919, following World War I. Similarly, KU faculty in 1945 created Western Civ, one of the oldest such programs at a U.S. public university, to ponder the lessons of World War II.


Just as the those wars led scholars to examine classic texts, to seek solace in works that help us discern what it means to be human, the catastrophe of

9/11 prompted Denby to re-examine the classics, as he explained in his KU lecture. "If the West is under attack, both physically and morally," he said, "how should one of the chief repositories of its values, the texts that are in Columbia's courses and in KU's, be regarded now?"

Not surprisingly Denby's reverence for these texts remains steadfast. In rich language drawn from his book's new introduction, he made a passionate case for the classics, beginning with the need to restore passion itself to literary study. After reviewing course catalogs from many colleges, Denby "could not find more than a hint that literature might offer extraordinary degrees of pleasure. ... Art is the hidden secret of university literature courses, the love that dare not speak its name."

Along with sheer beauty, the classics also offer opportunities for self-inquiry and strength in times of turmoil, Denby said. In the spirit of the professors who created Western Civ and other such courses, he argued that studying the classics could be the healthiest response to wartime, because "the habits that furnish liberty are there in the lists offered by Columbia and other universities, and in the hundreds of other books that have lasted."

Most of us cannot, and perhaps would not, take Western Civ again. But, having lived and learned a lot since we first opened the books, we can reread pages we once rushed through as students. We can, as Denby recommends, "let the books breathe a bit, and breathe in unison with them."

We might even find, as he has, that the onerous college phrase "required reading" takes on a whole new meaning. 



# Jayhawk Walk

BY HILL AND LAZZARINO

## Hel d Wb eb

What possesses a 65-year-old man to take a 129-mile bicycle ride that climbs 15,000 feet over five mountains?

Bob Frederick's friends wondered as much after he signed up for the California Death Ride, a tour of the toughest passes in the California Alps. "They were kind of shocked someone my age would do it," says Frederick, d'62, g'64, EdD'84.

But do it he did. The former KU athletics director and interim chair of the School of Ed's department of Health, Sports and Exercise Sciences finished the grueling ride

in July. His reward: a pin, and the satisfaction of meeting a challenge attempted largely by cyclists half his age.

"It was a goal I set, and I put a lot of work into it," says Frederick, who rode 250 training miles a week. "Long ago I realized my family has a history of high blood pressure and stroke, and I made a commitment to stay fit."

What was scariest, the leg-busting climbs to 8,000 feet or the white-knuckle descents on twisting mountain roads?

Neither. It was a story in the Lawrence paper blowing the lid off his plan to do something called a death ride.

"I hadn't told my wife yet," Frederick chuckles. "That really made me nervous."



WESTWORLD IMAGES



CHARLIE PODREBARAC

## Do b p ss Go

No, we're not going to sift through Jayhawk Walk vaults to uncover the last time a student got arrested for a spectacularly idiotic, innocuous crime involving drunken, public nudity, but trust us, it's been awhile. Years, certainly.

Finally, the dry spell is over.

In the single-digit hours of Sept. 3—half an hour past last call, if you can imagine that—two 21-year-old students stood on a downtown sidewalk, arguing not about the subtleties of microeconomics, oceano-

graphic implications of global warming, or whether Mark Twain or Alexander Pope was the superior social satirist, but whether, in fact, one had knocked a sandwich from the other's hand.

A curious police officer arrived to separate the big loafs, but momentarily heard one of the sandwich squabblers shout his direction. Upon turning, Officer Not Paid Enough For This got the eyeful he so didn't need: two buns, no fixins.

Go directly to jail.



## Cin Cb t i

Jason Wolvington was not a kid who threw his comic books in a corner after one read. “Even as a boy I cared for them,” says Wolvington, c’97, c’97, g’99.

He kept his burgeoning trove through many moves—including to Germany and back—“much to my parents’ chagrin,” he says. Now married, with 10,000 comic books and one very understanding spouse, the Natural History Museum exhibits director uses his museum studies training to preserve the collection, which rates its own room in the couple’s house. Each poly-bagged issue, 40 years old or brand new, he stores on acid-free boards inside archival boxes. A computer database tracks market value, but the true worth is the thrill of a story well told.

“I just enjoy the comic form, everything from the art to the writing,” Wolvington says. “It really is about stories and characters, about escaping the stress of work and reading a fun tale. And if you look back at some of the old issues from the ’60s or ’70s, you get a glimpse of what was going on in the culture at the time.”

Take Uncle Scrooge No. 102, his first acquisition. Mom bought it to comfort him during a second-grade sick day.

“I hold that one close to my heart, because it started the whole thing.”

Can’t put a price tag on that.



R. STEVE DICK



C. KURT HOLTER

## Far b yd th gH n x E y

When Mary Lou Fischer Butler, d’51, moved to Riderwood, a Silver Spring, Md., retirement community, she didn’t know a soul. Then she met Herbert Regier, b’39.

“Hearing that Kansas voice made me feel right at home,” Butler says. “I think the others feel that way also.”

The others are the 10 or so Jayhawks Butler discovered among Riderwood’s 2,250 residents. The former Jay Janes president found them with the aid of serendipity, Alumni Association records staff and an appeal on in-house TV. They dine together regularly and enjoy chance

meetings. Class years range from ’36 to ’67, but some things remain true across eras.

“Every one of us received a wonderful education, and our loyalty is to KU,” Butler says. “We’re all very enthusiastic about our undergraduate work and the campus and what it meant to us.”

Even rivals answered her call. A K-Stater hungry for Kansas connection attended one meal, telling stories about classes canceled after KSU beat KU.

“There are four K-Staters here now,” she says. “I told them they can have their own dinners.”

## Heard by the Bird

KU seniors Nick Reid, Kevin Kane, Banks Floodman and super-sub Brandon Perkins form, by many estimations, the best linebacking corps in the Big 12 Conference.

So please believe us when we pledge that this is not a knock against any of them. But, wouldn’t it have been cool, monikarily speaking, if Ohio State’s All-American linebacker A.J. Hawk could have shrugged off his homestate Buckeyes and become, well, a Jayhawk?



# Hilltopics

BY STEVEN HILL

EARL RICHARDSON



## World beater

*Solidarity leader, former Polish president Lech Walesa receives Dole Institute's annual Leadership Prize*

■ Walesa met the press and gave a public lecture in Lawrence during a U.S. tour in September. The former Polish president now heads his own institute in Warsaw.

Twenty-five years ago, while communism still gripped Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, almost no one believed that victory over such a powerful system was possible, much less by peaceful means.

Lech Walesa, an electrician at the Gdansk shipyards in Poland, believed. So did his fellow workers. Under his leadership, Poles in 1980 began a series of strikes that touched off the mass movement known as Solidarity. Over the next decade that movement brought one of the world's two superpowers to its knees and swept the communist system from Europe.

"We waged that war and showed to the world that it was possible," Walesa said during a Sept. 22 campus visit to accept the third-annual Dole Leadership Prize.

After winning major concessions for shipbuilders in 1980, Walesa's group continued its

strike to support workers elsewhere in Poland. They won from Poland's communist leaders the right to organize free, noncommunist trade unions. Urged on by a fellow Pole, Pope John Paul II, 10 million Polish workers and farmers joined Solidarity.

The group was banned by the Polish government in 1981, martial law was imposed and Walesa was jailed for 11 months. In 1983 he won the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts, and the award, a direct rebuke to the communist regime, bolstered the movement's legitimacy. By 1988, Solidarity leaders again organized a strike in Gdansk. They forced semifree parliamentary elections in 1989, which Solidarity candidates swept. Mass protests soon spread throughout Eastern Europe. Communist governments in Hungary, East Germany, and the remaining Eastern bloc resigned in the face of these protests, the Berlin Wall fell and by 1990 Walesa became Poland's first democratically elected president in 50 years.

The result, Walesa said during his acceptance speech at the Lied Center, has been a new era of globalization led economically, but not morally, by the United States. "We stand a great opportunity of peace and well-being and prosperity throughout the whole world," he said.

"Unfortunately, we still don't know how to consolidate that victory and achieve that peace and prosperity."

The difficulty of consolidating victory is evident in Walesa's own political career. After his landslide election in 1990, he faced the daunting task of reforming an economy decimated by communist rule. In 1995, disillusioned perhaps by the hardships imposed by the tough transition to a free-market economy, Poles rejected Walesa and elected a former communist, Aleksander Kwasniewski. When Walesa ran for president again in 2000, he received less than 1 percent of the vote.

None of that seemed to matter, however, to those who turned up to see Walesa receive the Dole Prize. After Institute director William Lacy introduced him as "one of the three men most





responsible for the end of the Cold War,” Walesa enjoyed a sustained standing ovation from the near-capacity crowd.

Jovial and expansive during his remarks, which were delivered in Polish and translated by interpreter Magdalena Iwinska, Walesa reminisced about the early days of the movement he led, crediting “divine providence” for his success against a formidable foe.

He noted that in the 1970s, 200,000 Russian troops were stationed in Poland, while another million—and untold nuclear arms—loomed across the border.

“There seemed to be no way out,” for people living under communist rule, Walesa said, noting that a “kind of apathy” gripped people at the time. “What kind of struggle could they lead?”

“But then something incredible happened. A Pole was elected Pope. He awoke the Polish people and other nations around.”

While he spoke freely of those days, Walesa said he preferred to focus on the present and future. Through the Lech Walesa Institute, which he founded in 1995, he supports efforts to safeguard Polish heritage, independence, free trade and strong local self-government throughout his native country. The most pressing questions now, he believes, are which political and economic systems are best for a newly transformed world.

Like the Dole Institute, which strives to boost civic engagement among students, the Walesa Institute enlists young Poles in the bid to build on Solidarity’s successes and strengthen Poland’s fledgling democracy. His advice to the young?

“Get involved ... because if you fail to get involved, if you fail to implement your solutions, others will do it for you,” Walesa said. “And I’m

not sure whether you’ll be satisfied with those solutions.”

Former Sen. Bob Dole, ’45, founded the Dole Leadership Prize to recognize those who make politics a noble profession. Unable to attend the Sept. 22 event in Lawrence, he recalled in a letter his 1989 trip to Gdansk to visit Walesa. Later that year, Dole hosted the Polish leader when Walesa came to Washington to address a joint session of Congress.

Celebrating Walesa’s leadership and strong character and his inspiring personal journey from working class to world leader, Sen. Dole wrote that he was “deeply grateful” to Walesa for accepting the award.

The prize went to New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in 2003 and former Democratic presidential nominee and Sen. George McGovern last year.

“All I had were two things: one being a belief in God, the other being belief in what I was doing.”

—Lech Walesa



## Boom times

*Freshman test scores increase and minority students post gains as total enrollment rises again*

**M**ore students are on the Hill this year than ever before, and the rise in numbers is accompanied by an improvement in the quality of freshmen academic credentials.

According to 20th-day enrollment numbers released by the Kansas Board of Regents in September, overall enrollment at KU reached

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## Strogagan

The KU debate team shares the top spot in national varsity rankings released in October. KU is tied for first place with Missouri State University in the poll, which measures the number of debate rounds won this season. The team is vying for KU's fifth national championship.

29,624, an all-time high. The number has risen every year since 2001.

Of even greater interest to administrators, however, is the increase in the academic performance of incoming freshmen. The average ACT composite score for first-time freshmen reached 24.4, the highest in four years. The number of freshmen National Merit scholars rose from 57 last year to 72 this year. The class also includes two National Achievement scholars and six National Hispanic scholars.

"We are most pleased with the increasing numbers of high-ability students choosing KU," said Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor David Shulenburg. Noting that enrollment increases are a sign of students' high regard for the University's academic reputation, he said record numbers were not a goal for KU, nor was enrollment expected to continue rising.

"The University needs to focus on bringing high-quality students and graduating them in four years," Shulenburg said.

Minority-student enrollment, another point of emphasis for administrators, also set an all-time high this fall. Minority students number 3,537 and make up 11.9 percent of the overall student population. That marks an increase of 117 students, or 3.4 percent, from last year.

Enrollment gains at KU Medical Center, where total enrollment rose 80 students to 2,690, offset a decline of 46 students at the Lawrence and Edwards campuses.

The number of in-state students rose 1 percent to 20,587. That is 69.5 percent of the University's total student population, the highest percentage of Kansas residents in five years.



## Licensed to lead

### WP4KU unites alumnae, friends to promote power of generosity

In the annals of power lunches, the Sept. 9 gathering of Women Philanthropists for KU was impressive—and not merely because of the enthusiasm and accomplishments of 130 women assembled. Most important, the event celebrated a tradition of private giving that has changed the face of KU and a trend that portends an even larger impact for women in the future.

"The data are pretty clear; women are controlling an increasing amount of wealth and controlling an increasing number of the decisions regarding philanthropy," says Deanell Reece Tacha, c'68, Lawrence. Tacha, chief judge of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, co-chairs WP4KU with Sally Roney Hoglund, c'56, Dallas.

"We thought it was good for KU to formalize the network that has always been so important to KU, going back to Elizabeth Watkins, Helen Spencer and Adele Hall, just to name three," Tacha says.

The group, which is coordinated by the KU Endowment Association, began its second year with the September event at the Adams Alumni Center, featuring a rousing speech by Claire Gaudiani, the author of *The Greater Good: How Philanthropy Drives the American Economy and Can Save Capitalism*.

Gaudiani is a professor at The George H.

Heyman, Jr. Center for Philanthropy and Fundraising at New York University. The former president of Connecticut College, Gaudiani helped quintuple its endowment during her leadership from 1988 to 2001. Her remarks

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■ Judge Deanell Tacha, co-chair of Women Philanthropists for KU; Judy Wright of the KU Endowment Association; and Barbara Marshall, an advisory board member for the new group, were among the alumnae and friends who gathered to hear Claire Gaudiani's speech Sept. 9.



invoked not only the spirit of legendary KU benefactors, including Watkins, Spencer and Hall, but also a national tradition that distinguishes the United States from other countries, Gaudiani told the audience.

“From the very beginning, we as citizens have been the ones who have driven America forward, but none of us is doing enough. It isn’t right yet. We must teach the next generation,” said Gaudiani, whose research chronicles the impact of what she calls “breakthrough thinkers” in U.S. history, many of whom were women, beginning with those who founded the first public school in the colonies in 1643.

“We had a culture of generosity for 150 years before we had a culture of freedom and equality,” Gaudiani told the audience, urging them to think of philanthropy not in political terms but as an expression of patriotism.

Gaudiani’s visit to KU helped fulfill one of WP4KU’s goals, Tacha says. The group, which is led by a 33-member advisory board of alumnae and friends, hopes to create opportunities for KU women across generations to get to know one another as they learn about avenues for private giving to the University. Previous events have highlighted varied KU enterprises, including Kansas Public Radio and Audio Reader in Lawrence and the Hoglund Brain Imaging Center at the Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan. “We want to inform women fully about opportunities for support throughout KU,” Tacha says, “because women’s interests are sometimes very different from men’s. We hope they will learn about academic programs, service activities, museums—all of KU’s assets.”

Of course, the alumnae themselves are among the University’s assets, and Dale Seufferling, j’77, president of the KU Endowment Association, hopes WP4KU will lead to larger roles for many of these Jayhawks. “The organization represents a tremendous opportunity for us to identify and involve women in a significant way at the University,” he says. “WP4KU can be an entrance point for women to be involved in leadership positions on advisory boards for KU schools and the boards of the Endowment and Alumni associations.”

Seufferling says he hopes membership in the group will continue to grow. To receive WP4KU mailings and participate in future events, send an e-mail to [wp4ku@kuendowment.org](mailto:wp4ku@kuendowment.org), or call 800-330-5832.

—Jennifer Jackson Sanner

## Visitor

### Digital dad

**F**ormer chairman of the Federal Communication Commission Michael K. Powell delivered the School of Business’ Anderson Chandler Lecture. Powell addressed the escalating pace of technological and social change in the information age.

**WHEN:** Sept. 28

**WHERE:** The Lied Center

**BACKGROUND:** Powell, who is the son of former Secretary of State Colin Powell, was nominated by President Bill Clinton to fill a Republican seat on the FCC in 1997. In 2001, President George W. Bush designated him chairman of the commission, which regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite and cable.

**ANECDOTE:** Addressing the startling technological advancements during his great-grandmother’s lifetime, which spanned horse-drawn carriages to space travel, Powell said rapid transformation spurred by the digital revolution is bringing even more dramatic changes for his children and other youths, whom he jokingly calls “homo digitais.”

**QUOTE:** “A revolution means more power to the people, and that’s what this revolution has done,” Powell said, noting that the rise of the Internet allows the “smart tools and toys” of the digital age to connect to an empowering network that stands on its head the old phone company model of smart networks and “dumb” devices. “Devices of enormous intelligence can now be owned by anyone.”



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“At the end of the day, what is going to matter to us as human beings is the part of us that doesn’t change. At the end of the day, we’re still human. We still crave community.”

—Michael Powell

SUSAN YOUNGER



## LAWRENCE NEWS

### Aln ,std b agn 3 kb d n ap rten b fr e

Yolanda Riddle, s'97, a social worker for children and families, and Nicole Bingham, a Wichita senior majoring in history, died Oct. 7 in a massive blaze at the Boardwalk Apartments, in the 500 block of Fireside Drive in northwest Lawrence. The other victim was electrician Jose Gonzalez, 50. Dozens of other residents were injured or lost their homes as the fire consumed a 76-unit building in the complex.

Prosecutors have charged Jason Allen Rose, 20, with three counts of first-degree murder and one count of aggravated arson. His preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 22.

Riddle, 33, was a child welfare specialist for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services after working for several years with The Farm Inc., a nonprofit organization that coordinates foster care with SRS.

"Yolanda would always go above and beyond her duties, whether it was for the children in her care or for the foster families," said Bobbi Mlynar, who worked with her at The Farm. Mlynar recalled one instance when Riddle cared for several children while their foster parent traveled out of town for the birth

of a grandchild. "She was always doing something extra because she cared so much about people," Mlynar said. "You don't often meet someone like Yolanda."

Before studying social work at KU, Riddle earned an associate's degree at Haskell Indian Nations University. After graduating from KU, she went on to complete her master's degree in social work at Washington University in St. Louis. Born in Wichita, Riddle was a member of the Dine Indian Nation.

■ The fatal inferno destroyed a 76-unit apartment building in the Deerfield neighborhood, near Trail Road.

Bingham, who died five days before her 22nd birthday, had worked for three years in the business office of the Kansas Union and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She had graduated from Wichita North High School, where she had competed on the debate team.

"Nicole proved to be a bright, capable and thoughtful individual upon whom we all relied," said David Mucci, director of the KU Memorial Unions. "She won the respect and affection of all her co-workers. We mourn the loss of this special student and person."

—Jennifer Jackson Sanner

## GREEK LIFE

### Sg m Nu revokes b rter fo p g e n treatment'

Sigma Nu Fraternity in September revoked the charter of its 120-year-old KU chapter, ending for now a long affili-

## Update

The campus community mounted several relief efforts this fall to help Gulf Coast residents affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Students set up donation stations across campus to raise money for the Red Cross relief effort. The department of music and dance staged a benefit concert in Murphy Hall. KU Athletics donated \$10,000 on behalf of student-athletes and coaches and sponsored a "Bring A Buck" promotion at the Sept. 17 home football game with Louisiana Tech. The KU efforts, overseen by the student-run nonprofit Center for Community Outreach, raised more than \$30,000, according to CCO co-director John Wilson, Lawton, Okla., senior.

In addition, 29 students from Gulf Coast colleges damaged by Katrina enrolled at KU in September. The Student Involvement and Leadership Center created packages with school supplies, snacks and gift certificates to welcome these newest Jayhawks.



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ation that came to a somewhat surprising and ugly conclusion.

Sigma Nu's own investigation confirmed reports directed to the national headquarters of mistreatment of "candidate members" (formerly known as pledges). While keeping the University informed, national fraternity officials handled the affair on their own; finally they notified KU on Sept. 8 that their chapter here had lost its accreditation.

"Sigma Nu has had a long tradition at this university, so we regret the unfortunate but necessary actions taken today," said Marlesa Roney, vice provost for student success. "However, I have no doubt, based on the principled leadership exhibited by the national headquarters and the alumni today, that Sigma Nu will return to campus when appropriate and resume an active role in the University community."

In the month following the expulsion, security officers hired by the national fraternity to guard its historic mansion west of campus made numerous reports of theft and vandalism to Lawrence police, according to newspaper accounts.

Phi Kappa Theta, also a fraternity with a long and successful history at KU, was expelled from campus last spring after police raided an open-door keg party where unlimited beer could allegedly be purchased for \$5. KU's Interfraternity Council voted the chapter off campus, an expulsion supported by the fraternity's headquarters.

National officials of both Sigma Nu and Phi Kappa Theta have stated that they hope eventually to return to KU.

—Chris Lazzarino



Sigma Nu fraternity

## Milestones, money and other matters

■ **DAVID SHULENBURGER** will step down as provost and executive vice chancellor in June after 13 years in the job, including three years as vice chancellor for academic affairs. He will return to teaching in the School of Business and will continue to advise the chancellor. As provost, Shulenburg was chief architect of KU's tuition enhancement plan, which in four years has brought \$35 million in new funds for faculty positions, classroom improvements, technology, libraries, advising and other student support, salaries for faculty and graduate teaching assistants, and hourly wages for students. A national search for his replacement has begun.



Shulenburg

■ **HIGUCHI AWARD WINNERS** for 2005 were announced at the Faculty-Staff Convocation in September. Thomas Cravens, professor of physics and astronomy, received the Olin K. Petefish Award in basic sciences. H. George Frederickson, Edwin O. Stene Distinguished Professor of Public Administration, received the Irvin Youngberg Research Award in applied sciences. Dale Abrahamson, professor and chairman of the anatomy and cell biology department at KU Medical Center, received the Dolph Simons Award in biomedical sciences. E. Wayne Nafziger, University Distinguished Professor of Economics at Kansas State University, received the Balfour Jeffery Research Award in humanities and social sciences. Faculty at all Regents Universities are eligible for the \$10,000 research grants, created in 1981 by the late KU distinguished professor Takeru Higuchi and his wife, Aya.

■ **A \$93 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT** will provide more than \$1.5 million annually for six years in support of Pathways to Success, a program from the Center for Research and Learning that prepares Topeka public school students for post-secondary education.

■ **A NEW NORTHERN GATEWAY** will grace the 13th Street entrance to Mount Oread, thanks to a \$500,000 gift from Tom, c'76, g'80, l'80, and Jill Sadowsky Docking, c'78, g'84. Pending review by the Campus Historic Preservation Board and the Lawrence Historic Resources Commission, construction will begin next spring on a fountain and plaza at 13th and Oread Avenue. The gateway will honor the Docking family, whose many alumni members include two Kansas governors and a lieutenant governor.

■ **A \$39 MILLION NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH GRANT** will fund School of Medicine research to refine and test a clinical device that could help restore function for stroke victims. Randolph Nudo, director of the Landon Center on Aging and professor of molecular and integrative physiology, is principal investigator on the four-year project.

■ **REBECCA CURTIS**, assistant professor of English, is one of six recipients of the 2005 Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Awards, given annually to women in early stages of their writing careers. Curtis will use the \$10,000 award to fund research and travel in Armenia, the setting of her planned novel.



# Sports

■ Mark Simmons (83) caught two touchdown passes against Nebraska.

This one, for 12 yards with 8:33 left in the game, came after quarterback Jason Swanson changed the play at the line.



## Where did *that* come from?

*KU stuns Nebraska, and a record crowd, a week after beating Mizzou*

Yet again the stellar KU defense stuffed a Big 12 opponent and yet again the offense did nothing. Though Oklahoma scored just 19 points Oct. 15 in Arrowhead Stadium, the Jayhawks countered with one field goal and 97 yards of offense. After a third-consecutive conference loss, senior linebacker Nick Reid uncorked his frustration.

"I'm ready to go out and get in a fistfight with them," Reid said of the offending offense. "They've got to come out and play with a little more heart, I guess."

From that low point, KU football executed the most remarkable of turnarounds and Reid happily ate his words. After losing at Colorado (though outgaining the Buffaloes, 354 yards to 304), the Jayhawks thumped Missouri, 13-3, registering no awe at the Tigers' three-game Big 12 winning streak, then notched the biggest win of all, beating Nebraska, 40-15, in front of 51,750, the largest crowd in Memorial Stadium history.

KU had last defeated Nebraska in 1968, when its current coach, Mark Mangino, was a trim eighth-grader. Thirty-six losses to Nebraska ago, none of the current players were born. "And I'm not sure I was, either," said former coach Don Fambrough, d'48, who had tears in his eyes as he entered the post-game locker room. "This was the greatest game I've ever seen."

"I knew this day would come, but I didn't know when," senior linebacker Banks Floodman said. "When I first got here, we were intimidated by Nebraska. Now we've beaten them. All I can say is, it's about time."

Said Mangino: "We needed to do something about this streak thing. It was starting to get on my nerves."

(As *Kansas Alumni* went to press, the Nov. 12 game in Austin against undefeated Texas loomed. Also remaining is a Nov. 26 home game against Iowa State, and a victory in either would make the Jayhawks bowl-eligible.)





Public credit for an offense finally worthy of a spectacular defense and solid special teams went to senior quarterback Jason Swanson, who threw for 291 yards in relief of senior Brian Luke at Colorado, then guided KU to its memorable victories over Missouri and Nebraska. "Swanny is the guy kids are rallying around," Mangino said.

Yet it was the offensive line—including tackles Cesar Rodriguez and Matt Thompson, guards Bob Whitaker and Ryan Cantrell, and center David Ochoa—that improved the most. In the final minutes of the woeful Oklahoma game, offensive linemen left the field screaming at each other, loudly pointing out what they saw as others' mistakes and arguing with their enraged position coach, John Reagan. Less than a month later, they manhandled Nebraska's vaunted "Blackshirts" defense, which entered the KU game leading the nation in sacks and tackles for losses.

Both John Cornish (101) and Clark Green (100) reached the 100-yard plateau against Nebraska, KU racked up 428 yards of offense (vs. 138 for NU), and owned the ball for 34 minutes, vs. 25 for Nebraska, all of which was largely attributable to the offensive line. Mangino pointed out that Thompson is the group's only senior, and his backup, freshman Anthony Collins, even earned a start against Missouri.

"Nobody can say we won ugly, or eked one out," Mangino said. "We won the game in just about every area."

Senior linebacker Kevin Kane, who returned an interception 40 yards for the final touchdown against Nebraska, was even more pointed in analyzing the turnaround: "We don't like to quit. We're a bunch of fighters."

Better yet, no longer among themselves.

—Chris Lazzarino

■ Senior linebackers (l to r) Banks Floodman, Nick Reid and Kevin Kane, along with senior defensive end Charlton Keith, led one of grittiest defenses in the country.

"[The offense has] been great. They've stepped up to the challenge, really kind of made me eat my words."

—Linebacker Nick Reid



## Good, and fast

*Quick development of young talent key to KU's fortunes in pre-conference schedule*

Fans wondering what to expect from the 2005-'06 men's basketball team can count on one sure thing amid a bucketful of uncertainties: With a roster dominated by 11 freshmen and sophomores and a schedule stocked with stiff tests, the season won't be dull.

Roller coaster rides rarely are.

"We certainly have a lot of numbers to replace from last year," says coach Bill Self. "We have good players; they're just young. It's going to take awhile and we're going to have our ups and downs."

Gone from last year's 23-7 team are seniors Keith Langford, Michael Lee, Aaron Miles and Wayne Simien, along with transfer J.R. Giddens. With them they took 58.9 points and 24.3 rebounds per game—79 percent of Kansas' scoring and 65 percent of its rebounding.

In their place is the lone returning starter, former walk-on Christian Moody, now on scholarship, and a crop of freshmen bursting with potential.

"They are very talented," Self says of his four freshmen, who are already drawing comparisons in some quarters to the Fab Five that led Michigan to the NCAA tourney finals in 1992 and '93. "They are long, they are athletic and I think they will have a very fun year for us."

Indeed, the arrival of Mario Chalmers, Micah Downs, Brandon Rush and Julian Wright has already done much to erase the unpleasant memory of last season's spring swoon, when the Jayhawks dropped six of their last nine games,



■ Young guns: Basketball newcomers Rodrick Stewart, Julian Wright, Mario Chalmers, Micah Downs and Brandon Rush.

including a first-round NCAA loss to Bucknell. Add last year's highly touted freshmen—sophomores C.J. Giles, Darnell Jackson, Sasha Kaun and Russell Robinson—plus sophomore transfer Rodrick Stewart, and the big question this season would seem to be, How fast will Self's exceptional group of young players live up to their potential?

"They're going to have to learn pretty quickly," says senior Jeff Hawkins. "They've got to grow up real fast. They've got to be sophomores by Christmas."

That standard—performing like a second-year player halfway through the freshman season—was Robinson's stated goal last year, but after a fast start the speedy New York City guard hit the freshman wall. Giles, Kaun and Jackson had their share of first-year frustrations. Their experience shows how unrealistic it can be to expect too much of freshmen.

"The freshmen are great players, and I definitely look forward to how much

they can help us,” says Moody. “But there’s only four of them, and you can’t win with just four guys.”

Still, expect the newcomers to stamp a big imprint on this team. Unlike last year, when upperclassmen ruled, this year game minutes are up for grabs. The athleticism of Chalmers and company, which has so impressed teammates and coaches in practices and pick-up games, and the renewed depth that comes with two straight big-time recruiting classes, promises a more high-flying brand of basketball.

“I hope we’re sound enough that we can force tempo on both ends,” says Self, who’d like to use more press on defense. “Hopefully we won’t give up easy baskets and we can do things we haven’t done as much in years past. I think we’ll also be able to push the ball at people more than we’ve been able to do. I think it best fits our personnel. This year we should have more interchangeable parts and get out and run a little more.”

Last year the Jayhawks opened No. 1 in the nation; this year they’re picked third in the Big 12, behind No. 3 Texas and No. 6 Oklahoma, and are unranked in the major polls for the first time since 1990. Lower expectations create the sense that “this year we’re hunters, not the hunted,” says senior Stephen Vinson, and the early schedule provides plenty of opportunities for trophies. After a home opener against Idaho State Nov. 18, KU faces No. 9 Arizona in a first-round Maui Invitational game Nov. 21, with a potential second-round matchup against No. 2 Connecticut. Possible late-round foes are No. 7 Gonzaga, No. 21 Maryland or No. 5 Michigan State.

Self counsels patience, noting his team will likely be inconsistent, that it will make mistakes in November it won’t make in February. “I think the early season games will put pressure on our guys and give them a sense of urgency that tells them we need to get pretty good pretty fast,” he says. “The season won’t be determined in November, however.”

So hang on to your hats. Remember, roller coasters are supposed to be fun.

“We’re really young, but we’re going to be really good,” says Rush.

The question is, How soon? —

—Steven Hill



## Star bright

### *Juco player of year brings hope to women’s basketball*

**B**onnie Henrickson begins her second season as women’s basketball coach with an asset she lacked last year: a certified star. Yet Henrickson says Shaquina Mosley, 2005 Junior College Player of the Year at Central Arizona College, will be asked only to boost athleticism at the guard position, not carry the entire team.

“She had some concerns, especially regarding if she was going to be able to live up to being National Junior College Player of the Year,” Henrickson says. “I don’t need her to live up to any title. I need her to run an offense and work to be one of the best defenders we have.”

Women’s basketball, a respectable 12-16 in Henrickson’s debut season, offers many intriguing new players who figure to help Henrickson improve the pro-

gram in a hurry. Joining Mosley in the backcourt is freshman Ivana Catic, of Serbia and Montenegro, whom Henrickson describes as a true point guard who “gives off a lot of energy.”

Expect Henrickson to find ways to keep Catic, Mosley and junior sharpshooter Erica Hallman, now freed from playing the point, together for a three-guard lineup that can shoot well and play an attacking style of defense.

Also in Lawrence from Serbia and Montenegro is freshman forward Marija Zinic, who chose KU without ever having visited the United States, let alone Kansas, only because her friend Catic (who played high-school ball in West Virginia) already signed with KU.

With nearly every game being televised and the Jayhawks not leaving Allen Field House until Jan. 7 (a scheduling quirk due, in part, to the University of New Orleans having to shift its Dec. 3 home game with KU to Lawrence), fans will have plenty of opportunities to watch Henrickson mesh six good returning veterans with a class of newcomers ranked by one scouting service as among the top 25 in the country.

“We will find out about this team together,” Zinic says, “so I think you should all come out and see, too.” —

—Chris Lazzarino

## Updates

**J**unior Benson Chesang, of Kenya, successfully defended his Big 12 cross-country title with a three-second victory Oct. 28 in Waco, Texas. Chesang became the first Jayhawk to win consecutive conference cross-country titles since Al Frame, c’56, l’62, in 1954 and ’55. The Jayhawks finished third as a team and were ranked No. 12 nationally. ... Middle-distance legend Wes Santee, d’54, owner of numerous world records and NCAA and national track championships, will be inducted in the USA Track & Field Hall of Fame Dec. 1...

Senior forward Caroline Smith scored the 51st goal of her stellar career in the final minutes of a 3-1 loss to Nebraska at the Big 12 soccer championships in San Antonio. Smith and junior defender Holly Gault were named All-Big 12 First Team. ... After entering a plea of no contest, former basketball player J.R. Giddens was found guilty of misdemeanor battery for his role in a May 19 brawl outside a Lawrence bar. Giddens, now at the University of New Mexico, was sentenced Oct. 31 to a year’s probation and ordered to complete a two-day anger-management class.





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# Sports Calendar

## ■ Men's basketball

### NOVEMBER

- 18** Idaho State
- 21-23** at Maui Invitational, with Arizona, Arkansas, Chaminade, Connecticut, Gonzaga, Maryland, Michigan State

### DECEMBER

- 1** Nevada
- 3** Western Illinois
- 6** at St. Joseph's, New York City
- 10** vs. California, at Kemper Arena
- 19** Pepperdine
- 22** Northern Colorado
- 29** New Orleans

### JANUARY

- 4** Yale
- 7** Kentucky
- 11** at Colorado
- 14** Kansas State
- 16** at Missouri
- 21** Nebraska
- 25** at Texas A&M
- 28** at Iowa State
- 30** Texas Tech

## ■ Women's basketball

### NOVEMBER

- 20** Binghamton
- 22** Detroit
- 27** Northeastern

### DECEMBER

- 2** Birmingham-Southern
- 3** New Orleans
- 7** UMKC
- 11** Wisconsin
- 18** Florida International
- 21** Creighton
- 28** Pepperdine
- 30** La Salle

### JANUARY

- 3** Texas
- 7** at Nebraska
- 10** at Colorado
- 15** Texas A&M
- 22** Oklahoma State

- 25** at Kansas State
- 28** at Baylor

## ■ Football

### NOVEMBER

- 26** Iowa State

## ■ Swimming and diving

### NOVEMBER

- 18-20** at Minnesota Invitational

### DECEMBER

- 2-3** vs. Harvard and Northeastern, at Cambridge, Mass.

### JANUARY

- 6** at Florida International Relays, Miami
- 14** Nebraska
- 27** Drury

### FEBRUARY

- 3-4** at Iowa State
- 22-25** at Big 12, Columbia, Mo.

## ■ Indoor track & field

### DECEMBER

- 10** at Kansas State

### JANUARY

- 13** at Arkansas Invitational
- 20** KU/KSU/MU Triangular
- 28** Jayhawk Invitational

### FEBRUARY

- 3-4** at Nebraska Invitational
- 10-11** at Arkansas Invitational
- 10-11** at ISU Classic
- 24-25** at Big 12 Indoor, Lincoln

## ■ Volleyball

### NOVEMBER

- 23** Missouri
- 26** at Iowa State

■ After jubilant upsets of Missouri and Nebraska, goalposts traveled to Potter Lake two weeks in a row.





# Where Town

Construction of a scholarship hall in the Oread neighborhood brings a longstanding feud over campus expansion to a peak—and a possible resolution

PHOTOGRAPHS BY EARL RICHARDSON

Roger and Annette Shoemaker Rieger had what they thought was a simple question: What would it take, they asked University administrators, to build a new scholarship hall at KU?

This was back in 2000. Roger, b'67, and Annette, c'67, wanted to honor Roger's brother, Dennis, c'72, g'74, who died in 1997 at the age of 47. Having lived in Battenfeld Hall as a student, Roger thought a scholarship hall, with its co-op living and small-community vibe, would be a fitting memorial to his brother, a free-spirited "character" who grew up near Hiawatha and attended a one-room schoolhouse. The couple was willing to give \$3 million to help get it done.

What it would take, the Riegers learned, was more than they imagined.



# Meets Gown

BY STEVEN HILL

KU Endowment Association was then in the process of buying several houses in the 1300 block of Ohio Street, most nearly a century old and dilapidated. In March 2001, KU announced its plan to demolish six homes to make room for two new scholarship halls.

Members of the Oread Neighborhood Association balked. They argued that the project broke a promise KU had made in its 1997 Campus Plan to expand no farther than the alley between Ohio and Louisiana streets. Noting that three homes originally had been connected to KU professors, residents argued that their historic value should outweigh their poor condition. Restoration, not demolition, was the ONA's goal.

Residents tried to persuade the University to change its mind. They wrote letters and met with administrators, staged

a walking tour, tied yellow ribbons to Oread trees and went door-to-door to collect more than 100 signatures on a petition opposing the demolitions. But on July 20 KU issued a report saying three of the structures were in such bad shape it would not be cost-effective to restore them. The houses would have to come down.

To University officials like Jeff Weinberg, the choice was obvious. "When we looked at the properties, some were dangerous and would never have passed code," says Weinberg, d'64, g'70, assistant to the chancellor and the official liaison between KU and the neighborhood groups. "I was shocked that students would be living in them."

To community activists like Candice Davis, ONA vice president, more than a single block on Ohio Street was at stake.



“It’s about maxing out the density of the neighborhood. It’s about parking. It’s about continuing expansion that violates the 1997 agreement,” says Davis, s’69, s’96. She saw the conflict as one battle in a long “David and Goliath” struggle between small



Davis

grassroots groups and a big, bureaucratic state institution. In the balance, she and her neighbors believed, hung the integrity of their homes. “We are looking for stability,” she says, “and we really did not think it was in the best interests of the area to expand with two buildings that would be as high density as they talked about.”

So began a complex and sometimes contentious four-year journey that brought to boil long-simmering tensions between KU and its neighbors—namely those who own homes near campus and the city officials who represent them. The showdown on Ohio Street revealed dissatisfactions that run deeper than a simple difference of opinion over the fate of a half-dozen houses on the slopes of Mount Oread and extend wider than one Lawrence neighborhood. Some of the neighbors’ concerns—litter, noise and disruptive behavior from bar-goers and student renters, for instance—stem from a culture clash between students and home-owning families that is a source of town-gown tensions nationwide—and is, to some extent, beyond universities’ direct control. Other concerns, such as fear of encroachment and the perception that KU has been for many years uninterested in cooperating with its neighbors, are issues the University has found it can address.

When Dennis E. Rieger Scholarship Hall welcomed its first 50 women this fall, Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway would thank neighbors for their input, noting in his dedication remarks that the project “proves the University of Kansas

and the community can work together to produce great results.” As the Rieger women showed off their beautiful new home’s gracious front porch, complete with old-fashioned porch swings, and its modern geothermal heating and cooling system, designed to minimize outdoor noise, Hemenway said, “This is a better building because of community involvement, and I think it has created



Weinberg

a model for joint collaboration for these kinds of projects moving forward.”

Getting there, agree those involved, hasn’t been easy. By then KU staff and neighborhood activists had clashed in a series of heated public meetings, the University and the city had threatened to sue each other, and a Kansas governor had been enlisted to overrule a decision by the state historical society. But when it was over, KU not only had built a new hall that is likely the most impressive student residence on campus, but it also had negotiated an agreement that creates a new model for how it deals with its neighbors.

■ Wrought iron railing outside Rieger (right) and carved wooden stair spindles inside were salvaged from Old Fraser before its 196 demolition. Rieger’s interior also contains a variety of Kansas-themed art and a replica of a stained glass window from a farmhouse once owned by the family.

When settlers founded Lawrence in 1854, talk turned almost immediately to building a university. But Free Staters and pro-slavery groups alike wanted their own institution, and their wrangles delayed the project, according to Clifford Griffin’s *The University of Kansas: A History*, and weakened the institution that finally did appear in 1866.

Conflict and community support, it seems, are both part of KU’s heritage.

In recent years, a time of growth on the Lawrence campus, the two forces have frequently collided over the issue of expansion. A number of construction projects either directly or tangentially related to the University and funded largely by members of the KU family have led to disagreements with local neighborhood groups and action by the city (see sidebar).

Many of these disagreements can be traced to KU’s status as a state entity. University administrators maintain that KU is governed by the rules of the state that owns it, rather than the city that surrounds it. The city has never imposed its zoning requirements on the University, though it believes it has the right to do so. As the Ohio Street situation began to evolve, that difference of opinion became a point of contention.

After KU announced its demolition plans in 2001, the city commission asked city staff to create a board made





up of city, University and neighborhood reps to oversee relations between Lawrence and KU. With input from the “good neighbor group,” in September the commission approved a new policy for deciding preservation issues such as those raised on Ohio Street; a historic review was mandated because three of the six homes slated for demolition were within 500 feet of two National Register of Historic Places sites—Spooner Hall and the Usher House, home of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. The city agreement gave the Campus Historic Preservation board, made up wholly of KU representatives, the first vote on preservation issues. The city’s Historic Resource Commission would then weigh in. If the two boards disagreed, the state would settle the matter.



■ Annette and Roger Rieger (above) donated \$3 million to build the hall, which honors his late brother, Dennis. Multiple roof peaks, dormer windows and a large front porch with swings are the result of a design process that involved neighborhood residents.



“We are looking for stability, and we really did not think it was in the best interests of the area to expand with two buildings that would be as high density as they talked about.” —Candice Davis

On Ohio Street, that’s exactly what happened: CHP approved demolition and HRC denied it—both unanimous decisions reached after taking public comment. When an October meeting between the groups failed to break the stalemate, the case went to the state. On March 15, 2002, historic preservation officer Ramon Powers, PhD’71, in one of his last official acts before retiring from the Kansas State Historical Society, ruled in favor of preserving the houses.

But the battle wasn’t over: That spring, KU Endowment announced the purchase of another home in the 1300 block of Ohio, and on June 18 KU asked Gov. Bill Graves to overrule Powers and authorize the demolition.

At an Aug. 20 public hearing at the Douglas County Courthouse convened by the Governor’s office, tempers flared—not for the first time. At a prior debate, a KU representative reportedly threw a microphone on a table after an ONA member tried to take it. This time, neighborhood advocates accused KU of acting like “a deep-pocketed corporate bully” and worse.

“Some people in the neighborhood were understandably so angry that their reaction was pretty extraordinary to what the University was doing,” Weinberg says. “And what made it even more difficult, many of these people were part of the University family. So we’re all here together, as neighbors and professional colleagues, and all of a sudden we’re in the midst of a very difficult and divisive fight.”

What made the heated reactions understandable, he says, was KU’s approach to expansion.

“The focus of the University was almost entirely on the needs of the

University and really did not take into account the effect the growth of KU might have on the neighborhoods,” Weinberg says. Contact with neighbors typically was limited to “letting them know exactly what we were going to do and how we were going to do it.

“With many great conflicts in human history, communication is where things usually go afoul,” he says. “And that is exactly what happened on Ohio Street. The University did not communicate as thoroughly as it should have with the neighborhood. Part of the controversy was less what happened than how we went about it.”

How KU went about it was pretty much how KU has always gone about it, says Dave Burress. An economist who formerly worked at KU’s Policy Research Institute and is now a member of the Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission, Burress says the University “has a long history of kind of running roughshod over its neighbors.” Buildings too tall for the surroundings, traffic from University events, and stormwater runoff from campus streets and parking lots are a few items he says have for years caused problems in neighborhoods bordering campus.

“There has traditionally been no planning procedure at all other than internal to the University, and they plan from the point of view of what’s good for the University, not from the point of view of what’s good for the neighbors,” Burress says. “There are about four different neighborhood groups all around the University that have had trouble with the University for years.”

One such neighborhood is University Place. Residents were unhappy when KU built the Student Recreation Fitness Center across an alley from homes there

in 2003. By the time KU told neighbors of their plans, says Kim Kreicker, president of University Place Neighborhood Association, “it felt very much like a done deal and how we felt about it wasn’t really of interest to the University.”

Those who work for KU, on the other hand, say it would be hard to accomplish

anything if every decision was subject to local approval. That’s precisely why state law exempts KU and other state entities from local control, they argue. “Autonomy is important to the University, and we believe it is given us by state law,” says David Shulenburg, provost and executive vice chancellor. “We think autonomy is essential if we are going to function as a University.”

Even neighborhood activists say some autonomy is to be expected.

“They have their agenda and we have ours,” says ONA’s Davis. “Not everybody is going to get everything they want.”

Still, the intensity of emotions on Ohio Street showed more sensitivity was needed, and it took many on the Hill by surprise.

“Quite frankly, there was a certain amount of shock within the University at the amount of outrage in the neighborhood,” Weinberg says. “These were great



Burress



Kreicker



friends of the University who were most passionate. Many of them were faculty or alumni. These weren't people who had a grudge in for the University. It was, to some extent, a wake-up call."



On Sept. 4, 2002, Gov. Bill Graves ruled that KU could demolish the Ohio Street houses.

The Oread Neighborhood Association decided not to appeal the decision. Instead, with the Lawrence Preservation Alliance they found a new home for one of the houses, which was moved to Kentucky Street and is now Ad Astra House, a student-run co-op.

ONA's Candice Davis and LPA's Pat Kehde, g'80, sent a letter to Hemenway informing him of the group's decision, and taking KU up on its promise to give neighborhoods a voice in the design process.

"We expect a clear outline of the design process and the neighborhood's involvement in it before it begins," they wrote, adding that the input must be "meaningful" if the new process were to work.

KU promised to give the community a say when it called on Gov. Graves to intervene.

"We reached the point where it was clear nobody could take back anything that had been said," Weinberg recalls. "But what we could do is put in place a structure that would bring our friends in the neighborhood and the preservation community together with the University to decide what we were going to do with the two halls on Ohio Street."

KU made two changes to improve communication. First, to the building committee normally made up entirely of KU employees it added a representative from the Oread neighborhood. Second, it created a new advisory committee with representatives from the neighborhood, the preservation community, the student body and the University staff.

Over several months, the committees worked with Treanor Architects to meet a challenge: Build a building big enough to house 50 students that doesn't look out of place on a block dominated by modest, turn-of-the-century homes.

University officials knew that many neighbors, based on their experience with KU, were skeptical. So at the first meeting, Weinberg says, "we instructed the architect to take his drawing board and show committee members what this building was going to look like."

Architects displayed a blank piece of white paper.

"What that committee did," Weinberg



Shulenburg

says, "was design that building from the inside out."

Davis, who served on the advisory committee, is more reserved in her assessment of the quality of the input, noting that parking, a big issue for Oread residents, was never really on the table. But overall, she says, KU did try to be fair and did honor some committee requests. When the final rendering of a two and a half story brick-and-limestone hall was unveiled in May 2003, Davis complimented the architects on "a wonderful job."

"It blends into the neighborhood even though it's an institutional-sized structure," she said at the time. "It has a turn-of-the-century feel, with the stone and brick. It turned out better than I thought it would."

Other groups once opposed to the project seemed pleased, and not only with the product. "This process has worked well," said Jeff Messick, a'71, a local architect and member of the Lawrence Historic Resource Commission, which had unanimously voted against demolition in 2001. "This has not been a confrontational, knock-down, drag-out sort of thing. When



■ The Student Recreation Fitness Center drew protests from University Place residents when it was built in 2003. A project to expand the building will seek neighborhood input that residents say was missing the first time around.



■ Parking remains a source of conflict: Oread residents worry the 50-person hall will add to a parking crunch in Oread (including in front of Rieger, above). KU requires hall residents to park in a University-owned garage, but some Rieger women fear the three-block walk is unsafe at night.

something of this nature comes up again, I think people have learned the process that works instead of the ones where people draw battle lines.”

The final design was complete. The \$3 million gift from the Riegers, announced April 22, 2003, was in place. Pending approval by preservation groups, construction on the first of two new schol halls was set to begin.

And then things got really interesting.



The day after Davis and Messick’s positive comments appeared in the Lawrence Journal-World, a lawyer for KU sent a letter to City Manager Mike Wildgen, c’69, g’72. At issue: a proposed city ordinance that would create a University zoning district subjecting the entire campus to Lawrence zoning rules.

Kansas law prevents the city from governing a state agency, KU’s letter argued. It urged Lawrence to withdraw the proposal, or “the University will have no choice but to enter what likely will be a protracted legal battle.”

For some, the threat—even though combined with a pledge to continue KU’s good neighbor policies of working with the city and neighborhoods on planning issues—disproved the notion that a new era was underway in town-gown relations. “This letter seemed sort of pre-emptive in nature,” said city commissioner Mike Rundle, c’76, “which seems fairly typical of the University—to chop things off at the knees if at all possible.”

KU administrators say the city’s proposal caught them off guard. Weinberg calls it “a lightning bolt out of nowhere.” Says Shulenburg, “What we got surprised with was an absolutely complete zoning document that really would have shut us down. In terms even of repairing existing buildings it would have added millions to our cost of maintaining the campus. The document was complete and the first time anyone at the University saw it was when it was proposed for adoption.”

City officials see things differently. Dave Burress says planners invited KU’s input from the beginning, and that the process was public and well-publicized. “They gave no input because they took a position that we had no power,” Burress says. In any case, the tiff clearly showed better communication was needed if the goodwill gains generated on Ohio Street were to become permanent.

“Talk never hurts,” Shulenburg says, and he agrees there’s a certain irony in the University’s feeling blindsided and shut out by decisions affecting its stability. Neighborhoods have long felt the same when dealing with KU.

“When we looked at [the city’s zoning proposal] we felt clear that the city didn’t have any legal grounds to put it in place, but there they were on the doorstep of doing it,” Shulenburg says. “And that was not terribly unlike, I’m sure, what some of the neighbors felt when the character of their neighborhood was being changed suddenly.”

Just when it seemed KU and the city were on the brink of launching dueling lawsuits, cooler heads prevailed. Representatives of both sides, including

Shulenburg, Weinberg and city commissioner Boog Highberger, e’85, l’92, began negotiating an agreement that set guidelines for campus development. The city gave up its proposal to regulate development campuswide, and KU agreed to something it originally refused to consider: a definitive boundary line around campus. Within 150 feet inside this border, KU agreed to limit the height of new buildings, complete an impact study and establish an ad hoc advisory committee including residents from the adjacent neighborhood. If it expands outside the border, the University agrees to abide by city land-use regulations. Exceptions were made for existing buildings and renovations or construction on the Ohio Street halls, Memorial Stadium, the Daisy Hill dorms and some other sites.

“What the people on Ohio Street said was, ‘We just want the University to say this is the boundary, and if you’re going to grow outside that boundary we need to know about it and we need to work together,’” Weinberg says. “At the time we could not agree to that. But we did agree to that” in the land-use agreement with the city.

If KU made significant concessions, it also gained much.

“We gained certainty,” Shulenburg says. “We know what our rights are and the city knows what their rights are.” And, he adds, “The neighborhoods have gained considerable certainty in this, and that will make the relationship between KU and its neighbors a lot better long-term.”

The neighbors certainly want to think so. But for now a wait-and-see attitude prevails among those accustomed to battling KU. “I think people are guarded, because it hasn’t really been tested yet,” says Candice Davis. But she agrees the land-use agreement is a step in the right direction, as is Weinberg’s peacemaking role. “That’s a good move, appointing someone who is cordial and willing to come to our meetings and listen. Having a sympathetic ear does matter.”

The first test case won’t be long in coming. Plans are underway to expand



the Student Recreation Fitness Center. Built under the old development process, it will be expanded under the new. In fact, says UPNA's Kreicker, "We didn't feel like there was much of a process for us the first time around." This time, two University Place residents serve on the advisory committee. For John Poertner, a retired social welfare professor, it's too early to tell if his advice will count. His initial reaction suggests there are still wrinkles to iron out. The land-use agreement is the best that could be written at the time, he believes, "but the success of that kind of thing depends entirely on how it's implemented. [Advisory committee] meetings are scheduled during the workday. It's hard for people to show up then. That doesn't give me much hope."

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While some guardedness may be warranted, given the history between the groups, the planning commission's Burrell argues that the new land-use agreement is a good step: an enforceable document with important assurances for the city, KU and the neighborhoods. "I think what the neighbors are not seeing is that even entering an agreement is a big change for the University," he says.

"In the past the University's position was they were a law unto themselves. So this is important."

Plenty of cynics inside the University and out say KU will never submit to real dialogue with its neighbors, that advisory committees amount to little more than lip service. But the University's highest ranking officials insist the Ohio Street conflict and the resulting land-use agreement are the beginning of a new era, a new model for how KU will deal with town-gown tensions.

"In a sense this whole episode has been a wake-up call for the University," Shulenburg says. "We really want to be a good neighbor; at the same time the neighborhoods and the city want us to be a prosperous university. What the whole thing led to was sitting down with the city and working through that long land-use agreement that specifies how we'll go about such activities in the future." Not only did the controversy on Ohio Street lead to a better school hall, he says, it led to a model that will "make for less friction" when KU works close to its borders in the future.

It will take good faith from neighbors and real action from KU to turn talk of a new era into reality. Perhaps the most powerful evidence that such a thing is likely is Rieger Hall itself. While construction took longer and proved more complicated than the Riegers imagined in that first call to KU, they say it also turned out better than they imagined. "It took some time, and a few feathers got ruffled on both sides," Roger Rieger notes, "but it looks like the kind of big brick house that where I grew up would be the best house in town."

But Annette said it best: "It feels more like a home than a hall."

## Hot spots



**2001:** Citing traffic concerns and incompatibility with single-family homes, neighbors oppose St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center plans to build two-level parking garage and education center. Lawrence City Commission approves the plan; planning and zoning commission refuses variance for 55-foot bell tower.

**2002:** City commission reduces on-street parking near two fraternities and a sorority on Edgehill Road after neighbors complain of noise, traffic and litter.

**2003:** Alpha Gamma Delta receives permission from Lawrence City Commission to build sorority house despite the protests of Avalon Road neighbors.

**2003:** Student Recreation Fitness Center opens. University Place residents say they weren't consulted in planning process.

**2004:** New city housing ordinance bans more than three unrelated people from living in a single-family dwelling. The law guards family neighborhoods from conversion to student rentals.

**2005:** After complaints by Oread homeowners, Lawrence police adopt new guidelines making it easier to crack down on raucous late-night parties. Also under consideration: a change in littering laws that will force residents to clean yards more promptly.



**THE WILCOX COLLECTION'S CREATOR  
CONTINUES TO CHAMPION THE MOST  
AMERICAN OF IDEALS**

**BY CHRIS LAZZARINO**



Both of Laird Wilcox's grandfathers were Republicans, yet his father was a "hard-core liberal, sort of a moderate socialist." An aunt and uncle were registered members of the Communist Party, scandalous affiliations that cost an in-law his career in the U.S. Army, and another aunt and uncle were "really right wing."

"So as a child," Wilcox says, "I was privy to a lot of very intense political discussions. What impressed me was not so much what was being discussed, but the intensity of the feelings that were involved."

A half-century later, the fire lit by those kitchen-table feuds still drives Wilcox, '67, creator and continuing nurturer of the Wilcox Collection of Contemporary Political Movements, now in its 40th year at KU's Kenneth Spencer Research Library. The collection—a massive repository of hundreds of thousands of newsletters, pamphlets, broadsides, books, newspapers, audio tapes and any other materials generated by fringe political groups—is unusual for its size and unique in its breadth.

A few similar collections housed at other institutions rival the Wilcox in specific realms. The University of Iowa has a noted right-wing collection, and respected left-wing troves are maintained at Cal-Berkeley and the Wisconsin State Historical Society, but few, if any, offer researchers, teachers and historians access to minutia culled from the range of contemporary domestic extremism.

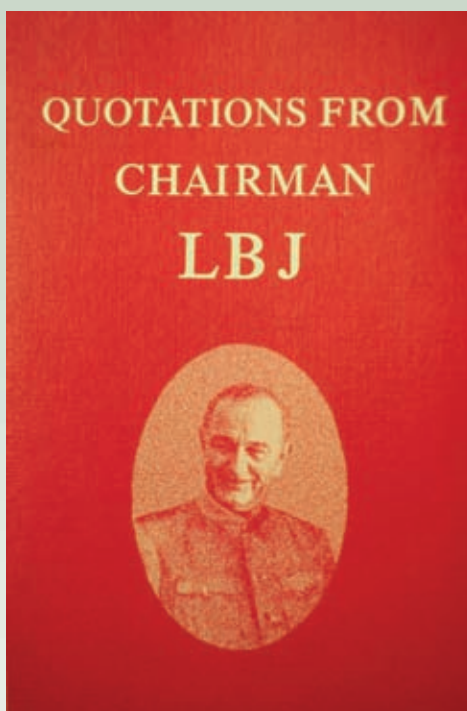
"There's enough here that you can really see trends," says University Archivist Rebecca Schulte, c'76, the collection's bibliographer. "Anti-communists in the 1950s and first half of the 1960s; left-wing counterculture of the 1960s and '70s, and the swing back to right-wing militias and anti-government tax resisters ... There's something in the Wilcox Collection to offend anybody."

American Studies professor Bill Tuttle, who frequently uses the collection in his research and teaching, says it's not unusual for him to arrive at the Spencer with little hope of finding materials on

some tiny, long-forgotten group that he needs to better understand, only to discover that Wilcox has it covered, even with such ephemera as poor-quality, mimeographed newsletters of extremely limited distribution.

"How he got these things, I have no idea," Tuttle says. "There are groups represented here I've never of."

Thanks to a sympathetic and



■ Funny, maddening, infuriating, informative ... The full range of American extremist literature and ephemera is represented in the Wilcox Collection.

impressed librarian, Stuart Forth, Wilcox in 1965 sold the first four file cabinets of his nascent collection to KU for about \$1,000; that remains the only cash payment he has received for the ever-growing collection. To honor its founder while trumpeting the status of a matured political archive, Schulte put together a display of photographs and ephemera, and organized a Nov. 4 reception, titled "Celebrating Free Speech."

Wilcox, a retired carpenter who lives in Olathe, modestly shrugs off the attention by insisting the anniversary celebration was cooked up only because it's so

rare for a collection's namesake to still be alive 40 years later.

True enough, perhaps, but could there be any better reason? And besides, what more fitting way to honor a patriot who has devoted his life to freedom of speech and assembly than by getting together for a talk?



Laird Wilcox lived his first 11 years in San Francisco. When his father took a job in heavy construction, the family began an all-American laborer's migration that included stops in Wyoming, Pennsylvania, Texas, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi and Maryland.

He was 14 when he spied on a drug-store's newsstand a copy of *The True Believer*, an influential collection of essays on mass movements published in 1951 by Eric Hoffer, a self-educated long-shoreman, field worker and gold prospector.

"I picked it up, looked at it, bought it, took it home and read it and read it and read it," Wilcox recalls.

By the time he was 17, Wilcox had begun mailing postcards to the Ku Klux Klan, the Communist Party and even to Cuba, requesting literature and paraphernalia. His family moved to Topeka in 1961, and Wilcox enrolled the following year as a married, 19-year-old freshman. He promptly organized KU's chapter of the Student Peace Union and launched an alternative newspaper, the *Kansas Free Press*.

"When I first started at KU, it was a relatively sedate, Middle West university," he says. "I was really the first campus activist."

He briefly joined Students for a Democratic Society, and in 1964, when he was chairman of Student Union Activities' Minority Opinions Forum, Wilcox invited George Lincoln Rockwell, president of the American Nazi Party, to speak on campus.

Rockwell attracted an overflow crowd to the Kansas Union ballroom, students picketed on Jayhawk Boulevard, and



■ Then chairman of the Minority Opinions Forum, Laird Wilcox (above left) in February 1964 invited George Lincoln Rockwell (above right), leader of the American Nazi Party, to speak on campus. The invitation ignited a furor, but Rockwell's right to speak here was affirmed by the chancellor and the speech was standing-room-only. "Rockwell] was a freak," Wilcox says. "Yes, they wanted to hear what he said, but they wanted to hear what this freak said. They weren't interested in Nazism."

even Chancellor Clarke Wescoe declared that while the University preferred Rockwell had not been invited, his right to speak here would be respected.

"The reason we brought him here was to affirm freedom of speech at the University of Kansas," Wilcox says. "That same year when I was chairman of the Minority Opinions Forum, we had a speaker from the Socialist Labor Party, we had a speaker from the Socialist Workers Party, and the year before that we had a speaker from the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Two years after I left, we had a speaker that claimed he was King of the World."

Wilcox recalls that his adviser, the late political-science legend Cliff Ketzler, tried to talk him out of inviting Rockwell. After Wilcox explained that it was about establishing freedom of speech as paramount, Ketzler actively supported the decision.

"The best way to deal with these people is to expose them and let them be

seen. Debate them. Challenge them. Just so long as *everyone* is free to agitate and promote ideas, the society is free."

What wasn't widely known at the time was that picket signs proclaiming "We reject what you say but support your right to say it" were constructed and lettered by Wilcox himself.

Turns out that Laird Wilcox believed so deeply in freedom of speech that he protested his own event.

"Laird has a good mind," says Tim Miller, professor of religious studies, who knows Wilcox well and occasionally uses the collection for his research. "He knows what he's doing, and he has his goal very clearly in mind: He's trying to document everything in sight."

In 1957, Laird Wilcox lied about his age to join his first union as a 15-year-old laborer in Louisiana. That was still a time of segregation, especially in the Deep South, and Wilcox says friendships he developed with black coworkers helped him gain the skills he later would need to communicate and empathize with individuals and groups he normally would not encounter in his everyday life.

He renewed his labor-union ties after leaving KU in 1967, short of his degree in political psychology but more interested in providing for a wife and three children than framing a diploma. He became a carpenter in Kansas City and an officer in Carpenters' Local

61, and the seasonal work gave him plenty of time to pursue his passion.

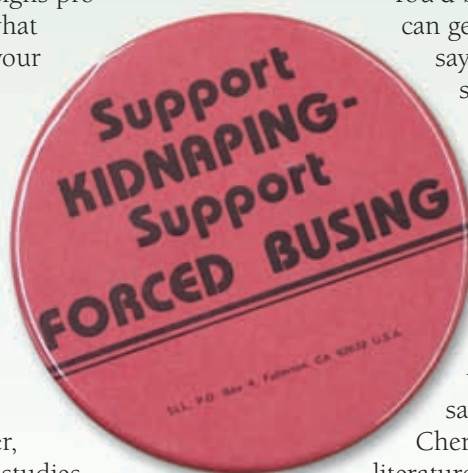
Armed with 100 pieces of notepaper, 100 envelopes, 100 stamps and a stack of \$1 bills, he would sit at his desk and write out requests for literature from extremist groups around the country.

"You'd be amazed what you can get for a dollar bill," he says. "For a dollar I'd sometimes get boxes of stuff."

Eventually it all found its way to KU, sometimes by the pickup-truck load.

"Other people have a railroad set up in their basement," says Wilcox's wife, Cheryl. "We have boxes of literature."

Slowed both by dips in the industry and injuries that caused long-term damage to his legs and forced him to undergo spinal surgery, Wilcox in 1978 formalized his hobby by publishing his





*Guide to the American Left* and *Guide to the American Right*, authoritative indexes of extremist groups purchased by libraries, researchers and even some of the groups themselves. He also co-wrote two books on political extremism and, among other smaller projects, compiled a 61-page booklet of quotes on civil liberties, published without copyright protection so it could be freely distributed and copied.

"When work was slow, we lived off that publishing business," he says. "There were times when I had to scrape to get together the money for postcards."

Wilcox published the guides annually until 2000, when he tired of a chore that was largely being supplanted by the Internet. He's still collecting, though, and even after so many years immersed in politics, he remains a listener, not a shouter.

This is, after all, a once-avid fisherman who came to see himself as a naturalist, a man who sometimes stayed out all night, sculling up and down eastern Kansas creeks, photographing wildlife without even baiting a hook.

"In my guts," Wilcox says, "I feel like an old liberal. But I'm really kind of a mix, and one of the problems you get into with any kind of description is, relative to what? Relative to George Bush, I'm pretty damn liberal. Relative to Ralph Nader, I'd probably be a little bit conservative."

"I think it's important to be able to entertain an idea that you don't have yourself, and truly accept the fact that other people *do* have this idea. This is what civil liberties are all about. Allow people who are different to be different."



The U.S. Department of Education in 1986 awarded KU a \$345,000 grant to help catalog the Wilcox Collection, which brought Schulte here from her

previous job at the Kansas State Historical Society. As she began sorting through screeds collected by Wilcox and KU librarians from more than 8,000 left- and right-wing organizations,

Schulte sometimes was shocked and disgusted.

"One of the things I had to learn to do," she says, "is to be objective. It's not my place to be judgmental."

Wilcox describes his collection as "a very utilitarian research base for people who are exploring these subjects in a

scholarly way." And even though it has been part of him since he was old enough to buy his own stamps, he acknowledges it's strong stuff.

And that, he emphasizes, is the whole point, both of his collection and of freedom of speech.

"If the collection stands for anything," Wilcox says, "I hope it would stand for the diversity of opinion we have in America, which really

embraces the entire ideological range. And it's because people have been free to express these opinions that ideological extremes have never really taken hold in America.

"Suppression encourages and engenders revolt. The legacy of the First Amendment, with respect to freedom of expression, has been shown in our country to be the key to keeping us free."

Through all of the innumerable documents he has read in a life spent examining the kookiest and meanest politics of modern America, Wilcox says he has never once encountered anyone advocating overthrow of the government or abolishment of the Constitution. "This all works," he says, "because people are allowed to talk back."



The Wilcox Collection regularly attracts researchers from around the world, especially after the Oklahoma City bombings of 1995 and the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Some are designated "Spencer Fellows," and receive modest travel stipends.

One recent Spencer Fellow was Neil Young, a PhD student at Columbia University in New York City, who is researching intertwined histories of the Equal Rights Amendment and abortion-rights movements. When Young arrived at the Spencer, Schulte and her col-

leagues brought out boxes of material Wilcox had so painstakingly collected two decades earlier.

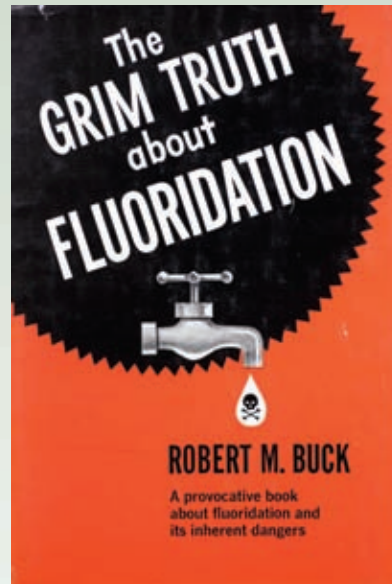
"Ninety percent of the materials I'm looking at are only held by Kansas," Young says, "so for me to complete my dissertation, this is an absolute must trip. I'm talking about politics at the very local, community level, publications with readerships of less than 100 ... and yet he's collecting them."

"I'm just stunned, overwhelmed, by the finger he had on the pulse of these groups. These holdings are incredibly rare, an embarrassment of riches."

It is the final afternoon of his 10-day trip and Young is frantically wrapping up his work before leaving for the airport. But when Schulte whispers in his ear that the collector himself is in the lobby, Young rushes to greet him.

"It's an honor to meet you, sir," Young says. "Thank you for everything you've done."

Wilcox smiles from underneath his beard and heavy glasses and extends his hand, one true believer accepting from another the most valuable payment, the kind that lasts a lot longer than a thousand dollars.





■ Archaeologist Rolfe Mandel (above) is one of a group of scientists from KU and the Denver Museum of Nature & Science excavating a site that could contain evidence of the earliest humans on the Plains. The western Kansas dig site (right, top) is framed by an overpass on I-70; Mandel leads a field trip of scientists from around the country (right, bottom).

**BY REX BUCHANAN**

**O**n the High Plains of far western Kansas, just east of the Colorado border, Interstate 70 slices across a dry creek bed indistinguishable from hundreds of other gullies that cut through the landscape.

Cattle graze on a carpet of buffalo grass, dotted by prickly pear cactus and sharp-bladed yucca. A windmill pumps water into a couple of moss-covered tanks.

The big sky of western Kansas hangs over it all.

Though it seems common, this spot is extraordinary. Beneath the loose soils and shortgrass prairie, the banks of this streambed may hold evidence of the first

people to walk this part of the world. KU archaeologists, working with the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, have found tantalizing clues—fractured bones and stones that might be tools—that could push back the date that people first came here by 1,000 years and rewrite the human history of the Plains.

Twelve-thousand years ago, this creek bed looked vastly different. The prairie here was tallgrass, like today's Flint Hills. Cottonwoods and willows crowded the banks. Snails, like those found today in eastern Kansas, thrived in the wet places, their tiny spiral shells now fossilized and bleached white. Pelicans splashed in pools.

The difference was water. The average annual precipitation at the time was 32



Archaeologists  
question the  
timelines for early  
prairie people.  
The answers may  
lie in a western  
Kansas dig.

In 1976, during the final phases of construction of I-70, engineers redirected the flow of creeks near the town of Kanorado (named for Kansas and Colorado, because the border is just a mile west of town). After the creek path was changed, the land's owner found bones protruding from newly exposed soils. Paleontologists from the then-Denver Natural History Museum arrived to identify the bones as mammoths, something like a modern elephant, only bigger. At one time mammoths were fairly common on the Plains, grazing on the brushy vegetation, like those willows

KU anthropologist Jack Hofman. This time they found camel bones and more mammoth remains. Later they found flint scrapers and flakes of quartzite that maybe, just maybe, were evidence of early people.

That meant more trips to the dry creek, where Holen began working with Rolfe Mandel, an archaeological geologist at the Kansas Geological Survey, based at KU, and associate professor of anthropology. Mandel, g'80, PhD'91, had just received funding through the Odyssey Archaeological Research Fund, a program endowed by retired Denver

# The Plainsmen



inches, much like today's Lawrence, instead of the 16 to 18 inches per year common out west now. Where creeks dissected the land, they exposed the Ogallala aquifer, the same aquifer that supplies water to thousands of irrigation wells today. But then, in the time before irrigation lowered water tables, water flowed from the Ogallala through springs and seeps, and ran down this now-dusty draw.

With water came animals. Instead of today's white-faced Herefords, there were camels, bison, mammoths. The High Plains were an early version of today's Serengeti.

These ancient animals were walking protein and calories. Where you have animals, you attract people.

along the creek banks.

Museum paleontologists collected the bones, returned several times to pick up more, and stashed them in the museum's collection.

In 2002, Steven Holen, fresh from a doctorate in anthropology at KU and recently installed as a curator of archaeology at the now-Denver Museum of Nature & Science, took a second look at those bones.

"When I got here, the first thing I did was go look at the mammoth collection," says Holen, PhD'02. "I saw some strange breakage patterns on the bones from Kanorado, so I decided to go back and look at the notes and any other information I could get."

Holen then traveled to Kanorado with



JOHN CHARLTON (2)

oil man Joe Cramer. The endowment supports field work, travel, graduate students and laboratory analysis, all integral to archaeology, and its purpose is to fund the search for the earliest evidence of humans in the Great Plains.

It turns out that the nondescript little draw near I-70 was exactly the place to look.

In June 2005, nearly 100 volunteers from the Kansas Anthropological Association, coordinated by the Kansas State Historical Society, came to the site to sift through the soils and walk the draws. For three weeks, they spent the days digging and the nights bunking at

confirm that humans were here, but “the fracture patterns on the bones suggest that they were broken by humans who were processing them for marrow or to make bone tools,” Holen says.

It’s tough to prove that a fracture was caused by people, and not some natural event like another animal stepping on the bone and breaking it.

But put those fractured bones together with other evidence from the site, like a rock fragment that might represent a stone hammer, and the case for this earliest occupation becomes stronger.

It’s no surprise that evidence here is hard to come by.

dence of these early Native Americans at Kanorado, it is certain that other, later people were here. In the soil layers above those mammoth and camel bones, scientists have found younger materials—stone flakes, tools, pieces of mammoth bone—that date to 12,900 to 13,000 years ago, a time known as the Clovis age. Among the finds is a bead made from the iron-based mineral hematite, perhaps a sign of more settled, domestic activity.

Clovis-age materials, such as spear points, have been found in Kansas before, but washed up on gravel bars along streams, and not “in place,” where they were originally abandoned, the way they are at Kanorado. Finding materials “in place” means everything in science. It allows you to date them, to glimpse the context of the time when the people were here.

Kanorado doesn’t stop with Clovis artifacts and possible material prior to Clovis. Above the Clovis horizon the

**“Right now, this is one of the most important paleo-Indian sites being worked on...it may be the most important. Every year we find something new and really significant here.”**

the high school in Goodland. Allen Wiechert, assoc., former director of facilities planning at KU, was one of those volunteers.

“At one of the places where I worked, volunteers found two mammoth bones,” Wiechert says. “It was exciting, because we knew there was material there to be found, and we found it.”

Using those and other finds, along with carbon-14 dating, here’s what researchers know now: The mammoth bones at Kanorado, which may have been fractured by people, date to 14,200 years ago and could represent the earliest evidence of humans on the Great Plains.

Before Kanorado, the earliest evidence of humans on the Great Plains was dated at 13,000 to 13,500 years ago.

“If we have evidence of people here more than 14,000 years ago, we have to rethink our ideas about human colonization of North America,” Hofman says. “We can no longer assume we know when people came onto the Plains for the first time, or which direction they came from.”

The broken bones don’t absolutely



“These early Native Americans were small groups of people, family units really, who moved quickly across the landscape,” Mandel says. “They were here for only a few days or maybe a week at a time, probably in the spring, summer, and fall, because winters were tough out here. They processed hides from the animals they killed and moved on. They didn’t leave things behind.”

“One thing we know for sure, though: These people had a really high knowledge of the landscape.”

While the jury is still out on the evi-

researchers have found younger material, Folsom age. They refer to these three groups (Folsom, Clovis, and the people before Clovis) as paleo-Indians.

What kept attracting people back to this spot? The same thing that’s precious out there today—water.

“To find material from all three aspects here is really remarkable,” Mandel says. “I could spend the rest of my life working here.”

Holen agrees.

“Right now, this is one of the two or three most important paleo-Indian sites





TRAVIS HEYING, WICHITA EAGLE

JOHN CHARLTON



■ It wasn't just deer and antelope playing on the ancient High Plains: Mandel (above) examines mammoth bones at the Sherman County site where bones and rock fragments show evidence of human occupation up to 14,000 years ago, about 1,000 years earlier than previously thought. Volunteers from the Kansas Anthropological Association and the Kansas State Historical Society worked the site in June (left and far left).

being worked on," he says. "And because of the three different aspects found here, it may be *the* most important. Every year we find something new and really significant here."

These materials are not just from three different ages. The rock flakes come from all over North America.

"Here we have flint from Wyoming, chalcedony from Colorado, flint from Texas," Mandel says. "This really confirms what we thought about the amount of long-distance movement of materials."

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All of this means that Kanorado is in for more intensive study. Mandel is using geology to guide the search for additional materials.

"If we get to know the geology, if we know which layers of silt and soil produce which artifacts, we can use that to focus our search for more sites," he says. "With a knowledge of geology to guide us, the search is more systematic, we're not just wandering around looking for

something." There are other possible sites to investigate nearby, he says, and in Cheyenne and Rawlins counties to the north of here.

"Also, the archaeological record here has been filtered by geologic processes—burial and erosion," he says. "We can use our knowledge of that filtering process to understand these artifacts and to find more."

Through all the archaeological attention, traffic hums by on I-70, only 100 yards from the spot where families killed and butchered bison. Though the prairie here has never been cultivated, the construction of I-70 rearranged this landscape just 50 years ago, adding another layer to the complex changes in this land. Yet without I-70, the mammoth bones that led everyone here would almost certainly never have been found in the first place.

Plenty more remain. Even today, a piece of a bison leg bone juts out of a cutbank. The bone is off-white, its color contrasting against the surrounding gray-brown soil, the bone's cellular structure apparent to the naked eye.

Holen, Mandel and colleagues return regularly to Kanorado, excavating and drilling to piece together the mosaic of the subsurface, systematically collecting more materials, trying to understand what life was like when these ancient people first moved out onto the Plains.

Why?

"The arrival of people in the New World is just as important to history as the time when Christopher Columbus arrived," Mandel says. "If you want to understand the history of North America, you have to know more about the people who were early on the Plains."

The researchers warn that they may never pin down the exact date that people came here. The paucity of evidence may prevent us from truly understanding the ways of these early Plains people.

But if answers do come, they may be found in this windswept little streambed in western Kansas.

—Buchanan is a science writer at the Kansas Geological Survey.



# Association BY RACHEL NYP

The 2005  
“Millie” award  
recognizes six  
alumni for their  
commitment to  
the University  
through sustained  
volunteer service  
at the local level.



VALERIE SPICHER

## The extra mile *Alumni Association honors 6 longtime local KU volunteers*

There are those who lend a helping hand, and then there are those who stay until the last dish is dried and the final chair is folded. Retired Association staff member Mildred “Millie” Clodfelter, b’41, is one who always went beyond the call of duty, and since 1987, the Association has honored members who display Millie’s stamina and commitment to their alma mater. Clodfelter, who retired in 1986, still lives in Lawrence and is known to countless Jayhawks.



Brown

This year’s recipients of the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award are Carol Ann Adams Brown, c’72, Alexandria, Va.; Laurence R. Brown, e’64, g’67, Houston; Edwyna Condon Gilbert, PhD’65, Lawrence; Cathy L. Mitchell, b’87, Wellington; John W. Mize, c’72, Salina; and

Bette Jo Roberts, c’50, Garden City.

Carol Ann Brown stunned staff members in the KU Office of Admissions and Scholarships with her thorough effort to recruit KU students in the Washington, D.C., area. In addition to attending 10 college fairs, she single-handedly visited more than 50 public and private high schools in Northern Virginia to educate counselors on KU’s attributes and collect contact information for KU recruitment counselors. Since joining the Association Board of Directors in 2003, Brown has never missed a meeting. She is also a member of the KU Endowment Association’s Chancellors Club and the advisory board for Women Philanthropists for KU.

With true Texas panache, Laurence Brown has gathered the Houston flock for more than 10 years. Come game day, you’ll find him and his



Brown

wife, Sally, c’62, g’66, surrounded by fellow fans at one of Houston’s five watch sites. He also is a member of the KU Endowment Association’s Elizabeth Watkins Society and is most proud of his student recruitment efforts. As a HAWK volunteer, Brown with his fellow Houston alumni increased KU’s college fair representa-

tion and covered 50 area high schools.

A retired KU professor, Gilbert continues to teach fellow alumni members the meaning of KU dedication. She is president of the Endacott Society, the organization of retired faculty and staff whose members meet regularly in the Adams Alumni Center, and until recently, she edited the group’s newsletter. Gilbert is a member of the KU Women’s Hall of Fame and was the Friends of the KU Libraries president from





Gilbert

Mitchell started her Association affiliation in 1983 as a high-school senior with a Kansas Honors Program dictionary in hand. Today she's the Wellington KHP coordinator. An organizer extraordinaire, she even hand-wraps Hershey kisses in



Mitchell

National Development Council in 1999. For KU Athletics, she is a joint K-Club member with her husband, Jud Mitchell, c'77, who is the son of former KU football coach Jack Mitchell.

Salina-based Mize never passes up an opportunity to promote and support his alma mater. He has been a trustee of the KU Endowment Association since



Mize

1998 to 2000. In addition, she served on the University Family Committee for the Campaign Kansas and the KU First fundraising drives.

As a Kansas Honor Scholar,

she even hand-wraps Hershey kisses in KU colors for her program. She also has advocated for higher education's needs as a member of Jayhawks for Higher Education and served on the KU Endowment Association's

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1996 and served on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors from 1999 to 2004. Mize also supports Jayhawks for Higher Education and raised funds during the Campaign

Kansas as a North Central Kansas Committee member. In his hometown, Mize chaired the Saline County Kansas Honors Program and helped organize golf tournaments, KU summer picnics and KU athletics events.



Roberts

University Fund as an advisory board member and served on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors from 1990 to 1995. Roberts is a longtime Jayhawks for Higher Education advocate and has helped coordinate numerous KU events in Garden City.

As a 33-year volunteer veteran, Roberts has proven she has staying power. She not only organized the first Finney County Kansas Honors Program in Garden City, but she also assisted the Greater

## Woodward winners



VALERIE SPICHER

■ This year's freshman Woodward Scholars are Scott Bird and Emily Ratzlaff. All Kansas Honor Scholars are eligible to compete for the Woodward Scholarship, provided through a bequest to the Association by Herbert Rucker Woodward, a'27. The award supports two freshmen and two sophomores each academic year.

## Harley 'Hawks



SUSAN YOUNGER

■ Linda Ellis, e'79, and fiancé Russ Sims rode their Jayhawk-decked Harleys from Houston for the Volunteer Leaders' Weekend in September.

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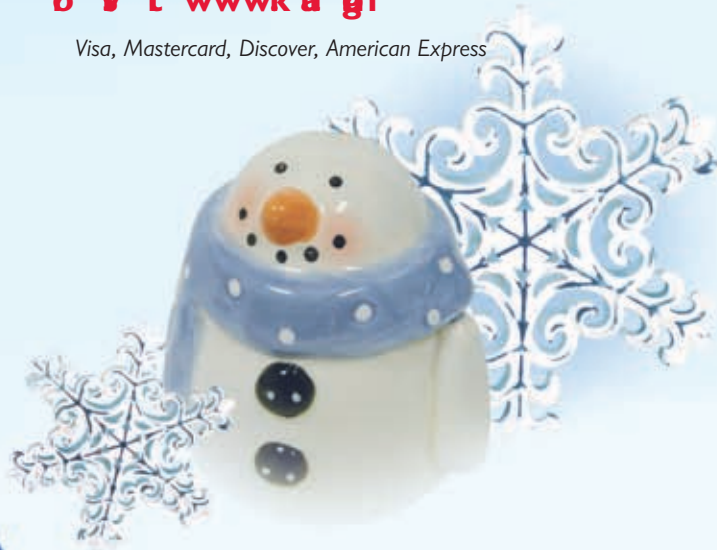
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# Class Notes

BY KAREN GOODELL

## 1936

**Ed Johnson**, c'36, g'38, recently published *My Memoirs: A Kansas Boy Grows Up*. He and his wife, Sylvia, make their home in Green Valley, Ariz.

## 1943

**Charles Clark Eberhard**, b'43, recently became secretary of the Topeka Association of Retarded Citizens.

## 1945

**Charles**, b'45, and **Betty Peabody**, b'45, celebrated their 60th anniversary in July. They live in Lawrence.

## 1950

### MARRIED

**Camden MEwer**, d'50, to Gloria Campbell, Aug. 1. They live in Lantana, Fla., where they are both retired.

## 1956

**Sarah Harper**, d'56, recently was named 2005 Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in Newton, where she and her husband, **Ted**, c'56, l'61, make their home.

## 1958

**John Dealy**, e'58, is a professor emeritus at McGill University. He lives in Montreal.

## 1959

**Fred K**, m'59, g'98, and **Gabe Ferguson**, m'59, recently were named Distinguished Medical Alumni by the KU Medical Alumni Association. He's a professor emeritus of medicine and she's a professor emerita of pediatrics and preventive medicine at the KU Medical Center. Their home is in Shawnee.

**John S MEgan**, g'59, PhD'65, an adjunct professor of speech and hearing sciences at the University of North

Carolina-Chapel Hill and research professor emeritus at KU's Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies, recently was named a Distinguished Allied Health Alumnus by the KU Allied Health Alumni Association. He lives in Pittsboro, N.C.

## 1961

**Keth Parker**, c'61, is a research analyst at Apex Innovations. He lives in Overland Park.

## 1962

**HF. Coburn Smith**, j'62, wrote *Death Rides a Red Horse*, which recently was published by Dorchester Publishing. He's senior vice president of Corporate

Communications Group in Overland Park.

## 1965

**James Benson**, c'65, is vice provost and dean of information resources and libraries at St. John's University in Jamaica, N.Y. He lives in Princeton, N.J.

**William Dwyer**, j'65, retired last year as an archivist at the National Archives. He lives in Overland Park.

## 1966

**James Neff**, m'66, a professor of orthopaedic surgery and of pathology and microbiology at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, recently was named a Distinguished

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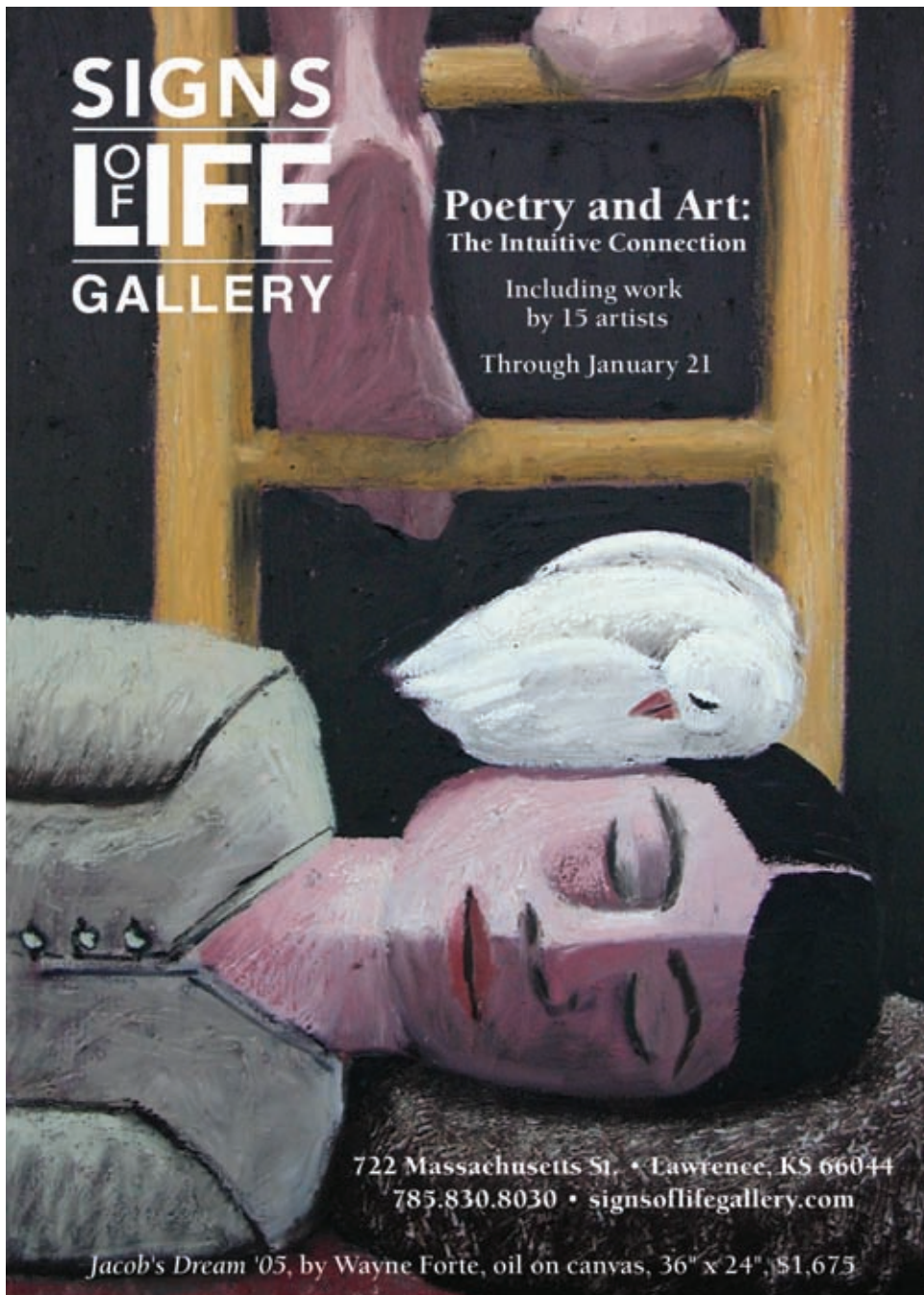
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Medical Alumnus by the KU Medical Alumni Association.

### 1967

**Dañ I Hb p** m'67, is a professor of internal medicine, pediatrics and family medicine at the KU Medical Center, where he's also chief of infectious diseases. He recently was named a Distinguished Medical Alumnus by the

KU Medical Alumni Association.

**T. Dā ne Spk ard Perry**, '67, makes her home in Wood River, Ill. She's an executive assistant at Ernst & Young in St. Louis.

### 1968

**Wh ard Hardesty**, j'68, recently became secretary of the Colorado Municipal Judges Association. He's a

judge for the cities of Broomfield, Thornton, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge and Golden. His home is in Lakewood.

### 1970

**Rb ard Sto e**, f'70, works for Lucent Technologies. He and his wife, Norma, make their home in Sulligent, Ala.

### 1972

**Jb n H. Rb n so Jr**, e'72, g'74, is vice chairman of development at Olsson Associates in Overland Park.

### 1973

**Dñ Bevl**, b'73, g'74, is a project executive for IBM in Roanoke, Texas. He lives in Colleyville.

### 1974

**Ben ard Bek er**, c'74, makes his home in Topeka, where he's vice president and chief of human resources at Stormont-Vail Health Care.

**Gā e Gunneb MCo nel** c'74, g'79, g'95, studies for a doctorate in speech/language pathology at KU.

### 1977

**Brett Co rd**, l'77, is a partner in the Overland Park law firm of Smith/Coonrod.

**Jb n "Andy" Tñ plñ s**, EdD'77, recently became an associate professor of education at KU. He lives in Topeka.

**Martyn O'Del Umhb z** c'77, s'81, works as a therapist at Soothing Touch Therapeutic Massage in Castle Rock, Colo.

**Joy Wheeb r**, n'77, is president and CEO of FirstGuard Health Plan in Kansas City. She recently received a 2005 Woman in Business Champion Award from the Small Business Administration and was named a Distinguished Nursing Alumna by the KU Nurses Alumni Association.

### MARRIED

**Pamela Lñ deman**, '77, to Leonard Guidry, March 22. They live in Covent, La., and she's a technology specialist for Office Depot.



## 1979

**Rad I Jo d n**, c'79, is an analyst/programmer for Letterkenny in Donegal, Ireland.

**Mary-Mag aret Spn sd**, '79, works as an editor at KU. She and her husband, **Grego y**, PhD'80, live in Lawrence, where he's a KU professor of psychology.

## 1980

**Todd Hed s p**, e'80, is a licensing

specialist for FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co. in Fairlawn, Ohio. He lives in Painesville.

**Gal So t**, j'80, manages sales for the Tribune Co. in Coconut Grove, Fla.

## 1983

**Ki bel y Marth**, b'83, is a project manager for HSBC in Tampa, Fla.

**Ba de y P s**, c'83, m'87, directs medical education at the U.S. Naval Medical Center in San Diego. He recently was

named a Distinguished Medical Alumnus by the KU Medical Alumni Association.

## 1984

**Kent Amsberry**, c'84, g'87, PhD'90, is a principal research scientist for Eli Lilly and Co. He lives in Fishers, Ind.

## 1986

**Mak Fox**, d'86, coaches women's basketball at Bethel College in North

## Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

### Fo b s h b a w fo fo Fo d m k eter

Jyarland Daniels Jones learned marketing at Hallmark Cards; now that she's the launch manager of Ford Motor Company's sporty Fusion sedan, fundamentals are unchanged while the stakes are significantly higher.

"At Hallmark I learned how emotions play into making decisions," Daniels Jones, b'97, says from her office in the Ford Brand Building in Dearborn, Mich. "That foundation is critical for any kind of marketing. Whether it's greeting cards or automobiles, it boils down to a very emotional process."

Daniels Jones, 31, will need to call upon all of her marketing savvy, because she is in charge of launching a car designed to compete with the legendary Honda Accord and Toyota Camry. It's a doable task, she says, because Fusion is well placed in both size and price between the entry-level Focus and the Ford 500, and is distinctive among its competitors for bold design, highlighted by a three-bar chrome grill, and aggressive performance.

"Fusion has the soul of the Mustang, with two more doors," Daniels Jones says. "This car is truly eye-catching, and it's also fun to drive."

Daniels Jones, a native of Junction

City, spent a year studying in Japan while in high school, and chose KU in part because it was one of the few area universities offering Japanese; while majoring in business she chose East Asian languages as a concentration, and she again studied in Japan, with KU's Study Abroad program. She completed several internships at Hallmark Cards and accepted her first post-graduation job with the Kansas City company.

She moved in 2000 to Johnson & Johnson, where she sold gastrointestinal drugs, and in 2003 earned an MBA from the University of Michigan. She joined Lincoln-Mercury's product development group in 2004, then moved to the company's Asia-Pacific Division. Young and stylish herself, Daniels Jones was a natural choice to guide the introduction of a new car designed to appeal to the young and stylish.

"More of our communications with the Fusion are taking place via the Internet; that's a heavy part of our media plan," she says. "We'll have traditional elements, but we're doing some new things to reach our target audience of 25- to 39-year-olds. We're also developing a comprehensive plan to reach women, Hispanic, Asian and African-American consumers."

Daniels Jones says she is particularly gratified to launch Fusion because Ford



COURTESY FORD BRAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

■ Jyarland Daniels Jones has worked at three giants of American business: Hallmark Cards, Johnson & Johnson and now Ford. "Every company likes to talk about how complex their business is. It makes them feel unique. But really, it's the same everywhere."

was a sponsor of KU's Multicultural Business Scholars program.

"That program, and a couple of other scholarships, provided me with a full ride. Giving back and contributing to a company that contributed so much to my education helps make this job incredibly fulfilling for me."

## Class Notes

Newton. He and **Susan Hest Fox**, p'96, live in Newton, where she's a pharmacist at Dillons.

**Laura May Ortega**, g'86, PhD'96, is an adjunct assistant professor at KU's Dole Human Development Center and director general of Centro Ann Sullivan del Peru, which recently was honored by the Congress of Peru for promoting the integrated development of people with different abilities. She received KU's Distinguished Service Citation in 2003.

**Connie Patton**, c'86, works as an integration engineer for Cardinal Health in San Diego. She lives in Carlsbad.

### MARRIED

**Kathleen Webb**, '86, to James Bocek, April 15 in Las Vegas. They live in Fenton, Mo., and their family includes Aaron, 13, and Kaitlyn, 11.

### 1988

**Julie West Edwards**, j'88, works as a

speech/language pathologist for DeSoto USD 232. She lives in Leawood.

### BORN TO:

**Kathryn Chalk Seeberger**, l'88, and Jim, daughter, Quinlan Elizabeth, April 7 in Wamego, where she joins a brother, Zachary, 12, and a sister, Tessa, 7.

### 1989

**Patrick Mcurdy**, a'89, is principal in the health practice group of RTKL

## Profile

BY STEVEN HILL

### Catch up by Benjamin Seibert for the magazine

**A**nthony Naranja lives a balanced life: He works three-and-a-half days a week in his Grand Junction, Colo., dental practice. The other three-and-a-half days he fishes for trout in picturesque Rocky Mountain streams.

Plenty of serious anglers would say it doesn't get much better than that. But Naranja, c'93, proves it does.

The nearly lifelong angler earned a spot as an assistant coach this summer on Fly Fishing Team USA, representing the United States at the World Fly Fishing Championships in Sweden.

"Going to the world championships is the ultimate," Naranja says. "It's the Olympics of fly-fishing."

Introduced to the sport by his father at the age of 4, Naranja was already an experienced fisherman when he arrived at KU. Fishing at Clinton Lake one day, he spotted an angler casting a fly rod.

"I thought, 'How neat is that?'"

Lawrence is hardly a fly-fishing mecca, so Naranja had to search before finding a shop in Overland Park that catered to fly anglers. He learned the sport through videos and books, and practiced by fishing the spillway at Clinton Lake and pursuing bass on

Kansas farm ponds.

When the time came for dental school, Colorado—with its abundant mountain streams and world-class trout fishing—seemed a natural choice.

"I originally got into fly-fishing because trout hang out in some of the most beautiful places on earth," Naranja says. "It's an easy way to get away from stress."

By entering the world of competitive angling, he adds, "I threw all that in the trash. It's stressful. It puts pressure on you in a way you never associate with fishing."

Last year Naranja won a division title at the Federation of Fly Fisher's Conclave casting competition in Yellowstone, Mont., and he has entered many high-profile fishing and casting tournaments, including Outdoor Life Network's Fly Fishing Masters series in 2003 and '04. The presence of television cameras isn't something he expected to contend with when he got into the sport.

Neither was the rigorous practice regimen, which calls for three-hour sessions honing casting techniques, testing new equipment and running through cold mountain streams to prepare for the physical rigors of wading.



COURTESY ANTHONY NARANJA

■ Catching a big cutthroat trout is part of pro angler Anthony Naranja's practice regimen. Naranja, who discovered fly fishing at KU, helped coach Fly Fishing Team USA at the World Championships in August.

But the demands of pressure and practice are worth it. Naranja hopes to move from coaching to angling at next year's world championships in Portugal, where Team USA will be heavily favored to improve on this year's 15th-place showing.

"It has been just unbelievable, to see the world and represent my country while doing something I love," Naranja says. "What an opportunity."



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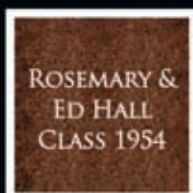


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## 1990

**Gene King**, j'90, recently became a senior marketing manager at DST Systems in Kansas City.

**Ryan McAmmon**, c'90, owns Willow Point Productions in Hastings, Neb., where he and **Dana Feldhausen McAmmon**, '93, make their home. She's assistant financial aid director at Hastings College.

**Jeffrey Martz**, c'90, is a principal at Exceder. He lives in Atlanta.

**Charles Robertson**, j'90, works as senior product manager for Zacks Investment Research in Chicago.

**Gary Swick**, j'90, manages news technology for the Courier-Journal in Louisville, Ky.

## BORN TO:

**Shelly Howe**, d'90, g'93, and Steven, son, Torin Richard, Jan. 31 in Edina,

Minn., where he joins a brother, Peyton, who's nearly 3. Shelly is a physical therapist at Sister Kenny Institute in Minneapolis.

**Derek**, j'90, and **Jennifer Shaw Shmidt**, l'94, daughter, Claire Cunningham, June 26 in Independence, where she joins a sister, Caroline, 2. Derek is the majority leader in the Kansas Senate, and Jennifer teaches political science at Pittsburg State University.

## 1991

**Brenda Becka**, c'91, is national accounts director for Fiber Tower. He lives in Flower Mound, Texas.

**Patrick Lynb**, c'91, works as a life/health agent for UGA Association Field Services. He lives in Shawnee Mission.

**Courtney Ebbert McAn**, j'91, is a field paramedic and preceptor for the Montgomery County Hospital District

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and a contributing photographer for the Journal of Emergency Medical Services. She and her husband, **Ken**, c'94, live in The Woodlands, Texas, with their children, Megan and Mary. Ken is a regional engineer for Symons Corp.

**Mb elWh aker**, c'91, lives in Arlington Heights, Ill. He's chairman and CEO of Plastag Holding.

### 1992

**Drew Ell er**, c'92, is managing director of Putnam Investments in Boston. He lives in Charlestown.

**Meh nē Mans Pō ts**, c'92, lives in Dallas, where she's principal of Arthur Kramer Elementary School.

### MARRIED

**K thryn Wab er Cen y**, f'92, to Jeff

Koch, June 25 in Lawrence, where Kay is membership associate at Plymouth Congregational Church. They live in McLouth.

### BORN TO:

**Rd ney Eñ enhauer**, c'92, f'96, and Jodi, daughter, Amelia Elizabeth, April 22 in Shawnee, where she joins a sister, Olivia, 3. Rodney is a partner in the Kansas City law firm of Seigfreid, Bingham, Levy, Selzer & Gee.

**Carē Nuñ m Heb b**, j'92, and Rich, daughter, Emma Lyn, May 30 in Overland Park. Carrie works for Bernstein-Rein Advertising in Kansas City.

### 1993

**Jennf er Davì**, s'93, is program manager for Valeo Community Residence Program in Topeka.

**Chìs tà n lsa el**, c'93, recently was appointed by President George Bush as coordinator of international intellectual property enforcement for the U.S. Department of State. He lives in Alexandria, Va.

**Amy Sb wartz Walker**, b'93, is audit director for HNTB in Kansas City.

### 1994

**Stephen Can ther**, b'94, manages investment relationships for Capital Group in Los Angeles. He lives in Foothill Ranch, Calif.

**Tim b hy Dawso**, c'94, is completing a one-year fellowship in pain management at Stanford University Medical Center. He was formerly medical director of acute and chronic pain management at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu.

**Stephanē Emert**, b'94, is benefits manager for the Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City. She lives in Roeland Park.

**Et Hess**, c'94, lives in Lawrence, where he's president of Lynn Electric Communications.

**Eb Starrett**, j'94, works as a senior program manager for Sprint in Atlanta. He and his wife, Jennifer, celebrated their first anniversary July 3.

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**Drew Sh**, a'94, is director of Tishman Speyer Properties in San Francisco.

### 1995

**Lynn En**, j'95, is a communications consultant for Conoco Phillips in Bartlesville, Okla.

### BORN TO:

**Ja sp**, c'95, and **En Menh an Fab y**, '97, son, Hayden Webster, June 28 in Mission Hills, where he joins a sister, Grace, 2.

**Len n**, c'95, and **Emly Vn bac**, **Mlg an** g'98, daughter, Arbor Elise, June 23 in Lawrence. Lumen is a visiting professor of law at KU, and Emily manages marketing for Sunflower Broadband.

### 1996

**Caren Crb ett Gek n**, j'96, is a regional account executive for Advo. She

lives in Tulsa, Okla.

**Ted Mb r**, j'96, works as deputy communications director for NARAL Pro-Choice America in Washington, D.C.

**Tffany Ca wfo d**, c'96, is clinical coordinator for Phoenix Children's Hospital in Phoenix. She lives in Queen Creek.

### BORN TO:

**K yb MG owan Ab n**, b'96, and Tony, daughter, KC, Dec. 3 in Jenks, Okla., where she joins a sister, Vivian.

### 1997

**Shawn Beab**, c'97, is vice president of corporate development for KES Systems in Daytona Beach, Fla.

**Ba ndo Jo es**, c'97, l'00, is assistant district attorney in the Douglas County District Attorney's Office in Lawrence. He and **Heather Lando Jo es**, l'00, live in Vassar. She's county attorney for Franklin County in Ottawa.

**Saa K b f**, c'97, works as an associate recruiter for Cargill. She lives in Shorewood, Minn.

**Jennfer Shew d**, c'97, directs communications for the Larkin Group in Kansas City. She lives in Overland Park.

### BORN TO:

**Amy Fam er-Pestka**, d'97, and Scott, son, Wyatt Nash, May 31 in Peoria, Ariz., where he joins a brother, Owen, 2. Amy teaches math in Glendale.

**K thryn Rb ardso Fa nquemo t**, c'97, and Michael, son, Jeffrey Michael, April 14 in Highlands Ranch, Colo., where he joins two brothers, Matthew, 1, and Christopher, 3.

### 1998

**Mb eb Cadmus Bd è**, c'98, is a clinical instructor and physician assistant at Dermatology Partners in Port Clinton, Ohio.

**Amy May**, c'98, manages the Eddie



Bauer Home store in Kansas City. She lives in Overland Park.

**Aronson**, c'98, m'02, and **Julie Hennig** **Palmer**, h'02, recently moved from Scottsdale, Ariz., to Kansas City, where he's on the staff at the KU Medical Center.

**Chad Schwarz**, z p'98, and his wife, Dana, live in Independence with their son, Luke, 1. Chad is a pharmacist at Coffeyville Regional Medical Center.

**Jennifer Powell Schwab**, c'98,

recently received the Charlotte Business Journal's 2005 40 Under 40 Award. She is an environmental scientist with Ralph Whitehead Associates in Charlotte, N.C.

#### BORN TO:

**Kathleen Guthrie Jones**, '98, and **Jane**, d'99, daughter, Victoria Janae, June 19 in Kansas City, where she joins a brother, Jarius II, 7, and two sisters, Olivia, 5, and Mija, 8. Jarius teaches math in Kansas City.

**Kathleen Dehnbros**, c'98, and Jeremiah, son, Kaleb Martin, June 29 in Pasadena, Md.

#### 1999

**Carlynn Keirsten**, g'99, PhD'03, is a research assistant professor at the KU Medical Center. She lives in Overland Park.

**Theresa Mabely**, c'99, lives in Austin, where she's an academic adviser and international program coordinator at the

## Profile

BY JULIE METTENBURG

### 'Minority report' co-author tells us NASA culture

Space Shuttle Discovery touched down easily in the dark California desert Aug. 9, delivering its seven astronauts home to a collective sigh of relief.

The flight was to herald NASA's return to space after the 2003 Columbia accident. Yet the shuttle's future is no more certain, because of continued problems with the craft—and, believes NASA Return to Flight Task Group member Rosemary O'Leary, with the agency itself.

The group issued its final report in August, including a scathing appendix by seven of its 25 members that has come to be known as the "minority report." The opinion criticizes NASA's internal culture, which the seven believe will again lead to tragedy.

"There are life-and-death problems with NASA that could cause another Columbia disaster," says O'Leary, c'78, l'81, g'82.

It's fitting O'Leary finds herself among the dissenters. Her book, *The Ethics of Dissent: Managing Guerrilla Government*, is due out in December from Congressional Quarterly Press.

The Prairie Village native, co-director

of the program for the analysis and resolution of conflict at Syracuse University's Maxwell School, discovered the value of dissent in the 1980s, when she directed policy and planning for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

"I had an employee I called a 'guerilla': Basically he went outside the organization constantly," she says. "It triggered in me this question of the importance of having people like that in a public organization. How do you manage them for the good of the organization?"

At Syracuse she met future NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe, who appointed her to the Return to Flight Task Group in 2003 to pick up where the Columbia Accident Investigation Board left off. That group had isolated 29 problems for NASA to resolve, about half of them return-to-flight issues.

"Our job was to hold NASA's feet to the fire, in terms of implementing those items," she says. "My job was to look at how they manage diversity, to interview managers about what they do if somebody has a difference of opinion."

She found three problems that could prove fatal: resistance to outside input, suppression of dissent and lack of management training for engineer-managers.

"They are some of the best engineers



COURTESY ROSEMARY O'LEARY

■ While serving on NASA's Return to Flight Task Group, Rosemary O'Leary found serious problems with the agency's culture. The full text of the report, including dissenting Annex A2, can be viewed at [www.nasa.gov/returntoflight](http://www.nasa.gov/returntoflight).

in the world, but with excellence has come an arrogance that needs to be tempered to be open to new ideas," she says.

Still, O'Leary remains a NASA fan, hopeful about the agency's future.

"Organizations do have the capacity to change. It is very slow and very tough, but it definitely can happen."

—Mettenburg, j'91, is a Lawrence free-lance writer.

## Class Notes

University of Texas.

**Ad ew Math s**, b'99, is a sales specialist with REI in Seattle.

### BORN TO:

**J Twogd Ch stā n**, b'99, g'02, and David, son, John Gilbert, July 18 in Chicago, where Jill is a senior tax analyst for Sidley Austin Brown & Wood.

### 2000

**Bā a Brown Ch**, b'00, works as

a physician assistant for Family Medicine Associates in Lawrence.

**Carb e Kb Gb r**, j'00, c'00, manages trade show projects for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in Lawrence.

**Ian Guenther**, a'00, is associate project manager for Sarfatty Associates in Wilmette, Ill. He lives in Chicago.

**Jub Php s K p h ski** p'00, lives in Collinsville, where she's assistant professor of drug information at Southern

Illinois University.

**Chē ty Mo e**, j'00, is a marketing specialist for Focus Legal Solutions in Overland Park. She lives in Lawrence.

**Lī a Padh -Kej** c'00, works as a forensic scientist for the Illinois State Police in Chicago. She lives in Oak Park.

### BORN TO:

**Mb ael Neē n**, c'00, and Beth, daughter, Sydney, July 8 in Chicago,

## Profile

BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

### Unā a l twī ts ē ad ga d to a d a ī s f e

Five years ago, Jun Kuribayashi divided his time between break-dancing at the Granada on Mass. Street and working as a prep cook at Set 'Em Up Jack's, a sports bar on East 23rd Street.

Now he dances professionally, touring the world with Pilobolus, one of the world's most innovative companies.

Kuribayashi, f'05, recalls the exact moment when his transformation began. Word of his Granada performances had spread around town, he says, in part because his distinctive style was based on *capoeira*, a Brazilian form of martial arts. So KU dance instructor Joan Stone invited him to give a demonstration on campus in a Robinson Center studio.

"After class, she pulled me aside and said, 'Jun, you should dance.' At the time I was 22, I wasn't in school, and I said, 'Sure, why not? Sounds like fun.' That's how it started."

Though he began formal training at an advanced age for a dancer, Kuribayashi gained from the KU faculty the technical foundation to support his natural gifts. And the unusual combination especially fit the style of Pilobolus, helping Kuribayashi win a coveted spot in the company last year, besting hundreds

of other dancers in a New York City audition.

Or so he thought. When he moved to Connecticut in August 2004 to join the company, he learned that another dancer was returning from "injured reserve" to challenge him. Thus began a two-month head-to-head competition, which Kuribayashi lost, but only temporarily. Last May, recurring injuries among the dancers prompted the company to call Kuribayashi. He flew to Long Beach, Calif., learned a dance in five hours and performed that night. A week later, just as he was preparing to walk down the Hill in KU's Commencement, the company called again and flew him to Hartford, Conn., to learn a second piece in a day. "Fortunately they didn't have a performance that Sunday," he says, "or I would have had to choose between graduation and my future job."

The saga prepared him well for a dancer's life, in which stress plays a leading role. The physical toll is especially great for the six Pilobolus dancers, who combine to create incredible shapes and movements, defying the forces of gravity and conventional wisdom about what human bodies can do. Their choreography is so physically demanding that dancers are known as "bases" and "fliers." As a flier, Kuribayashi is often airborne. At 27, he guesses his body can



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■ When he was 5, Kuribayashi moved with his mother and sister from Japan to Lawrence. In 2004, as he awaited his break with Pilobolus, he landed a spot on a world tour with another troupe, Momix. "My first professional performance was in Japan, of all places, in front of my entire family. Ooh, what a ride!"

take the toll for about three years.

"One of my fellow dancers says you start to enjoy it after a year," he says, "so I have a year before I'll be authentically smiling while dancing on-stage. I look forward to that."

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where Michael is associate director of Cushman & Wakefield of Illinois.

## 2001

**Wenji Caa d y**, e'01, g'04, is a manufacturing engineer for Astaris in Lawrence.

**Steven Maggò**, b'01, lives in Baltimore, where he's a senior associate with Grant Thornton.

**Lea Nu h** g'01, is a senior program analyst and team leader for LabOne. She lives in Olathe.

**Ch tþ r Stþ ej** b'01, g'02, works as an area coordinator for the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

**Rb b Wenig er**, c'01, practices law with Naman Howell Smith & Lee in Austin, Texas.

## MARRIED

**Eh y Neustrþn** h'01, and **Benþ mih Weaver**, h'01, May 21. They live in Prairie Village.

## 2002

**Chis Cm ak**, c'02, serves as vicar at Central Lutheran Church. He and **Amanda MG h nis Cm ak**, g'02, live in Lakewood, Wash. She's vicar at Fir-Conway Lutheran Church.

**Ro nè Hurt**, g'02, is a financial analyst at LabOne. He lives in Stilwell.

**Chis tp her Kennedy**, e'02, works as a staff software developer for DST Technologies. He and **Sarah Mahoney Kennedy**, c'01, live in Olathe. She teaches at Good Shepard Catholic School.

**Russel Ph e Jr**, c'02, is a systems administrator for Huhtamaki Packaging in De Soto. He lives in Overland Park.

**Kenda Seaman**, c'02, teaches at KIPP DC Key Academy in Washington, D.C.

## 2003

**Mahab y Ab n**, g'03, PhD'05, is an assistant professor of political science at California State University in Chico.

**Brent Behrens**, b'03, works as a staff

accountant for Tortoise Capital Advisors in Overland Park. He lives in Mission.

**Jana Chester**, e'03, is an engineer for Vintage Petroleum in Tulsa, Okla.

**Carb e James**, c'03, commutes from San Diego to Carlsbad, where she's vice president and list manager at Infocore.

**Jd è K utm ann**, j'03, works as managing editor for Chord magazine in Sherman Oaks, Calif. She lives in North Hollywood.

**Raeb el Kepner**, c'03, g'05, is residence hall coordinator for Illinois State University in Normal.

**Danè b Marquez** j'03, coordinates production for Primedia Business Magazines and Media in Overland Park.

**Ol er Mh nis**, b'03, works as a real-estate agent with Stephens Real Estate in Lawrence.

**Shanno Baner Sþ ner**, c'03, does genetic counseling for the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She and her husband, **David**, c'03, live in





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Denver. He works at Rose Medical Center.

**Jason Skinner**, d'03, is a graduate assistant football coach at Eastern New Mexico University. He lives in Portales.

### MARRIED

**Bald Heavey**, e'03, and **John Latimer**, p'05, May 29 in Lee's Summit, Mo. He works for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., and she's completing a residency with the Greater Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Health Care System. Their home is in Los Angeles.

### 2004

**Ronald Andrews**, e'04, is a systems engineer for Northrop Grumman. He and **Bald Lgaker Andrews**, n'01, live in Centennial, Colo.

**Ann VanDem k Beatty**, c'04, coordinates clients and does information technology consulting for APC in Raleigh, N.C., where she and her hus-

band, John, make their home.

**Ryan DaMetz**, e'04, is a civil engineer with Level-4 Engineering in Lenexa. He lives in Shawnee.

**Natalia Aguiaga Garza**, g'04, works as a management associate for CitiMortgage in O'Fallon, Mo. She and her husband, **Ek**, g'04, live in Lake Saint Louis. He's a senior project coordinator for Leica Geosystems.

**Melanie Hadley**, f'04, made her European orchestral soloist debut in July with the Orquestra Nacional do Porto in Porto, Portugal. She also performed a solo recital in Lisbon, Portugal, and a duo recital in Eutin, Germany. She is a graduate student in music at KU.

**Kathryn Hardacre**, j'04, manages customer service and retail projects for Byeway Books in Lenexa. She lives in Overland Park.

**Jamale Huntley**, p'04, is a pediatric clinical pharmacy specialist at St. John's Regional Health Care Center

in Springfield, Mo.

**Patrick McCarty**, f'04, works as assistant director of bands for USD 497 in Lawrence.

**Katie Miska**, b'04, is a staff accountant for Kornitzer Capital Management in Mission. She lives in Kansas City.

**Jason Phigman**, b'04, works as a business analyst for Cerner. He lives in Prairie Village.

### MARRIED

**Emily Peters**, c'04, j'04, and **Michael Dabon**, c'04, May 7. She works for the ASE Group in Overland Park, and he works for Pulte Homes in Lenexa. They live in Olathe.

**John Dmoe**, j'04, and **Courtney Olson**, d'05, June 11 in Wichita. John studies law at KU, and Courtney teaches French at Prairie Star Middle School in Leawood. They live in Olathe.

### 2005

**Amanda Boyer**, c'05, studies for a



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master's in counseling and guidance at UMKC. She lives in Kansas City.

**Lan Eagan**, c'05, is a document management specialist for Alternative Business Systems in Lenexa. She lives in Overland Park.

**Lilay Ephe**, s'05, works as a case manager for KVC Behavioral Healthcare in Lenexa. She lives in Kansas City.

**Reba Feh**, j'05, is an account executive for the Arizona Republic. She lives in Scottsdale.

**Rq Gagnon**, '05, works as an engineer for Sprint in Overland Park.

**Jky**, b'05, is an accountant for Bridges & Co. in Shawnee.

**Meagan Keber**, c'05, j'05, works as Internet director for KPLC. She lives in Lake Charles, La.

**Amy Melton**, c'05, is a client executive at Cerner. She lives in Overland Park.

**Katen Novak**, b'05, lives in Wichita, where she works for Raytheon Aircraft.

**Derek Phelp**, p'05, is a pharmacist for

B and K Prescription Shop in Salina. He lives in Lindsborg.

## MARRIED

**Andrea Galtz**, d'05, and **James Stoer**, '06, June 25 in Lawrence, where they live.

**Mb yWeb**, m'05, to Patrick Thiessen, June 11 in Kansas City. Their home is in Arvada, Colo.

## BORN TO:

**Steven Kosa**, m'05, and Jennifer, son, Samuel, Aug. 4 in Kansas City, where Steven is a resident at the KU Medical Center.

## ASSOCIATES

Monsignor **Vne Kabe** recently moved to Prairie Village, where he will serve as parish priest at St. Ann Catholic Church. He had directed St. Lawrence Catholic Center in Lawrence for 28 years.

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# In Memory

## 1920s

**Ch a Dē h ver Ban es, f'25**, 103, Aug. 20 in Hutchinson. She is survived by two daughters; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Mary Myes Eb t, 2 6**, 100, Jan. 9 in Gainesville, Fla., where she taught speech and drama. A son, a daughter and five grandchildren survive.

**Marth Wab e , 2 9**, 102, Aug. 20 in Vero Beach, Fla. She had been a professor in Mount Pleasant, Mich., for many years. A niece and a nephew survive.

## 1930s

**Lb Thpn o Buk head, 3 4**, 93, Sept. 15 in Marysville. She is survived by two sons, Harlan, c'65, l'68, and Norman, '62; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Heb rt Hyb p l 3 5**, 92, Aug. 19 in Washington, Kan., where he practiced law. He is survived by two sons, James, c'66, and Thomas, '66; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

**Berdean Bastā n Brei d enthal Isham, '38**, 90, Aug. 6 in Wichita. She is survived by a son, Maurice Breidenthal III, a'73; a brother, H. Marvin Bastian, '42; and six grandchildren.

**Salu K ss, b'36**, 90, Sept. 15 in Kansas City. He was chief financial officer of Harzfels Department Store and of the House of Lloyd. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Surviving are a son, Daniel, d'73, g'83; a daughter; a sister, Zendra Kass Ashkanazi, f'45; and three grandsons.

**Dē Sb m n Kunz 3 8**, 87, Aug. 2 in Lee's Summit, Mo., where she was a retired medical technologist and teacher. She is survived by her husband, Bill; three daughters, Carolyn Kunz Patterson, c'65, g'80; a son; two sisters, Nadine Schuerman Kunz, c'42, and Coral Schuerman Landis, h'48; eight grandchildren; and four great-

grandchildren.

**Jb n Redmo d, e'34**, 93, Sept. 17 in Bainbridge Island, Wash., where he was retired from Shell Oil. He is survived by his wife, Betty, three sons, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Curtis Skaggs, 3 2**, 94, Aug. 9 in Pratt. He is survived by his wife, Beth Baer Skaggs, c'33; three sons, two of whom are David Jr., d'59, g'60, and Gary, '63; a daughter, Gail, c'70; a sister; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Athea "Pho be" Wd bury Stauffer, 3 9**, 88, Aug. 23 in Vero Beach, Fla. She is survived by two daughters; a son; a sister; two brothers, one of whom is Robert Woodbury, '44; and five grandchildren.

**Mary Lah g Ward, d'31**, 98, July 21 in Marysville. A daughter, a son, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive.

**Rb ert Wb ms, e'39**, 87, Aug. 24 in Kansas City, where he had been a CPA and a professional engineer. Surviving are his wife, Lorene, a son, a daughter, a sister, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Anna Db y Wh tes , f'38**, 88, Aug. 3 in Springfield, Pa. Two sons and a daughter survive.

**Leo Zh mem an, m'35**, 95, July 22 in West Hartford, Conn., where he practiced ophthalmology. Survivors include a son, Carl, '63; two daughters; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

## 1940s

**Wb m Arthur, b'47**, 85, July 24 in Olathe. He was a home builder and real-estate agent. Surviving are two sons, Joseph, j'68, and Vance, j'72; three brothers, Charles, b'39, l'47, James, e'54, and Wade, c'51; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

**Vt o Bryant, b'40**, 86, July 26 in Scottsdale, Ariz. He is survived by his

wife, Dorothy Deichert Bryant, c'40; four daughters, three of whom are Jan Bryant Swanson, d'64, Vicki Bryant Barshay, p'79, and Sue, assoc.; two sons, Alan, b'66, and John, c'75; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**Heb ert Cb , l 4 7**, 90, June 17 in Denver, where he had a career in real estate and business development. A son and a sister survive.

**Harry Depew, b'48, l 5 1**, 81, Aug. 31 in Neodesha, where he was a retired attorney. He is survived by his wife, Frances Crisp DePew, b'46; two sons, one of whom is Dennis, b'80, l'83; and four grandchildren.

**Rebea Rages En j d'40**, 87, July 30 in Lyons, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by her brother, Lloyd Rages, g'52.

**Gb s Freeman, m'44**, 86, July 24 in Pratt, where he was a physician. He is survived by his wife, Mary Gill Freeman, assoc.; three sons, one of whom is John, '77; two daughters, one of whom is Barbara Freeman Atcheson, d'70; two sisters; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**la Gē sen, j 4 9**, 77, July 30 in Virginia Beach, Va. He was former national director of the anti-discrimination department for the Anti-Defamation League. Among survivors are his wife, Linda, two daughters, a son and a grandchild.

**Rb ert Green, e'43**, 84, July 21 in Wichita. He is survived by his wife, Rosanna, two daughters, two stepsons, a brother, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Rap h Hab , 4 4, m'46**, Sept. 2 in Hutchinson, where he was a physician. Survivors include his wife, Marian, assoc.; two sons; two daughters; two stepdaughters; two stepsons, one of whom is Steven Glazner, c'77; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Rb ert Haywd , 4 7, g'48**, 83, Aug. 6 in Topeka, where he was a professor



emeritus of history at Washburn University. He is survived by his wife, Marie; a daughter, Sandy Haywood Jarvis, '64; two sons; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a step grandchild; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

**Ek b th Mas b l Ho to , t4 2**, 84, Sept. 3 in Topeka. She lived in Prairie Village for many years and is survived by her husband, Raymond, assoc.; two daughters, one of whom is Anne Horton Pettavel, f'74; and three grandchildren.

**Ch b s Jb nsp t 49, 15 l**, 81, Sept. 11 in McPherson. He is survived by his wife, Lucy; a daughter, Jennifer Johnson Kinzel, l'78; two sons, one of whom is Dean, '73; two brothers, Ernest, '50, and Richard, c'51, m'55; and five grandchildren.

**Wb m Leb z t4 9, m'53**, Sept. 18 in Topeka, where he was a physician. He is survived by his wife, Doris Taggart Lentz, assoc.; two daughters; a son, Steven, '84; a sister; and five grandchildren.

**Mañ Lg rep j'49, g'57**, 88, Sept. 6 in Norman, Okla. He had been dean of adult education at Central Nebraska Community College and is survived by his wife, Penny, a daughter, two sons and three grandchildren.

**Dñ a MCa rter, e'49, t5 5, m'58**, 78, Sept. 16 in Topeka, where he was a retired physician. Surviving are his wife, Sandra; three sons, one of whom is Kevin, '86; two daughters, one of whom is Julie, d'98; three brothers, one of whom is Jack, '50; a sister, Joyce McCarter Metzler, assoc.; and eight grandchildren.

**Ch b s MD a j f'40**, 86, Sept. 8 in Wichita, where he was a retired customer-relations supervisor for TWA. Survivors include his wife, Joan, a son, two stepsons, a stepdaughter, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Daiv d Mt b l e'49**, 79, Aug. 26 in Tulsa, Okla., where he was retired president of Murray R. Womble Co. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Mary Carolyn Daugherty

Mitchell, f'49; two sons, one of whom is John, c'75, g'84; a daughter, Elizabeth Mitchell Gaudreau, d'77, g'78; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

**Ga e Meta f Muñ nbug , j4 7**, 91, July 22 in Jetmore. She is survived by a son, a brother, three grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**Ben ard No dh g, l4 9**, 84, Aug. 31 in Lawrence. He was a partner in the Hugoton law firm of Kramer, Nordling and Nordling and had received the KU Alumni Association's Fred Ellsworth Medallion. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Burkholder Nordling, '51; a son, Erick, c'79; four daughters, Karen Nordling Koehler, c'73, Kristine Nordling Stepaniuk, c'75, Leslie Nordling Petz, c'78, and Julie Nordling Andrews, d'81; a sister; a brother, Chester, '51; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Mañ n Mh a n Php s, f'41**, 86, Aug. 7 in Overland Park. She worked for the Tulsa Tribune and was an artist for Frances Martin Accessories. A daughter survives.

**Eab Radfo d, b'40**, June 25 in Martha's Vineyard, Mass. A son, Tim, c'66, and a daughter survive.

**James Sim mo s, b'48**, 79, June 30 in Houston, where he was retired controller of the Crispin Co. He is survived by his wife, Georgiana, two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, a stepgranddaughter and two great-granddaughters.

## 1950s

**James Alyea, t5 l, m'54**, 78, May 12 in Columbia, Mo., where he was an anesthesiologist. He is survived by his wife, Bertha, a daughter, three sons and four grandchildren.

**LeRoy "Nk " Ben dt, b'56**, 70, Sept. 6 in Topeka. He was an accountant and is survived by his wife, Anna Streeter Berndt, assoc.; three sons; a daughter; a brother; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

**Paul Br d, e'51**, 79, Aug. 17 in Iola, where he was retired from a career with Burns & McDonnell Engineering. He is

survived by his wife, Henrietta, three daughters and three grandchildren.

**James Cu t er, e'50**, 85, Sept. 9 in Annapolis, Md. He is survived by his wife, Norma Brink Coulter, assoc.; a son, James, '68; a daughter; a sister; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Wb m Crk ett, t5 6**, 70, Aug. 22 in San Jose, Calif., where he was a retired professor of English at San Jose State University. He is survived by his wife, Verdis Ross Crockett, d'56; a son; and a daughter.

**Heb ert Fe sen, m'56**, 75, Sept. 12 in Hillsboro. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; four sons; a daughter; five brothers, two of whom are Paul, f'47, and Jake, c'47, m'50; a sister; and 16 grandchildren.

**Ven a Gb s sner, p'58**, 73, Sept. 21 in Wichita, where he was a retired pharmacist. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, a son, a daughter and three brothers.

**Rab to Hannas Jr, m'52**, 86, Aug. 6 in Tucson, Ariz, where he was a retired physician. He had been assistant clinical professor of surgery at Northwestern University Medical School. He is survived by three sons, two daughters, two brothers and three grandchildren.

**Jb nny Haynes, b'50**, 80, July 30 in Kansas City. He lived in Bonner Springs, where he co-owned Ernie Fry Ford. He is survived by his wife, Frances; a daughter; a son, Ernie, '79; and two grandsons.

**Ket h Ho se, g'58**, 79, Aug. 26 in Fayette, Mo. He was retired director of bands and dean of the Swinney Conservatory of Music at Central Methodist College. Survivors include his wife, Ilene, three sons, a daughter, a sister, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Dean Huth n so , e'50**, 87, Sept. 19 in Prairie Village, where he was a supervisor for Midwest Motor Freight Bureau. Several cousins survive.

The Rev. **Po tteus Latin er, t5 0**, 98, July 12 in Sterling, where she was a Methodist minister. A niece survives.

**James Lo nsbury, b'51**, 75, Aug. 1 in Arvada, Colo. Among survivors are a son; a daughter; and a brother, John, d'57.

## In Memory

**Keith Mas j PhD'55**, 76, Aug. 20 in Dana Point, Calif. He chaired the chemistry department at California State University in Long Beach and is survived by his wife, Irene, two sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

**Harold MNa man , b 4, g'55, PD '60**, 76, July 24 in Wichita, where he practiced psychiatry. He is survived by his wife, Coleta Eck McNamara, d'56; two sons, Timothy, c'79, and Randall, c'84; a daughter, Danielle, c'82; a brother; two sisters; and six grandchildren.

**Abe en Jo es Nesmit h, '50**, 80, July 27 in Lawrence, where she was a nurse. She is survived by a stepdaughter, Ida Nesmith, n'64; eight stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

**Ned Phye, g'57**, 75, Aug. 3 in Harper. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, a son, two daughters, a stepson, two stepdaughters and six grandchildren.

**Mary K h Rn o , b 3**, 77, May 23 in Reno, Nev., where she was an archaeologist. A son, a daughter and two grandchildren survive.

**Elk b th Howard Smath , b 6**, 83, June 21 in Silver Lake. She is survived by her husband, Ed; a daughter; and a brother, Charles Howard, b'50.

**Geg e Tu ffe j g'52, PhD'63**, 78, July 17 in Crownsville, Md., where he was retired from a career in pharmaceuticals and immunodiagnostics. He is survived by his wife, Paula Jernigan Truffelli, '49; a son; three daughters; and nine grandchildren.

**Lh Wei se b g , PhD'58**, March 15 in Topeka, where she was a psychologist with the Kansas Neurologic Institute.

### 1960s

**Rb rt Div eb s, b 2**, 66, Sept. 21 in Kansas City, where he was a librarian. A brother survives.

**Ja n Wd hli G e pfert, n'61**, 65, Aug. 15 in Mercer Island, Wash., where she was a retired nurse. She is survived by her husband, Richard, c'63, m'67; two daughters; a son; two brothers, one of whom is Donald Woodhull, b'59; a sister, Mary Woodhull Ibarra, d'65; and three grandchildren.

**Lo en Green, b 3, g'68**, 65, July 28 in

Wichita. He is survived by his wife, Linda Baker Green, d'62; two sons; a daughter, Sara Green Mathis, h'92; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

**Nan y Sande r, b 7**, 60, Sept. 14 in Lawrence. She had been a librarian at several universities and had managed a family farm. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by her husband, William Crowe, assoc.; a daughter, Katherine, c'04; a sister, Kathryn Sanders Wilson, j'69; and her stepmother, Margaret Broeker Sanders, c'36.

**Rebee Hanks Makub , d'64, g'66**, 63, Jan. 16 in Flagstaff, Ariz. She had been special-education director for the Page school district and is survived by her husband, Rance, c'66, g'67; a daughter; and a granddaughter.

**Sanda MNa bney, b 1**, 65, Aug. 8 in Coffeyville. A sister, Patricia McNabney Honssinger, c'53, survives.

**Rb ert Meredt h, b 8**, 59, Aug. 12 in Atlanta, where he taught English at the Georgia Institute of Technology and had worked as a tax preparer. His wife, Eileen, survives.

**Jb n Neal b 3, l 6 7**, 64, Sept. 4 in Hutchinson, where he owned Ineeda Cleaners. He is survived by his wife, Darla McJilton Neal, d'63; two sons, one of whom is David, d'96; a brother; and four grandchildren.

**David Palm er, m'63**, 67, Aug. 25 in Wichita, where he was a physician. Surviving are his wife, Barbara, assoc.; two daughters, Leigh, b'94, and Laura, l'94, g'02; and a sister.

**James Sb afer, b 8, g'72**, 59, Sept. 12 in Hutchinson. A sister survives.

**Mel n Steh er, b 6**, 60, Aug. 10 in Modesto, Calif. His mother and a brother survive.

### 1970s

**Wah e Gab Am bi ter, d'74**, 60, Aug. 17 in Olathe. He lived in Baldwin, where he was a substitute teacher. He earlier had been a supervisor at Hallmark Cards. Surviving are his wife, Cheryl Kitlen Armbrister, '66; two sons, one of whom is Matthew, d'95, g'01; two brothers, one of whom is Jackson, c'78,

g'83; a sister, Pattie Armbrister Johnston, d'74; his mother; and two grandchildren.

**Ro adl Averyt, PhD'70**, 71, July 22 in Ottawa, where he chaired the department of history and political science at Ottawa University. Three brothers survive.

**Wm a Mb ap Bug ess, s'73**, 74, Aug. 15 in Wichita. She had been a social worker for High Plains Mental Health in Hays. Survivors include two daughters, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**David Chase, b 0**, 56, June 30 in Columbia, Mo., where he was a dentist. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Stevens Chase, d'71, EdD'87; two sons; and a daughter.

**Jd e G e n g Et h ge, g'78**, 56, July 30 in Kansas City. She lived in Baldwin and was a music educator. She is survived by her husband, Mark; her parents; three brothers, Keith, d'61, Kevin, c'77, and Kent, '64; a sister, Jan Goering Hastings, f'73; and three grandchildren.

**James GJ s'72**, 69, Aug. 20 in Topeka, where he was a social worker. He is survived by his wife, Lula Hutcherson Gill, assoc.; a daughter; five brothers; five sisters; and two grandchildren.

**Lawrene Ho ghto , e'73, g'79**, 62, July 24 in Centerville, Mo. He was a civil engineer and is survived by a son, his parents and two brothers.

**Harry "Hap" Kel y III, b 4**, 55, Sept. 2 in Overland Park. He was a banker and founder of Hallmark Dental Care. Surviving are his wife, Gail; three daughters; a son; a brother; five sisters; and three grandchildren.

**Gb nda Hl K g, d'78**, 48, July 30 in Salina, where she owned REMAX/Advantage Realtors. She is survived by her husband, Phil; a son; a daughter; her parents, Robert, l'48, and Betty Hill, assoc.; and two sisters, Kathryn Hill Bahner, d'70, and Martha Hill Underwood, d'72.

**Randy Md dre j d'74**, 54, Aug. 9. He lived in Kalispell, Mont., and was a coordinator for Summit Independent Living Center. He is survived by his wife, Gay; a daughter; three stepsons; his father, Joe,



b'49; his stepmother; two sisters; and a brother.

**Daiv d Rn h e'78**, 48, Sept. 7 in Topeka. He lived in Holton and had worked for Mac Equipment. Survivors include two sons, one of whom is Loren, '81; his parents; two sisters, one of whom is Lisa Roush Clark, d'78; and two grandchildren.

Father **Jb Stt z g'73, g'78, PhD'83**, 78, July 26 in Lansing. He had been chaplain at St. Mary College in Leavenworth for 20 years and had been a priest in Topeka, Marysville, Kansas City, Sabetha, Tonganoxie and Mooney Creek. Four sisters survive.

**Tbn s Vaughn p'73**, 55, July 23 in Wichita, where he was a retired pharmacist. He is survived by a daughter, a son, his parents, a sister and two granddaughters.

## 1980s

**Ah n Albgt ht, e'82, g'84**, 46, April 7 in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was an aerospace engineer with Lockheed-Martin. He is survived by his wife, Sarah Douglass Albright, '84; two sons; his mother, Donna Grace Albright, c'54; and two sisters, one of whom is Cynthia Albright Peterson, h'79.

**Sa an Bb m j8 l**, 46, Aug. 2 in Chicago, where she had a career in publishing. She is survived by her parents; and a sister, Sharon Birnbaum Luschen, b'85.

**Calh Daiv ,t8 8**, 47, Dec. 18 in Baltimore. Her mother, Ruth, and a brother survive.

**Mak Pu i e , g'83, PhD'87**, 54, Aug. 11 in Omaha, Neb. He had been director of psychology at the Rehabilitation Institute of the Carolinas in Florence, S.C., and had a private practice in Oklahoma City. He also was a staff psychologist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, his mother, two daughters and two sisters.

**Daib l Seak , c'86, g'87**, 41, Aug. 6 in DeSoto, where he was a laser technician with the Mid-America Kidney Stone Association. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne DeKeyser Searls, PhD'05; two

sons; two daughters; his father, Karl, b'54, his mother; a sister; and a brother.

**Jennf er Hb Vab nth e-Bur, j8 0**, 47, July 26 in Shawnee. She was a vice president in the international banking department at Commerce Bank. Survivors include her husband, Kevin, a son, a daughter, a stepson, a stepdaughter and a brother.

**Brb Wk es on, d'80**, 47, Aug. 11 in Pittsfield, Mass. He was an international purchasing agent for General Electric Plastics and an account executive for Severn Trent Laboratories. Surviving are his wife, Cathy; two daughters; his father; his mother, Betty Brockway Wilkerson, n'67; and a brother, Brian, c'82.

## 1990s

**Idowu "Akh " Aa yi '95**, 54, July 30 in Lawrence, where he was a former program assistant at KU and at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. He also had been a computer engineer at Stanford University Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Omofolabo; three daughters, Usibaka, e'00, Eniola, d'03, and Toluwalase, c'04; eight brothers; and a sister.

## 2000s

**Abduh hman Ah m o d, '05**, 37, Aug. 17 in Lawrence, where he was a KU doctoral student in linguistics. His wife and five children are among survivors.

**Yh o g u, '05**, June 14 in Lawrence. His parents survive.

## The University Community

**Ben ard De tz g'54**, 86, Dec. 4 in Ventura, Calif., where he taught in the fine arts department at Ventura College. He taught at KU from 1950 until 1955. Among survivors are his wife, Mary, two daughters, two sons, a sister and a brother.

**Russel Getter**, 69, Sept. 15 in Kansas City. He lived in Lawrence, where he was a retired associate professor of political science at KU. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jean Mundsack Getter, '82; two sons, Scott, '82, and Robert, e'84; four daughters, Barbara, '79, Denise Getter

Berkley, b'80, Roxanne Getter Brendel, '82, and Laurie Getter Michels, c'85; three sisters; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**K atab Hassaneh**, July 9 in Kansas City, where he chaired the biometry department at the KU Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Sarah Hassanein Hon, m'98; a sister; and two grandchildren.

**Geg e Rasmussen**, 78, Aug. 10 in Durham, N.C. He lived in Hillsborough and had been a journalism professor at KU, Boston University and Elon University. Surviving are his wife, Janet Burdick Rasmussen, h'85; two sons, Neil, c'95, and Mark, c'93; a daughter; and three grandchildren.

**Howard Stb enbeg , g'38**, 93, Sept. 1 in Lawrence, where he was an assistant professor of civil engineering at KU from 1946 to 1970. He also had been chief chemist in the environmental laboratory at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in Topeka. Survivors include his wife, Alwilna Thiry Stoltenberg, '68; two sons, Gerald, e'64, g'70, and David, e'61, g'62; two daughters, Ellen Stoltenberg Thompson, '70, and Elaine Stoltenberg Balazs, '69; a stepdaughter, Shirley Burris Henson, d'71; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Jak Wak er, m'53**, 83, Sept. 1 in Overland Park. He was a professor emeritus of medicine at the KU Medical Center and had been mayor of Overland Park, a Kansas state senator and Kansas lieutenant governor from 1987 to 1991. He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann, assoc.; a son; and two grandsons.

**Yvo ne Buster Wh gham, '67**, 86, July 26 in Lawrence, where she was retired associate director of the University Press of Kansas. She is survived by her husband, John, assoc.; a son, John Jr., c'70; a daughter, Amy Willingham Schultz, h'82; a sister; and six grandchildren.



# Rock Chalk Review

■ Tracy Hicks brings amphibian specimens out of the museum vault in his exhibition, “Two Cultures: Collection,” at the Hall Center for the Humanities



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to the casts, and he uses varied light sources, including ultraviolet flashlights that exhibitgoers can use to charge up the dyes and pigments. Displayed in fluid-filled glass jars packed together on dramatically backlit shelves, the 1,700 frogs and toads glow in vibrant technicolor. The rainbow of colors is meant to evoke the natural hues of the frogs and their environment, as well as the colors found in the cultures of South America and Asia, where the original specimens were gathered.

The exhibition is funded with a grant from the Museum Loan Network secured by Marjorie Swann, associate professor of English, and John Simmons, collection manager for amphibians and reptiles at the Natural History Museum, which holds the world’s

## Fluorescent frogs and technicolor toads

*An artist explores the links between science and art in (almost) living color*

Growing up in Texas, Tracy Hicks spent summers searching for snake, lizard and turtle eggs. He dug up his finds and displayed them in glass jars on his bedroom shelves, where he could watch them hatch.

“I had a wall covered with jars full of hatching animals when I was 11,” Hicks says. “My parents counted 150-some-odd animals in my bedroom at one point. I don’t know that I can say whether that was science or art.”

Decades later, the Dallas-based artist is still exploring connections between two disciplines he thinks are too often divided. His latest work, an exhibition at the Hall Center for the Humanities titled “Two Cultures: Collection,” features urethane and silicone casts of amphibian specimens from KU’s Natural History Museum and the Field Museum in Chicago. Hicks added phosphorescent pigments and fluorescent dyes

largest scientific collection of New World amphibians.

“Today it is widely understood that the practice of science is never purely objective,” Simmons says. “Both the questions scientists ask and the way in which they try to answer them are always culturally determined.”

Thus the natural history collections Hicks works with reflect the cultures that created them, according to Simmons: in this case, the culture of American academia. Hicks says his use of color is an attempt to acknowledge the relationship between these animals and the Asian and South American cultures that “revere their presence and loss.”

The exhibition title is taken from C.P. Snow’s book, *The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution*. In it the novelist and scientist bemoaned the divisions between art and science. To intellectuals who questioned the literacy of



scientists, Snow issued a challenge: Describe the second law of thermodynamics. Most couldn't, even though it was a question Snow equated with asking a scientist if he'd read a work of Shakespeare's.

Hicks' life and work show how art and science *can* intersect to interesting effect. He has raised praying mantises, lizards and goldfish for an exhibition illustrating social inequities in inner cities. After a trip to South America with a team of herpetologists studying amphibian decline, he began raising endangered frogs at home.

Another aim of "Two Cultures" is to heighten public awareness about the important role museums play in understanding some of the world's most imperiled ecosystems. Many of the specimens from which his casts are made, he notes, are far too fragile for public display.

"The general public will never get into a museum vault to see these specimens, and if they did they would probably be repulsed," says Hicks, who notes that some visitors are squeamish about surrounding themselves with hundreds of dead animals. "There is a level of repulsion in this, I have no doubt. And yet, aesthetically, I think it's pretty blooming beautiful."

"Two Cultures" will remain at the Hall Center through March 18.

—Steven Hill



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## House plentiful

*A KU professor says the answer to the affordable housing crisis isn't always more houses*

Governments spend a lot of money making affordable housing available to people with low incomes. Kirk

McClure wants to help officials spend this money wisely.

McClure, a'73, c'74, associate professor of architecture and urban planning, has developed a simple technique that planners can use to more accurately assess the affordable housing needs of a city. His technique, published in the summer issue of the *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, also suggests policy remedies to address any deficiencies uncovered during the assessment.

Typically, officials must choose between erecting housing projects or providing Housing Choice Vouchers, which allow low-income families to buy or rent existing homes. Unfortunately, McClure believes, officials sometimes choose based on preconceived notions.

"My dear old mother used to say that builders and planners have an edifice complex," he says, "They like to put up houses because that is what they know."

Building low-cost housing is of little value in cities that already have a surplus of units priced as low as can reasonably be expected, McClure says.

That's the situation facing Lawrence, according to a February 2004 report that McClure, a member of the city's Housing Trust Fund Board, prepared for the city.

McClure says his analysis shows there is plenty of reasonably priced housing in Lawrence. The real problem is the number of people who make so little money they can't afford decent housing at any price. (According to the 2000 census, nearly 4,000 Lawrence households had



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■ Housing vouchers are the best means for making homes affordable for low-wage workers in many cities, says Kirk McClure. He hopes planners in Lawrence and other locales embrace his idea, which challenges the notion that more construction is the only solution to the affordable housing shortage.

an annual income less than \$10,000, meaning only housing that rented for less than \$250 a month with utilities would be considered affordable. Not surprisingly, only a few hundred such units exist.)

The best thing Lawrence can do for these people, McClure contends, is supply vouchers that will help them afford existing low-cost homes, not build new houses.

Nationwide, the stakes of such decisions are high: In 2005 the Department of Housing and Urban Development spent \$20 billion on public housing and rental assistance programs. In Lawrence alone, the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority spent \$2 million.

McClure bases his technique on the idea that a city is not one big housing market, but a collection of smaller sub-

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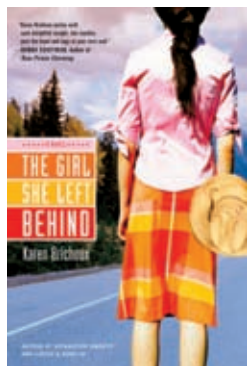
markets. Instead of looking at the overall housing situation, he says, planners should concentrate on conditions in the appropriate sub-markets.

To assess sub-markets, McClure mines census data for two pieces of information. First, he calculates how much of a city's population lives at a number of different income levels. Next, he sees how much housing is available to buy or rent at a price considered affordable to each of these different income levels. By comparing the number of available low-income houses with the number of low-income families, cities can determine whether or not that particular sub-market is balanced. (Federal law defines as affordable any housing that costs no more than 30 percent of a family's income.)

The idea sounds straightforward, and it is. McClure, who has advised housing officials in Kansas City, Kan., Kansas City, Mo., and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, made his technique simple so people can use it without advanced economics training. He also hopes the simplicity will help planners avoid common pitfalls when addressing problems of affordability.

"The trick is to get planners to think in terms of sub-markets," McClure says. "Once they do, we tend to get people out of the edifice complex, and to start thinking in terms of, 'Where is rehab a better idea, where is production necessary, where should we try vouchers or first time home buyer assistance?'"

—Michael Campbell, g'93, is a Eudora freelance writer and frequent contributor to Kansas Alumni.



■ *The Girl She Left Behind*

By Karen Brichoux

New American Library

\$12.95

## Home is where the hope is

*Brichoux's novel explores aches of unexpected return*

Katherine Earle slips away from her Montana hometown in the clutches of a musician, only to discover that marriage in a far-away metropolis is just as unfulfilling as the life she left behind at Aunt Eva's house in Silver Creek. An eviction notice stuck to the door of their Los Angeles apartment, Kat and Stephen pack another U-Haul. She clearly is not the type put off by sudden change, but Kat feels in her gut that it's all wrong.

"The band around my finger felt tighter than it should have," Karen Currier Brichoux, c'92, g'97, writes in her third novel's third paragraph, "considering that it fit perfectly when he put it there nine months ago."

Within the first few hundred words of *The Girl She Left Behind*, Kat drives right on past Stephen as he's rolling his eyes at her inability to maneuver the trailer around a gas pump. She assumes the identity of a tumbleweed: "Tumbleweeds refuse to be politely planted," and, later, upon her return to Silver Creek after 38 months, two weeks and four days of drifting, "It's as if something is pushing me along. The wind pushing the tumbleweed until it runs into a fence and can't go any further."

Kat of course learns that tumbling away from home and marriage does not scab the wounds of her lonely childhood; she also discovers that her secretive departures hurt others more than she imagined, a startling revelation for a young woman who has been lost her entire life. She even gives in to Aunt Eva's pitiful begging and agrees to move back into the house where she had felt so confined for so many years.

"Doing the thankless thing is part

of growing up," says the owner of the motel where Kat had stayed since her unannounced arrival. "It hurts sometimes, but you have to do it if you're going to live with yourself."

Such insights were evident in Brichoux's 2003 debut, *Coffee & Kung Fu*, and she continues her growth here with confident language, precise details and well-proportioned structure. The story is fast when necessary, yet equally comfortable slowing down to burrow into old hurts and celebrate new joys.

Brichoux, who lives in Lawrence, creates in *The Girl She Left Behind* a search for love, self and home within a gossipy, loving community that evokes Richard Russo's *Empire Falls* or Michael Chabon's *Wonder Boys*; with her ear for sweet stories and proven productivity, Brichoux might soon earn standing alongside those masters.

She is a well-deserved lucky break (Oprah, perhaps, or a good movie based on one of her books) from leaping into national prominence as a writer who vividly illustrates young Americans who yearn to stop tumbling.

—Chris Lazzarino

## Dinner with WSB

*Top scholar broadens horizons by editing Burroughs footage into short documentary DVD*

University Scholar Michelle Thi Tran, winner of the prestigious Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship, president of her scholarship hall, cultural arts coordinator for Student Union Activities and a double major in journalism and Russian and East European studies, recently found herself with a most unlikely addendum to her résumé: editor of "WSB," a 17-minute DVD of home-movie footage of the late novelist and Beat icon William S. Burroughs.

Tran, a Derby junior and first-generation Vietnamese-American, came to the



project after forging an unlikely friendship with Wayne Propst, c'71, described in a 2002 *Kansas Alumni* profile as an "outlaw artist, raconteur, poet and builder." The young scholar, who graduated from the Phillips Exeter Academy and is headed for a career in the U.S. State Department's foreign service, first encountered Propst when he visited an Honors English course taught by Professor Mary Klayder. Later she met him again in a sociology course taught by Professor Bob Antonio.

When a journalism assignment required her to find someone to profile, Tran thought of Propst, famous in local circles for his offbeat creations that mock pretentious art, and they met for an interview at the Bourgeois Pig coffee-house. Propst, in turn, thought of Tran when he decided to turn 10 hours of videotape into a short documentary featuring down-home storytelling riffs of his friend William Burroughs.

Propst knew Tran could handle the task because she already had chosen the Dole Center's media lab for her part-time

student job, precisely to gain experience with software and technologies that would allow her to make documentaries.

"I thought journalism would help me learn skills, such as writing on deadline, that I could incorporate into my work in the foreign service," Tran says. "The same sort of reasons are behind my wanting to learn documentary film. I just thought it would help me meet interesting people and tell their stories."

Shot in 1996 during Thursday dinners Burroughs held in his Lawrence bungalow for his trusted cronies, Propst's footage captured visits by poet Allen Ginsberg (who, like Burroughs, died the following year), singer Patti Smith and actor Steve Buscemi.

"I'd hope I could get 17 minutes in anybody's house with 10 hours of tape," Propst says. "But in this house, there's, you know, a quick-draw with a loaded .38, and Allen saying, '[Mild expletive], put that thing away, William.' At the time, sitting there, it seemed ordinary. Now I realize, that's kind of weird."

Propst sent "WSB" to London for a



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■ Michelle Thi Tran, destined for a career in the U.S. diplomatic corps, used her precious free time to digitize and edit footage of William Burroughs into a DVD documentary. She also is president of Dennis E. Rieger Scholarship Hall, cultural arts coordinator for Student Union Activities, and is active in Oxfam America and the Lawrence Fair Trade Commission.

## Small package holds Big Apple delight



■ *Christmas In New York: A Pop-up Book*  
By Chuck Fischer  
Bulfinch Press  
\$35

High kicking Rockettes at Radio City, ice skaters at Rockefeller Center, New Year's revelers in Times Square: The magic of a New York December unfolds in 3-D splendor in Chuck Fischer's *Christmas in New York: A Pop-Up Book*. Fischer, f'77, a

New York City author and designer, combines ingenious pop-up constructions that dazzle at first glance and informative text (hidden slyly inside booklets and behind pull-tab flaps) that explores the origins of the Big Apple's most iconic holiday scenes.

—Steven Hill

September debut at a gallery retrospective on Burroughs' art, and he says the film generated "good press and a lot of buzz." At roughly the same time, Tran learned she had won the Pickering, which pays expenses for the winners' junior and senior years and one year of graduate study. In return, Tran and the other winners commit to at least four and a half years in the foreign service.

Along with her language training at KU, which includes a minor in Arabic, Tran studied Russian for four years in high school and last summer traveled to China as a Kansas Asia Scholar.

"So much of my college education has been about the people I meet, like Wayne," Tran says, "and this has definitely been a learning experience different than anything I've done before."

As for the famous weekly dinners featured in "WSB," Propst says dryly, "We still have them. It's just that Burroughs doesn't come anymore."

—Chris Lazzarino



# Oread Encore

■ Party on: Halloween-weekend Homecoming featured costumed revelers at The Wheel, parade floats and a Black Alumni Chapter reunion that included (l to r) James Banks, b'78, students William Clayton and Clayton Holmes, and Wendell Moore, b'78, g'81.



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## Homecoming heroics *Crimson and boo and upset Mizzou*

Homecoming 2005 will be hard to top. After a festive week of tongue-in-beak contests on Wescoe Beach (you'd be amazed what students can do with canned foods and sidewalk chalk), Oct. 29 dawned crisp and clear. With Mount Oread beginning to flash its fall finery, the big day to be a Jay got off to a groovy start: Football hero Curtis McClinton, d'62, grand marshal and grander gentleman, led the annual parade down Jayhawk Boulevard, trailed by the Marching Jayhawks, floating Jayhawks, and, making good on the theme "Legends of the Fall: 'Hawks on Haunted Hill," even a few haunting 'Hawks.

The Alumni Association's Black Alumni Chapter gathered for a reunion, as did the Class of '65, and pregame tailgaters partied in the

Adams Alumni Center, on the grass of Campanile Hill and in every parking lot, driveway, front lawn, back patio and rathskeller within walking distance of campus.

In front of a sun-drenched crowd of 48,238, KU yet again vanquished Missouri, 13-3, and purloined goalposts ended up in Potter Lake and the Chi Omega Fountain. Observed coach Mark Mangino, "We've won this game three years in a row. Now we have to act like we've been there before."

Celebrations continued at The Wheel (itself celebrating 50 years), where the Homecoming-at-Halloween crowd included a couple of partying Elvii: former KU football player David Scott, c'93, and former Mizzou football player Pat Ryan, Kansas City chums who limited their black-and-gold attire to Elvis wigs and shades.

"It was a great day here in Memorial Stadium," Mangino said. "Great atmosphere, great fans, great game. It was a great day to be a Jayhawk."

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—Chris Lazzarino



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