

A full-page photograph of two Kansas football players on a field. The player in the foreground is wearing a red jersey with the number 35 and a blue helmet with a white 'K'. He is in a three-point stance. The player in the background is wearing a red jersey with the number 5 and a blue helmet with a white 'K'. He is standing and looking towards the camera. The background is blurred, showing other players and spectators.

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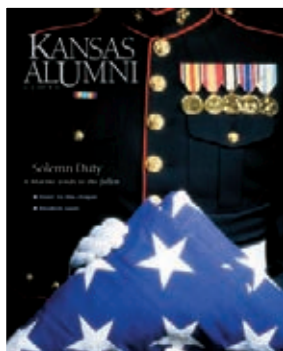
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Honorable mentions

"With Honors" by Chris Lazzarino [issue No. 6, 2007] was very inspiring and gave credit to the integrity of your magazine.



As one of many who served in Vietnam, I commend Cpl. Josh Goetting, and the others identified in the article, for their service in a time of crisis and threat to our country. I look forward to seeing

Cpl. Goetting's name as a graduate of the KU School of Law.

I have enjoyed reading the magazine for the past 47 years and keeping up with the school's activities in my Lawrence birthplace.

Cecil Wayne Williams, l'60
Colonel, USAF (Ret.)
Fraser, Colo.

Let me say how much I enjoyed the recent "First Word" column by Jennifer Jackson Sanner [issue No. 6, 2007]. Arlington is one of my favorite places in this world. My wife, Shirley, and I are blessed to have visited the cemetery with kids, kids-in-law, grandkids or alone at least 20 to 25 times through the years. Goose pimples, chills and a few tears each occasion. Thanks for the great story and touching memories.

Larry Welch, c'58, l'61
Lawrence

Where the buffalo rampage

Your article in the July 2007 issue about Hilary Brown and her Local Burger restaurant at 714 Vermont St. ["Rare Burger," Rock Chalk Review] was interesting, but it may suggest dangerous

behavior. I have a friend who raises about 100 head of buffalo within 100 miles of Lawrence. He confirms what Ms. Brown says about the meat from grass-fed animals having much lower fat content.

However, he knows how dangerous these animals are. A buffalo can leap a 5-foot fence just like a deer and frolic in the field with the agility of puppies. But they also can run faster than a horse for a mile or more, and the herd bull, when threatened, can and will toss a calf into the air like a pillow and then gore it to death. They are not domesticated animals.

The picture of Ms. Brown standing in front of the bison suggests that this is as safe as posing in front of cows. It is not, just as it is not safe for motorists along I-70 near Hays to get out and pose with the bison. Check this out and then warn your readers that Ms. Brown's pose should not be attempted.

John P. Hastings, c'67
Leawood



Editor's note: Photographer Jamie Roper, a former resident of Hays well acquainted with the ways of buffalo, used a long lens to compress the distance in this photograph—as a result, the bison and Ms. Brown appear closer together than they actually were. The landowner was also nearby to monitor the situation, according to Roper. "We were near the pickup and ready to dive for cover if it came to that," Roper reports, "because Mr. Hastings is right: Buffalo are not cows." But they are freaky when they look at you.

Track back in the pink?

I was turning the pages of my scrapbooks, remembering old girlfriends, the great days of living at Oread Hall as a student, and the glory days of Kansas track and field when the July issue of *Kansas Alumni* reached my hands.

A wonderful publication is *Kansas Alumni*. It keeps me posted on current KU events and what has happened in the lives of students past. I enjoyed the piece on the 2007 track and field season ["Gold rush of '07," Sports]. What a great job coach Stanley Redwine has done with this program. Kansas track and field is back competing for conference and national championships, and outstanding individual performances once again grab headlines.

I attended the 2007 Big 12 Outdoor Championships in Lincoln, Neb., and came away so proud of our team. I was reminded of the days of Wes Santee, Al Oerter, Cliff Cushman, Jim Ryun, Jeff Buckingham, Kristi Kloster-Burrirt, Cliff Wiley and Candace Mason Dunback. At the same time, I understood that our current group of kids has been able to reach back and reconnect with Kansas track and field tradition. The gap between the champions of the past and those of the present has been closed.

Indeed, we thank so much coach Redwine and his many fine athletes: Ashley Brown, Colby Wissel, Crystal Manning, Julius Jiles and Barrett Saunders, to name a few. To those who hold KU track and field close to our hearts, the resurrection of our beloved program is much appreciated and long awaited.

However, to this old buff the resurrection is not complete until our team once again competes in the pink and blue, the uniform that speaks loudly of the great tradition of Kansas track and field.

The time is now: Bring back the pink and blue!

Kirby D. Clark, d'61
Tonganoxie

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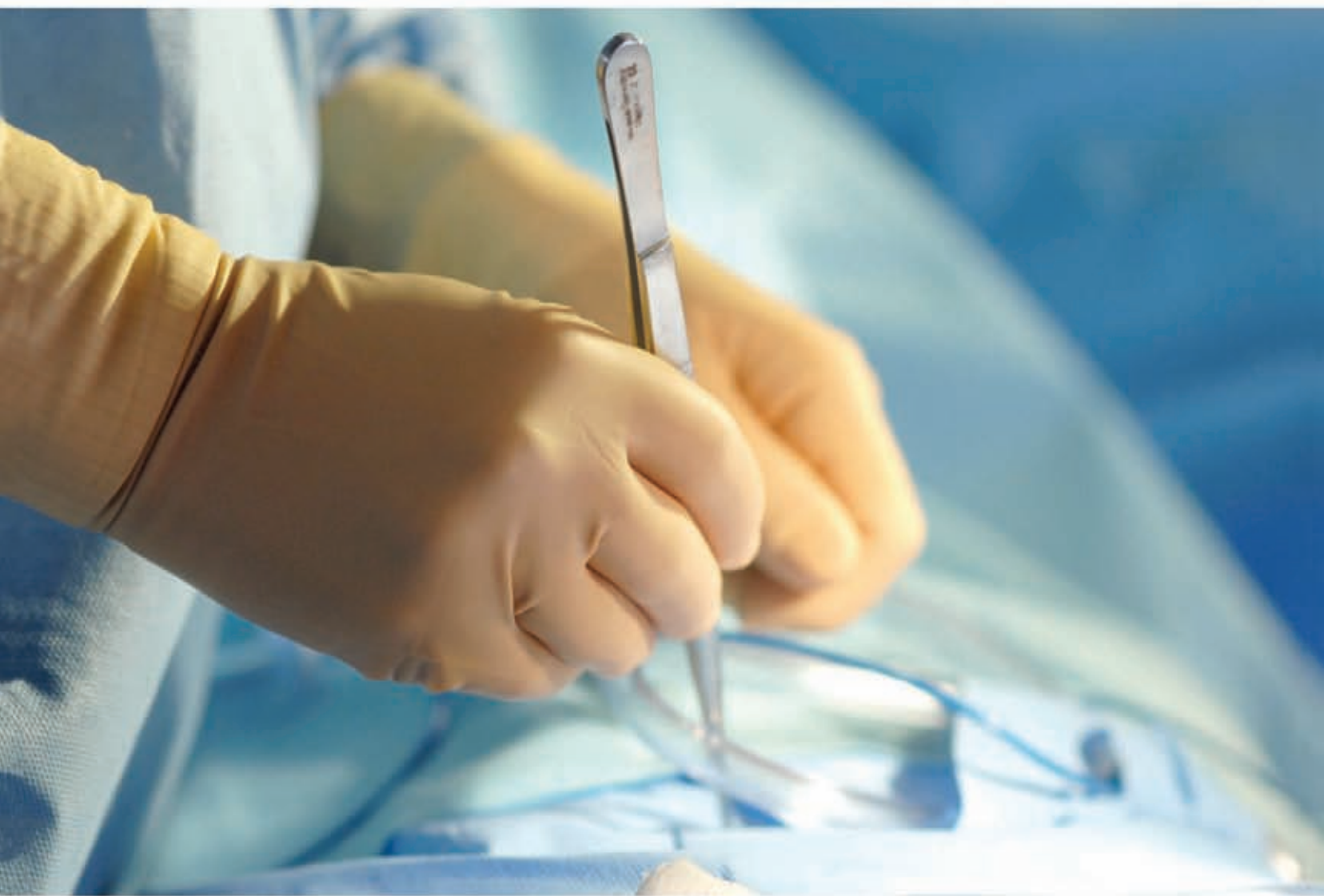
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BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

First Word



■ When in Sicily, watch the 'Hawks—at least that's the motto of this stalwart group of Flying Jayhawks travelers.

Coach Mark Mangino pinpoints Oct. 6 as a pivotal day in KU's dream season, and rightly so: The Jayhawks beat the Wildcats in Manhattan for the first time since 1989.

But Oct. 6 might also mark the date when KU partisans first experienced the early onset of a syndrome not normally prevalent until spring. Characterized by obsessive thoughts and manic outbursts, the condition struck unexpectedly, spreading quickly over vast distances. Consider the following:

As the sun set that evening over Catania, Sicily, 5,598 miles from Manhattan, Jayhawk tourists from the States huddled in a dark room. Ignoring the enticements of the picturesque village they had traveled so far to see, the contingent watched KU vanquish K-State in real time on a big screen, thanks to the foresight of Craig Stoppel, j'91, who had tucked in his suitcase a gadget to connect a laptop in Sicily to his home computer in Lawrence. Lora Stoppel, assoc., the Alumni Association's vice president for

special events, who hosted the Flying Jayhawks trip with her husband, reports that the watch party was the highlight of the trip for their fellow travelers. Not so long ago, these alumni might have gingerly checked the KU-KSU score, wincing at the result.

Four weeks later, the Cornhuskers came to Lawrence. The

sight of sold-out Memorial Stadium, awash in royal blue, not Nebraska red, was as wondrous as the final score.

Another sight to behold appeared Nov. 23, the Friday night following Thanksgiving. More than 4,000 Jayhawks risked frostbite to fill a Prairie Village parking lot for an extraordinary rally. The Association, KU Athletics and the Williams Educational Fund created a home away from home at the Corinth Square shopping center on the eve of that game against you know who. The band blared, the Rock Chalk roared and our football favorites appeared two stories tall on a gargantuan video board, giving thanks for KU tradition and tried-and-true fans.

By Dec. 4, we marveled at the prospect of another Orange Bowl after nearly 40 years. That night, Kansas City alumni gathered to hear Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway share a preview of the 2008 Kansas legislative session. Amid discussion of KU's dedication to cancer research and expanding pharmacy education, talk turned to football—

a rarity in December. Maureen Mahoney, l'90, handed me a plastic bag filled with newspaper clippings from 1948, when the Jayhawks first played in the Orange Bowl. She thought the brittle scraps might soon come in handy.

Her mother, Alberta Cornwell Mahoney, c'47, c'49, had saved the mementos from her years on the Spirit Squad. Over the phone days later, Alberta explained that 60 years ago she had sold a pint of blood and borrowed money from another cheerleader, Joanne Woodward Goodhart, c'48, to make the trip to Miami. Still short the train fare, "I just grabbed my skirt and sweater, hopped on the train and went," she said, a tinge of youthful mischief in her voice.

Mahoney also exuded pride, saying she was "so, so lucky" to attend KU, where she thrived under the tutelage of the indomitable Cora Downs, PhD'24, professor of microbiology. Clearly her gratitude for great teachers has burnished her school spirit through the years.

Indeed, it is the total KU experience that Jayhawks celebrate, even when they're not in the grip of football fever. At *Kansas Alumni*, we're privileged to revel in the many aspects of that incomparable experience. In this issue, we offer the latest examples of KU's commitment to creating vibrant classrooms and meeting the health care needs of the state and the nation. And, hallelujah, there's a bonus: a cover story of football glory. Rock Chalk, Jayhawk. —



Mahoney



On the Boulevard



■ One of the hottest Orange Bowl events in chilly South Florida was the Alumni Association's pregame rally at Calder Race Course, adjacent to Dolphin Stadium, where 5,000 fans, as well as Big Jay and the Marching Jayhawks, got their game faces on. A few of the younger 'Hawks warmed up with a touch football game in the track's grassy paddock, then posed for a team picture.

■ Exhibitions

"An Idyllic Vision: The Modern Japanese Landscape," Spencer Museum of Art, through the spring semester
 "El Lissitzky: Futurist Portfolios," Spencer Museum of Art, Feb. 2-May 18

"Reframing Society: Russian Constructivist Photography," Spencer Museum of Art, Feb. 2-May 18

Art Department Faculty Exhibition, Art & Design Gallery, Feb. 17-29

"Resounding Spirit: Japanese Contemporary Art of the 1960s," Spencer Museum of Art, March 1-May 18

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MARCH

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FEBRUARY

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MARCH

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MARCH

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- 6** Phoenix: School of Engineering Alumni Reception
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- 18** Hays: North Kansas Chapter Reception with Chancellor Hemenway
- 19** Denver Chapter: KU Alumni Night with the Denver Nuggets
- 20** San Francisco Chapter: KU Alumni Night with the Warriors
- 20** Great Bend: West Central Kansas Chapter Reception with Chancellor Hemenway
- 24** Portland Chapter: KU Alumni Night with the Trailblazers
- 28** Dallas: School of Engineering Alumni Reception



MARCH

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- 11** Fort Scott
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MARCH

- 5** Washington
- 26** Atchison

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Jayhawk Walk

Spirit man

The hallmarks of a first-rate college mascot are there. Bright costume? Check. Manic dance moves? Check. Willingness to do anything to inspire fans to new heights of adoration? Check, check, check.

No, the cheerleader in question isn't Big Jay, but one Jimmy Neil Tucker. In the tradition of Tan Man, that 1980s campus fixture, Tucker—better known by his Native American moniker, White Owl—attracted attention this fall with his high-spirited shenanigans on Wescoe Beach. Clad in tie-dye duds, Rasta hat and abundant beads and bangles, the 60-year-old former student strutted the steps sharing his irrepressible enthusiasm and pro-KU message with anyone who'd listen.

"I want to inspire people to be their best," says Tucker, '82. "If we don't seize the day, don't grab it and celebrate it, we lose one of the reasons we're here."

Such gusto resonated with the football team, which supplied White Owl with seats

behind the bench after he and lineman James McClinton met by chance. "He's a very passionate dude, a man of faith," McClinton says. "He had his own cheering section! He was striking up the crowd, had 'em going. Like I said, passionate."

White Owl's fame spread via You Tube (multiple videos show him grooving his limber-limbed victory dance) and College Humor.com (which credited him as one reason for football's historic success).

Sincerest flattery, though, came from the true-blue bird himself. In homage to KU's newest superfan, Big Jay donned tie-dye for a halftime performance.

"The Jayhawk dressed as me?" White Owl enthuses. "That's not something that happens every day, man! I was overjoyed!"

White Owl overjoyed? That we've gotta see to believe.



STEVE PUPPE

Mascot love

When we heard Big Jay and Baby Jay were getting married, we thought it sounded like a marketing idea gone bad. The crazy kids get along so well. Why complicate matters? Turns out we needn't have worried: It's the folks *inside* the suits who are in love.

Christopher Veit, e'05, and Jessica Virtue, c'06, j'06, met while serving on the mascot squad. Being among the select few who fill the big yellow shoes of our feathered icons gave them ample time to get acquainted. A shared passion for all things crimson and blue sealed the deal.

They tied the knot Oct. 20, "the only stretch during football season with two away games," says Virtue. "One for the wedding, one for the honeymoon."

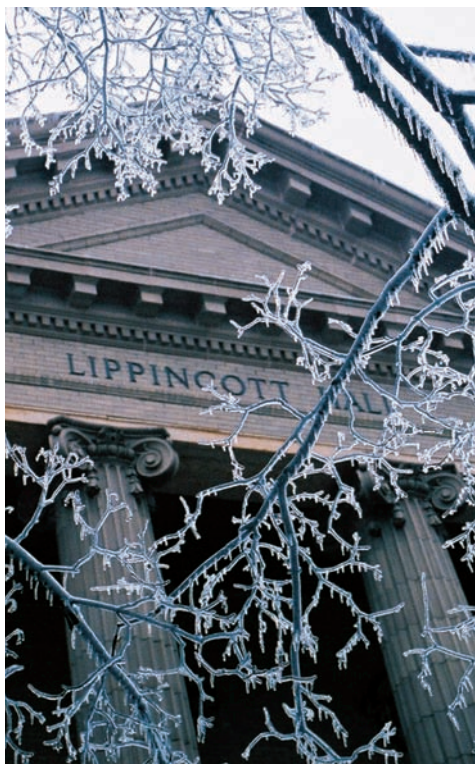
The festivities had a suitably KU flair: The best man and two bridesmaids were former mascots, and Big Jay and Baby Jay made an appearance, too.

"One of the nice things about KU's mascots is we have two, so you can kind of play off each other," says Veit.

Adds Virtue, "It's nice to find someone you can play off so well."



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A's for effort

The University's new emergency notification system debuted on the first day of finals week, as freezing rain bore down on Lawrence. With a burst of e-mails and mobile-phone text messages, administrators cautioned students that should ice force KU to close, final examinations could not be made up until Jan. 17, the first day of spring semester.

KU began tracking closures in 1972, and in those 35 years, classes had been canceled during finals only once, due to Vietnam War protests; alas, while the rain arrived as forecast, temperatures hovered close enough to freezing that streets and sidewalks were reduced to slushy messes rather than skating rinks, so intrepid test-takers trekked on through the dreariest day imaginable.

Never, however, did the prospect of a trip to the Orange Bowl sound lovelier.

This place is for the birds

Mount Oread's latest building took only weeks to complete, required no state funds and encountered zero red tape. Best of all, feathering this nest requires nothing more than twigs and mud.

Teacher Mike Pisani, c'96, who since 2005 has helped kids at Hilltop Child Development Center build birdhouses for a winter project, got into the act himself with a realistic replica of Fraser Hall. The mini-Fraser, complete with twin cupolas and flags, as well as perches and nest holes, was auctioned with 28 children's creations. The entire project raised \$530—and that ain't chicken feed.

"They have a good time doing it, and the money goes to Hilltop families who need some help with the holidays," says

Pat Pisani, g'68, Michael's mother and longtime director of the center. She notes this is the first in a line of KU birdhouses. Up next year is the Campanile.

"I almost expect they'll be keepsakes more than working birdhouses," she says. Guess Big Jay will have to crash elsewhere.



KU an EU PTPer

The Nov. 24 KU-Missouri football game was broadcast coast-to-coast by ABC, and then some. Thanks to the North American Sports Network, based in Dublin, Ireland, fans in more than 10 million homes in 37 European countries were able to watch the game live.

When Patrick Sturgeon, j'87, joined NASN four years ago, the satellite-cable sports network only reached Ireland and the United Kingdom. Now it's nearly as ubiquitous across Europe as its new owner, ESPN, is stateside.

"Anything on ABC, CBS or ESPN, we have deals in place with those networks so we're able to have our picks of the best games," says Sturgeon, NASN's director of operations. "So we've always shown a lot of KU basketball."

NASN's blanket coverage of all March Madness video feeds has helped turn countless Europeans into college basketball fanatics—all the way down to accented screams of, "Gimme the rock, baaaby!"

"People are learning catch phrases from people like Dick Vitale, John Madden, Chris Berman," Sturgeon says. "We're truly bringing America to the Europeans."

But must we export Dick Vitale? OK, fair enough. Serves 'em right for making us watch their soccer every four years.



Hilltopics

BY STEVEN HILL

Resolved

After cutbacks in competition, KU debate regains national prominence with endowment and tournament success

Imagine that KU's top-10 basketball team could send only its starting five to the Maui Invitational in November because it needed to save limited travel funds for the NCAA tournament in March.

That problem—inconceivable for the basketball Jayhawks—has been all too real in the past few years for KU's debate program. Despite its status as a perennial powerhouse, KU debate had to cut back on the number of students it could send to tournaments because the budget wasn't keeping pace with the rising cost of travel.

Debate alumni decided to do something about that, formulating a plan in 2001 to raise \$1 million in five years and \$3 million in 10. At a reunion this October, the former debaters announced that they had reached the \$1 million milestone.

The new funds have led to a resurgence for debate at KU.

"The alumni fundraising has allowed us to continue to travel debaters nationally, and that has been critical," says Scott Harris, debate coach since 1991. "We had fallen to being able to travel only a handful of students, but now we have returned to being one of the top programs in the country."

KU has a long legacy of success in debate. The program ranks fourth in the number of National Debate Tournament national championships (four) and third in final four appearances (13), and it has qualified for the tournament in 40 consecutive years. No other public university ranks as high in any of those categories. Harris has won two different national coach of the year honors since 2006, and last year the team ranked third in the last poll of the season and reached the final four of one of the two national title tournaments. At the time of the October reunion, the 2007 squad ranked No. 1 in the country.

"It has been transformative in allowing us to compete with those schools that we define as our peer institutions," Harris says of the new endowment, which is split among travel, student scholarships, research and recruiting. "In debate, that's the Ivy Leagues and private schools—Harvard, Dartmouth, Northwestern, Emory."

Though financial support for debate remained steady throughout the past decade, KU lost ground to other schools that increased their budgets. In fact, Harris says, "it wasn't just the big programs" who were leaving the Jayhawks in the dust. Schools like Missouri State and UMKC were able to lure students with better scholarship offers and bigger travel budgets.

Mark Gidley, c'83, c'83, and Zachary Grant, c'83, are two of a number of alumni who helped organize the fundraising campaign in a bid to return the KU program to the top. But Gidley, who won the national championship with Rodger Payne, c'83, in 1983, says the renewed support for debate isn't all about championships.

"We like winning, but we also want to see more students participate in debate," Gidley says.

■ Coach Scott Harris (left, with former team captain Jonathan Wright, c'07, j'07) leads a resurgent debate program that is benefiting from increased alumni fundraising.



STEVE PUPPE

"That takes resources. Even with a \$1 million endowment, we're traveling about 25 students on a budget that's really set up for 12 to 15."

Gidley and fellow alumni hope \$3 million would not only put the current debate ranks back in the black, but would also ensure the program's long-term health. Toward that end, an alumni advisory committee headed by Joel Goldman, c'74, l'77, has pledged to match the first \$160,000 in donations. The goal, Gidley says, is to broaden support beyond just debate alumni. "We're trying to get a funding platform from across the University, because if you're a loyal Jayhawk, you should be proud of KU debate. We want to make sure that it's still around 50, 100, 150 years from now."

Debate prepared Gidley well for his career in law. He is a partner at White and Case, LLP, where he heads the global competition practice. "It's something that sticks with you your whole life," he says. "Debate helps you in the board room just as it helps you in the classroom."

That's a sentiment that Harris hears a lot from his former debaters.

"Most of our alumni, when they come back, say debate was the best educational experience they had at KU. It's an opportunity to have an incredibly intensive educational experience on several levels."

On that point there's no argument. 

HOPE won

Two get student-generated award for progressive teaching

A lecturer with five years on the KU faculty and a professor who has spent his entire 28-year career in Lawrence received the 2007 Honor for an Outstanding Progressive Educator Award.

It was only the second time in the 48-year history of the HOPE that the award went to two faculty members in the same year. Winners were announced on the field during the Nov. 17 football game against Iowa State.

Edward McBride Jr., a lecturer in civil and environmental engineering and a finalist in 2005 and 2006, joins his father, the late engineering professor Edward McBride Sr., who won the HOPE award in 1974.

"It meant a lot to him because back then engi-



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■ Craig Martin and Edward McBride Jr. won the HOPE Award in November. It marks only the second time that the honor, given annually by the senior class, has gone to multiple winners.

neers didn't get involved in campus activities much," says McBride, e'66, g'73. "To motivate engineering students to get out and vote wasn't easy for an engineering faculty member to do, and I think he was very proud of having done it. I think he'd be reasonably proud that I won."

McBride teaches six classes and runs review sessions for five or six others.

"I think the students appreciate that a lot," he says, noting that the Sunday sessions are packed. "It's a lot of people for a Sunday, so the students obviously think it's worthwhile."

Craig Martin, professor and chair of ecology and evolutionary biology, also won the HOPE in 2001; he joins only two others—Clark Bricker and C.R. "Rick" Snyder—to win multiple times. He is a Chancellors Club Teaching Professor and the winner of numerous other teaching awards since joining the KU faculty in 1980.

"To me the HOPE is the most meaningful award and the most important because it comes solely from students," Martin says. "Because it's seniors, they are choosing from among 40 or 50 different professors they've had over four years. So that makes it that much more meaningful."

Martin says the award was bittersweet this year. He suffered a stroke in September, which forced him to stop teaching his 1,000-student intro biology course.

"This group of students was just so personal; it

"The HOPE is the most meaningful award and the most important because it comes from students."

—Craig Martin"

STEVE PUPPE



Pride pays off

The “Proud To Be A Jayhawk” tailgating fundraiser, which donates \$1 from every football program sold at home games, generated nearly \$5,000 this fall. The campaign has raised \$25,000 since it began in 2002. Four KU groups will split this season’s proceeds: KU Math and Science Center, the Mi Familia program, International House and the Commission on the Status of Women.

really tore me up to have to stop teaching that course,” says Martin, who received more than 400 letters from students while in the hospital. He reports that his doctors “are rather amazed” at the speed of his recovery. He will be back in the classroom for an upper level course in January and plans to resume teaching the introductory course next fall.



Lights out

Improvements designed to boost campus energy conservation efforts are paying big dividends

Three years after it began, a partnership between the University and Chevron Energy Solutions that aims to cut energy consumption through equipment upgrades and conservation measures is saving KU better than \$1 million a year on utility bills.

Known as an energy performance contract, the agreement began in fiscal 2004 after two years of construction projects to upgrade heating, cooling and lighting systems in several locations across the Lawrence campus. The \$20 million, 19.5-year contract calls for KU to finance the improvements, which Chevron completed, and pay for construction costs with energy savings. Chevron guarantees the University that it will save at least \$1.5 million annually on its utility bills for the life of the contract.

“The contract says that if you don’t see that million-and-a-half in savings, we will cut you a check to make up the difference,” says Rod Ideker, an energy resource manager for Chevron Energy Solutions who works at KU. “So you are going to see the

million-and-a-half one way or another.”

Ideker says Chevron had to pay KU about \$500,000 in each of the first two years of the deal. “Early on in a project that happens sometimes,” he says. “It’s a matter of settling the dust and getting things tweaked up.”

Figures for year three of the deal, which ended on June 30, 2007, are still being calculated.

Chevron first approached the University in 2000, when it performed a feasibility energy analysis, which Ideker calls a “quickie overview,” to determine if formulating a more detailed plan would likely identify significant savings. In 2001, Chevron did a comprehensive energy analysis that specified \$20 million in improvements.

Construction on those improvements began in fiscal 2002 and finished in 2003. Chevron replaced a large boiler in the power plant with a more efficient model, replaced pipes east of Malott Hall to improve the efficiency of a central cooling unit for five buildings, reworked a major electrical distribution system across campus to improve efficiency and reliability, replaced auto-flushing mechanisms on toilets to cut water use, and added automated controls to several campus buildings to allow fine-tuning of heating and cooling systems.

In the Kansas Union, for example, room reservations are entered into a software program connected to the building’s climate controls. The



LARRY LEROY PEARSON

program automatically turns the heating or cooling on when a room is in use and off when it's empty.


Perhaps the most dramatic change, Ideker says, is the replacement of 20,000 light fixtures with efficient fixtures that reflect more light while using fewer lamps and lower wattage bulbs. "We cut the number bulbs in half and the bulbs use two-thirds as much power," he says, "but the light levels in the building are higher."

According to figures released by Don Steeples, vice provost for scholarly support, during Energy Awareness Week in November, conservation practices on the Lawrence campus helped slash electricity use by 13,292,950 kilowatt hours in fiscal 2006, which amounted to savings of more than \$500,000. Natural gas consumption also dropped by 608,310 therms. The cutbacks lowered the University's carbon dioxide emissions by more than 15,000 tons and saved enough electricity to power 490 homes for one year.

Doug Riat, director of facilities and operations, says the contract allowed KU to take care of deferred maintenance projects—like upgrading the campus electrical system—that were still years from being funded through traditional sources. "This contract allowed us to go ahead and get some of those projects done," Riat says, "and that's what made it attractive at that time. Now I think that energy savings is a bigger issue because clearly we're paying more for utilities than three or four years ago. Every kilowatt hour or therm we reduce provides even greater savings than we would have thought when the contract was signed."

While equipment improvements produce "automatic" savings, there's room for individuals to conserve. Ideker supervises four energy monitors, environmental studies students hired to walk through campus buildings. They look for open windows, lights or computers left on in empty offices, and other energy wasters, and they talk with students and staff about conservation steps they can take—like turning off lights.

"We have a software program that gives us real-time data on electrical meters in individual buildings, and we can see the kilowatts dip on days an energy monitor walks through," Ideker says. "The next day it stays down."

"Usually by day two people have forgotten and it goes back up again," he says. "But what seems like a simple thing works. We've seen the evidence of that." 

Visitor

Monsters of the deep

Paleontologist Mike Everhart, adjunct curator of paleontology at the Sternberg Museum in Hays, talked about the Kansas fossil find that inspired National Geographic's new 3-D IMAX film, "Sea Monsters: A Pre-historic Adventure."

WHEN: Nov. 15

WHERE: Natural History Museum



STEVEN HILL

BACKGROUND: Everhart is credited with rediscovering a 1922 paper by Kansas paleontologist Edward Sternberg, describing a dig near Logan County that unearthed a mosasaur skeleton that featured the swallowed remains of a small plesiosaur. After examining the specimens in the Smithsonian Institution, he brought them to the attention of National Geographic.

ANECDOTE: Everhart said he hoped National Geographic might do a magazine story on the unusual specimen; instead, the society decided to make a 40-minute film that uses stunning 3-D animation to bring these long-extinct creatures to life. They enlisted him as an adviser on the film (parts of which were filmed at KU) and later asked him to write a companion book, *Sea Monsters: Prehistoric Creatures of the Deep*.

QUOTE: "We had to teach the animators how the animals would actually swim, and we didn't want them to make these creatures look like underwater Bambis—which they kept wanting to do. It took months to get the animators to the point that they were working with us instead of against us."

"Mosasaurs are the bad guys in the movie. Sometimes extinction is a good thing—you would not want to share your oceans with these guys."

—Mike Everhart

FUNDRAISING

KUEA posts endowment gain, elects new trustees

Strong donations and a solid return on investments raised the University's endowment to \$1.24 billion in 2007, an increase of 18 percent.

A record 43,400 donors contributed \$94.3 million to the KU Endowment Association during the fiscal year, which ended June 30. The long-term investment program, which makes up almost two-thirds of the endowment's total assets, gained 19 percent.

The strong showing allowed KUEA to distribute \$94.9 million to the University: \$24.3 million for student aid, \$20.8 million for faculty, \$18.2 million for programs, \$17 million for capital support and \$14.6 million for books, equipment and supplies. Since it was founded in 1891, KU Endowment has provided \$1.4 billion in support to the University.

The figures were released at the November annual meeting, which also saw election of three new trustees to the association's board: Tom Bowser, j'68, Olathe, president and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City; Cathy



■ Mazen Dimachkie (first row, second from left) and his staff at the Peripheral Neuropathy Clinic at KU Medical Center were awarded national center designation by the Neuropathy Association this fall. The designation recognizes excellence and makes available advanced treatments to clinic patients.

Daicoff, c'77, Ridgewood, N.J., managing director and senior credit policy officer at Standard & Poor's; and Brian Mitchell, b'86, Elkhart, a third-generation farmer and owner of the 33,000-acre Mitchell Farms.

MEDICINE

Nerve disorder clinic receives center designation

KU's Peripheral Neuropathy Clinic in October became one of only seven such clinics nationwide to receive National Neuropathy Center designation from the Neuropathy Association.

The coveted designation recognizes excellence in care, education and research connected with the disease, and it will allow the clinic to expand its services for patients with peripheral neuropathy, a nerve disorder that causes tingling, numbness and pain in the hands and feet. The disorder affects up to 20 million Americans, including half of all diabetes patients.

"This will make us a one-stop shop for patients, so to speak," says Mazen Dimachkie, center director. "They will be able to have their needs met across the entire spectrum of diagnosis, treatment, counseling and education, and rehabilitation."

In addition to receiving advanced diagnostic tests and treatments, Dimachkie says, patients can enroll in the clinic's research database. Enrolled

Update

The University on Nov. 15 successfully tested a new system to provide emergency alerts via text messaging.

More than 11,000 students, faculty and staff members have signed up for the alerts, which are sent as a text message to their cell phones.

The text alerts are part of a larger effort to improve KU's emergency response system ("RUOK?", Hilltopics, issue No. 4). Text messaging is seen as particularly important in reaching students. "There's something of a generational divide," says Marlesa Roney, vice provost for student success. "People my age use e-mail, but for most students today, text messaging is one of the primary forms of communication."

KU will also use e-mail alerts, voice-mail messages and Web page alerts to communicate during emergencies. In addition, the fire alarm systems in many buildings allow public address broadcasts.



CHARLIE PODREBARAC



For Harriet Wilson, reading began as a childhood pastime that turned into an exciting career and lifelong passion. As one might expect, this admitted bibliophile studied literature in college and earned a bachelor's degree in English. She went on to teach in the English Department at KU, spent years reading to her four children, and still had time to volunteer at the library. When the opportunity arose to own and run a bookstore in Taos, New Mexico, she and her newly retired husband started packing. The next five years were spent immersed in books and surrounded by book lovers. Today, Harriet's reading continues to be a way to experience new worlds and keep her mind active.

"I like to read more than anything," she admitted.

(Rumor has it, though, she'll drop everything for the chance to play bridge.)

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Richard Graham volunteers two days a week at The University of Kansas Hospital. He's seen what cancer can do and established a charitable gift annuity to fight it. The remainder of his gift annuity will support cancer research at the University of Kansas Cancer Center.

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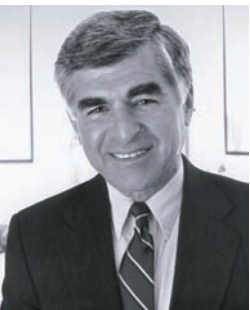


patients are eligible to participate in research studies testing experimental treatments that explore nerve regeneration.

DOLE INSTITUTE

Presidential politics and public service topics of Dukakis talk

Michael Dukakis shared his views on his own 1988 campaign for president and the current presidential nominating process during a Nov. 29 visit to KU's Dole Institute of Politics.



Dukakis

Dukakis, who won the Democratic party's nomination but lost the general election to then Vice President George H.W. Bush, said he should have responded to attack ads and stayed with the grass-roots, door-to-door campaigning that served him well in the

primary. He called grass-roots organizing the key to the Democratic party's future.

"This red-state blue-state stuff, I don't buy it," Dukakis said. "I think there are a lot of disaffected Republicans. For the Democratic party to basically concede half the country without a fight is a losing strategy."

Dukakis called for reform of the nominating process, as well, calling the current primary campaign for both parties "preposterous."

"This has to be the last time we have a primary where states are leapfrogging one another. Next time the Iowa caucus will be at Thanksgiving. The whole thing is crazy."

The former Massachusetts governor, who now teaches at Northeastern University and UCLA, met with KU students during his visit.

"We are producing fabulous young people in this country," he said. "There's a very strong instinct for public service, more than I can remember. I've never seen anything like this, in terms of their desire to serve and be involved."

Milestones, money and other matters

■ **AN \$11 MILLION GRANT** from the National Institutes of Health will help build the Center for Biomedical Research Excellence at the KU Medical Center. The multidisciplinary center will conduct research on molecular regulation of cell development and differentiation that aims to find new ways of repairing damaged organs and tissue. KU is one of three universities to receive the Institutional Development Award, which goes to states that have not traditionally received high levels of NIH funding.

■ **JEROME DOBSON AND ADRIAN MELOTT** have been named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest science society. Dobson, professor of geography, was recognized for "diverse work on geographic information systems, advanced remote sensing and large area change analysis, as well as for exemplary editorial and administrative work in geography," according to AAAS. Melott, professor of physics and astronomy, was recognized for "distinguished contributions to cosmological large-scale structure, for organizing public support for teaching evolution and for interdisciplinary research on astrophysical impacts on the biosphere." They will be honored at the association's February annual meeting in Boston.



Dobson

■ **A \$2.4 MILLION GRANT** from the National Math and Science Initiative will help launch UCan Teach, an effort to boost the number of qualified math and science teachers in U.S. schools. A collaboration between the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Education, the program is designed to grant a degree in math or science and a teaching license in four years.



Melott

■ **CHANCELLOR ROBERT E. HEMENWAY** was elected to the executive committee of the Association of American Universities. The 11-member committee oversees the Washington, D.C.-based organization that represents 60 of the nation's most prestigious research universities.

■ **WAYNE SAILOR**, g'67, PhD'70, professor of special education and associate director of KU's Beach Center on Disability, won the 2007 Distinguished Research Award from the Arc of the United States, the world's largest community-based organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The national award annually recognizes an outstanding researcher whose work has a significant impact on life with disabilities.

■ **JAN ROSKAM** this fall received a lifetime achievement award from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. The honor recognizes his achievements in airplane design, education, configurations design and textbook writing. Roskam retired from the University in 2003 as the Ackers Distinguished Professor of Engineering.

■ **THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS LUKE SINCLAIR AND DAVID BRITTON** took first place at the National Criminal Procedure moot court tournament in San Diego this fall. They defeated teams from 40 law schools to become the first KU students to win the event.



Sports

STEVE PURPE



■ With his ball-hawking defense and playmaking abilities, senior Russell Robinson spearheads a KU attack that leads the nation in margin of victory.

Unbeatable balance

Senior guard Russell Robinson adds stability to a KU team full of promise

Bill Self explains that, when it comes to assessing his players, senior guard Russell Robinson is a breed apart. Robinson is the one Jayhawk on the men's basketball squad whose performance is evaluated using one simple standard—the outcome of the game.

"The only way I think you grade him [Robinson] is if we win or not, because he can impact a game in so many ways that don't show up in the stats sheet," Self says.

Robinson, the New York City native often referred to as the heart and soul, even the "glue," of the KU men's basketball team, scored just five points in Kansas' first road game of the season against Southern California, the Jayhawks' only ranked pre-conference opponent. USC freshman sensation O.J. Mayo missed 15 of 21 shots from the field, and was off the mark on eight of his 11 3-pointers in the 59-55 KU win, largely because of Robinson's diligent 33 minutes of defense.

"I don't care if he makes shots. I don't care if he has seven assists and only two points," Self says. "What I care about is whether our team is a lot better when he's in the game. And if that's the case, we're usually going to play pretty well."

Playing "pretty well" is just what the Jayhawks have done so far this season. Entering conference play, KU is undefeated, rolling over nearly every opponent with a 25-point average scoring margin, a gap that is No. 1 in the nation. Along with the USC nail-biter, Kansas has endured only two other close calls—an overtime win over Arizona, 76-72, in November and a hard-fought contest against Georgia Tech, 71-66, on the road Dec. 18.

Although Self says he doesn't judge Robinson by stats sheets, the veteran is posting more numbers than ever before in his KU career. Setting a pace to crack the school record books and lead the team in assists for the third consecutive

year, Robinson dished out a career-best 11 assists against Ohio—the most by a Jayhawk since Aaron Miles registered 11 during a February 2001 contest. His eight steals against Yale Dec. 29 were a career high, and one swipe short of tying the KU single-game record held by Miles.

Junior guard Mario Chalmers is no stranger to record-breaking performances. Along with his 23-point showing against UMKC that tied a career best, he leads the Big 12 and ranks fifth nation-

ally in steals. Self calls him “the best anticipator I’ve ever coached,” but Chalmers attributes his sense of anticipation to Robinson’s relentless perimeter defense. “Most of my steals come from Russell’s defense and from him pressuring the ball. Whoever he is guarding wants to get rid of the ball and I just try to read the passing lanes,” Chalmers says.

Chalmers’ fellow junior guard Brandon Rush has exceeded expectations in his recovery from ACL knee surgery. Although Rush’s projected return was early December, he played 12 minutes and scored seven points in his season debut against Washburn Nov. 15. He returned to the starting lineup one month later, when KU defeated Ohio in Kansas City’s Sprint Center, where Big 12 tournament play will be held in March.

Robinson’s fellow senior starter, forward Darnell Jackson, has emerged as a major frontcourt force, leading the team in rebounds and averaging double-digit scoring each game. “D-Block” dedicates every play to his late grandmother, who passed away following complications from a car accident caused by a drunken driver in 2005. This season, he already has much to dedicate, recording personal bests in both scoring and rebounding.

With the return of two critical players, (Sophomore guard Sherron Collins was out six games after surgery on his left foot), a slew of seniors thirsty for a national championship, and a few promising freshmen, the Jayhawks seem to have found the secret to a successful season.

No player has developed into an apparent go-to guy, but that doesn’t



Robinson

“What I care about is whether our team is a lot better when he’s in the game. And if that’s the case, we’re usually going to play pretty well.”
—Coach Bill Self, on guard Russell Robinson

bother Self. “I think that’s the strength of our team,” the KU coach says. “I heard Brandon do our coaches show a little bit ago and he said ‘a different guy a different night,’ and that’s one of the great things [about this team]. We’ve got multiple go-to guys.”

Heading into Big 12 play, one word enters every conversation about KU—balance. The first 11 games revealed seven different leading scorers. Four Jayhawks have double-digit scoring averages, led by sophomore forward Darrell Arthur. The upperclassmen bring experience to the floor, and a deep bench gives Self plenty of productive player combinations to work with.

Such a responsive team disposition resulted in a perfect 15-0 non-conference record, which will prepare the Jayhawks to face two major conference road tests against nationally ranked Texas (Feb. 11) and Texas A&M (March 8).

On the floor or off, Robinson does his best to be the glue that holds KU in perfect balance.

After their impressive pre-conference showing, the Jayhawks have their sights set on a fourth consecutive league crown, and of course, a shot at the national title.

“We’re seniors. This is our last go around. We’re going to go out with a bang and leave our mark on Kansas,” Robinson says.

If he’s right, March will see the well-balanced Jayhawks tip the scales in their favor.

—Katie Moyer



■ Sophomore Danielle McCray leads the Jayhawks in scoring with 16 points a game.

The young and the restless

Youth movement gives way to sophomore growth spurt for women’s basketball team

When she analyzed her team’s prospects for the coming season, fourth-year women’s basketball coach Bonnie Henrickson cited speed, athleticism and size. She hoped for improved outside shooting, and said a key would be steady play from the point guards.

But those are just the details. What Henrickson’s young Jayhawks needed most of all was confidence and, ultimately, victories.

With half of the roster taken up by



STEVE RUPE

■ Sophomore Kelly Kohn started every game last year; now she's a key reserve. Her coach cites Kohn's good attitude as critical for the young team.

freshmen, and four new starters, the 2006-'07 Jayhawks opened their season 4-1, then lost 15 of their next 17 games. Henrickson's young 'Hawks closed strongly—they beat Colorado in overtime, toppled Texas for the second time in as many seasons, beat rivals Kansas State and Missouri, then upset Oklahoma State in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament—but still they finished the season 11-20.

"When we played all those young kids last year, it was painful, to be honest with you," Henrickson says. "But for the growth of the team it was the best thing to do, to let them play, gain experience, to learn and grow."

This year, with the solid leadership of seniors Taylor McIntosh (a rebounding specialist averaging nearly eight boards a game) and Jamie Boyd; the offense of sophomore Danielle McCray, with a team-leading 16 points a game; super-smooth sophomore Sade Morris' 12 points, four rebounds and three assists a game; freshman center Krysten Boogaard's inside presence; and junior point guard Ivana Catic's four assists a game, the Jayhawks not only charged out to a fast start, but also kept up the pace.

After starting 11-1, the Jayhawks posted their second loss Dec. 21 at Cal-Berkeley, then rebounded with consecutive victories over Boston University at home and at Xavier in Cincinnati.

They did not suffer a home loss until opening Big 12 Conference play Jan. 9 against Oklahoma State.

"When a freshman messes up, I about blow a gasket, and that happened every third possession last year," Henrickson says. "This year, we're playing with more confidence, offensively our balance is better, and more players are playing with experience."

Henrickson's optimism might have been derailed in mid-December, when McCray was diagnosed with a "stress reaction" in her left leg. Though she missed only three games, McCray's uncertain status could have put her youthful teammates into a spin.

Instead, Henrickson says, the Jayhawks rallied, and none more than McCray's fellow sophomore Kelly Kohn. Kohn was one of only two Jayhawks to start all 31 games season, and she led the team with 1,019 minutes.

She lost her starting job this season, yet was in good spirits and eager to contribute when called upon following

McCray's injury.

"Kelly is being more aggressive, taking better shots, and defensively being more solid," Henrickson says. "But the key thing for Kelly is that she was prepared mentally. She wasn't hanging her head and pouting. She stepped in and is playing with a lot of confidence."

McCray rejoined the starting lineup at Xavier, scoring 24 points for her third 20-plus-point game of the season; as the Jayhawks entered conference play, she had scored in double figures in every game in which she'd played.

"Everybody is relaxed, playing within themselves," McCray says. "It's really fun right now—better than last year, that's for sure."

Adds McIntosh, the team's senior leader, "Come Big 12 time, we plan on being in the top half of this thing. This team is better and more experienced than last year, and we're willing to put in the dirty work to get it done. I think we're ready."

—Chris Lazzarino

Updates

Not only did football enjoy unprecedented success, but the Athletics Department as a whole is on quite a roll. As the men's and women's basketball teams headed into conference play in the second week of January, those two squads and the football team enjoyed an utterly remarkable combined record of 40-3. And don't think any of that's been lost on Strong Hall: Provost **Richard Lariviere** expects a "dramatic" surge in admissions applications. "These successes," he says, "make institutions visible and raise them in the consciousness of virtually everybody in the country." ...

The softball and volleyball teams last fall raised a combined \$9,460 to benefit breast-cancer research, and on Jan. 8 handed checks to the **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation**. Since its creation in 1982, the Komen Foundation has raised more than \$740 million for research. ... Former KU guard **Keith Langford**, '05, on Dec. 28 signed with the San Antonio Spurs, becoming the ninth Jayhawk on an NBA roster this season. ... Former KU catcher and third baseman **Rob Thomson**, '86, the Jayhawks' team MVP in 1984 and '85, has been hired as the New York Yankees' bench coach by new manager **Joe Girardi**. Thomson's .443 batting average in '84 remains the KU record; he was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in 1985, became a coach in '88, and joined the Yankees in 1990.



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Sports Calendar

Men's basketball

JANUARY

- 26 Nebraska
- 30 at Kansas State

FEBRUARY

- 2 at Colorado
- 4 Missouri
- 9 Baylor
- 11 at Texas
- 16 Colorado
- 23 at Oklahoma State
- 27 at Iowa State

MARCH

- 1 Kansas State
- 3 Texas Tech
- 8 at Texas A&M
- 13-16 at Big 12 Championship, Sprint Center, Kansas City

Women's basketball

JANUARY

- 26 Texas A&M
- 30 at Oklahoma

FEBRUARY

- 2 Iowa State
- 9 at Kansas State
- 13 Colorado
- 17 Nebraska
- 20 at Texas Tech
- 24 at Missouri
- 27 Texas

MARCH

- 1 at Iowa State
- 5 Kansas State

11-15 at Big 12 Championship, Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City

Swimming & diving

JANUARY

- 26 Iowa

FEBRUARY

- 8 at Iowa State
- 27-March 1 at Big 12 Championship, Austin, Texas



JEFF JACOBSEN

■ Senior Terri Schramka (center), here vs. Iowa State, was eighth in the Big 12's 200 backstroke and was named first team Academic All-Big 12.

Indoor track & field

JANUARY

- 25 Jayhawk Invitational

FEBRUARY

- 1-2 at Husker Invitational
- 8 at New Balance Collegiate Invitational, New York City
- 15-16 at ISU Classic, Ames, Iowa
- 15-16 at Tyson Invitational, Fayetteville, Ark.
- 29-March 1 at Big 12 Indoor, Lincoln, Neb.

Tennis

FEBRUARY

- 2 at Arkansas
- 3 at Tulsa
- 10 Illinois
- 16 UMKC
- 23 at Kentucky
- 24 at Eastern Kentucky

MARCH

- 1 at BYU
- 5 at Kansas State
- 9 New Mexico
- 14 at Colorado
- 16 at Missouri

Men's golf

FEBRUARY

- 7 at Hawaii-Hilo Invitational
- 25 at The All-American, Houston

MARCH

- 10 at Cajun Classic, Lafayette, La.
- 14 at Schenkel-EZGO Invitational, Statesboro, Ga.

Women's golf

FEBRUARY

- 17-19 at Papa John's Collegiate, Miami, Fla.
- 25-26 at Fresno State Invitational

MARCH

- 17-19 at Betsy Rawls Invitational, Austin, Texas

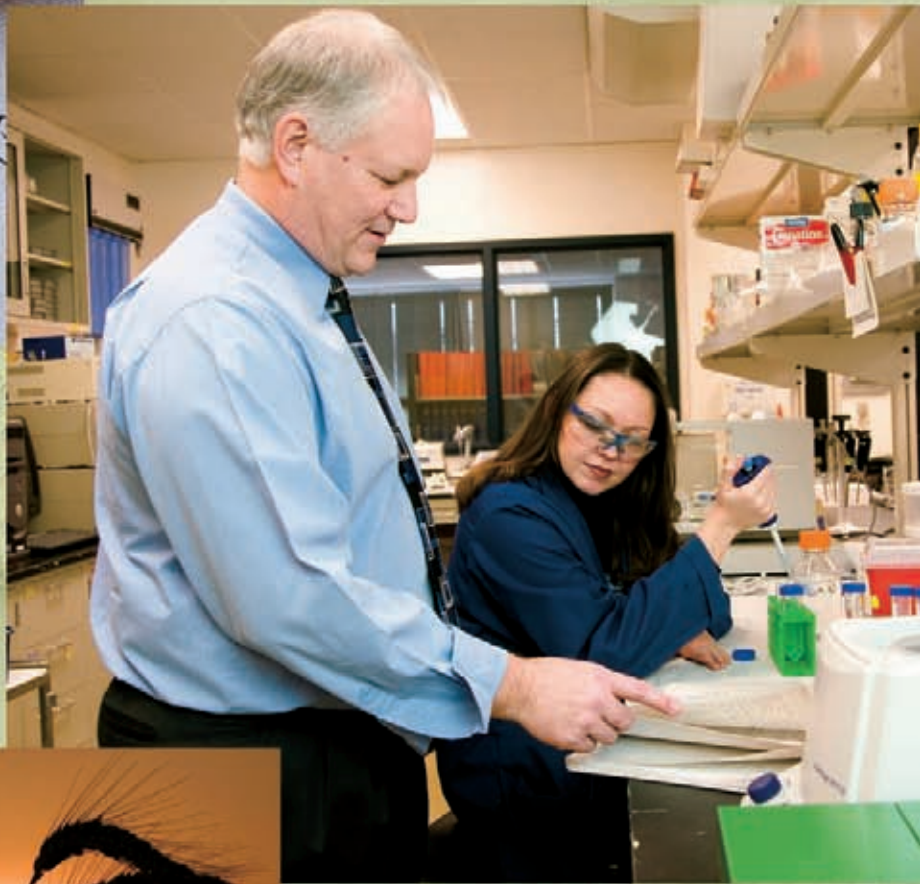
Softball

FEBRUARY

- 8-10 at Central Florida Invitational
- 15-17 at UNLV Invitational
- 22-24 at Houston Invitational

Dire Diagnosis

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO



■ Pharmacy Dean Ken Audus and pharmaceutical chemistry graduate student Kelly Desino, g'06, in a West Campus laboratory. In Greensburg (opposite page), Jamie McElwain and her husband, Vic.



Kansas towns need more pharmacists. KU hopes to meet the need.

JAMIE ESTLACK McELWAIN GREW UP WORKING IN HER HOMETOWN PHARMACY. SHE DISHED OUT TREATS FROM THE MARBLE-TOPPED SODA FOUNTAIN, RANG ORDERS AT THE CASH REGISTER, AND GENERALLY SAW TO THE UNNOTICED TASKS GIVEN OVER TO KIDS WORKING IN MAIN STREET BUSINESSES ACROSS KANSAS, ACROSS TIME. SHE DREAMED OF GETTING OUT, BUT ONLY LONG ENOUGH TO ONE DAY GET BACK.

"I liked science; I *loved* chemistry," recalls McElwain, p'50. "But I couldn't expect my folks to put me through medical school, and pharmacy school didn't take as long, so that's what I decided to do."

She was one of six women in her class of 66 to graduate from KU's School of Pharmacy in 1950. She worked in Pratt, Haviland and, finally, her hometown, Greensburg; in 1983 she bought Hunter Drug, the store where she had worked as a girl.

"People who were traveling through this way always stopped, and of course the local people would come in and visit," she says. "People would sit at the fountain while they waited for their medicine to be ready. It's kind of a relaxed atmosphere. You know, I always worked in a pharmacy with a fountain. I can't imagine one without them."

She was 78 last spring, still going strong. Hunter Drug wasn't for sale, but even if it were, McElwain knew, prospects for finding a buyer would

have been slim: "I had thought, well, I suppose I should retire one of these days. But I *liked* being a pharmacist. I liked it less and less with all the regulations and extra paperwork and whatnot that was coming to us ... When I started in pharmacy, it was so much different. It was simple. You knew your people and you had time for them."

On May 4, 2007, McElwain's decision to retire was made for her, by the tornado that destroyed her hometown and killed 12 of its citizens. Although McElwain's rural Greensburg home was spared, her colleagues from neighboring counties still spent days trying to get in touch with her. Ten days after the tornado, a small team of Kansas pharmacists arrived to sift through the remains of Hunter Drug, securing medicines and controlled substances and completing an inventory for McElwain.

They even salvaged the fountain's original marble countertop.

"There was only about 20 feet of roof left," says pharmacist Rich Bieber, p'70,



SUSAN YOUNGER

GREENSBURG
CITY LIMIT



STEVE RUPPE

“We need pharmacists out here, and only one school in this state makes them. That’s KU.”

—Allen Dinkel, Hoisington City Manager

of Great Bend. “Everything else had collapsed down onto the pharmacy itself. There wasn’t much we could do.”

Reluctantly, McElwain conceded that her time as a health care professional was done: “I was 78,” she says, “when I was forced to quit.”

The greater tragedy is that Kiowa County is now one of six in the state—Wallace, on the Colorado border; Kiowa and Stafford, in south-central; Chase and Wabaunsee, in the Flint Hills region; and Doniphan, in the northeast corner—without a pharmacy. Two years ago, there were only two. Another 30 counties have only one, and as many as seven independent pharmacies statewide are thought to be within 18 months of closing if buyers aren’t found.

A statewide crisis looms, and the awful tornado that finally shoved Jamie McElwain into retirement is but one twist in the darkening story.

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The Kansas pharmacy crisis is part of a national trend. Patients are aging, requiring more medicines, and as pharmacists hustle to meet the demand—filling 200 prescriptions is considered a full day’s work, and a reasonable safety limit, yet pharmacists today frequently top 400—they also labor

under burdensome paperwork and slow reimbursements that have become side effects of the Medicare Part D drug program.

Pharmacists, too, are aging, and as the business becomes more difficult, especially for independents competing with national chain outlets, it’s increasingly difficult to replace retirees with today’s highly trained Doctor of Pharmacy graduates, who can, as one observer noted, find a good job anywhere in the country with no more than two phone calls.

“It’s something that in the next few years is going to get worse instead of better,” says Bieber, who works as a statewide representative for the Kansas

Independent Pharmacy Service Corporation and as a relief pharmacist for colleagues who are ill or need a brief vacation. “I could probably work eight days a week as a relief pharmacist if I wanted to. I don’t, and I can’t.”

Pharmacy dean Ken Audus, PhD’84, and his colleagues and predecessors for years have been aware that increased demand was not being met. A third of pharmacists in Kansas are older than 50, and the average age of independent pharmacy owners is 54. “We’ve got some work to do, in terms of replacing them in the future,” Audus says. “And we’re the only game in town.”

No longer will answers of the past suffice. In 1996, KU’s School of Pharmacy, the only such institution in the state, increased its class sizes from 85 students to 94; in 2001, that number was nudged to 105, accomplished, according to school lore, by “emptying all the closets.”

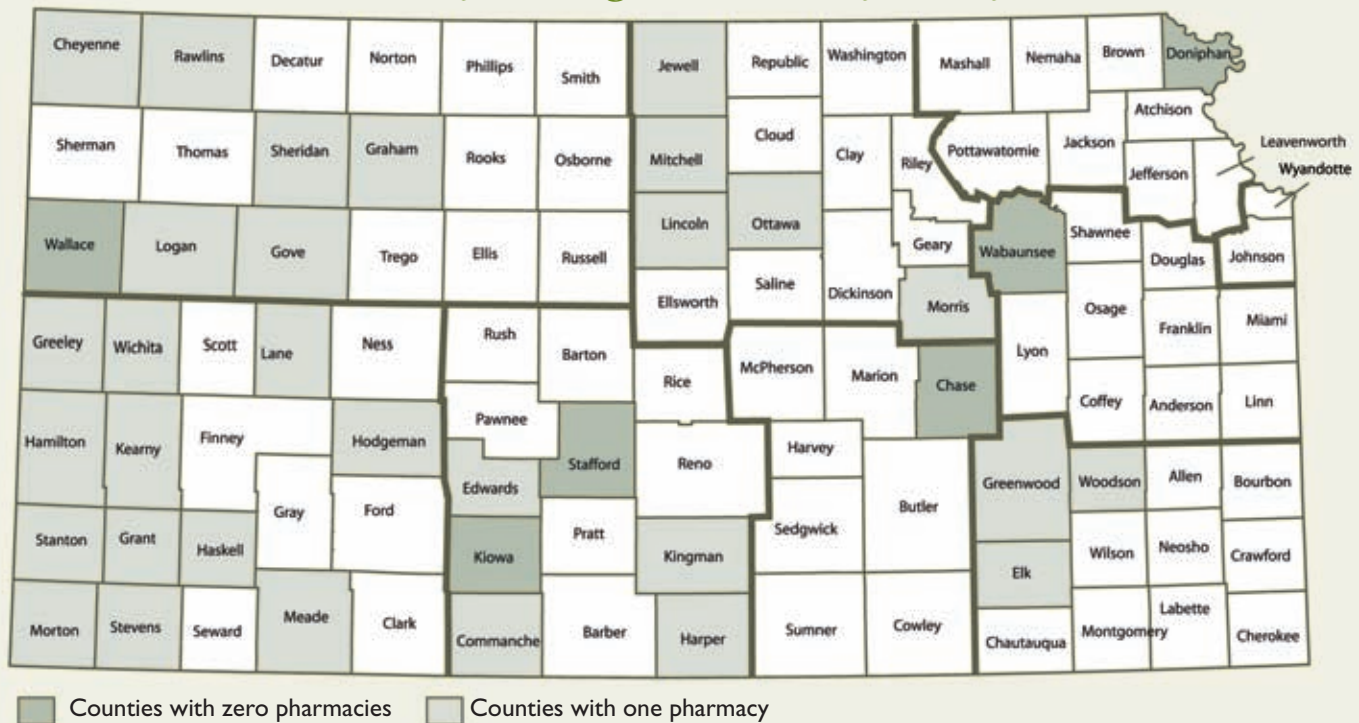
To meet this crisis, KU and its supervising governing body, the Kansas Board

SUSAN YOUNGER



■ Vic and Jamie McElwain (right) used to visit with friends in their pharmacy, Hunter Drug; since the May 2007 tornado, they socialize at The Lunch Box, Greensburg’s only remaining restaurant. Rich Bieber (opposite page), a Great Bend pharmacist with statewide perspectives, helped salvage medicines from McElwain’s destroyed pharmacy.

Pharmacy coverage in Kansas by county



of Regents, are asking the Kansas Legislature for \$50 million to build a new home for the School of Pharmacy and add a satellite program at the School of Medicine-Wichita. If Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, g'80, includes the proposal in her budget

requests and it passes the Legislature, the best-case scenario would have the Wichita program accepting 20 students in fall 2009 and the Lawrence building opening a year or two later.

Adding another four years before those students would begin practicing their clerkships around the state means that the soonest KU could deliver more pharmacists would be 2013.

Ultimately, KU hopes to nearly double its total number of pharmacy slots, to 190, but that number would almost certainly be even more years away.

"We need pharmacists out here," says Allen Dinkel, city manager of Hoisington, which has been without one since January 2007, "and only one school in this state makes them. That's KU."

Audus says that when he accepted the deanship three years ago, Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway and then-Provost David Shulenburg gave him the green light to begin planning an expansion. But larger crises, including the burgeoning deferred maintenance backlog, took precedence; with a first installment of

deferred maintenance funds finally approved by lawmakers last year, Audus approached his new boss, Provost Richard Lariviere, about revisiting the pharmacy expansion.

"When I understood how urgent this problem was, I realized we had to make this a very high priority," Lariviere says. "Last year, we had 440 qualified applicants for the 105 seats that are available. So my first reaction was, why don't we just admit more students? Well, we have the instructional capacity to do so; we have the faculty to admit a few more students. But we are at the absolute maximum allowable [class size], according to the accrediting agencies, given our physical infrastructure—lab space, classroom space and teaching facilities in general.

"This means we can't put a patch on this. We have to do something really fundamental with regard to the physical infrastructure. So that's why we're doing this, to provide more pharmacists for the state of Kansas, and to hold onto some of the qualified applicants we can't accommodate now."



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■ Pharmacy's Ken Audus (above) and S. Edwards Dismuke (right), dean of the School of Medicine-Wichita, are eager partners in the proposal to open a School of Pharmacy branch at KU's Wichita campus. "It's important to understand that Wichita is a key component to our strategy," says Provost Richard Lariviere.



In fact, KU's ultimate pharmacy proposal is for a \$150 million complex attached to the Simons Biosciences Research Laboratories, home to KU's renowned pharmaceutical chemistry department, on West Campus. The first phase calls for a \$50 million building dedicated almost entirely to teaching. Because it can't be paid for with revenue streams available to high-profile research programs, tuition covers only about 30 percent of instruction costs and the University can't issue its own bonds, KU officials say they must take the request to the Statehouse.

"We've spoken now to probably 40

legislators," Lariviere said in early December, "and the response has been—from the perspective of a rookie, mind you—remarkably positive. In most of the instances, I haven't even finished my spiel before they say something along the lines of, 'You know, my aunt had this problem and couldn't get her medications.' They aren't new to this."

The proposed pharmacy teaching building would, at about 118,000 square feet, be virtually identical in size to the nearby Multidisciplinary Research Building. The second, \$100 million phase—



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none of which would be paid for with state funds—would increase pharmacy's West Campus complex to about 250,000 square feet, exceeded only by Malott Hall's 310,000.

"We've got faculty in seven different buildings now," Dean Audus says. "It's a little bit hard to run a coherent profes-



sional program when you've got people scattered across campus. If we build a new home, we'll all be in one location."

And, if the School of Pharmacy leaves its Malott Hall headquarters, that space could be used for expanded undergraduate instruction in the basic sciences—an added bonus.

A key component in KU's pharmacy proposal is expansion to Wichita, where \$5 million of the state's funds would add a second level to the Kansas Health Foundation Building, which was designed to accommodate exactly this sort of vertical growth.

KU leaders and pharmacy professionals note with pride the School of Medicine's success in placing primary-care physicians within the state: KU is the only school in the nation with more than 20 percent of graduates entering family medicine residencies, and the rural preceptorship program is considered a national model for attracting young doctors to underserved areas. Pharmacy expansion proponents hope a presence in Wichita will foster similar success, with students from southeastern, central and western Kansas—most of whom would presumably be more likely to remain in the area after graduation—filling most of the eventual 40 pharmacy slots created by expansion to Wichita.

"We all know that it's important to train people all over the state, and I think the same thing applies to pharmacy," says S. Edwards Dismuke, dean of the School of Medicine-Wichita. "The whole university has redoubled its efforts to

show the people of Kansas that in fact one of our very top missions is to serve the entire state, and there's nothing more practical than producing the health care professionals that all of Kansas needs."



Hoisington, a town of 3,000 in south-central Kansas, for years had two pharmacies. The tornado that ripped through the center of town in April 2001 destroyed one, and its 69-year-old owner chose not to rebuild; the remaining pharmacist in early 2007 accepted a buyout that closed his pharmacy and, according to city officials, agreed to his new, out-of-town employer's demand that a restriction be placed on the building to prevent another pharmacy from opening there for five years.

"We have seven doctors in our town, plus four mid-level providers, such as physician's assistants and nurse practitioners," says city manager Allen Dinkel. "We feel fortunate that for a town our size we have a very active medical community, but the bottom line is, they all write prescriptions, and the nearest pharmacy is now 10 miles away in Great Bend."

Ten miles doesn't seem like such a burden, does it? Perhaps not, Dinkel

says, until one delves further. A pharmacy is, to his view, a feeder business: When Hoisington residents drive to Great Bend to fill prescriptions, what else might they purchase? Will they still patronize, for instance, the hometown grocery that made a considerable investment to rebuild after the 2001 tornado?

How does it look to young families who might consider relocating to Hoisington, or current residents mulling opportunities elsewhere, if they can't even fill prescriptions in their own hometown? And what about Hoisington's growing senior-care community, served by a local hospital that in recent years underwent a \$5 million renovation and addition?

"A 10-mile drive isn't that far. When you're 90, it is," Dinkel says. "This is one of those things that you do to preserve the life of a community. A pharmacy is one of the pieces of the total puzzle in



SUSAN YOUNGER (2)



■ Allen Dinkel (above), city manager of Hoisington, where lamppost iron works commemorate two terrible tornadoes the south-central Kansas town has overcome in the past century.



Moran

trying to keep a community vital.”

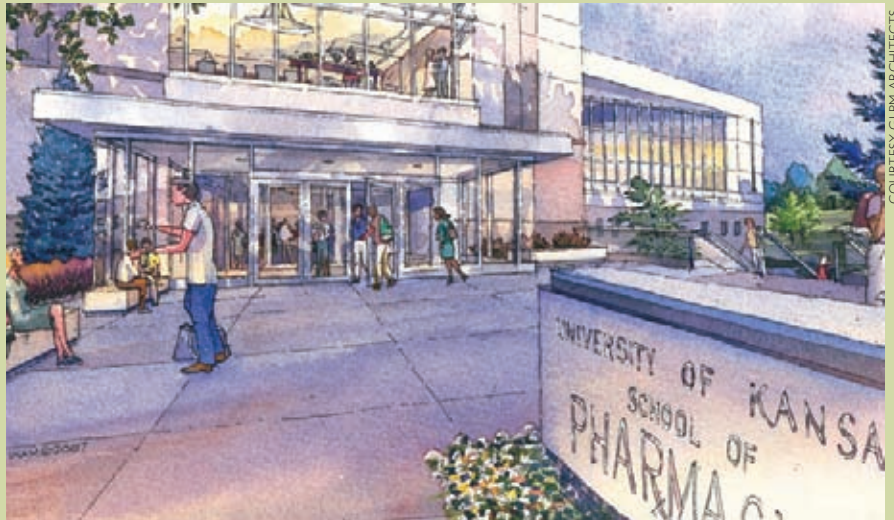
Recognizing the civic emergency, Hoisington’s municipal officials and business leaders reacted swiftly, applying for, and receiving, a \$75,000 rural development grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to build a new pharmacy structure near the hospital. They are currently in the midst of promising negotiations with two KU pharmacy students, a couple engaged to be married, offering free rent and utilities for five years, plus low-interest business loans, should the graduates choose Hoisington.

“There’s a crisis in community pharmacy,” says U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran, c’76, l’82, “and the circumstances are only going to get worse. Hoisington is an example of a community that understands how critical this issue is.”

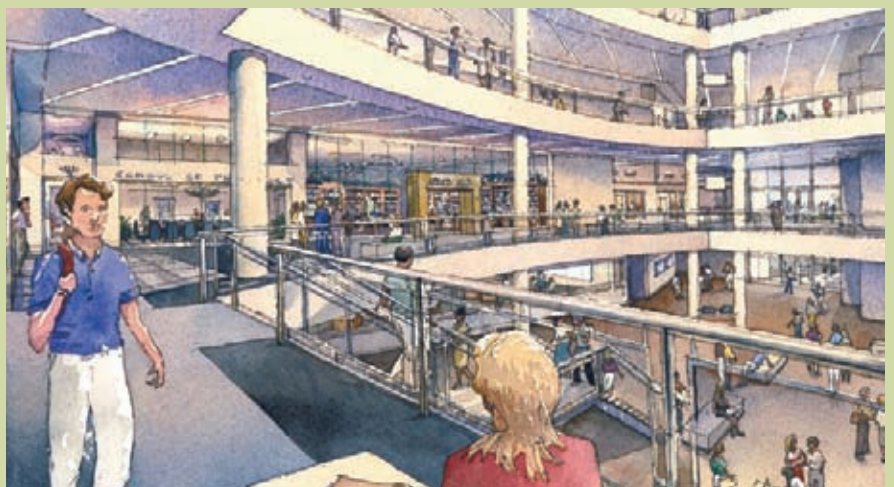
Moran, who represents Kansas’ 1st Congressional District, is a co-founder of the bipartisan Community Pharmacy Caucus, dedicated to educating members and fellow legislators while also offering federal advocacy for pharmacists.

Problems created by Washington policies center on slow reimbursements provided under new prescription drug benefit plans—some independents have relied on bank loans while awaiting reimbursement for thousands of dollars in drug expenses—and infamous bureaucratic paperwork. Those headaches, Moran argues, are now “significant com-

Proposed new pharmacy building



COURTESY GLPM ARCHITECTS



■ The first phase of the proposed West Campus expansion would be a 118,000-square-foot building dedicated almost entirely to pharmacy instruction. If funds are approved by state lawmakers, the building could be open for classes by fall 2010.

ponents in whether there are people who are interested in being a pharmacist.”

Moran, a Republican, notes that one of the first pieces of legislation offered by the pharmacy caucus was introduced by himself, representing one of the country’s most rural districts, and a Democratic colleague from New York City who represents Brooklyn and Queens.

“They’re facing the same challenges we are, in keeping pharmacies available to people who live in the core of the city,” Moran says. “So there’s a receptive audience for this across the Congress.”

Moran says he is aware of the \$50 million pharmacy expansion proposal working its way through the Statehouse, and he supports the University’s effort to increase its pharmacy class sizes, especially with expansion in Wichita.

“Almost all of the pharmacists that I come across in Kansas today are graduates and very loyal alumni of the University of Kansas, so clearly KU has been doing something that’s very important

“We all know that it’s important to train people all over the state, and I think the same thing applies to pharmacy. One of our very top missions is to serve the entire state, and there’s nothing more practical than producing the health care professionals that all of Kansas needs.” —S. Edwards Dismuke

for communities across our state,” Moran says. “And now it is also clear that KU recognizes that more needs to be done. This issue is important and needs direct and immediate attention.”



Recent KU graduates have purchased pharmacies in Oakley, Atchison, Osage City, Johnson City, Minneapolis, Leoti, Arma, Meade, Goodland, Scott City, Lakin and Phillipsburg, and, if final contracts are approved as expected, Osborne will welcome a young pharmacy alumna to town this month.

More than 60 percent of KU pharmacy graduates live and work in Kansas, and 90 of the 105 admitted for fall 2007 are Kansas residents.

Increasing class sizes won’t be as easy as funding new buildings: In their final year of training, pharmacy students rotate through nine clerkships around the state, meaning 945 such clerkships must be available each year. Adding another 85 students—the maximum growth proposed by current expansion plans—means pharmacy administrators would have to find another 765 clerkships.

“Where all this becomes circular is, we’ve got pharmacists out there who, because of the shortage, are so busy that they can’t serve as preceptors for our students,” Dean Audus says. “So now you don’t have the ability to train because you don’t have enough pharmacists out there. That’s where we’re going to run into the limiting step.”

But, Audus says, it can and will be overcome. Like many of his colleagues, he became enamored of the profession by working in his hometown drugstore—in his case, Knutson’s, in Clark, S.D. There the pharmacist encouraged his interests in science while also enduring business fluctuations that, to Audus’ way of thinking, called to mind the famous resiliency of Plains wheat farmers.

“It’s a scary time,” Audus says, “but pharmacists have always managed to be pretty shrewd businessmen. And they’ve always managed to do well.”

He notes that plans for the new pharmacy building call for a museum dedicated to the history of Kansas pharmacies—including, of course, a soda fountain.

Funny, but Jamie McElwain happens to know of one that needs a good home.







You Gotta Have Faith

A DETERMINED COACH AND HIS PLAYERS

CAP A MOST REMARKABLE SEASON WITH ORANGE BOWL VICTORY

Somewhere along this wild ride, national press discovered the Jayhawks. Reporters from the coasts uncovered the remarkable story of the 116-year-old Kansas-Missouri football rivalry—“...trash talking is focused on which state’s residents behaved more abominably amid the Civil War,” explained the Wall Street Journal—and they burrowed into the improbable stories of the star cornerback, Aqib Talib, and the undersized quarterback, Todd Reesing.

And, sure enough, they discovered the oversized coach, Mark Mangino.

Never mind that Mangino was in his sixth season at KU, and earlier in his career was named the national assistant coach of the year following Oklahoma’s championship season of 2000. He’d guided KU to bowl games in 2003 and 2005? Never mind that, too, because that distant past had not yet been sanctified by national pundits now filing into Mangino’s Tuesday news conferences in Hadl Auditorium.

Most of all, they found out that Mangino never seemed to have had it easy. He’d grown up in tough-as-nails New Castle, Pa.—“...one of those great Rust Belt cities between Cleveland and Pittsburgh,” the Kansas City Star told its readers—ducked a football scholarship to



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Youngstown State, married his sweetheart, went to work as a “first responder” on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and there, so the stories go, he “saw a lot of blood.”

So Mangino considered his options, then talked his way into no- or low-paying gigs as an assistant with local high schools and colleges. He returned to Youngstown State to finish his degree and worked tirelessly as an assistant coach, full-time student and, at nights, ambulance driver.

Eventually he got his big break when Bill Snyder offered him a job at Kansas State. Mark and Mary Jane Mangino

and their two young children packed up and moved a thousand miles for Dad’s chance to work long hours for one of the most notoriously demanding coaches in the country.

Then on to Oklahoma, and then, in 2001, Kansas, and now, in 2007, into the midst of a magical season that saw Mangino’s then-undefeated team climb to No. 2 in the national polls on the eve of the Nov. 24 game against Missouri.

Kansas lost that game, 36-28, but still received a bid to the Jan. 3 Orange Bowl, one of the elite Bowl Championship Series events. The neat-and-tidy

■ Coach Mark Mangino surrounded himself in the Orange Bowl with good players (including quarterback Todd Reesing, left) and, most important, a loving family (above): his wife, Mary Jane; son, Tommy, a Washburn senior; and daughter, Samantha Mangino Hardy, j’04.

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heart-warmer was still there for the harvesting, so during a news conference in Fort Lauderdale's landmark Pier 66 resort hotel, overlooking yachts and fishing boats that bob expensively in the Intracoastal Waterway, a local reporter devised yet another way to cast about for the Mark Mangino saga.

"For outsiders, the path that you've taken to get here is very amazing," said the young sportswriter from West Palm Beach. "Can you talk at all about the support that your wife has given you as you've gone on that ride?"

"I've talked about my life story for three months now," Mangino responded. "I've talked about every member of my family and what they've done."

Here's where he might have been expected to stop. Maybe even get snappish. Mangino has never been comfortable talking about himself, and clearly he'd had enough of it.

Instead, he continued:

"My wife has been fabulous. She comes from a football background. ... She had been around it all her life. So



when she got mixed up with me, she knew what she signed up for. And she's been great.

"But my wife has made it clear, she has been adamant about this and I agree with her, that we haven't done anything that's unique. There are people who are doctors, lawyers, business people, journalists, who had to eat bologna sandwiches, lived in crummy apartments, counted change at the gas pump to make sure they get to work, because it was a path to where they wanted to be.

"Just because of the particular job I have, and the great interest in sports that the public has, everybody wants to know about my story. And certainly there have been aches and pains. But there are thousands of people who work in jobs that have a real impact on people's lives who did the same thing that Mary Jane and I did. And we don't read about them in newspapers enough."

Doctors who sleep two hours a night while training as residents, Mangino cited as an example. His buddy from the old neighborhood who is now a cardiologist saving hundreds of lives a year. Business owners, corporate executives, attorneys, all guys from the same streets as Mangino who work really hard and, like everyone else, are more fascinated by a football coach than their own careers.

"My grandfather," Mangino continued, "he had a job. He worked with a pick and shovel for 40 years on the Pennsylvania railroad. That's a job. This? This is fun. This is just hanging out and having a good time with your players."

Mangino smiled, his big, friendly face



Victories by the dozen

Game 1: Sept. 1, vs. Central Michigan

Record: 1-0; Rankings: None

Sophomore Todd Reesing makes his first start in a 52-7 thumping of Central Michigan, which eventually won the Mid-American Conference and lost the Motor City Bowl to Purdue on a last-second field goal.

Game 2: Sept. 8, vs. Southeastern Louisiana

Record: 2-0; Rankings after game: None

More razzle-dazzle from new offensive coordinator Ed Warinner's spread offense in a 62-0 KU victory.

Game 3: Sept. 15, vs. Toledo

Record: 3-0; Rankings after game: None

KU avenges last season's 37-31, double-overtime loss with a 45-13 victory while recording their third-consecutive game with more than 500 yards in total offense.

Game 4: Sept. 22, vs. Florida International

Record: 4-0; Rankings after game: None

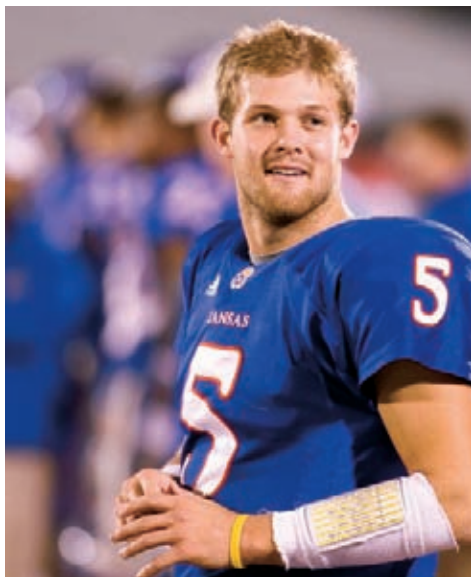
Non-conference schedule ends in another offensive flurry as the Jayhawks rack up 615 yards of offense in a 55-3 victory. The highlight, though, was Aqib Talib's 100-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Game 5: Oct. 6, at Kansas State

Record: 5-0; Rankings after game: 20th AP, Coaches

After the season's lone bye week, KU topples the 24th-ranked Wildcats in Manhattan, 30-24. Key indicators of future success: Reesing wasn't rattled after throwing an interception on KU's first play, and the Jayhawks bounced back from a fourth-quarter lead change following another interception. "That was the kind of game," Talib said, "we would have given away last year."

actually beaming, and, by every sign possible, he seemed to mean what he said. He was having fun. The Orange Bowl, set to kick off in about 24 hours? The biggest game of his life? The biggest game in KU football history? The last chance to shut down the doubters who harped endlessly about a “cupcake



■ Big Jay whipped up the crowd (opposite page) at the Oct. 13 Baylor game; Todd Reesing in the closing minutes of the Nov. 17 victory over Iowa State, the Jayhawks' last game of the season in Memorial Stadium; and defenders Jake Laptad, Jeff Wheeler and Joe Mortensen punish a Mizzou ball-carrier Nov. 24 in Arrowhead Stadium. Featured on the front cover are Reesing and senior running back Brandon McAnderson.

Game 6: Oct. 13, vs. Baylor

Record: 6-0; Rankings after game: 15th AP, Coaches; 13th BCS

KU advances to 2-0 in the Big 12 after weathering more than two hours of rain delays during a 58-10 drilling of the Bears.

Game 7: Oct. 20, at Colorado

Record: 7-0; Rankings after game: 12th AP, 10th Coaches, 9th BCS

The Jayhawks win where Oklahoma couldn't, beating Colorado, 19-14, to go 3-0 in the conference. "Our kids, technically, wore Colorado down in their own stadium," coach Mark Mangino said before the Orange Bowl. "After that game I thought we had a chance to be pretty good."

Game 8: Oct. 27, at Texas A&M

Record: 8-0; Rankings after game: 8th AP, Coaches, BCS

KU stuffs power running back Jorvorskie Lane on fourth-and-1 at the Jayhawks' 9-yard-line, wins 19-11 in hallowed Kyle Field,

and ESPN2's national audience finally gets to see one of the season's great stories. The crowd of 85,341 is the second-largest KU ever plays in front of, topped only by the 100,118 at Michigan in 1979.

Game 9: Nov. 3, Nebraska

Record: 9-0; Rankings after game: 5th AP, Coaches; 4th BCS

76-39 over Nebraska. 'Nuff said.

Game 10: Nov. 10, at Oklahoma State

Record: 10-0; Rankings after game: 4th AP, Coaches; 3rd BCS

Receiver Marcus Henry catches eight passes for 199 yards and three TDs in another nationally televised road victory over a Big 12 South team, 43-28 in Stillwater.

Game 11: Nov. 17, Iowa State

Record: 11-0; Rankings after game: 2nd AP, Coaches, BCS

KU sets up the Arrowhead Stadium showdown vs. Mizzou with a 45-7 victory over the Cyclones. "Bring It On!" screams the 140-

point headline splashed across the top of the Kansas City Star's sports section.

Game 12: Nov. 24, vs. Missouri, Arrowhead Stadium

Record: 11-1; Rankings after game: 7th AP; 5th Coaches, BCS

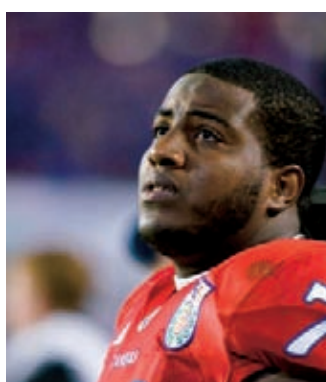
On a frigid night in Kansas City, KU scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter to get within 34-28 with 2:03 remaining; a late safety sealed Mizzou's hard-fought, 36-28 victory. Gutsy performances by numerous hobbled Jayhawks, who hadn't had a week off since after the Sept. 22 game.

Game 13: Jan. 3, vs. Virginia Tech, FedEx Orange Bowl, Miami

Record: 12-1; Rankings after game: 7th AP, Coaches; 8th BCS

KU, ranked eighth in all major polls after the final week of the regular season, upsets third-ranked Hokies, 24-21, on a dramatic evening in Dolphin Stadium, capping the greatest season in KU football history.

—C.L.



■ Brandon McAnderson (top) rushed for 79 yards in the Orange Bowl, boosting his season total to 1,125. Cornerback and punt returner Aqib Talib (left) and offensive tackle Anthony Collins (above), both juniors, chose to end their KU careers after the Orange Bowl by declaring themselves eligible for the NFL draft. The Jayhawks will now likely return nine starters on defense and six on offense.

schedule” that somehow did all the winning for KU?

Don’t worry. Be happy. Play. Have fun.

“You know,” Mangino said, “we’re playing a football game. We’re not going to fight a war. The kids should enjoy the experience.”

Maybe the game was won right then and there. Or during similar speeches and rap sessions that Mangino believes in as much as he does the minutia of game planning.

“Number one, it’s still about playing football. Don’t be distracted,” Mangino told his team before the Missouri game. “Number two, you should have the same friends today that you had a year ago today, and if you do, you’re going to be just fine.”

Or, “This is what the players who came to Kansas on faith had hoped for. We told them that if you just work hard, do the right thing, let’s all be on the same page and let’s pull together, then maybe something great can happen for the program. Maybe.

“Those kids who came on faith and believed in what we were doing, their opportunity is here.”

At 8:21 Eastern time, on the chilly evening of Jan. 3, the impossible finally happened. The ball was kicked off in a BCS bowl game—the legendary Orange Bowl, in Dolphin Stadium—and it was kicked by the Kansas Jayhawks.

During the long 10 days of game preparations and beach parties in South Florida, a fan stopped Mangino outside the team hotel and said, “Coach, I think your team has done the unthinkable.”

“When I got on the bus,” Mangino later said, “I thought about it, and I said, ‘I think that guy’s right.’ Nobody would have even given this a thought. We told the kids that we’re in this together. We’re going to work together, we’re going to coach you. We’re going to get after your butt when you do things wrong. We’re going to pat you on the head when you do things right. We’re going to have fun together. We’re going to work hard together. If you believe in us, we trust you, you trust us, then we’ll have a chance.



"Faith is believing in something you can't see. We're lucky to have those kind of kids, players who have faith."

No surprise, really, that this man, a believer in himself and his assistants and his players and his administrators and university and alumni and fans, would be named national Coach of the Year.

And it wasn't just about winning 12 games.



Five weeks and five days. A long time to wait after the final game of the regular season, the nationally televised rivalry renewal against Missouri in Arrowhead Stadium. The bitter disappointment of that bitterly cold night seemed a distant and fading memory as game time finally—finally!—arrived at Dolphin Stadium, in the suburban borderland between South Florida's Dade (Miami) and Broward (Fort Lauderdale) counties.

It was cold there, too, but only by local standards. Overnight temperatures dipping near freezing were no laughing matter to locals, whose tourism and citrus industries were terrorized by the coldest weather they'd seen in five years. But to the hardy Jayhawk faithful, the believers who left Kansas in a deep freeze and heard daily reports from back home of temperatures plunging close to zero, the chilly night was a breeze—especially for the thousand or so who began con-

■ ZZ Top (below) reminded its fans that every girl's crazy 'bout a sharp dressed man, but Jayhawk fans were even crazier for Joe Mortensen's blocked field goal (above), which prevented the Hokies from tying the game: "I was able to get through," he said, "and fortunately I made the block. It was a huge play."



gregating before noon in a welcoming sports bar that was eager to host the true blues, and the 5,000 who then gathered at the Alumni Association's festive bash at Calder Race Course, adjacent to the stadium.

While fans partied less than a mile away, Mangino unveiled his final surprise: Red jerseys, the players' favorites, hung in their lockers. ("We just think they look real slick," Reising later explained.) They'd never lost in five previous games in the red shirts, dating back





Postseason honors

Coach Mark Mangino: American Football Coaches Association, Football Writers' Association of America, Home Depot, Walter Camp, Sporting News, Woody Hayes national Coach of the Year; Big 12 Coach of the Year (Big 12 Coaches) and Big 12 Co-Coach of the Year (Associated Press).

Junior CB Aqib Talib: Orange Bowl MVP; Jack Tatum Award for nation's top defensive back; Bronko Nagurski Award (best defensive player) finalist; AP, Walter Camp, FWAA, Sporting News, SI.com, CBSSportsline.com All-America first team; Big 12 Coaches, AP All-Big 12 first team.

Junior OT Anthony Collins: AP, Walter Camp, FWAA, SI.com, CBS Sportsline.com All-America first team; Big 12 Coaches and AP All-Big 12 first team.

Senior WR Marcus Henry: Big 12 Coaches All-Big 12 second team.

Junior kick returner Marcus Herford: Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year.

Senior DT James McClinton: Big 12 Coaches, AP All-Big 12 first team; AP, Sporting News All-America second team.

Junior MLB Joe Mortensen: Big 12 Coaches, AP All-Big 12 first team.

Sophomore QB Todd Reesing: Davey O'Brien Award semifinalist; Big 12 Coaches All-Big 12 second team.

Freshman CB Chris Harris, AP Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year.

Academic honors: Junior DE Russell Brorsen; sophomore WR Micah Brown; senior WR Jeff Foster; junior DE John Larson; junior OG Adrian Mayes; sophomore WR Kerry Meier; senior S Sadiq Muhammed; sophomore QB Todd Reesing; junior LB Mike Rivera; senior S Brian Seymour; sophomore RB Jake Sharp; freshman CB Phillip Strozier; senior PK Scott Webb; sophomore DE Jeff Wheeler. —C.L.



to 2005, and the Jayhawks charged into Virginia Tech with a fury.

With 5:15 left in the first quarter, Talib—a junior who four days later would declare himself eligible for the NFL draft, as did his fellow All-American, Anthony Collins, a junior offensive tackle—returned an interception 60 yards for a touchdown.

A 32-yard Scott Webb field goal early the second quarter gave KU a 10-0 lead, which soared to 17-0 after a 13-yard touchdown pass from Reesing to senior Marcus Henry with seven minutes remaining in the half.

Virginia Tech, the third-ranked team in the country and champions of the Atlantic Coast Conference, charged back with a 13-play, 68-yard drive, capped by a touchdown that cut KU's lead back to 10 at halftime (during which ZZ Top whipped the crowd into a frenzy and then played exactly one song).

Tech coach Frank Beamer is famous for special-teams creativity, and he proved it again with his team's return of KU's first punt of the second half, a reverse that went for an 84-yard touchdown.

Leading by three seemingly shaky points—a 25-yard, fourth-quarter field-goal attempt blocked by junior line-

backer Joe Mortensen might have been the play of the game—sophomore safety Justin Thornton intercepted a Tech pass and returned it 30 yards, setting up a 2-yard touchdown run by Reesing.

Again Tech countered, scoring on a 20-yard pass with 3:00 remaining, but the Hokies' ensuing onside kick was recovered by KU. Three first downs later, KU had the ball at the Virginia Tech 1-yard line and, with the clock ticking down, Reesing heaved the ball straight up into the dark Miami sky.

KU 24, Virginia Tech 21. Orange Bowl champs.

The celebration was more exciting than any Jayhawk had dared dream. Veteran team manager Todd "Leaper" Williams cried tears of total joy, hugging everyone who came near. Players grabbed for championship caps, then stormed the Fox Sports broadcast stage,

■ Justin Thornton (above) returned a fourth-quarter interception 30 yards, setting up KU's final score: "I was able to read the quarterback's eyes, so I got a good break on the ball." After their victory, players snapped up the champions' caps, and Mangino held aloft the produce—a product of his team's hard work.



where one of the all-time KU greats, running back John Riggins, was working as an analyst. Riggins, '81, was a member of the 1968 KU team that lost the '69 Orange Bowl to Penn State, 15-14; not far away, enduring the wet, breezy cold, was another legendary Jayhawk who had been part of Orange Bowl heartbreak, coach Don Fambrough, d'48, whose '47 Jayhawks lost to Georgia Tech, 20-14.

"They finally got the demons out," Riggins said as he left the field. "This is a whole new outfit. It's a whole new start for KU football."



An unfortunate reality of this year's Orange Bowl reaches far beyond the game. Virginia Tech lost 32 students and faculty in the unimaginable horrors of April 16, 2007, and its football team never shied from its duty to help Hokie Nation heal. "Virginia Tech needed to rally around a football team," Beamer said before the Orange Bowl.

After his team's loss, Beamer said, "Over there in that dressing room, there's some hurt, hurt guys. But Hokie Nation is closer and more caring than it's ever been."

"They beat us," said sophomore line-backer Cody Grimm. "We're just going to have to deal with it."

But the Jayhawks, who, like the rest of the country, mourned deeply after the Virginia Tech shootings, were focusing on their justly deserved spoils. "It's the greatest day of my life, man," Joe Mortensen said. "Words can't describe how I'm feeling right now."

"Ecstasy," Todd Reesing said, filling in the blanks.

"The game lived up to the hype," Justin Thornton said. "The atmosphere here was fantastic right from the first kick. Our fans were great. Really great. They were part of this, and this just puts an exclamation point on the season."

The 12-1 season.

Impossible to believe?

Maybe. For most.

As he left the field, flanked by a posse of Florida's finest, Mark Mangino glanced over his left shoulder and saw his biggest fan of all trailing close behind. Mary Jane Mangino was being escorted by a Dade County deputy, who had an arm draped gently, yet firmly, around her shoulder.

The momentum all around was surely set in motion. Time for Mr. Mangino to get to the postgame news conferences;




time for Mrs. Mangino to find her way to family and friends.

But as they walked, the frenzy faded away and there came from the big man one more smile. The sort of smile shared between husband and wife. The unspoken toast that proclaims, "Well, we did it, honey."

Mark Mangino was beaming, but he wasn't looking at the scoreboard. He was looking at his bride.

The woman who signed on and stayed for the ride.



The Art AND SCIENCE of Teaching

A KU center devoted to student learning shows that teaching and research indeed go hand in hand

Danny Anderson was chair of Spanish and Portuguese when the department won the 2007 Departmental Award for Exceptional Teaching and Learning. The award is given annually by KU's Center for Teaching Excellence, which began in 1997 as a grass-roots effort by faculty to improve student learning. Anderson had sought help from the center designing a course for upper-level Spanish majors. He wanted to encourage students to see language and literature less as academic subjects and more as topics with real-life relevance. He thought service learning, which incorporates volunteer activities in the community, might help make the connection.

BY STEVEN HILL

“Sometimes I have the feeling that, in the era of television and film and video games, students are not as interested in reading as I was 25 years ago,” says Anderson, now an associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. “I design an upper-division class with topics I think are really interesting. I come to class really excited about the discussion, and I’m sometimes frustrated that my students have not read the text or read it only superficially. They feel like it’s distant from them.”

Compared to many schools, KU ranks high in student engagement. A 2005 book, *Student Success in College*, included KU as one of 20 universities (and one of only two public schools) profiled for “effective educational practices” involving students in their education. The 20 schools were chosen from more than 700 that took the National Survey of Student Engagement in 2004. The 2007 NSSE survey shows KU students remain “well-engaged.” In four of five categories KU seniors posted higher scores than three groups: 33 Carnegie Doctoral Research Extensive Institutions, 16 schools from the Association of American Universities and 10 schools from the Association of American Universities Data Exchange.

Nevertheless, Anderson and his fellow KU professors must look for ways to spark student interest by relating the subjects they teach to topics that grab students’ attention. Believing his students to be highly interested in contemporary social issues such as immigration, Anderson decided to try service learning to connect Spanish literature and language with life experience.

Working with CTE’s Service Learning Institute, he attended a two-day retreat at

the center’s Budig Hall offices, where speakers helped professors think about what they hoped to accomplish with their courses. Breaks between sessions allowed time to design syllabuses and class exercises. A research library and class portfolios put together by other faculty members provided ideas.

What Anderson came up with was Spanish 494, “Spanish Through Service Learning.” Offered in spring 2006, the course combined readings, documentary films and 20-hour community service projects. For at least two hours a week,

explain their dealings with Lawrence’s Spanish-speaking people. Many students have since told him the class helped point them toward careers.

“None of them has told me they’ve become great readers of literature,” he says. “But I know in that classroom they had very engaged discussions that revolved around their ability to interact with the literary text, and that’s what I was trying to get them to do. It’s one of the real struggles of working with literature, to get people to think of it as something that’s real, that’s part of our lives.



Anderson



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students worked as medical translators during prenatal examinations, tutored elementary schoolchildren learning English as a second language, and served as interpreters during parent-teacher conferences. The literature and films they studied addressed immigrant experience and identity. The service projects drove home the human experience behind those themes, reminding them that literary texts aren’t merely dusty books on a shelf. They are life stories.

Students became more interested in the literary works, which Anderson expected. Discussions were energetic—often starting before class began. Students were bursting to share what they’d learned. What surprised Anderson were the connections they made: Rather than use their community service experiences to understand the texts, as he anticipated, students began using the texts to

For people to be in touch with that really did accomplish what I’ve wanted to accomplish as a literary professor.”

Anderson credits the Center for Teaching Excellence helping him make that breakthrough.

“I don’t think I could have succeeded,” he says, “without CTE.”



Great scholars do not necessarily make great teachers.

“I took classes from people who did brilliant work, who I still admire greatly,” says Shannon O’Lear, a faculty fellow at the Center for Teaching Excellence who earned her PhD at Syracuse. “But, oh, the classes were mind-numbing.”

KU is a research university. Research and the grant money it attracts are

integral to the intellectual and financial health of the University. Research is also a major factor in whether or not a faculty member wins tenure.

KU is also the flagship university of the state. Teaching is integral to its mission to educate Kansans.

"Of course the focus is on research, and there's a very good reason for that. Although teaching is important, our research is our universal currency. It's our publications, our grants," says O'Lear, associate professor of geography and environmental studies. "It's the over-

with what's going on, and students aren't getting information that was current when that person went through graduate school."

Still, most agree that the majority of a graduate student's preparation is geared toward becoming a scholar, with much less time spent on learning to teach.

"Often we are trained from early in our graduate career how to do a research presentation, how to write a proposal, all the things you have to know to be a good researcher," O'Lear says. "There's a recognition that what you're doing in research

critical inquiry to seek answers to particular questions. They share their work, through peer-reviewed journals, creating a body of knowledge that benefits all.

Bernstein favors a similar model for thinking about teaching. His "inquiry" approach differs from what he calls "drive-by faculty development," in which professors attend a lecture on teaching and go away informed.

"The inquiry model is, you come in and we invite you to figure out how you can investigate your own teaching," he explains. "What would you look for?

What evidence would you gather about your teaching? What do you know about what students are learning? It's an approach that engages faculty as investigators."

CTE hosts faculty seminars and guest speakers, and it awards grants and offers workshops such as the one Anderson attended to give professors the time and direction to over-



O'Lear

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haul we bring to the University.

"But at the same time it's important to remember there are all these undergrads out there who need teaching."

Teaching and research don't have to be viewed as an either-or proposition.

"I think at large research institutions we have the reputation that teaching and research are in competition, and you have to do one and not the other," says Holly Storkel, associate professor of speech-language-hearing. "I don't think that's really the case."

Success in the lab leads to breakthroughs in the classroom, says Storkel, who won a \$1.75 million NIH grant in 2006 and a W.T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence in 2007.

"I think my research enhances my teaching, because I bring that new information into the classroom. Teachers who conduct research are staying up to date

is complex and multidimensional; there's an extra layer of reflecting on the research. We're not always very good at doing that with teaching."



Doing that with teaching, of course, is exactly what the Center for Teaching Excellence is all about. What may surprise some is how much the method CTE employs is borrowed from research.

When he took the job as director of CTE in 2002, Dan Bernstein had been involved for a decade in a national conversation about teaching. He was interested in the idea of treating teaching much the same way researchers treat their research: as a kind of rigorous, scholarly inquiry.

Researchers are investigators who use

haul a class or design a new one. It also encourages faculty who've adapted innovative teaching approaches to share their work and results through portfolios, which are posted on the CTE Web site.

The result is a kind of faculty commons, where on any given day there might be a faculty seminar on the use of technology in the classroom, a meeting to discuss proposed changes in the way faculty performance is evaluated, or a discussion period where professors can toss out questions or observations about their own classroom experiences. Often the discoveries happen by chance.

O'Lear recalls a session on "clickers," electronic devices used to solicit answers from students. Though she doesn't use them, she was intrigued by something a professor did: He had two students share a device. "At that point it wasn't about technology; it was about cooperation,"

O'Lear says. Similarly, Anderson recalls a session that outlined a technique called a "thinkaloud," a brainstorming exercise that allows professors to gain insights into students' cognitive styles. He hasn't used it—yet—but someday he might.

For Storkel, the inquiry process led to redesign of an upper-level course that asked speech-language-hearing students to apply findings from clinical research to specific patients. She had noticed that students demonstrated mastery of the course material on a comprehensive exam, but they had trouble applying research evidence to clinical practice. They also did a poor job finding evidence on their own. She devoted more class time to finding and interpreting evidence, and adapted clinical cases from her own research to demonstrate and assess how well students applied that information to patients. Storkel received a stipend that gave her time to develop new course materials, and Bernstein and the CTE staff provide expertise and logistical support.

"I would have these impressions of whether or not students were learning certain things," Storkel says. "But it was Dan who said, 'You know, you could actually put that on a graph.'"

By charting student performance on reading quizzes, for example, she pinpointed where students understood the material and where they didn't. Extending those charts over subsequent semesters, she tracked which changes were bearing fruit. After she redesigned the course in 2005, for example, the number of students earning an A-average on reading quizzes leapt from 25 percent to 86 percent. Most were A-pluses.

The makeover worked because Storkel focused on improving student learning rather than improving teaching.

"We tend to think of teaching as just a performance: I know what I know and my job is to perform it in some way that students will like, and if I do that they'll magically learn," Bernstein says. "It's very much about 'me.' Is my performance good? Are my PowerPoint slides pretty?"

Center for Teaching Excellence programs

• **Best Practices Institute:** Intensive two-day workshops where teachers plan course changes to be implemented the following academic year. "This is the best entree for faculty members into what the center does," Dan Bernstein says.

• **Course Portfolios:** Online lesson plans and examples of student work make public the process and result of an inquiry into student learning. Portfolios give faculty members a chance to share with other faculty what they've learned about teaching.

• **Faculty Fellows:** Shannon O'Lear and Catherine Weaver, assistant professor of political science, serve as faculty consultants to Bernstein and help him carry out the center's mission. Duties include coaching faculty and participating in center seminars and programs.

• **Teaching Teas:** Informal afternoon gatherings at which faculty members can discuss specific topics of interest and share their classroom experiences.

• **Faculty Seminar:** Semester-long classes with readings that explore a particular theme related to teaching. Faculty must apply, and those accepted receive a stipend.

• **New GTA Conference:** Orientation session prepares new teaching assistants for classroom service.

• **Departmental Ambassadors:** Twice-semester meetings with departmental representatives keep academic units across campus informed of important teaching developments, and keep the center aware of teaching issues important to faculty.

The inquiry approach focuses on determining whether students leave a class with an understanding and ability they didn't have before. The emphasis shifts from a subjective review of performance to an objective analysis of learning. It all goes back to Bernstein's belief that teaching can be approached with the same intellectual rigor as research.

"If peer review of research is our most exalted way of honoring what we do intellectually [as researchers], then what

do we mean by peer review of teaching?" Bernstein says. "My notion is that it's not just sitting in someone's class and watching them teach, because teaching is not a performance."

This new approach affects not only how faculty members evaluate teaching, but also how students do so. Changes are underway for the role of student evaluations in tenure review, Bernstein says, noting a "gradual shift away from a total reliance on student opinion." The student voice will still be heard, but in a way

that's more in line with its expertise.

"Students are really good at telling us if we're accessible, respectful, available, clear, timely," Bernstein says. "But they are really not the right people to ask if the right material is being taught, or if the material is too difficult. There's even good research suggesting that they are not particularly good at telling you how much they've learned."

"Our idea is that if you represent what your students are learning to your colleagues, then your colleagues can judge whether or not students are learning ade-

"It always starts with, 'What do you care about? What do you want students to understand?'"

— Dan Bernstein

"What we try to offer is the opposite of teaching tips," he says. Drop in on a CTE session and you're more likely to find faculty members grappling with big ideas than memorizing a top-ten list of classroom tactics. That's not to say that CTE traffics only in skull sessions and airy ideas: There is plenty of nuts-and-bolts advice to help teachers design classes, but that design will be grounded

classroom, control of the students—that's not what I'm after. It should really be more student-centered, and that's why CTE is trying to focus people more on student learning than on teaching."

In a recent class, for example, O'Lear showed students a CNN story about the GAP clothing chain, which had found a contractor using child laborers in a sweatshop. A student questioned why

the video clips she showed always made Americans look bad. "If we want cheap clothing, why should we care if corporations use child labor?" the student asked.

The question led to a charged discussion that veered far from the planned lecture material. And that was fine with O'Lear.

"It was a great class.

They were thinking

about concepts we talked about in class, but relating them to the world and how they think about the world. And that's our job at the University—to reflect the world of ideas."

Anderson says there's nothing quite like walking into a classroom to find students "already revved" before he starts.

"I like sharing the knowledge I have from my years of study and training myself as a scholar, but I also like seeing students become engaged to discover knowledge for themselves," he says. "It really adds excitement to a class, and it also means that as an instructor you can be surprised to discover how far you can go with a discussion. In a class where students leap in, you get a sense that you are covering much more material in much more depth."

And that's good for all—students, teachers and scholars alike.



Bernstein



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quately over time."

It's a change of emphasis welcomed by many professors who are motivated to improve their teaching.

"It's easy to think of teaching as a popularity contest," O'Lear says. "If my students like me I'm a good teacher.' That isn't necessarily the best indicator."

"CTE keeps bringing us back to not am I doing fun, crazy things in class or how popular I am with the students, but what are my students really learning?"



Great scholars do not necessarily make great teachers. But the principles that guide great scholarship—inquiry, intellectual rigor, peer review—can be applied to the craft of teaching. Of that, Dan Bernstein is certain.

in a broader understanding of exactly what it is they are trying to teach.

"It always starts with, 'What do you care about? What do you want students to understand?'" Bernstein says. "And once you've identified that, the next question is, 'Do they? How many do and how deeply?' At a place like KU, there's always room for improvement, because not everyone who walks in the door is dying to be your best student. There are many things you can do to engage them, to make it worth their time. Students will work harder if you make it worth their while."

This broader understanding also allows professors to toss the lecture notes out the window when circumstances require.

"What we're really trying to unclench people from is this idea that it's all about control," O'Lear says. "Control of the



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Association

Call for nominations

*Committee to consider candidates in spring
before May vote by Board*

Twenty-one Jayhawks currently represent their fellow alumni on the Alumni Association's national Board of Directors; three will complete their service June 30.

The Association invites all members to send nominations of those whose loyalty, volunteer dedication and talent qualify them for national alumni service. The new directors will begin their five-year terms July 1.

In April, the Nominating Committee of the Board will review all nominations completed by the March 1 deadline. This group will propose a slate of at least four candidates to the entire Board, which will consider the slate for approval at its May 16 meeting.

Directors must fulfill the following duties:

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

leaders and financial support for the Association;

- make a charitable gift to the Association and/or University annually.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

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

Nomination forms and additional details are available online at kualumni.org. To nominate, please download or fill out the form online and send a personal letter of recommendation to the KU Alumni Association, 1266 Oread Ave., Lawrence, KS 66045. —



3 for the corps

*Staff members rally
to cause of expanding
Association's reach*

As the Association continues to recruit members and extend its reach through communications and events, three new staff members are in the thick of the action.

Megan Hill, c'07, joined the staff last summer as coordinator of alumni programs, helping to organize numerous events, including the Jayhawk Genera-



Hill, Ochoa and Moyer

tions picnics for new KU students, receptions for graduates from various KU schools and departments, numerous pregame events, and an alumni reception in London. Hill, a Lincoln, Neb., native, majored in communications on the Hill and played on the KU volleyball team for four years.

Katie Moyer, j'06, has begun her second year with the Association and in December was promoted to staff writer. A native of the southeast Kansas town of Tyro, she knows Kansas communities of all sizes through her online communications to the state's 16 alumni chapters. She also coordinates content and delivery of the KU Connection e-mail newsletter, content for the Association's Web site, and e-mails for alumni events nationwide. For *Kansas Alumni*, she assists in covering men's basketball and writes for various magazine departments. Moyer is pursuing her master's degree in business administration at KU's Edwards Campus.

After completing his KU football career, David Ochoa, j'06, a Houston native, served as an Association intern before joining the staff last summer as coordinator of member relations. He combines his new role with his graduate

studies in sports administration. For the Association he has helped create membership events and campaigns, including the chapter membership challenges this spring (see story). Last fall Ochoa helped launch the new Jayhawk Generations membership for children from birth to age 18. —



Recruit fellow Jayhawks

Campaign urges chapters to meet membership goals

The Association marks its 125-year anniversary in 2008. As part of the celebration, staff and volunteers have resolved to increase membership in the new year, enlisting alumni chapter volunteers nationwide to meet ambitious goals. Three campaigns will strive to reach individual goals of 500 new and upgraded memberships.

The Jayhawk Nation Membership Challenge began in mid-January, as did the Paint the State KU Blue Membership Campaign in Kansas. Both will conclude March 12. The Kansas City Chapter Challenge begins Feb. 18 and ends with the Rock Chalk Ball April 12.

National and state chapters will compete to gain the largest percentage increase in new and upgraded memberships. The two winning groups will each receive \$500 to host a local watch party and celebration.

The prize is the same for the Greater Kansas City Chapter if it meets the goal of 500.

The campaigns aim to build on the success of last year's chapter challenges, which resulted in 612 new or upgraded memberships nationwide.

Look for updates on the Web at kualumni.org, where the Association will regularly report the state, national and Kansas City standings. Please help the Association increase membership—and its impact in strengthening KU. —



Thank you, life members

The following Jayhawks have committed to the KU Alumni Association as new life members. This list includes those who became life members beginning July 1 through Dec. 31, 2007; the Association's annual report, mailed to all members last November, included new life members who had joined in FY 2007 (through June 30). Subsequent issues of *Kansas Alumni* will list life members who have joined in the two months preceding publication of each issue. Life membership dues are \$1,000 single and \$1,500 joint; 12-month installment plans are available. For more information, please visit www.kualumni.org or call 800-584-2957.

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Judy Ruedlinger Award winners



■ Student Alumni Association members, from bottom, Ellen Stolle, Prairie Village senior; Rachel Barnes, Hutchinson senior; and Aly Rodee, Wichita junior; are this year's winners of the Judy Ruedlinger Award for their leadership in SAA and other campus groups. The \$1,000 prizes honor the work of former Alumni Association staff member and SAA founder Judy Ruedlinger.

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Class Notes

BY KAREN GOODELL

1940

Arnold, b'40, and **Bertha Scott Johnson**, b'40, celebrated their 67th anniversary in October. They live in Topeka.

1942

Polly Roth Bales, '42, moved recently from Logan to Lawrence.

1952

Shirley Grounds Duncan, '52, recently received the Bear Down Award from the University of Arizona Alumni Association. She and her husband, Clarke, live in Tucson.

MARRIED

Charles Crawford, b'52, l'57, and

Kathleen McKee Widick, c'55, Aug. 4 in Cocoa Beach, Fla. They make their home in New York City.

1956

John Studdard, b'56, represents Douglas County as a delegate in the Silver Haired Legislature, a unicameral legislature supported by the Kansas Department on Aging and the Kansas Agencies on Aging. He lives in Lawrence.

1957

Wallace Dunlap, c'57, m'61, recently was inducted into the Louisiana State Medical Society Hall of Fame. He lives in Baton Rouge.

Jerome Goss, c'57, retired recently

from Interventional Cardiology and now works as a commercial bookbinder. He lives in Corrales, N.M.

Lee Manney Nelson, c'57, c'58, is founding director of the travel program for the University of Texas Alumni Association. He lives in El Paso.

1958

Robert Hartley, j'58, wrote *Saving Yellowstone: The President Arthur Expedition of 1883*, which was published earlier this year. He lives in Westminster, Colo.

Larry Welch, c'58, l'61, recently became a congressional fellow in Kansas Rep. Jerry Moran's office, where he's working to help fight methamphetamine abuse in the state. Former head of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, he lives in Lawrence.

1962

William Plested, m'62, is a clinical professor of surgery at UCLA. He makes his home in Los Angeles.

1963

Roger Brock, b'63, retired from a career with Westinghouse, makes his home in Aiken, S.C., with **Mary Luskow Brock**, d'64.

Stanley Thurber, e'63, is a project manager for Knowledge Reservoir and a petroleum engineer with Thurber Petroleum Advisory. He lives in Spring, Texas.

1964

Harold Burch, g'64, EdD'75, is a professor emeritus of curriculum and instruction at Minnesota State University in Mankato, where he makes his home.

1965

Lindsey Easton Benne, d'65, is program coordinator at DBH Consulting in Atlanta. She lives in Decatur.

Delbert Gerstenberger Jr., c'65, g'67, works as director of compliance-internal

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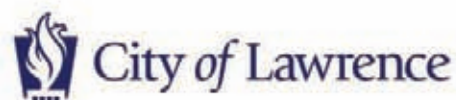
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Barbara Antonello Mentz, c’65, practices law in New York City and is a member of the National Arbitration Forum.

MARRIED

Ragene Aldrich, n’65, to Ben Moore, Oct. 7 in Wichita, where they live. She’s an ambulatory surgery nurse at Wesley Medical Center.

1966

John Butler, PhD’66, was named Distinguished Veterinary Immunologist earlier this year by the American Association of Veterinary Immunologists. He is a professor of microbiology at the University of Iowa, and makes his home in Coralville.

Scott Colby, c’66, works as a financial representative for New England Financial/Met Life in Wichita.

Alice Brummell Jenkins, d’66, g’76, has a CD titled *Almost Christmas*, which was released in December. She lives in Edwardsville.

1967

Virginia Lewis, c’67, g’69, recently became executive director of the Diabetes Research Institute at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

John “Nick” Nicholson, f’67, g’73, recently retired from Nicholson Kovac, an advertising agency he co-founded in 1981. Nick and his wife, Patty, live in Overland Park.

1968

Martin Grogan, e’68, g’71, recently was appointed to the advisory board of the Novum Institute. He’s chief technical officer and vice president of technical systems at Financial Pacific Leasing in Auburn, Wash.

Frank Janzen, c’68, g’05, teaches English at Shinas College of Technology in Shinas, Oman.

Patrick Ruckh, b’68, is executive vice president of First Horizon National Corp. in Memphis, Tenn.

Nancy Polson Schuetz, d’68, teaches



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English as a second language in several elementary schools in Great Bend.

1969

Marilyn Asklund, d'69, retired in May after a 38-year career teaching social studies in Topeka, where she lives.

Robert Friesner, g'69, is chief financial officer at Darrell Julian Construction in Albuquerque, N.M.

1970

Joan Irvine, c'70, works as executive director of the Association of Sites Advocating Child Protection in Los Angeles.

Barbara Musgrave Lawson, d'70, lives in Centennial, Colo., where she's a clinical therapist at Centennial Therapy and Coaching Center.

Steven Smith, e'70, is managing director of Jefferies & Company in Houston.

1971

Dennis Kraus, b'71, works as a sales representative for Alpha Shirt Company. He and **Linda Saffell Kraus**, d'71, make



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their home in Cypress, Texas.

1972

Nell Bly, c'72, is a psychotherapist at Center of Change in Littleton, Colo.

James Malone, c'72, b'75, works as a CPA in San Antonio.

1973

Theodore, c'73, and **Barbara Truskett Gradolf**, n'77, g'83, make their home in Roswell, Ga.

Margaret Lanoue, c'73, heads adult services at the Guilderland Public Library in Guilderland, N.Y.

Robert Stukesbary, d'73, teaches at Topeka West High School's Extended Learning Center.

1974

Nancy Foster Browne, d'74, g'81, teaches and directs athletics at Washington High School in Kansas City.

James Doecke, d'74, directs educational outreach at Conn-Selmer. He lives in Waukesha, Wis.

Robert Marsh, b'74, is an associate broker at ZipRealty. He lives in Mesa, Ariz.

1975

Janet Campbell Barber, g'75, g'80, PhD'83, is a professor of pharmacy at Florida A&M University. She lives in Tallahassee.

Don, c'75, and **Leslie Goldstein Notberg**, '78, own Elite Feet in Overland Park.

1976

Jeffrey Cox, c'76, g'78, works as a system analyst at Deloitte Consulting Outsourcing in Tulsa, Okla.

Saralyn Reece Hardy, c'76, g'94, director of the Spencer Museum of Art, was named "Best Museum Director" in Pitch magazine's annual "Best of Kansas City" issue.

1977

Sidney Bacon, c'77, g'79, is dean of natural sciences at Arizona State University in Tempe. He lives in Phoenix.

Laura Epler, c'77, g'83, had her work

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featured on the cover of *Best of America Mixed Media Artists*, which was published earlier this year. She lives in Santa Fe, N.M.

Gail McEnroe, b'77, lives in Chicago, where she's regional director for AT&T.

1978

Karyn Gibson, j'78, recently com-

pleted a term as president of the board of the North Hennepin Community College Foundation. She lives in St. Louis Park, Minn.

David Limardi, g'78, is city manager of Highland Park, Ill. He's also president-elect of the International City/County Management Association.

Albert Peoples, d'78, directs informa-

tion technology for Houston on Wheels in Houston.

1979

Nancy Short Burger, c'79, is principal at Country View Elementary School in Winfield.

1980

Kristie Kohls Blaha, a'80, a'81, is a senior associate at Forum Studio in St. Louis.

Richard Konzem, b'80, is director of athletics at Rockhurst University in Kansas City.

Cindy Harwell Miller, e'80, is a production engineer with Huntsman Corp. in Freeport, Texas. She lives in Lake Jackson.

Teresa Bratton Peterson, d'80, works as a secretary at Barton College in Wilson, N.C., where she lives with her husband, Steve, and their children, Nathan, 14, and Katie, 12.

1981

Daniel Gleason, e'81, works as a facility engineer for BP Exploration Alaska in Anchorage.

Jeffrey McGinnis, c'81, manages enhancement at Valleycrest Landscape Maintenance in Loveland, Colo. He lives in Fort Collins.

Edward Miller, '81, is a senior technical analyst with TIAA-CREF. He lives in Iola.

Mary Horsch Tritsch, j'81, is associate state director of communications for AARP Kansas. She lives in Topeka.

1982

Jane Bryant, j'82, is a principal at Professional PR Strategies in Potomac Falls, Va., where she and her husband, **Frederick Coulter**, b'82, live.

Sheila Shumaker Prather, b'82, works as a senior claims analyst at Principal Financial Group. She lives in Derby.

1983

Bradley Daniels, c'83, is CEO of Windtrax in Mission. He and **Patricia Wilhelm Daniels**, n'82, m'88, live in Shawnee.

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David Viegra, c'83, works as a labor-relations specialist at the Bellagio hotel in Las Vegas.

1984

Lawrence Leibson, b'84, works as a manager at Assurant Employee Benefits in Kansas City.

Paul Trulove, c'84, is an associate professor of chemistry at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

1985

Kenton Korsej, p'85, is a pharmacist at ESI. He lives in Higley, Ariz.

1986

Liliana Mayo, g'86, PhD'96, recently was named to the Order El Sol de Peru, one of the highest decorations awarded by the Peruvian government. Liliana is founder and director of the Anne Sullivan Center in Lima, Peru. She also is an

adjunct professor at KU's Dole Human Development Center.

Terry Mears, j'86, directs marketing for Bushnell Performance Optics. He lives in Overland Park.

David O'Brien, j'86, covers sports for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. He recently was named Georgia Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association.

1987

Patrice Brown, c'87, g'93, is a partner in the labor and employment department at Blackwell Sanders in Kansas City. She lives in Fairway.

Carey Craig, c'87, directs human resources at Nex-Tech Aerospace in Wichita. He lives in Cheney.

Stuart Purdy, b'87, a partner in Lockton, makes his home in Palatine, Ill.

John Williams, c'87, co-owns Vermont Bird Place in Arlington, Vt.



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1988

Julie West Edwards, j'88, works as a speech-language pathologist at Horizon Elementary School in De Soto. She lives in Kansas City.

Richard Flory, e'88, g'90, is a senior consultant with Analysts International. He lives in Brentwood, Colo.

Eric Love, b'88, l'93, practices law with Kingsbery, Johnson, Foster & Love in Boulder, Colo. He lives in Erie with his wife, Jennifer, and their son, Joshua, 5.

Karen Rae, c'88, is chief of staff to the commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Washington, D.C. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

Bryan Rose, c'88, recently became special director of development at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Derek Updegraff, b'88, works as a clinical application analyst at Stormont-Vail HealthCare in Topeka.

1989

Richard Dunklee, f'89, is a product manager at Saepio Technologies in Kansas City. He and **Amy Barrett Dunklee**, d'89, live in Stilwell with their children, Jacob and Jordan.

Sherri Fate Graham, d'89, works as assistant principal at Loggers' Run Middle School in Boca Raton, Fla. She lives in Delray Beach.

Matthew Hickam, c'89, is vice president of Kensing & Associates in Topeka.

Michael Parrish, e'89, directs electrical engineering for PSA-Dewberry in Peoria, Ill.

Jon Sexton, m'89, practices medicine at Fayetteville Diagnostic Clinic in Fayetteville, Ark.

Yvette Whelan Stark, j'89, directs management at Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising in Overland Park.



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1990

Robert Biehunko, b'90, is plant manager for McWane Inc. in Anniston, Ala.

Kendall Harris, c'90, is dean of the College of Engineering at Prairie View A&M University. He lives in Cypress, Texas.

Deborah Heard Holinger, c'90, serves as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, where she's an admissions liaison officer in Edmond, Okla.

Edward Hubbuch, j'90, is a sports-

writer for the New York Post in New York City.

Michael Moore, e'90, manages engineering for Altec Industries. He and **Kimberly Moulden-Moore**, c'91, live in St. Joseph, Mo.

1991

Audrey Curtis Hane, c'91, g'93, PhD'96, is director of arts and humanities at Newman University in Wichita, where she and her husband, **Scott**, m'96, live.

Stephanie Epting Parker, c'91, works as program director for Rehab Care Group in Kansas City.

Susan Younger, f'91, recently was elected to the board of the University and College Designers Association. She's creative director at the KU Alumni Association, and she lives in Lawrence with her husband, **Jerry**, e'86, g'92.

1992

Dennis Baginski, b'92, is chief operating officer of Clarity Resource

Profile

BY STEVEN HILL

Arts center leader ends successful 33-year tenure

When Ann Kaiser Evans became director, in 1974, the Lawrence Arts Center was only a concept.

"We started as an idea, and some thought it wouldn't last, that it would be a little ladies club," says Evans, d'69. In 1975 the center moved into its first home, the Carnegie Library at Ninth and Vermont streets. Only part of the first floor was renovated. To host a chamber orchestra concert, she hung temporary lights from extension cords.

By the time Evans retired at the end of 2007, she and her staff had built the Lawrence Arts Center into one of the strongest in the state, with a sparkling New Hampshire Street home that features a theatre, two exhibition galleries, 10 art and dance studios, and preschool classrooms. Performances, classes and exhibitions, which drew 4,000 that first year, now attract more than 100,000 annual visits to a center that's become a hub of not only its downtown neighborhood, but also the city as a whole.

"It brings together people from all walks of life and all parts of town," Evans says of "A Place to Imagine," the \$7.25 million building that opened in 2002. "That helps the community we live in,

for people of all types and ages to meet with a common interest."

Evans grew up in Paola, which offered limited arts activities for youths. She joined the high school band, but even then was an arts administrator. When "Tonight Show" bandleader Doc Severinsen performed with the students, Evans took charge of tickets and publicity. The job consumed so much time she couldn't play in the concert.

After KU, she worked three years at a private arts center in Albany, N.Y., before returning to Lawrence and taking the arts center job. She oversaw renovations to the Carnegie Library and in 1992 leased an off-site studio, a move that jump-started the center's dance program. After plans to expand the Carnegie building fell through, she moved quickly to secure the center's present site. She also worked to export center programs to other groups, such as the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence.

"She's shown total dedication to the place, the community and most of all the people she serves—most especially the



STEVE PUPPE

■ "I often wonder what my life would have been like had I not had the opportunity to work here," says Lawrence Arts Center director Ann Evans, who retired in December. "Thank goodness I have, because having the arts as part of your life is just a joy."

underserved," says Judy Billings, director of the Lawrence Convention and Visitors Bureau. "She takes great pride in bringing the arts to people for whom it really makes a difference."

Evans' contributions were recognized with a Phoenix Award from the Lawrence Arts Commission in 1998 and the Governor's Arts Award in 2002. But her greatest rewards come from chance encounters.

"I meet so many people who have some sort of connection to this place," she says. "That the arts are a part of so many lives—that's astounding."

Class Notes

Group in Austin, Texas.

Scott Gage, c'92, directs business development at Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinic in Kansas City.

Margaret Poague, f'92, owns Pogo's LLC in De Soto.

Ron Roecker, j'92, is global vice president of Taylor Entertainment in Los Angeles. He lives in Santa Monica.

Christina Guilfoyle Stapleton, c'92, is a scientist at MRI. She lives in Overland Park.

Diane Cook Stoddard, c'92, g'95,

recently became an assistant city manager in Lawrence.

BORN TO:

John Cain, b'92, and Jennifer, daughter, Lila, Aug. 18 in Valencia, Calif., where she joins two sisters, Charlotte, 5, and Georgia, 2. John owns Crew Creative in Los Angeles.

Gary Valentine, b'92, and Kenna, daughter, Jady, Aug. 28 in Lenexa, where she joins a sister, Garyn, 2. Gary is a controller at Wolfe Automotive

Group in Kansas City.

1993

Samuel Clark, '93, is president of Clark Construction. He lives in Overland Park.

Marisa Morgan Dallman, c'93, works as a real-estate broker for MMD. She and her husband, **Kurt**, b'92, live in Lenexa.

Chad Gunther, b'93, lives in Overland Park, where he's an investment analyst with Waddell & Reed.

Leslie Letts, j'93, g'05, is vice presi-

Profile

BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

Chuck Fischer explores design's many dimensions

As a young would-be actor in New York City, Chuck Fischer needed to pay his bills while paying his dues in auditions and bit parts. He also yearned to see Europe and study the history of art and architecture.

Fischer, f'77, found a practical, albeit improbable, solution: He began painting murals. Friends in the interior design business asked him to create murals for their clients, and soon Fischer, who at KU had studied architecture before switching to illustration and advertising art, became known for his *trompe l'oeil* works in elegant, stately homes. "I got a lot of coverage in the press about my murals, and one of the fabric and wallpaper houses, Brunschwig & Fils, saw my work in a designer showhouse in New York," he recalls. "They asked me to create some designs for them, so I created my first collection. That was in 1995, and it's still being sold today."

Travels to Europe inspired his work, and he began to make detailed architectural renderings, using intricate, three-dimensional paintings to propose decorative ideas for homeowners. He proposed a book of renderings to several publishers, including Rizzoli, whose

rejection led Fischer down a new career path. "A representative came to my studio, where I was working on 3-D houses," he says. "He saw that I could work in three dimensions and asked if I'd ever considered doing a pop-up book. Off the top of my head, I thought of a theme on historic houses, and it has led to so much more."

Little, Brown and Co. last October published his fourth pop-up, *Christmas Around the World*, a richly illustrated homage to varied holiday traditions. Along with the eye candy of his standup artwork, Fischer offers unexpected treats: Hidden tabs and panels reveal lush prose vignettes. An avid researcher, he outlines the text of each book and relies on writers to complement his paintings. He also works with a paper engineer, who envisions the elaborate folds, tabs and panels that pop up to delight readers. Each book is printed and assembled in China.

Although many pop-ups are designed for children, Fischer's work also appeals to parents who grew up with the genre. "When I'm creating a book," he says, "I'm not doing so with one person in mind. I'm thinking of the family."

Following two Christmas books and other pop-ups on the White House and *Great American Houses and Gardens*, his next project will be *In the Beginning: The*



STEVE PUPPE

■ Fischer's pop-ups reflect his taste for the classic. "I like contemporary design, and I like to live with a bit of it; I don't live in a museum" he says. "But my hand, I'm told, is very European, sort of old school."

Art of Genesis. One of his collaborators will be writer and fellow Jayhawk Curtis Flowers, j'88, whom Fischer met when the two sat next to each other on a plane home to Kansas City.

Fischer continues to create wallpaper and fabrics, along with dinnerware for Lenox Inc. And though his products are available via his Web site (chuckfischer.com) and Amazon, he still begins each project with pen and brush. "I could draw on the computer," he says, "but I like letting the ideas come from the hand to the paper to the product. It works for me."

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dent of Fleishman-Hillard in San Francisco.

Jeffrey Orr, c'93, manages accounts for Smithsonian magazine in Chicago.

Daryn Hare Schwartz, j'93, and her husband, Bart, live in Elmhurst, Ill., with their sons, Evan, 3, and Stuart, 1.

1994

Kimberly Kennedy Clement, c'94, is a forensic scientist with the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Lab in Austin.

Rikki Drake Schreiber, e'94, manages product definition for Spirit AeroSystems in Wichita. She and her husband, Derrick, live in Derby.

Christopher Vine, c'94, e'99, works as area superintendent of Hensel Phelps Construction in Orlando, Fla.

BORN TO:

Rebecca Boresow Reardon, j'94, and **Timothy**, '95, daughter, Sarah Marie,

Oct. 2 in Prairie Village, where she joins a brother, William, 1, and a sister, Ava, 3.

Kristopher Weidling, c'94, and Jennifer, daughter, Madison Elizabeth, March 25 in Pleasant Hill, Calif. Kris is senior human-resources business partner at Bayer Healthcare in Berkeley.

James, c'94, and **Candice Eberle Westphal**, j'95, son, Joshua Thomas, Jan. 11 in Overland Park, where he joins a brother, Joseph, 3.

1995

Catherine Trujillo Becker, b'95, is senior manager at KPMG in Kansas City.

Mark Galus, c'95, practices law with Halbrook Law in Kansas City.

Bree Enderle McMurray, c'95, commutes from Columbia, Mo., to Jefferson City, where she's an endangered-species biologist with the Missouri Department of Transportation.

BORN TO

Leslie Ain McClure, c'95, and Craig,

son, Preston Arthur, May 7 in Birmingham, Ala., where he joins a sister, Lillian, 4. Leslie is an assistant professor of biostatistics at the University of Alabama.

Jeffrey Nichols, c'95, l'99, and Meghan, daughter, Aubrey Ann, March 14 in Lenexa, where she joins a brother, Nathan, 3. Jeff is a partner in the Overland Park firm of Wallace Saunders Austin Brown & Enochs.

1996

Stephanie Glancey, c'96, works as a manager at Eagle Hill Consulting in McLean, Va. She lives in Arlington.

Damian Glaze, b'96, is senior project estimator at Kitchell CEM in Phoenix.

Kendra Hopkins, c'96, edits copy for the American Hospital Association's Health Forum in Chicago.

Christopher Ronan, j'96, directs communications for the Crown Center Redevelopment Corporation in Kansas City. He and **Rachel Casebolt Ronan**, f'96, live in Lenexa.

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Michael, e'96, and **Meredith Bayles Bell**, c'96, n'99, son, Matthew Morgan, Feb. 10 in Shawnee, where he joins a brother, Drew, 5.

Jennifer Kirchner Boehler, p'96, and Mike, daughter, Darby Marie, Aug. 22 in Laurel, Mont., where she joins a sister, Dakota, 8, and a brother, Dalton, 4. Jennifer is a staff pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy in Billings.

Clayton, e'96, and **Bridget Mason Hess**, j'98, sons, Mason James and Logan

Nash, April 2 in Overland Park, where they join a sister, Kylie Jane, 3. Clayton is a principal with Apex Engineers in Merriam.

Sherman Reeves, c'96, and Rebecca, son, Grant Alexander, Aug. 19 in Plymouth, Minn., where he joins a sister, Morgan, 3. Sherman is an ophthalmologist at Minnesota Eye Consultants in Minneapolis.

Heather Hubert Steger, c'96, and Richard, daughter, Mollie Kennan, Aug. 27 in Broken Arrow, Okla., where she

joins a sister, Isley, 2.

Jeffrey Wheeler, e'96, and Phaedra, son, Gavin Thomas, May 30 in Prairie Village. Jeffrey is an electrical engineer with Henderson Engineers in Lenexa.

1997

Bill Frakes, '97, is a marketing representative for Budget PrePay. He lives in Lawrence.

Zachary Holland, e'97, works as a reservoir engineer at Devon Energy in Oklahoma City.

Profile

BY CATHY SHERMAN

Second career leads to far-flung assignments

In a moment she describes as “serendipity,” Anita Knopp Doll saw an advertisement for the U.S. foreign service test. She was content in her career as communications director at the State University of New York at Binghamton, but she’d always yearned to live in a foreign country.

Five years later, she’s a vice consul at the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

“My husband, Michael, was retiring soon, and our three kids were launched, more or less,” explains Doll, j'73.

“I was also inspired by 9/11. It struck me that my communication skills were a service I could give to my country.”

In Washington, D.C., she completed a year of intensive Spanish lessons and diplomatic, consular and protocol studies. She and her husband moved to Honduras in April 2006.

Initially, she interviewed Hondurans who wanted to visit the United States.

“My job was to determine, usually in 30 seconds or less, whether I thought the person was going to return to Honduras,” she says.

Later, her job was to approve immigration visas for Hondurans with family members who were U.S. citizens. Were

they healthy? Could their sponsors support them? Were they ineligible to immigrate because they’d lived illegally in the States or had committed crimes?

Since July, Doll has been chief of American Citizen Services. “We assist Americans who travel or live here,” she says. “We see them in the best of times—we provide citizenship papers to their children born here—and in the worst of times.”

Too often Doll has had to step in after the death or injury of an American. In the past year, a number of missionaries were killed or injured in bus accidents, and several people were murdered. In one weekend, two Americans died while diving; another died in a rafting accident.

When a U.S. citizen dies, she and her staff must find and notify the next of kin within 24 hours, she explains, and communicate with the family regarding the victim’s personal property and any ongoing investigation.

She also visits Americans in jail and helps other U.S. citizens whose passports have been lost or stolen. Recently, she helped a woman and her child return to the States after the woman’s Hon-



COURTESY ANITA DOLL

■ A former journalist, Anita Doll works for the U.S. State Department in Honduras—and soon, Australia.

duran husband had become abusive.

Such incidents are the most gratifying, Doll says, because “I like the one on one with people, representing my government in a good way.”

Learning the nuances of Spanish has been difficult, but her new post will eliminate that challenge. In August, she begins work as the information officer at the U.S. Embassy in Canberra, Australia.

“I worked for more than seven years in newspapers and 15 years in public relations, so this will allow me to draw on that experience—and in a language I’m comfortable with.”

Sherman, j'73, is a free-lance writer in Leawood.

Class Notes

Irvin Jerez, c'97, directs the information resources center at the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Joshua Meyer, b'97, is a partner and chief financial officer at Jasper Stone Partners in Omaha, Neb.

Michelle Crecelius Skipton, c'97, and her husband, Matt, live in Wildwood, Mo., with their son, Tyler, 4, and their twin daughters, Payton and Amber, 1.

Brenda Daly Soto, s'97, s'03, and her husband, **Hector**, c'98, g'99, celebrated their first anniversary Nov. 30. They

make their home in Kansas City.

1998

Erin Hubert, j'98, c'98, is Web site manager at HOK in Kansas City.

Heather Whitney Sesma, c'98, lives in Minneapolis, where she's an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Minnesota.

MARRIED

Dana Briggeman, c'98, to Julian Cran, July 21 in Garden City. They live in

Redondo Beach, Calif., and Dana works as a speech-language pathologist at the Eisner Pediatric and Family Medical Center.

Karli Pigg, c'98, m'02, and **Thomas Alderson**, c'02, May 5 in Topeka. They live in Nashville, Tenn., where Karli is a physician and Tom is a resident physician at Vanderbilt University.

Samuel Wendt, c'98, and **Tanya Rodecker**, l'05, Aug. 18 in Prairie Village. He works for Peterson & Associates, and she's an associate attorney with Deacy & Deacy.

Profile

BY CAROL CRUPPER

Physician prescribes health care reform

While studying medicine in Kansas City, Rick Kellerman, m'78, never imagined starring in one of America's hottest debates.

Today he's working with national leaders to change the ailing health care system: testifying before Congress, fielding media questions and forging coalitions. For someone who grew up in Greensburg and Hays, this role seems unbelievable. "I wasn't even in student council," Kellerman says. "I went to medical school to be a small-town doc."

Kellerman, a family physician and chairman of the KU School of Medicine-Wichita, is the new chairman of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Last year, he served as president of the 94,000-member organization and, before that, on its board of directors. Behind the scenes, he works with fellow physicians, insurance companies and business leaders on issues such as access to health care, medical liability reform and cost management. Out front, he argues for measures such as expanding health care coverage for millions of uninsured children.

Before this, Kellerman was doing what he set out to do. He practiced medicine

in Plainville, Salina, and at an indigent clinic in Wichita before joining KU Med. National leadership slots, he says, "just opened up. I'm probably as apolitical as you can get, but I do have a strong belief we can do better."

He notes a fragmented health care system, increased chronic illness and uneven coverage. To make matters worse, fewer than 8 percent of U.S. medical students entered family practice last year. (The KU medical school, where 21 percent of graduates choose family practice residencies, leads the nation.) "We have a system going the wrong direction because it has devalued primary care," Kellerman says.

But, he believes, people are starting to get it. "We're at a major transition point. We are discovering that if our health care system is not based on primary care, we have a system that is not going to be very good."

His association prescribes a patient-centered medical home for all, one that allows patients to develop a strong relationship with a physician who can offer comprehensive and preventive care and aid access to other professionals. Technology increases administrative efficiency and improves patient scheduling.

To put this prescription into practice would require cultivating many more family physicians. Improved pay would



COURTESY RICK KELLERMAN

■ As chairman of the American Academy of Family Physicians, Rick Kellerman challenges policymakers and his family-practice peers to improve the U.S. health care system.

help, Kellerman says, and medical schools need to focus on recruiting and training students willing to work in rural and inner-city settings.

Implementing this model nationwide, he says, "is the only thing that's going to bring equity and fairness."

Crupper, d'67, is a Lawrence free-lance writer.

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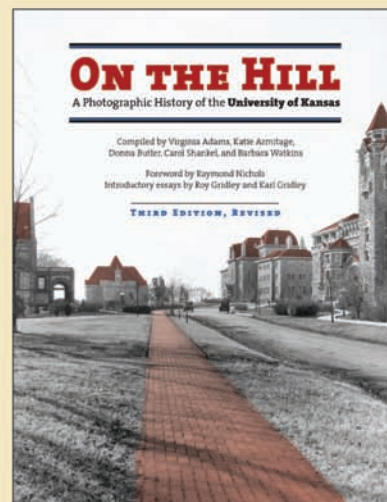
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Aroop, c'98, m'02, and **Julie Henning Pal**, h'02, daughter, Maya Kate, Sept. 19 in Lenexa, where she joins two sisters, Ava, 3, and Leah, 1. Aroop practices medicine at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

Matthew, c'98, m'03, and **Shelly Messeraull Stumpe**, b'99, daughter, Amanda Grace, Aug. 3 in Memphis, Tenn., where she joins a brother, Joel, 3.

1999

Gerry Doyle, j'99, c'99, an editor at the Chicago Tribune, wrote *From the Depths*, a novel that was published in November.

Kristen McNiel McFarren, c'99, and her husband, **Steve**, e'00, make their home in Kansas City with Sophie, 1.

Jamie Black McGinn, d'99, and her husband, Ryan, live in Shawnee with their daughter, Claire Kathleen, 1. Jamie is a culture consultant with Kansas City Power & Light.

BORN TO:

Brian, d'99, and **Kara King Friedman**, c'99, son, Nathan Dale, July 2 in San Diego.

2000

Keith Bainbridge, c'00, directs Midwest advertising for Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine in Chicago.

Jill Sullivan Drucker, c'00, is a study coordinator at Washington University in St. Louis, where she and her husband, **Charles**, c'01, make their home.

Trent Lickteig, e'00, does financial advising for Ameriprise Financial in Scottsdale, Ariz. He and **Jennifer Roszell Lickteig**, j'00, live in Cave Creek. She's a real estate agent for John Hall & Associates.

MARRIED

Patricia Aenchbacher, b'00, and **Jarrold Ramsey**, b'01, Sept. 29 in Kansas City, where they live. She's a project manager with American Century, and



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he's a pilot with Continental Airlines.

BORN TO:

Kathleen Corry Parker, f'00, and Kevin, daughter, Alaina Nicole, May 6 in Glendale, Mo. Kathleen is an associate with the Lawrence Group in St. Louis.

2001

Scott Bideau, e'01, g'03, is a senior consultant for eVergance Partners. He and **Shelley Prier Bideau**, n'01, live in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Jay Carter, d'01, works as a loan analyst at Midland Loan Services. He and **Jennifer Neumann Carter**, b'02, l'04, live in Overland Park. She's a real estate financing associate with Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus in Kansas City.

Christopher Clemence, c'01, is a land acquisition specialist with Crown Castle International in Houston.

Chara Dillon Mock, f'01, teaches ballet and choreographs dance in Metairie, La., where her husband, **Steven**, '96, owns

Mock Construction.

Rashad Spriggs, c'01, serves as a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service in New York City.

Marissa Mohr Vann, c'01, is a program manager at Sprint Nextel in Overland Park. She lives in Olathe.

BORN TO:

Noel, j'01, and **Misha Smith Anderson**, c'01, son, Connor Lee, April 25 in Bel Aire. Noel manages campaign accounts for United Way of the Plains in Wichita.

Andrew, c'01, l'04, and **Shannon Lacey Braun**, l'04, son, Aidan Lawrence, July 23 in Wichita, where Andy directs property services for the Martens Companies and Shannon practices law with Morris, Laing, Evans, Brock and Kennedy.

Michael, e'01, and **Angela Joy Randall**, c'01, daughter, Breahna Kinzie, Sept. 30 in Lawrence, where she joins a sister, Savannah, 3.

2002

Rosalie Eiesland Foster, '02, is executive director of the Strategic Education Center in Lawrence.

Jehan Kamil, b'02, l'05, practices law with Lathrop & Gage in Overland Park.

Katharine Milberger, c'02, b'02, l'05, recently became an associate at Blackwell Sanders in Kansas City.

Brenda Pryor, c'02, works as a supervisor at Chrysler Financial. She lives in De Soto.

Michael Simonett, b'02, is a senior account executive at Commerce Bank in Kansas City.

Marco Villa, g'02, g'05, g'06, works as a mission operations engineer for SpaceX. He and **Leslie Sphar Villa**, g'05, live in Redondo Beach, Calif.

MARRIED

Ben Sosinski, b'02, to Michaele Moretz, Sept. 1 in Big Sky, Mont. They live in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Ben works as an interactive director at R/GA

Agency in New York City.

2003

Lindsey Karns Brees, b'03, is an enterprise risk analyst with Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka. She and her husband, Rory, have a daughter, Taylor, 1.

Margaret Keel Buschelman, c'03, d'04, and her husband, **Eric**, e'05, live in Dayton, Ohio, with their son, Dominic, 1. Eric is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Alicia Green, d'03, does academic advising at KU. She lives in Lawrence.

Robyn Runft Liu, m'03, practices medicine at Greeley County Health Services. She and her husband, Jonathan, live in Tribune with their daughters, Ridley, 4, and Hania, 1.

Sarah Morgan, d'03, directs special events for Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Justin Mullins, c'03, is a state patrol corporal with the Colorado State Patrol in Lamar.

Joseph Munoz, c'03, works as an administrative assistant at KU. He and his wife, **Theryn Spomer**, '00, make their home in Lawrence.

Ryan Murphy, b'03, is a financial investment analyst at Fidelity Bank in Wichita.

Sarah Osbern, c'03, h'04, g'06, works as an occupational therapist at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

Charles Rhoades, c'03, is a financial adviser with Edward Jones in Denver.

Emily Southard Romain, j'03, works as dietary manager at Sandalwood Manor in Denver.

David Tarverdi, e'03, g'06, is an engineer at Huntsman. He lives in Goddard.

Adam Wright, c'03, directs sales at the University of Phoenix office in Omaha, Neb.

Shanda Wyatt, j'03, manages human resources for Winstead Marketing in Knoxville, Tenn.

MARRIED

Sarah Schraeder, c'03, g'05, and **Paul Mattson**, c'05, June 9 in KU's Danforth Chapel. They live in Clarkston, Wash.

Kristy Straub, c'03, to Randy Rein,



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Sept. 22 in Great Bend, where she's a sales administrator with Straub International.

BORN TO:

Suzanne Holdgrafer Rice, d'03, and **Mitchell**, c'06, daughter, Jillian Kay, Aug. 9 in Overland Park, where she joins a brother, Jordan, 2. Mitchell works for Commercial Capital Co.

2004

Erin Baby, c'04, is an account executive with Bureau Van Dijk Electronic Publishing in Chicago.

Brian Berg, a'04, is an architect at 360 Architecture in Kansas City, and **Laura Carnoali Berg**, c'05, is a family support worker at KVC Behavioral Healthcare. They live in Bonner Springs.

Robert Carlson, c'04, is an economist with the Bureau of Economic Analysis in

Washington, D.C.

Scott Christie, g'04, works as managing editor at Great American Publishing in Sparta, Mich.

Diane Covington, g'04, serves as assistant resident dean at the University of California-San Diego. She lives in La Jolla.

Melanie Hadley Griffiths, f'04, is a recitalist and orchestral soloist in South Pasadena, Calif. She recently presented a piano concert in Lawrence's sister city, Eutin, Germany, as part of Eutin's 750th anniversary celebration.

Matthew LeCover, j'04, works as an advertising account executive for Star Community Newspapers in Plano, Texas.

Heather Ramaglia Stajduhar, d'04, g'08, teaches eighth-grade math at Trailridge Middle School in Shawnee. She and her husband, Tim, live in Gardner with their daughter, Giovanna, 1.

Jerome Wilhort, j'04, coordinates home entertainment retail accounts for 20th Century Fox in Los Angeles. He lives in Santa Monica.

Aleta Wilmoth, c'04, manages convention sales for Harrah's Entertainment in Las Vegas.

MARRIED

Carolyn Bridges, s'04, s'05, and **Brent Ruggles**, c'04, Sept. 2. They live in Wichita, and Carolyn is a specialized foster care worker with Youthville.

BORN TO:

Joanne Jansen Montgomery, j'04, and Jeremy, daughter, Maggie, April 20 in Overland Park.

2005

Michelle Rodick Beracha, j'05, is a programs and marketing assistant at the East Carolina Alumni Association. She and her husband, **Eli**, e'03, g'06, PhD'07, live in Winterville, N.C.

Marion Blackbourn, e'05, serves as county engineer for the Coffey County Highway Department in Burlington. He lives in Waverly.

Laura Clark, j'05, is an interactive media planner for Draftfcb in Chicago.

Sarah Fennell, c'05, directs the pre-

school program at the Illinois Gymnastics Institute in Chicago.

Courtney Grimwood, j'05, plans special events for Pembroke Hill School's Alumni House in Kansas City.

Corinne Hale, d'05, g'07, manages inventory for the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club. She lives in Shawnee.

Alicia Heili, d'05, g'07, is an athletics trainer at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Va. She lives in Woodbridge.

Stephanie Kroemer, b'05, works as an office claims representative with Farmers Insurance in Olathe.

Alison Layne, c'05, f'07, is a graphic designer with Waddell & Reed in Mission.

James Lewis, c'05, manages regional accounts for Miele. He lives in Richmond, Va.

William McCollum, c'05, is a project manager with DHL IT Services Europe in Prague, Czech Republic.

Kristen Novak, b'05, works as a financial analyst with Raytheon Co. She lives in Burlington, Mass.

Brandon Snook, f'05, is a contract/vendor manager with Ericsson Mobility World in New York City.

Elizabeth Winetroub, c'05, works as an account executive for Datacore Marketing in Westwood. She lives in Prairie Village.

MARRIED

Amber Heggstad, f'05, and **Jason Goodvin**, c'07, Sept. 15 in Kansas City, where they live. She's a designer for Hallmark Cards, and he works in the treasury services office at Commerce Bancshares.

Anne Ziegelmeyer, b'05, to Steven Farrar, Sept. 15 in Wichita. They live in Charlotte, N.C., and she's a CPA recruiting manager for Hunter Hollis.

2006

Melinda Benavidez, c'06, is an underwriting advocate for Farmers Insurance. She lives in Olathe.

Mindy Brissey, c'06, works as an analyst for Bank of America. Her home is in Kansas City.

Rylan Howe, c'06, j'06, is a photogra-

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s	School of Social Welfare
DE	Doctor of Engineering
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PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
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assoc.	Associate member of the Alumni Association

pher for Iowa Information Publications in Sheldon.

Amy Korbe, c'06, works as office coordinator for Indiana Perinatal Network. She lives in Indianapolis.

Richard Mulhern, a'06, is an architectural intern with RNL in Denver.

Justin Shobe, d'06, g'08, coordinates group sales for the Kansas Speedway in Kansas City.

Martha Wolf, n'06, works as a certified legal nurse consultant for the Accurso Law Firm in Kansas City.

MARRIED

Arthur Jones, c'06, and **Erin Collins**, c'06, Aug. 11. They live in Durham, N.C., where she's a development officer at Duke University.

2007

Ryan Brumbaugh, c'07, is a project geologist/geophysicist for Earth Exploration Inc. in Indianapolis.

Ashley Buonasera, PhD'07, works as senior manager of workforce analytics at Marriott International in Washington, D.C. She lives in Fairfax, Va.

Christopher Bystrom, j'07, is a partnership sales specialist for Careerbuilder in Chicago.

Cassandra Golden, f'07, teaches in Shawnee Mission. She lives in Lenexa.

Paola Galaviz Ponce, p'07, works as a pharmacist at University Health Care in Salt Lake City, where she and her husband, **Karlo**, c'07, make their home.

Lindsey Rood, c'07, coordinates events for Starlight Theatre in Kansas City.

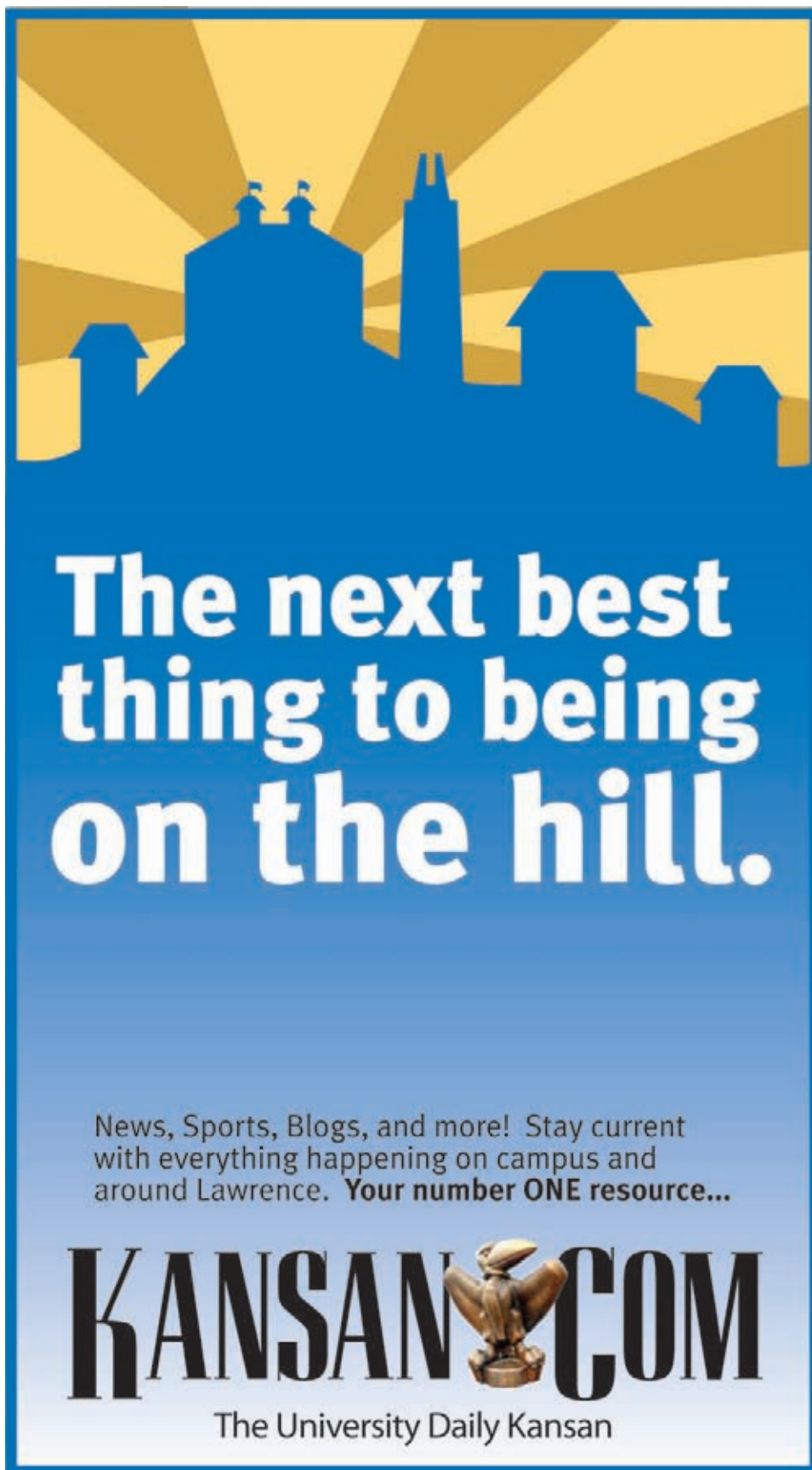
Sarah Schmidt, c'07, is a paralegal at Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Dana Starr, c'07, works as an account executive with CBS Radio. She lives in Long Grove, Ill.

Valerie Thudlum, j'07, coordinates accounts for Breakthrough Marketing Design & Technology in Kansas City. She commutes from Lawrence.

Lisa Tilson, j'07, c'07, works as an editorial assistant for Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. She lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Kurt Weishaar, p'07, is a pharmacist at Dillons in Salina.



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1920s

Fred Jameson, c'29, 98, April 12 in Topeka, where he was retired from a career in magazine advertising. He is survived by a daughter; a stepdaughter, Jeanne Rustemeyer Kern, c'61, d'63; four grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

1930s

George Allen, b'35, l'38, 93, Sept. 5 in Lawrence, where he was a retired lawyer and farmer. He is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Deborah Allen Nelson, c'67; two sons, Jeffrey, c'74, b'79, and Stephen, '79; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Glen Ashley, c'38, m'43, 91, Oct. 15 in Chanute, where he was a retired physician. He is survived by a son, Michael, c'70; five daughters, one of whom is Linda, d'71; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Leonard Detlor, e'36, 95, Aug. 20 in Millsboro, Del. He had been a mechanical engineer for Exxon-Mobile and is survived by his wife, Ann Wiszneaukas Detlor, c'45; a son; three daughters; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Emma Harbert Graff, n'31, 99, Aug. 9 in Beloit, where she was a retired nurse. A son, a daughter, seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren survive.

James Haughey, l'39, 93, Sept. 13 in Billings, Mont., where he was a retired partner in the law firm of Crowley, Haughey, Hanson, Toole and Dietrich. He also served in the Montana Legislature, founded the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and was a recipient of the KU School of Law's distinguished alumni award. Survivors include a daughter, Katherine Haughey Loo, c'61; two sons; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Helen Jedlicka Mandigo, c'35, 92, Oct. 2 in Prairie Village. She had been president of the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, national chair of

home economics in business for the American Home Economics Association and home-economics supervisor for Baltimore Gas and Electric. Two grandsons and three great-grandsons survive.

Horace Mason, c'37, g'61, 91, Sept. 29 in Winfield, where he was a retired guidance counselor. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son, Randy, j'77; a daughter, Kathleen, c'80, g'92; a brother; and four grandchildren.

Edwin Phelps Jr., e'36, 92, Oct. 19 in Leawood. He was retired president and CEO of Peabody Coal in St. Louis. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by two sons; a daughter, Janet Phelps Karr, '66; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Lucile Libel Ulrich, c'34, 94, Aug. 27 in Leawood. Survivors include a daughter, Susan Ulrich Loncar, d'77; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

1940s

Everett Bell, c'46, l'48, 88, Aug. 30 in Houston. He was former president of Texas Southern University, where the student services building is named for him. Three brothers survive.

R.E. "Bill" Bowlby, c'49, 81, Sept. 11 in Springfield, where he was retired customer-service manager for Central Illinois Public Service. He is survived by his wife, Marietta Higley Bowlby, f'50; a daughter; two sons; two stepsons; two stepdaughters; and four stepgrandchildren.

Thomas Cadden, c'47, 83, Nov. 2 in Glenview, Ill. During his career in advertising, he wrote the musical jingle for Mr. Clean liquid cleaner. He is survived by his wife, Loretta; two sons, Thomas Jr., c'77, j'78, and Timothy, j'84; a daughter, Holly Cadden Soptick, j'80; a brother, John, e'41; and six grandchildren.

William Conroy, c'49, l'52, 82, Oct. 29 in Houston, where he had been a consultant with W.J. Conroy Oil & Gas Con-

tracts. Among survivors are a son; a daughter; and a brother; Richard, c'51.

Betty Lou Childers Cook-Harms, '44, 83, Sept. 27 in Oakland, Calif. She owned ABBA Insta-Print and the Resume Bureau in San Francisco and is survived by a daughter, three sons, nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Charles Davis, m'48, 84, May 2 in Galena, where he was a retired physician. A son, a daughter and a sister survive.

Darrell "Duke" Donnelly, d'41, 90, Aug. 25 in Neodesha, where he was a retired teacher. Several nieces and nephews survive.

Edward Downard Jr., b'49, 84, Oct. 28 in Wichita, where he owned the accounting firm of Downard & King. He is survived by his wife, Claire Grothusen Downard, c'50; a daughter, Karen Downard Haley, d'76; two sons, Edward, c'79, and James, c'83, h'84, m'88; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

Ruth Garvey Fink, '41, 90, Sept. 18 in Topeka, where she was president of Freedom Family LC. Survivors include a son, Bruce Cochener, b'69; two daughters, one of whom is Caroline Cochener Bonesteel, c'72; two stepdaughters, one of whom is Marcia Fink Anderson, n'60; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth "Betty" Griffith Green, f'43, 87, Oct. 6 in Lawrence. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Survivors include two sons, Leon, c'71, and Joel, c'75; a daughter, Julia Green Rombough, c'80; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Eleanor Brown Griswold, f'47, 82, Sept. 26 in Newton. She is survived by her husband, Dale, c'51, m'53; a son; a sister, Louine Brown Herman, '48; and three grandchildren.

Marion Haynes, b'48, 85, March 24 in Tucson, Ariz. He is survived by his wife, Doris Kenton Haynes, d'49; three daughters; a brother, Eugene, b'40;

and three grandchildren.

Charles Johnson Jr., c'49, 85, Aug. 25 in Fort Myers Beach, Fla. Surviving are two daughters; a sister, Barbara Johnson Myers, c'49, c'51; and three grandchildren.

Charles "Jack" Kennedy, c'49, l'52, 81, Oct. 11 in Houston, where he was a retired attorney. He is survived by his wife, Frances; three daughters, one of whom is Laura, '78; a son; and four grandchildren.

Burt Larson, e'43, 86, Oct. 18 in Hays. He is survived by a daughter, Jane Larson Lee, j'66, and two granddaughters.

Dorothy Harkness Martin, '44, 84, Oct. 17 in Ottawa. She taught school and farmed. She was active in the "Kitchen 8" alumni women of Watkins Hall and a founding member of the Committee for the Preservation of Watkins and Miller Halls. Surviving are a daughter, Roxanne Martin Mettenburg, g'94, g'00; a son; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Belfour McMillen, c'49, 84, Sept. 4 in Fort Worth, where he was retired from the publishing industry. Surviving are his wife, Betty Joe Lorbeer McMillen, '49; two daughters, one of whom is Alexandra McMillen Dillon, j'86; a brother, John, '59; and two grandchildren.

Jean Perry Merritt, c'40, 88, March 20 in Leavenworth. Among survivors are a daughter, Jan, d'70; and two sons.

Dorus Munsinger, e'42, 88, July 27 in Enid, Okla., where he co-founded Kemp-Munsinger Co. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and a son, Roger, c'70.

Norman Smith, b'47, 91, June 11 in Tacoma, Wash., where he had owned a men's clothing store. A brother survives.

Harvey Snapp, l'49, 86, Oct. 28 in Wichita, where he practiced law until his death. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite; three sons, two of whom are David, l'80, and Randall, c'81, l'85; two daughters, Mary, j'75, and Joanne Snapp Ruggiero, b'82, g'83; and 11 grandchildren.

Helen Manka Storbeck, c'49, 80, Oct. 1 in Wichita. She lived in Winfield and is survived by two sons, Chris, c'76, and Scott, c'80; two sisters; a brother;

and two grandchildren.

Elaine Walker Walker, d'47, 81, Aug. 13 in Fort Worth, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Bill, e'48; a daughter, Carol Walker Searcy, c'76; a son, Craig, p'74; a brother, William, '51; and four grandchildren.

1950s

Richard Bennett, d'50, 80, Sept. 1 in Overland Park, where he had a career in music. He is survived by a son, Rick, '76; three daughters, one of whom is Catherine Bennett Binder, '78; two stepsons; a brother; and 13 grandchildren.

Margaret Rives Duckworth, d'52, 77, Oct. 20 in Elkhart. Survivors include a daughter, Meg Duckworth Byrd, '85; a son, Michael, c'91, d'91, g'96; a brother, William Rives, p'56; a sister; and four grandchildren.

John Gagel, '54, 76, Aug. 21 in Green Valley, Ariz. He owned Machinery & Supplies Co. and is survived by his wife, Shirley, two daughters, a son, five grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Mary Ann Pappas Hicklin, f'53, 75, Aug. 6 in Lawrence. She is survived by her husband, Wallace, '54; three daughters, one of whom is Miriam Hicklin Lietz, '76; a son, Wallace III, '83; and six grandchildren.

Ross Keeling Jr., e'51, 78, Oct. 12 in Los Angeles, where he had a 39-year career with Cal-Tran. He is survived by his wife, Juanita, a son, two daughters, a sister and six grandchildren.

Helen Beatson Kirk, c'54, 81, Sept. 4 in Wichita. She is survived by a son, Lance, '82; a daughter, Allyson Kirk Hatfield, m'93; and two granddaughters.

Marshall Martin, b'51, 82, Oct. 9 in Overland Park, where he retired from a 33-year career with General Motors Acceptance. He is survived by his wife, Betty; three sons; a brother, James, b'52; and four grandchildren.

James McFarlane, e'55, 78, Sept. 28 in Southampton, Pa., where he retired from a career in research and development with General Electric. He is survived by two sons, one of whom is Michael, m'78; three daughters; two brothers; 17 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Donald Porter, b'53, 77, Oct. 5 in Beloit, where he owned Porter Hotel. He is survived by his wife, Carol Shoemaker Porter, assoc.; a son, David, c'92, g'98; a daughter, Pamela Porter Wessling, '78; a sister, June Porter Rittenhouse, d'53; and two grandchildren.

Thomas Scott Jr., e'51, 84, Oct. 29 in Bastrop, Texas. He owned Product Engineering in Richardson, and while at KU he played football with the Jayhawk team that went to the 1948 Orange Bowl. Three sons, a daughter, 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren survive.

Lawrence Tretbar, c'55, m'60, 74, Oct. 14 in Prairie Village, where he was a surgeon and a phlebologist. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; a son; a daughter; and a brother, Harold, m'56.

Fritz Widick, e'54, 76, Sept. 28 in Cocoa Beach, Fla., where he was a retired NASA mission control engineer at Kennedy Space Center. Two sons, two daughters, a sister and nine grandchildren survive.

1960s

Sally Liggett Brown, c'62, g'66, 67, Oct. 17 in Houston, where she worked for Challenger Minerals. She is survived by her husband, Larry, e'64, g'67; three daughters, one of whom is Stacey Brown Garza, d'96; a son; and five grandchildren.

Darrell Call, e'61, 69, Oct. 6 in Scottsdale, where he was retired from a career in engineering and space science. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, two daughters, a son, a stepson, a brother, a sister and five grandchildren.

Linda Harrington Capstick, c'69, 59, Aug. 20 in Annapolis, Md. She is survived by her husband, Arnold; three sons; two daughters; her mother; two brothers, Jack Harrington, b'58, and Rick Harrington, c'67; two sisters, Mary Harrington, c'72, n'74, and Michele Harrington, c'75; and seven grandchildren.

Sally Brown Crank, d'61, 67, Aug. 10 in Denver. She is survived by a son; two daughters; a sister; and three brothers, one of whom is George Brown, c'69.

Robert Hill, c'64, m'67, 66, Sept. 14 in Topeka, where he was a partner in the

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Cotton-O'Neil Clinic. A daughter and a brother, Ronald, c'67, survive.

Arlabel Stewart Hornbaker, g'68, 88, Oct. 23 in Wheat Ridge, Colo. She taught elementary school in Lawrence and had been active in music education. Surviving are two daughters, one of whom is Ann Hornbaker Feinberg, c'68, g'76; a son, Thomas, c'73, g'75; a sister; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Maurice "Poncho" King, d'64, 72, Sept. 17 in Kansas City, where he was retired from Hallmark Cards. While at KU, he played on the 1956-57 team that lost to North Carolina in triple overtime in the NCAA championship game. He later played for the Boston Celtics and for the Kansas City Steers. Survivors include his wife, Jelena; a daughter, Kimberly King Crawford, c'89; a son, Maurice, '88; a brother; and three grandchildren.

Virginia Horton King, c'60, 68, Oct. 4 in Kerrville, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Tom, a'59; two sons; a daughter; and five grandchildren.

Perry Klaassen, m'66, 68, Oct. 15 in Edmond, Okla. He had been clinical director of Mary Mahoney Memorial Medical Center in Oklahoma City and for Central Oklahoma Integrated Network Services. Surviving are his wife, Jeanie, two sons, two brothers and three grandchildren.

David "Brevo" Latinis, b'64, 65, Aug. 23 in Overland Park, where he was a tax accountant and an independent businessman. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by a daughter, Carie Latinis-Yeo, c'91; two sons, one of whom is Kevin, c'92; and eight grandchildren.

James Lyons, c'64, l'67, 65, Sept. 1 in Overland Park. He lived in Albuquerque, where he was retired head of the New Mexico child abuse prosecuting division. He is survived by his mother and two brothers, one of whom is Daniel, c'71, l'77.

Richard Nall Jr., '66, 63, April 6 in Overland Park. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Meyer Nall, c'65; two daughters, one of whom is Julie Nall

Trotter, j'91; a son; and four grandchildren.

Richard Norman, b'65, 65, Sept. 16 in Overland Park, where he was retired from Hallmark Cards. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Elaine Linley Norman, d'64; a daughter; a sister; and a granddaughter.

Hortense "Tensie" Casady Oldfather, '64, 88, Oct. 2 in Kansas City. She lived in Lawrence, where she was a well-known philanthropist and community volunteer. Survivors include five sons, four of whom are Timothy, c'67, m'71, Stephen, '72, William, f'81, and Jonathan, '82; two daughters, one of whom is Melanie Oldfather Robinson, f'73; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Larry O'Neal, c'69, l'72, 60, Sept. 26 in Leawood. He had been a partner in the Kansas City law firm of Shook, Hardy and Bacon. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Janet; two sons, one of whom is Corey, '08; and a sister.

Ralph Osborne, g'64, 68, Oct. 1 in Sunset Beach, N.C., where he was retired from a career with Westinghouse. He is survived by his wife, Betty, three sons, a sister and four grandchildren.

Donald "Dick" Shearer, f'64, 65, Dec. 30, 2006 in Sacramento, Calif., where he was a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He also had been vice president and managing director for resource development at United Way. He is survived by his wife, Judy Gorham Shearer, d'63; two sons; and a brother.

Stephen Singer, j'67, 62, Sept. 18 in Shaker Heights, Ohio, where he had been president of Mutual Display Manufacturing. He is survived by his wife, Amy, two sons and a brother.

Dorothy Detter Southard, n'61, 68, Oct. 22 in Haviland. She is survived by her husband, Charles Jr., assoc.; a son; two brothers, one of whom is James Detter, c'55, m'62; and a sister, Rose Detter Alderson, s'86.

1970s

Nancy Larson Allen, j'71, 58, Oct. 12

in Kansas City, where she was a group manager for the consumer markets division of EMBARQ. A sister, Jane Larson Lee, j'66, survives.

Richard Burgen, g'71, 68, Sept. 7 in Kansas City, where he owned and operated Burgen Accounting and Tax Services. He is survived by his wife, Maria, two daughters, two sisters, a brother and four grandchildren.

Dennis Casey, PhD'79, 65, June 19 in New Braunfels, Texas, where he was a U.S. Air Force military historian. Survivors include his wife, Suzy, a son and a grandson.

Rebecca Crowley, n'72, m'80, 58, Sept. 14 in Kansas City, where she was a physician. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by her mother, Elaine Carlson Thurn, c'48, g'52; her father, Robert Crowley, '50; three stepsons, Phillip Hof, '01, Nathan Hof, c'02, and Jonathan, c'04, j'04; and a sister, Marta Crowley Sanor, h'86.

Edward "Marsh" Douthat, c'71, 60, Oct. 5 in Atlanta. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia, four daughters, three sons, two brothers and five grandchildren.

Cheryl Bowlan Eakin, j'72, 57, Sept. 17 in Abilene, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Dary, c'73; four sons; her mother; and a sister.

Beverly Glaze Frazier, d'70, 79, Sept. 21 in Overland Park, where she was a sculptor. She is survived by a daughter, Arvella Frazier Spease, d'80, g'86, g'91; two sons, Bernard, b'76, and Malcolm, '73; a brother, David Glaze, c'64; and five grandchildren.

Dorothy Oberkrom Hirsch, d'71, 87, Sept. 14 in Kansas City, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by her husband, John, '75; a son, John Jr., c'69, l'76; two daughters, Dorothy, c'72, and Patricia, c'75, l'79, s'98; a brother; and three grandchildren.

Sara McClenaghan Lowes, d'77, 51, Aug. 5 in San Francisco. She lived in Houston, where she owned a private tax practice. She is survived by her husband, Mark, c'77; a son; a daughter; her parents; a sister; and a brother, Christopher McClenaghan, c'76, g'85.

Jackson Mitchell, j'73, 57, Aug. 17 in Lawrence, where he was president of ServiceMaster Cleansweep. He is survived by his wife, Julie Motley Mitchell, d'73; a daughter, Juliann, d'01, g'04; two sons, one of whom is Jack III, '03; his father, Jack Sr., assoc., and stepmother; and a brother, Judson, c'77.

Eldon Puett, e'72, 58, Nov. 9 in Shawnee. He worked for the Santa Fe and Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroads for many years. While at KU, he performed as the Jayhawk mascot and helped introduce Baby Jay in 1971. Survivors include his wife, Connie Estes Puett, d'72; a son, Jason, b'97; a daughter, Lindsay Puett Peattie, b'01; his parents; a brother; a sister; and two grandchildren.

1980s

June Isaacs Horwitz, s'80, 84, Aug. 19 in Kansas City, where she had been a ballet choreographer and a social worker. Surviving are her husband, Leonard; two daughters, Marjorie Horwitz Murray, d'67, and Lynne Horwitz Green, s'70; a son, Robert, '79; two sisters; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Janna Jones, m'89, 45, Sept. 20 in Kansas City. She lived in Leavenworth, where she had a private practice and was a medical consultant for the Leavenworth Federal Prison. She is survived by her husband, Robert, a son, two stepsons, two stepdaughters, her mother and stepfather and two brothers.

Ed Randels, l'82, 53, Sept. 12 in Wichita, where he was an attorney for the Sedgwick County Counselor's Office. Surviving are his wife, Kathy, a son, a daughter, his mother, a brother and a granddaughter.

Brian Scott, e'88, 42, Aug. 14 in Kansas City, where he was a professional engineer. He is survived by his parents, Bill and Sherri, a brother, a sister and his grandmothers.

1990s

Jason Brown, c'98, g'01, 33, Aug. 23 in Kansas City, where he was district manager with Performance Matters Associates. He is survived by his wife, Lynn

Williamson Brown, p'99; a daughter; his parents, Myron, assoc., and Nancy Brown, '84; and a brother, Derek, c'94, l'97.

Norine Kerr, PhD'92, 62, Sept. 1 in Fort Smith, Ark., where she was a psychiatric nurse practitioner and a nursing educator. A sister and a brother survive.

Joyce Reece, g'92, 63, Oct. 14 in Topeka. She lived in Oskaloosa and was a special-education teacher for the Northeastern Kansas Education Center at Perry-Leocompton Elementary School. Among survivors are her partner, Sharon Laverentz, four sisters and two brothers.

Shannon Tauscher, s'97, s'99, l'01, 39, Sept. 1 in Kansas City, where she lived. She was a volunteer at the Community Drop-In Center and the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center in Lawrence. Survivors include her partner, Jules Kellogg, her mother, a sister and a brother.

2000s

Aaron Caldwell, '08, 22, Nov. 10 in Lawrence, where he was majoring in economics at KU. He is survived by his mother, his father, two sisters and his grandmothers.

Melissa "Spike" Evans, c'07, 21, Sept. 8 in Kansas City. She lived in Lawrence. Surviving are her parents; a sister, Emily Evans Schnee, d'00; a brother; and her grandmother.

Matthew Murphy, c'07, 25, Sept. 10 in Oklahoma City, where he was a second-year law student. He is survived by his wife, Kristina, a daughter, his parents, a brother and his grandmother.

Blan "Maury" Stout Jr., g'08, 49, Nov. 11 in Leavenworth, where he was a U.S. Army chaplain. He is survived by his wife, Jeressa, four daughters, a son and a sister.

The University Community

John Carter, 90, Aug. 26 in Willoughby, Ohio. He was a professor and chair of pathology and oncology at the KU Medical Center. Surviving are his wife, Adelaide, two daughters and a granddaughter.

John Conard Sr., c'43, g'47, 86, Oct.

12 in Lawrence, where he had been director of University relations and assistant to KU chancellors Larry Chalmers, Raymond Nichols and Archie Dykes. He also was former executive director of the Kansas Board of Regents and president of the Higher Education Loan Program of Kansas. Survivors include his wife, Virginia Powell Conard, c'48; three sons, James, c'77, l'85, g'85, Spencer, e'83, l'86, and John Jr., e'86, g'95; a sister, Violet, d'46; and eight grandchildren.

Anita Younger Dixon, m'78, 59, Sept. 8 in Kansas City, where she taught pulmonary pathology at the KU Medical Center. Her husband, William, and a sister survive.

Keith Gallehugh, d'53, m'57, 75, Oct. 27 in Overland Park, where he was on the clinical faculty at the KU School of Medicine and retired chief of radiology at the Overland Park Regional Medical Center. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Lois; two sons, one of whom is Kurt, '83; a daughter, Cam, d'80; a stepbrother; a stepsister; and three grandsons.

Wallace Johnson Jr., 74, Oct. 23 in Lawrence, where he was a professor in KU's department of East Asian languages and cultures. He is survived by his wife, Diantha, and a son.

Anne Haruda Nielsen, PhD'69, 93, Sept. 16 in Columbia, Mo. She was a nurse and had done cancer research at the KU Medical Center until she retired in 1982. A daughter, six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren survive.

Margaret Erickson Oros, 95, Nov. 5 in New Rockford, N.D. She was an associate scientist emeritus at KU, where she headed the oil and gas division of the Kansas Geological Survey. A sister survives.

Glenda Bailey Stevens, 69, Nov. 4 in Lawrence, where she had been an archivist at KU's Dole Institute. She is survived by her husband, Paul; a son; a daughter, Pippa Stevens Loupe, PhD'96; a brother; and six grandchildren.



Rock Chalk Review

STEVE PUPPE



■ Design students Lauren Daly and Hannah Fiechtner reached the finals of a national competition sponsored by Walt Disney Imagineering.

Thrill ride

Students' coaster design takes them all the way to Disneyland

When senior design students Lauren Daly and Hannah Fiechtner decided to enter Walt Disney Imagineering's 16th ImagiNations design competition, some of their biggest supporters were a little skeptical.

"Our teachers laughed at us and told us we were crazy," Fiechtner says. "We had some doubters."

Maybe that's because their professors knew what the pair were in for. The Disney contest asks teams to design a ride or other theme-park attraction, and because entertainment design is not part of the KU design curriculum, the months-long project required Daly, of Olathe, and Fiechtner, of Sioux Falls, S.D., to spend 20-hour workdays on an extracurricular activity—while still taking a full load of classes.

Even before being named one of 11 international finalists, the team (which also enlisted help from fellow KU student Justin Eakes, a Lawrence senior in design, and University of Missouri-Kansas City student Tammy

Takaishi) decided the extra effort was worth it.

"Where some people are studying mathematical equations or economics, we were talking to kids and watching Disney movies," Fiechtner says.

They interviewed elementary schoolchildren to come up with ideas for the ride, and discovered that spies were a universally popular topic. They dreamed up two characters, the Spy Twins, and created a back story and a chase-based adventure around which to build their ride: a roller-coaster pursuit of a villain through the narrow, twisting streets of an international city.

Their Spy Twins design won them a trip to Glendale, Calif., in July, where they presented their project to judges, interviewed for Disney internships and visited with "imagineers" who design rides, hotels and other attractions at the company's theme parks.

They joined U.S. teams from Carnegie Mellon University, Destination Imagination, Hampton University, Pratt Institute, the University of Miami and the University of Southern California, and from Exeter University in England, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil, and the University of British Columbia and the University of Waterloo in Canada.

"The purpose of the competition is to find a way to bring new thinking, new perspectives into our organization," says Marilyn Walters, director of media relations for Walt Disney Imagineering. She notes that Disney doesn't build any of the projects the finalists design. The company is more interested in seeing how the students approach the design process.

"We get to see how they think, what their approach is, how they come up with these ideas," Walters says.

In turn, the students get to spend time with the people whose full-time job is to come up with new rides. It's a chance to see the best in the business at work.

"They were really accepting and trusting with us," Daly says. "They let us into their culture, and we got to see all kinds of things they are working on."

By making the finals, Walters says, the KU team distinguished themselves as being among

the best of the best young designers. "Once you get brought out to California, you're in the top tier. You get interviewed for an internship, you get in our recruitment database and you get to put on your resume that you were a finalist in a Disney competition. It really is a huge honor to make it that far." —Steven Hill

—Steven Hill

OREAD READER

Eudora, we hardly knew you

Thebo's comic novel takes loving look at small town life

Lotty Dougal is a woman of mystery, and that's no small feat in a town where even the most innocuous daily doings are noted and passed down the gossip wire at double time.

The mercurial, auburn-haired, Irish-Catholic heroine of Mimi Thebo's cheeky novel, *Welcome to Eudora*, is a familiar enough type: She's the rebel who flees to the city only to return, bringing back urban flash that doesn't always sit well with her sedate neighbors.

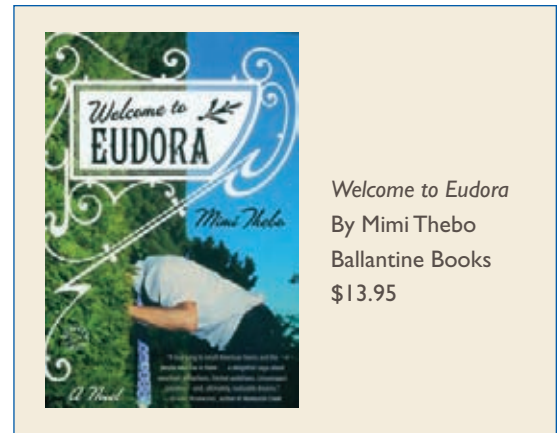
Not that she cares. As Thebo puts it, "In a town such as Eudora, where everyone knows you from birth to death, it takes a brave woman to color her hair." Of course, Lotty does just that, "great flashes of red that made her curls glow like the neon sign at Chuck's Beer and Bowl."

But Lotty also hails from a family with a deep distrust in medicine, and a flair for herbal remedies. So when Eudora's only doctor, a newcomer, takes a shine to her, Eudorans ("watching the courting behavior of the pair much as a zookeeper would watch the courting behavior of giant pandas") are not terribly surprised when his failure to propose at the town's big winter social, the Snow Ball, moves Lotty to nudge things along with a love potion.

The potion works—but on the wrong woman—and the lines that get drawn thereafter reveal serious divisions between the town's old-line citizens and its immigrant (and previously invisible) Hispanic population.

Thebo's clever, folksy narrative voice takes the point of view of an anonymous citizen of Eudora. The first-person plural perspective makes the town itself a character in the novel, with all its quirks and foibles closely observed, and that is what makes *Welcome To Eudora* more than a trifling small-town picaresque. Thebo, c'85, deftly explores the social strains as she looks with great affection and good humor at the grim struggle for survival that's all too real for many towns across the Midwest.

Thebo is a Lawrence native who lives in Somerset, England, where she is a Senior Teaching Fellow in Creative Writing at Bath Spa University. Careful readers will note that her fictional



Welcome to Eudora
By Mimi Thebo
Ballantine Books
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Eudora—a town fighting extinction "in the middle of wheat, oil and cattle country"—bears little resemblance to the booming Douglas County town.

But if Mimi Thebo's *Eudora* seems more vivid, dramatic and comically insular than the real thing, maybe that's a testament to her bold imaginative powers. Or maybe the rest of us just haven't been paying attention.

—Steven Hill

'Grace' breaks through

Ryan Jones' film "Fall From Grace" ("Bully Pulpit," *Rock Chalk Review*, issue No. 3, 2007) debuted on the Showtime cable network Dec. 4. Made while Jones, c'07, was a film studies student, the 75-minute documentary provides an unprecedented inside look at pastor Fred Phelps of Topeka's Westboro Baptist Church. Phelps was in the news most recently when the family of a U.S. soldier killed in Iraq won an \$11 million judgement against the church for picketing their son's funeral.

Showtime viewers can see the film at scheduled times over the next 18 months or on demand. In addition, Netflix purchased the DVD rights to the film and will make it available for download at www.netflix.com in March.

"It's almost better than theatrical distribution for a documentary, because it's reaching a wider audience," says Jones, who recently moved to New York City to pursue a career in film. "It's an amazing deal. To go from being a class project two years ago to being shown on Showtime and released as a DVD is almost beyond my comprehension."

"Fall From Grace" now features an updated soundtrack that includes an original score by Kip Haaheim, associate professor of music and dance, and improved sound mixing by Robert Hurst, assistant professor of theatre and film. —Steven Hill



JAMIE ROFFER

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OREAD READER

The Comet's trail

In a new memoir, Gale Sayers reveals much about life before and after football

“Not a day goes by that I don’t think about Brian.”

In his new autobiography, Hall of Fame running back Gale Sayers, the beloved “Kansas Comet,” shares touching details about the brief, bittersweet friendship he shared with Chicago Bears teammate Brian Piccolo, who died of cancer in 1970 and was immortalized in Sayers’ first book, *I am Third*, and the heart-wrenching movie “Brian’s Song.”

Sayers writes that Piccolo’s widow, Joy, recently told him about the time her late husband, troubled by premature baldness, had briefly taken to wearing a toupee; during a visit to a hospital, he met a child whose own hair had been lost to chemotherapy. Piccolo threw the toupee in the garbage and lamented, “How could I be so vain?”

Surprisingly, and perhaps refreshingly, little else

about
Sayers: My Life and Times,
co-authored with
Chicago Tribune
columnist Fred



Mitchell, is as might be expected from a sports memoir. It most assuredly is not a saccharine homage to NFL glory days.

In fact, Sayers opens his book with a lurid recounting of the injury he suffered in 1968: “My knee buckled as my leg remained planted awkwardly in the Wrigley Field turf. Nowhere to go, no place for it to give. I screamed in pain at the moment of impact.” Sayers later showed a season highlight reel during a gathering at his home of family and teammates; though some tried to make light of the awkward moment when the injury was projected for all to see, Sayers was sickened and vowed “that I would never again look at that film.”

Sayers, d’75, g’77, relates in his introduction that he intends his book to be an inspirational story about “preparing to quit.” Athletes

mired in their own leg-ends, Sayers argues, too often become aging, empty shells of their former greatness; driven to be as great away from the game as he was within it, Sayers returned to KU to finish his undergraduate degree, then completed a master’s.

He had a successful run as an assistant athletics director at KU and as athletics director at Southern Illinois, yet when he wrote to all 28 NFL teams to inquire about a front-office job, only Al Davis of the Oakland Raiders offered him the courtesy of a reply. Sayers left football behind for good and in 1983 launched an innovative computer company that has since made him an admired businessman in Chicago.

In this season of renewal for KU football, it is fitting that KU fans take time to read this honest—at times, blisteringly so—personal accounting by the greatest living Jayhawk athlete of them all.



Sayers: My Life and Times
By Gale Sayers
with Fred Mitchell
Triumph Books
\$24.95

Sayers concedes, for the first time publicly, that he came to crave powerful painkillers given to him after his second knee injury, in 1970. “The shots would put me to sleep for about five minutes or so, and I must confess that I really started looking forward to getting them,” Sayers writes. “Was I becoming addicted to the painkillers? I feared I was at the time.” Sayers says “that feeling of lost control” was a factor in his decision to retire after only 68 NFL games.

And yet, Sayers pines for football’s other old habits: he and other stars pulling dangerous duty returning kicks; dressing in shoddy locker rooms and showering in cold water; scrapping man-to-man, without agents or lawyers, in contract negotiations with coach and team owner George Halas. “Fact is,” Sayers writes, “I made a grand total of \$275,000 during my seven years in the NFL.”

He writes movingly about visiting American military personnel around the world in 2005 with Gen. Richard Myers, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. And he shares intimate details about the difficult years of his childhood, when his parents found solace in alcohol as they moved from Wichita to a northwest Kansas farm and finally to an Omaha, Neb., housing project.

“Little did I realize that our BB guns would come in handy when it came to snaring some food when we were hungry in those lean years,” Sayers writes. “My mother did her best to feed us, but there just wasn’t much to go around.” For 50

cents, Bernice Sayers could buy 100 chicken feet, which she would fry or make into a stew.

Sayers writes that on a recruiting trip to Nebraska, he was hassled by players for wearing his high-school letterman's jacket, and he was put up for the night in a basement room with exposed pipes. When coach Jack Mitchell brought him to Mount Oread, "I fell in love with the campus right away. ... I was certain I had made the right choice for me."

—Chris Lazzarino



Arts and sciences

Fine arts faculty splash color, imagination through halls of research hub

With its brushed aluminum and glass walls, and a pervasive air of scien-

tific seriousness, the Multidisciplinary Research Building on West Campus recently got an infusion of color and spirit, thanks to exhibitions by three School of Fine Arts faculty members.

"The work that is happening in this building seems magical, mysterious and very experimental," assistant professor of sculpture Alison Louma writes on a placard near her fabric-and-glass installation suspended in the sun-splash of floor-to-ceiling windows. "I wanted to design a sculpture that had these same qualities."

Gerald Lubensky, professor of painting, has

two colorful abstract paintings near dry technical charts affixed on a stark white wall, and Carol Ann Carter, professor of expanded media, displays a series of intriguing multimedia digital images throughout the administration suite and conference room.

"Though we tend to think of artists and scientists as having very different motivations, different activities and different outcomes, in fact, scientists and artists have so much in common," says Dawn Marie Guernsey, chair of the department of art. "Both work with observation and inspiration. Both are concerned with knowing the world and building a culture."

"The exhibition at MRB is a wonderful opportunity for cross-discipline understanding."

The exhibition, which will remain through the end of the school year, is the second installment in what is hoped will be an annual collaboration between fine arts faculty and MRB researchers.

—Chris Lazzarino



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■ A fabric-and-glass installation by Alison Louma, assistant professor of sculpture, is among three sets of artworks by KU professors now exhibited at the Multidisciplinary Research Building on West Campus.



Oread Encore

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

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1960s to create a new archive within the research library to be built north of Strong Hall. Outside of such obvious items as year-books and alumni magazines, the University had never before kept a full record of itself.

So Nugent crawled through attics and basements, insisted everyone send him documents and photographs, and in 1969 University Archives opened. Nugent retired in 1993 and passed away in 2003; the organizational system he created is still in use at University Archives.

“When it came to telling the story of the University, I think he saw himself, and I see

myself, as facilitating somebody else telling the story,” says archivist Barry Bunch, c’80, who joined Nugent’s staff in 1979 and retires this spring. “A book like this helps create the mystique that helps people feel connected to something that goes back a long ways, and that does engender an extra sense of pride.”



For old time’s sake

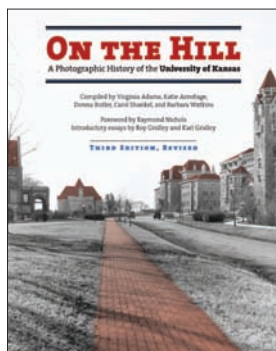
Latest edition of photographic KU history reminds us of those who make KU storytelling possible

Like others of my 1980s vintage, I received the first edition of *On the Hill* as a graduation gift. I took it with me to my first job, in Florida, where it helped a Lawrence kid and loyal Jayhawk sometimes feel not so far from all that was familiar and beloved.

The book’s authors and its publisher, University Press of Kansas, recently issued the book’s revised third edition, bringing the Mount Oread story into the 21st century. Viewed now from the perspective of 13 years at *Kansas Alumni*, I no longer cherish the book as a salve for occasional bouts of homesickness, but rather as a tour of the treasures tucked away in University Archives.

On the top floor of the Spencer Research Library, University Archives feels like the sort of ancient institutional safebox where accounts of KU life must always have been secreted. In fact, University Archives, both in place and purpose, is a relatively recent creation.

John Nugent, who came to KU as a rookie librarian in the early 1950s, was asked in the late



■ *On the Hill*


(third edition, revised)

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