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 - #1 **ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING**
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 - #1 **CITY MANAGEMENT AND URBAN POLICY**
U.S. News & World Report national ranking
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 - #1 **ENGINEERING**
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 - #1 **PHARMACY**
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 - #1 **BUSINESS**
First place, U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce BizFest competition
 - #1 **FOOTBALL**
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Studio 804 has Wright stuff

I am inspired by the fine story that Steven Hill wrote about Professor Dan Rockhill and his Studio 804 students undertaking so ambitious a project for Greensburg ["Platinum Green," issue No. 4]. I work for the U.S. General Services Administration, the federal government's primary real estate agency, and I can attest that achieving a Platinum LEED rating is no mean feat. It requires careful documentation from the very beginning of a project, and applicants undergo a rigorous examination and scoring process. GSA has required all new construction and major modernization to seek the Silver LEED rating at a minimum since 2003. We have about a dozen Gold LEED rated buildings but no Platinum ones. For Studio 804 to achieve so high a rating in so short a time is truly unprecedented.

The citizens of Greensburg are lucky to have KU ready to help, but their commitment to building green is very impressive as well. They not only will restore their community, but they also will put it on the map in a way that it has not been before, and give it a focus that should energize its ongoing renewal.

I have only one quibble about the story. The concept of architecture students not having "any hands on experience whatsoever" is a lament that has been addressed in the past, most notably by the great Frank Lloyd Wright. Making a virtue out of necessity during the Great Depression, he managed to survive as an architect by founding two working campuses for his own school of architecture, in Wisconsin and Arizona, to which he attracted students who not only learned architecture in a classroom setting, but also built their own shelter, campus buildings and the infrastructure required.

Professor Rockhill and Studio 804 are

carrying on a noble tradition started by one of America's greatest architects.

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

Home is where the Hawks are

As the Jayhawks inched closer to the NCAA Final Four, I realized (one dark night) that I'd scheduled an out-of-town business trip the first Monday of April!

My husband and I, both KU alumni, lived in Lawrence when Kansas won the 1988 national basketball title. We eventually settled our family in the Kansas City area, as have about one-quarter of all Jayhawks. Our four children are avid fans, with our oldest two now attending or just graduated from KU.

As the days led up to this year's Big Dance, I imagined what fun it would be to celebrate a win with friends and family in Kansas City or with tens of thousands on Mass Street. Early Sunday morning before leaving for the airport (following a great Kansas vs. North Carolina celebration at Johnny's Tavern in Olathe), I located the Orlando Chapter watch party address on the Alumni Association's Web site.

That Monday evening, walking into an unfamiliar place (armed with Jayhawk stickers and table décor) felt, well, fairly

awkward. But in an instant, I became great friends with about 20 Jayhawks from all over the country who also were looking for crimson-and-blue camaraderie. We hooped and we hollered—oh, what a time we had!

To all my Orlando national championship watch-party buddies: Rock Chalk, Jayhawks! And "KUDos" to the Alumni Association for continuing to promote watch sites in more than 65 U.S. cities.

Michon Lickteig Quick, f'85
Shawnee

One great year

Kansas Alumni [issue No. 4] hit my mailbox right on time to provide a good fix of KU news and stories. Who would have thought the University's ad on page four would be the most awesome part of the magazine: Academics claiming 11 No. 1 national rankings—no wonder we love the University. Chancellor Hemenway is correct, "It has been a great year to be a Jayhawk." Rock Chalk!

Patrick J. Slattery, j'78
Lenexa

Good news travels

I am now living back in Thailand, after spending 43 years in California and Kansas. I am still a Jayhawk at heart.

It's wonderful to read many interesting articles in the *Kansas Alumni* magazine sent to me. I truly enjoyed reading "Platinum Green." Thank you, Steven Hill, for a story well written.

Vallapa Shaisiri Herzog, c'76, MSW'80
Cha-am, Thailand

Strength in a name

If Jennifer Widerstrom of "American Gladiators" ["One tough Jayhawk," Jayhawk Walk, issue No. 4] is going to perform under the name of a mythical bird (Phoenix), why not the name of the mythical bird of her alma mater?

David B. Pittaway, c'72
New York, N.Y.



■ Jayhawks celebrated KU's championship victory at JB's Sports Restaurant in Orlando.

“Good things happen only when people get behind them.” — Janet Hyndman

Henry Hyndman's father, grandfather and daughter graduated from the KU Medical Center, and his wife, Janet, earned a bachelor's in nursing from KU. He now has Parkinson's disease, but his long-term treatment at the Medical Center has improved the Hyndmans' lives.

Recently, they revised their estate plans. They established a bequest to KU Endowment that will support research in Parkinson's disease at the Medical Center.



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BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

First Word



As an April afternoon turned to evening, six family members stewed in one corner of a waiting room in the University of Kansas Hospital. We did our best to chat about everything except the reason why we were there. When words failed, we smiled feebly, grasped a hand or patted a shoulder, praying all the while.

Another family named Jackson also was keeping vigil in the waiting room, so each time a nurse called our name to share a tidbit of news from an operating room, two families nearly lurched out of their chairs, anxiously looking up at her for reassurance. Bonded for an instant by name and by worry, we strangers nodded and grinned at one another in awkward solidarity.

At last it was our turn, and the doctor arrived to deliver real news. My sister-in-law had come through cancer surgery; there were no surprises. The pathology lab still needed to test some tissue, but the doctor sounded hopeful. A few days later, just in time for her birthday, my sister-in-law received the confirmation: The cancer had not spread. It was completely gone. She could focus on recovery, free from the rigors of radiation treatments or chemotherapy. Thanks in large part to a KU physician, who had found and

removed early-stage cancer other doctors had missed, she would be OK. Happy Birthday, indeed.

Cancer connects us all. We can count family members and friends who have heard the dreaded diagnosis. And we rejoice in the recent advances in detection and treatment that have enabled

more of our loved ones to conquer the disease.

In our cover story, Julie Mettenburg, j'91, describes the intricate process that has transformed a KU laboratory discovery into a promising cancer drug, Nanotax. This fall KU will test Nanotax in Phase I clinical trials. In navigating the path from research to treatment, the KU Cancer Center has taken a giant leap toward earning National Institutes of Health designation as a Comprehensive Cancer Center—and ultimately providing better health care for critically ill Kansans. A national comprehensive center would offer the most innovative and hopeful treatment for Kansans who face advanced cancer—patients who often have had no choice but to travel out-of-state to get the help they need.

Nanotax illustrates the extraordinary work of scientists, physicians and entrepreneurs toward a common goal. Such collaboration provides a model not only for development of new drugs, but also for the life-sciences industry in which Kansas hopes to become an important player. KU leaders have reached out to other medical and educational institutions in the region that share a vision for improved health care and quality of life, including the potential for additional

jobs that a growing industry would bring. KU has looked to the west, partnering with hospitals in Goodland, Hays, Wichita, Hutchinson, Topeka and Pittsburg, and it has looked east to medical centers in Kansas City, Mo.

And, with Kansas State University and suburban Kansas City leaders, KU has helped create a plan for collaboration that could be a boon for Johnson County and the state. Known as the Johnson County Education Research Triangle (www.jocotraingle.com), the venture would include:

- a Cancer Clinical Research Center of the KU Cancer Center in Fairway, where Phase I clinical trials of new treatments would be conducted;
- expansion of degree programs in business, engineering, science and technology at the KU Edwards Campus in Overland Park, which would in turn generate additional programs at Johnson County Community College to help train the workforce necessary for the triangle;
- Kansas State's National Food and Animal Health Institute in Olathe, bringing new educational and research opportunities in biosciences and biotechnology, including graduate and continuing-education certification programs.

Johnson County voters on Nov. 4 will decide whether the county should institute an eighth-cent sales tax increase. The increase is projected to generate about \$15 million annually. If the sales tax is approved, the county would establish a Johnson County Education Research Triangle Authority to distribute about \$5 million annually to the three partners in the venture.

Such grand plans, like grand discoveries, require immense forethought, intellectual firepower and, of course, patience. But with such vision comes the tantalizing prospect of an outcome that could benefit countless families—a happy ending well worth the wait. —



On the Boulevard

COURTESY UNIVERSITY THEATRE



■ The world premiere of “The Girl, the Grouch, and the Goat: A Modern Fable” was staged by the Kansas Summer Theatre July 15-20.

■ Exhibitions

“Quilts: Flora Botanica,” through Oct. 12, Spencer Museum of Art

“Time/Frame,” through Dec. 14, Spencer Museum of Art

Design Faculty Show, Oct. 12-24, Art and Design Gallery

“Wendell Castle: About Time,” Sept. 20-Dec. 21, Spencer Museum of Art

■ University Theatre

SEPTEMBER

27-28 “The King Stag,” KU Theatre for Young People

OCTOBER

3-5, 9-11 “A Flea in her Ear,” by Georges Feydeau

NOVEMBER

7-9, 13-15 “Street Scene,” by Elmer Rice

■ Lied Center events

SEPTEMBER

19 Fine Arts Collage Concert

21 “The Velveteen Rabbit,” ODC/Dance

26 Alexander String Quartet and Branford Marsalis

30 KU Symphony Orchestra

OCTOBER

3 KU Wind Ensemble

4 “REVOLUTION: Sweat. Dance. Rock & Roll.”

7 KU Jazz Ensembles, I, II and III

10 Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company

12 Brasil Guitar Duo

21 U.S. Air Force Band

26 “Take the ‘A’ Train,” The Harlem Quartet

NOVEMBER

5 Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra

9 “African Spirit,” Soweto Gospel Choir

12 “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street,” by Christopher Bond

■ Special events

SEPTEMBER

20 Jayhawk Generations Breakfast, Adams Alumni Center

OCTOBER

12 Jayhawk Jog 5K, Kansas Union

24 Ambler Recreation Center Dedication

25 Homecoming parade and pancake breakfast, Jayhawk Boulevard

25 KU Army ROTC Jayhawk Battalion reunion and Wall of Fame Ceremony, Military Science Building

■ Lectures

SEPTEMBER

23 Susan Estrich, Humanities Lecture Series, Woodruff Auditorium

OCTOBER

6 Filipe Balestra, Hallmark Symposium, 3140 Wescoe Hall

27 Michael Chabon, Humanities Lecture Series, Kansas Union Ballroom

NOVEMBER

- 3 Craig LaRotonda, Hallmark Symposium, 3140 Wescoe Hall

■ Academic calendar

OCTOBER

- 16-19 Fall break

■ Kansas Honors Program

SEPTEMBER

- 23 Hutchinson
- 24 Lawrence
- 24 McPherson
- 29 Sedgwick County

OCTOBER

- 1 Salina
- 6 Altamont
- 8 Garnett
- 8 Dodge City
- 8 Southern Johnson County
- 15 Winfield
- 20 El Dorado
- 21 Garden City
- 22 Shawnee Mission
- 27 Johnson County Blue Valley
- 27 Emporia

NOVEMBER

- 3 Manhattan
- 3 Wichita

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- 5 Chapman

- 5 Liberal

- 12 Independence

- 13 Topeka

■ Alumni events

SEPTEMBER

- 19-20 25-year reunion for Chemical Petroleum Engineering 1983-'84
- 20 Game Day at the Adams tailgate party, KU vs. Sam Houston State
- 23 Paola: East Kansas Chapter meeting

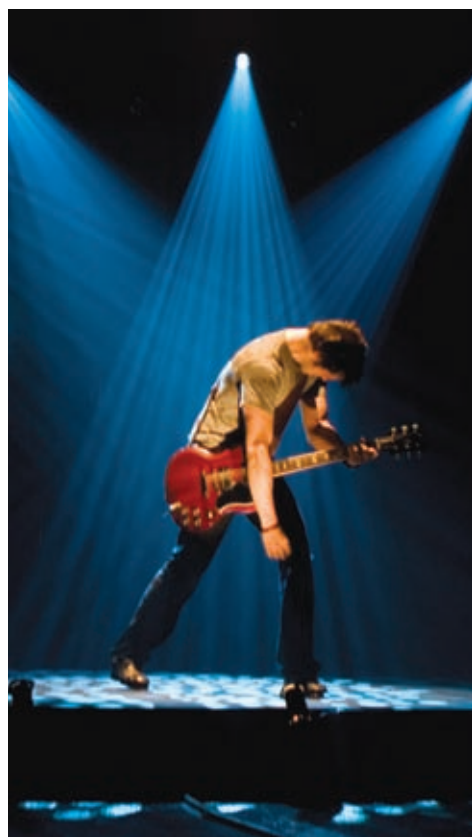
OCTOBER

- 4 St. Louis winery trip
- 4 Ames: KU vs. Iowa State away-game tailgate
- 7 Pratt: South Central Kansas Chapter meeting
- 11 Game Day at the Adams tailgate party, KU vs. Colorado
- 8-12 Class of 1958 Golden Anniversary reunion
- 14 Topeka: Shawnee County Chapter Night with the Arts
- 16 Hugoton: Southwest Kansas Chapter meeting
- 18 South Kansas and Wichita Chapters Rolling Rock Chalk Wagon tailgate and game, KU vs. Oklahoma
- 18 Norman: KU vs. Oklahoma away-game tailgate
- 23 Pittsburg: Tri-State Chapter meeting
- 23-25 KU Black Alumni Chapter Homecoming reunion weekend
- 25 Game Day at the Adams Homecoming tailgate party, KU vs. Texas Tech
- 25 School of Business class reunion and Homecoming celebration
- 28 Salina: North Central Kansas Chapter meeting
- 29 Joplin, Mo.: Tri-State Chapter Hawktoberfest

NOVEMBER

- 1 Game Day at the Adams tailgate party, KU vs. Kansas State
- 6 Garden City Great Plains Chapter meeting
- 8 Lincoln: KU vs. Nebraska away-game tailgate
- 15 Game Day at the Adams tailgate party, KU vs. Texas

For more information about watch parties and other Association events, call 800-584-2957 or visit the Association's Web site at www.kualumni.org.



■ "REVOLUTION: Sweat. Dance. Rock & Roll" combines tap dance and rock 'n' roll in an energetic exhibition playing Oct. 4 at the Lied Center of Kansas.

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Jayhawk Walk

STEVE PUPPE



Rock-a-bye, babies

Raffi is one of her all-time favorite songwriters, and Ernie from Sesame Street gets heavy rotation on her hi-fi.

But Annie Harrigan thinks The Ramones and Barenaked Ladies also make great kids' music. She airs her eclectic taste in child-friendly tunes Saturdays at 10 a.m. on KU's student-run radio station, KJHK 90.7 FM.

Harrigan started "Little Red Radio" in June. Under the moniker "Annie Mation," she plays a music mix designed to rock the young and young-at-heart.

"I created the show with kids in mind, but a lot of people who listen to KJHK aren't kids," says Harrigan, a Prairie Village senior in visual arts education who plans to become an

art teacher. "If people tune in who aren't between 2 and 12, I want to give them something to enjoy."

The two-hour show also features young guest DJs, story time with the Library Fairy, and news reports on places and people of interest to children. For a theme show on animals, she aired a piece on the Lawrence Humane Society.

Harrigan hopes "Little Red Radio" gives kids and parents one more way to bond.

"If I knew families were listening together, that would make my life," she says. "But if someone tunes in and hears one song that makes them smile, that rules. That's really all I'm trying to do."

Listen live at KJHK.org—and prepare to grin.

Baby Jay's birthday surprise

Thelma Hart Brueck expected a birthday just like any other. After all, she'd already celebrated 99 of 'em; why should this latest one be any different?

So imagine her surprise when Baby Jay showed up at the Good Samaritan Center in Olathe, joining Alumni Association staff members to deliver cake, gifts and good wishes for Brueck, '31, on her 100th birthday.

"I'm flabbergasted!" Brueck said of the unexpected visitors. "This is wonderful!"

Baby Jay spread true-blue spirit as memories were shared among friends and family members, some whom had traveled across the country for the late-July party and many of whom share Brueck's love of KU.

After Brueck found her niche in KU's music department and Chi Omega sorority, she recalled, she never missed a chance to go dancing or cheer for the Jayhawks. Seventy-seven years later, the elegant alumna is quick to express her pride:

"Everyone in the family went to KU," she says. "I like the history of it."

On behalf of your alma mater, Thelma, the feeling's mutual.



JENNIFER ALDERDICE



Bells? Wings? No, definitely a different Clarence.

A menacing masked man lurks behind the door. He is, if the movie's tale is truthfully told by its thrilling trailer, an agent of evil sent by the homicidal nut next door, who intends to send the new neighbors both screaming and packing.

The trailer for "Lakeview Terrace," opening soon at a theatre near you, was an Internet hit all summer long (it's easily linked from movies.yahoo.com and similar sites), and the cast, featuring Samuel L. Jackson, is superb.

But there's more: Neil LaBute, g'89, who earned his master's degree in KU's theatre and film program and has long been active on the group's advisory board, is the director; and the masked menace is none other than Keith Loneker, '94, a former NFL offensive guard who has built a solid acting career ("Out of Sight," "Leatherheads," "Superbad") while paying his own way to fly from Lawrence, where he lives with his wife and two children, to read for roles in Los Angeles—which is where he first met LaBute more than a year ago.

Lingering outside the movie's production office to run through his lines before reading for the part of Clarence Darlington, Loneker bumped into LaBute and, extending his big hand, introduced himself as a fel-

low Jayhawk. "Neil seemed to get a kick out of that," Loneker recalls.

Before he left L.A. later that day, Loneker's agent called with the news that LaBute had already booked him for nearly a week's work, and even upgraded his plane ticket home to first class.

"It was a great experience, and I think it's going to be a really good movie." Loneker

grins and adds, with just a touch of his Jersey accent seeping through, "Scary, too."

Just ask the defenders flattened in his path: Keith Loneker behind a mask is a fearsome sight not soon forgotten.



Heard by the Bird

A friend tells us that his young daughter, thrilled by Mario's **Miracle**—Mario Chalmers' three-pointer that sent the NCAA title game to overtime—decided to read up on KU's 1988 championship team, dubbed Danny and the Miracles. After which she had one question: "Daddy, why is it that whenever we win, they call it a miracle?"

Them's fightin' words

Florida International University in Miami recently revised its panther logo, emphasizing the predator's claws, fangs and ferocity. "In other words," wrote Sergio Bonilla in the FIU student newspaper, "the Athletics Department is trying way to hard to intimidate opponents with

its logo instead of with its recruits."

Bonilla reminded readers of the universities that win championships without blood-thirsty mascots—including KU. "Who knew 'Woody the Wood Pecker' and 'Big Bird' had a love child?" he wrote.

Also invoking Notre

Dame's leprechaun and Maryland's terrapin, Bonilla closed his article with, "Whether it's a sissy bird, crazy old leprechaun or streoid-filled turtle, logos represent winning programs, but should not be altered in an attempt to create them."

Umm ... thanks?





Hilltopics

BY STEVEN HILL

STEVE PUPPE



■ Fred Rodriguez, new executive director of the Multicultural Scholars Program, will add leadership training to MSP's record of academic success. "I want to instill that this is not a one-way street: KU supports these students financially, academically and socially; now they've got to start giving back, too."

You've got a friend

Rodriguez succeeds Mai-Dalton as head of student retention program

"It really helps if students know there's someone who can lend an ear, and provide guidance in their schooling and career."

—Fred Rodriguez

As a faculty member and former associate dean at the School of Education, Fred Rodriguez has visited high schools and community colleges to recruit ethnically diverse students to KU.

"Sometimes it just doesn't resonate and they don't come in the numbers that we'd like," says Rodriguez. "But what I've learned over the years is that when they do get here, it is so important that they have someone they can talk to."

This fall Rodriguez, associate professor of education, assumes leadership of a program that does precisely that: offer academic, social and personal support to help students of color make the transition to KU from high school or community college.

Rodriguez will head the Multicultural Scholars Program, taking over from Renata Mai-Dalton, associate professor of business, who founded MSP in 1992. In 2003, she expanded the School of Business program to students in architecture,

education, pharmacy, social welfare and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Rodriguez has served as the School of Education's MSP co-director since 2003.

The program serves 130 students. About half are African-American and a quarter are Hispanic. A third are first-generation college students. Almost all receive scholarships.

"A lot of them come from communities where they don't have that support system" that many students have, Rodriguez says. "We create that."

Data suggest the support is paying off. Ninety-five percent of full-time freshmen MSP students return for a second year. For KU as a whole, second-year retention is 79 percent. MSP participants also graduate at

higher rates than all KU students (55 percent to 36 percent) and maintain higher GPAs (3.34 to 2.91).

Statistics are impressive, but don't tell the whole story, Rodriguez says.

"It's not just the academic stuff. A lot is little details they don't get as they try to learn how to navigate this big bureaucratic system. MSP instills the notion that they have someone in their corner."

Students meet frequently with advisers—twice a month early in the program—attend cultural events and meetings together, and must maintain a minimum GPA and full class attendance.

Rodriguez wants to build on Mai-Dalton's firm foundation of academic success by introducing a leadership component to the program.

"We know they're going to graduate," he says. "What do we want them to leave KU with besides a degree? A sense of what it takes to be a leader in their field."



Digital reference desk

Libraries' tech-savvy student services ease searches of the stacks

Finding the perfect book among 4 million volumes in the Lawrence campus libraries can seem a daunting task for any student, whether that elusive volume will help complete an English 101 composition or a doctoral dissertation.

To help, KU Libraries offer a new service fit for the technologically demanding generation. In addition to the existing "Ask a Librarian" program, patrons of the libraries can now text-message librarians with questions.

KU introduced the text-messaging service as the fall semester began. Lorraine J. Haricombe, dean of libraries, describes this launch as simply another method of meeting students' research and study needs through a familiar means of communication.

"Our librarians looked at the way students are communicating and the methods they're most comfortable with," she says.

Like faculty members, KU librarians are required to conduct research in an area of interest or expertise, she explains. Through that research and participation in national and international conferences, University library staff set their sights on exploring student behavior and, most important, ways to enhance personal interaction in campus libraries.

"Our goal is to assure students that they have access to one-on-one support," she says. "Some prefer e-mail and some a phone conversation. This is one more way we can make our services more accessible."

The system is simple. A student who can't find a title in Watson library's fifth-floor stacks can send a message on a cell phone to the number 265010, start with either kulibr1: or kulibr2:, and follow with a question. Although KU Libraries doesn't charge for the text-messaging service, regular phone service providers' charges may apply.

Many students possess amazingly quick texting abilities, but librarians aren't required to exercise their thumbs before typing responses to

inquiries. With the help of KU Information Services, a computer program was implemented to translate the text message into a chat program, allowing librarians to key a response through a PC. The response is sent back to the user's cell phone as a text message.

The text-message option adds to KU Libraries' Ask a Librarian suite of services, which already



"Our goal is to assure students that they have access to one-on-one support. Some prefer e-mail and some a phone conversation. This is one more way we can make our services more accessible."

—Lorraine J. Haricombe, dean of libraries

included e-mail and instant messaging along with the traditional inquiries by phone or in person. Expanded services are part of recent efforts to enhance the user's experience.

Improvements on Watson Library's third floor, one of the highest traffic areas in the library system, make up the first phase in a project to improve staff visibility and create a warmer, more welcoming environment. A new service desk, new carpeting and furniture, and an expanded user workspace are all upgrades in response to students' needs expressed in a recent survey.

KU Information Services also is a partner in a \$475,700 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to design a next-generation, open-source library system that is cus-

tomizable and flexible enough to meet the changing needs of 21st-century library users. The project aims to combine the best of the traditional bricks-and-mortar sanctuary with an increasing array of digital options.

"Our mission is to advance KU," Haricombe says. "We work very hard to establish our facilities as a haven for students and faculty, but we go beyond that to ensure student success. We want them to excel in the classroom and, more important, become information-literate members of society."

—Katie Moyer



ENGINEERING

National Science Foundation funds education project

Graduate students and professors from the School of Engineering will help Kansas middle school students learn engineering, math and science under a \$2.9 million grant awarded this summer by the National Science Foundation.

The grant supports KU's Kansas Partnership for Graduate Fellows in K-12 Education program.

"The goal of the project is to assist graduate students to be better communicators of their science with K-12 teachers and students, in particular, and with the broader community of non-scientists in general," says program leader Dennis Lane, N.T. Veatch distinguished professor of civil engineering and associate director of research at KU's Transportation Research Institute.

The program uses innovative lessons and cooperative learning to improve the science achievement and engagement of students in 6th through 9th grades in Topeka and Kansas City, Lane says. The program also hopes to develop long-term partnerships among the districts and KU's Transportation Research Institute and Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets.

LAW

School, KC firm connect trial lawyers with students

The School of Law is teaming up with Kansas City law firm Shook, Hardy & Bacon to provide more learning opportunities for students who want to become trial lawyers.

The Shook, Hardy & Bacon Center for Excellence in Advocacy will enlist practicing trial lawyers as mentors to law students, provide a forum for trial lawyers to share information with each other, and educate the public about the role of litigation. Planned activities include a judges' forum that draws sitting members of the judiciary to campus and a lecture series named for the late Larry O'Neal, c'69, l'72, a former partner with the firm.

Co-directors of the center are Dennis Prater, c'69, l'73, Connell teaching professor of law at KU, and Stan Davis, a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon.

"While I don't join the chorus of those who lament the relationship between the educational and the practicing arms of our profession, I do agree that our shared profession is stronger when we work together on the preparation of the next generation of lawyers, law professors and judges," says Gail Agrawal, dean of the law school. "The center will create not a physical, but an intellectual space for an



Dennis Prater and Stan Davis

ongoing dialogue and shared teaching mission between the KU law school and practicing lawyers."

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Update



Catch it while you can

"Aaron Douglas: African American Modernist," a traveling exhibition organized by KU's Spencer Museum of Art, will run through Nov. 30 at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York City. It's the last stop on an itinerary that began at KU last fall ["Return of the Native Son," issue No. 5, 2007] and included the Frist Center for the Visual Arts in Nashville, Tenn., and the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C.

The exhibition is the largest to honor the Topeka native and influential Harlem Renaissance artist, who died in 1979. It features more than 100 pieces, including major works of fine art and commercial illustration from the Spencer's collection, as well as work on loan from universities, libraries and private collectors.

Art critic Stephen May, writing in *Antiques and the Arts Weekly*, called the exhibition "a fitting tribute to the breadth, vigor, innovation, inspiring example and remarkable artistic impulses of this singular figure in American art history."

Can't catch the New York show? *Aaron Douglas: African American Modernist*, a companion book edited by exhibition curator Susan Earle, is available from the Spencer Museum and Yale University Press.





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Cyndi West created the 1988 limited-edition championship basketball print and has painted collages for many clients, including the Kansas City Chiefs, the Kansas City Royals, fire and police departments, and numerous universities and colleges.

“Gridiron Glory,” created exclusively for the KU Alumni Association, is available as a limited-edition, archival quality *signed* giclee print. Print measures 16 x 20 inches, with actual image size at 14 x 18 inches. Print fits a standard 16 x 20-inch frame (without matting), or visit www.kualumni.org to view professionally framed options.

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Lynn Davidman

COLLEGE

Beren professorship draws leading Jewish studies scholar

A scholar internationally known for her interdisciplinary work in Jewish women's studies will join the faculty this fall as the Robert M. Beren distinguished professor of modern Jewish studies.

Lynn Davidman, formerly professor of Judaic studies, American civilization and gender studies at Brown University, will have appointments in the departments of religious studies and sociology on the Hill. She will also serve as director of the University's program in Jewish studies.

Davidman has published three books with major university presses, including *Tradition in a Rootless World*, which won a National Jewish Book Award in 1991. Though she began her career in sociology, Davidman has explored many themes in her research, including gender equity, the quest for meaning and the construction of identity.

"I bring with me great energy and enthusiasm as well as a vision of the 'transdisciplinary department'—blending multiple disciplines in a way that creates a new approach, discourse and methods," she says.

The Beren professorship was created by a \$500,000 gift to KU Endowment from the Robert M. Beren Foundation of Wichita in 2003. Additional funding comes from the Hall Family Foundation of Kansas City and the state of Kansas' Faculty of Distinction Program.

Milestones, money and other matters

■ **A \$2.1 MILLION GRANT** from the National Institutes of Health will fund a four-year research effort on the Lawrence and Med Center campuses to develop drugs that can help treat Alzheimer's disease. Mary Michaelis, g'68, PhD'78, professor of pharmacology and toxicology, will head the multidisciplinary project. Collaborators include Brian Blagg, associate professor of medicinal chemistry; Stephen Fowler, professor of pharmacology and toxicology and senior scientist at KU's Life Span Institute; Roger Rajewski, c'84, g'87, PhD'90, research professor at KU's Higuchi Biosciences Center and director of KU's Biotechnology Innovation and Optimization Center; Kathy Newell, p'85, m'92, assistant professor of pathology and laboratory medicine; and Scott Weir, professor of pharmacology, toxicology and therapeutics. The study will try to develop for human testing at least one of two promising drugs Michaelis has identified for their potential to protect neurons against a peptide that may cause Alzheimer's dementia.



■ **UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS HOSPITAL** ranks 35th in the country for its heart and heart surgery programs, according to the U.S. News and World Report's "Best Hospitals" issue. The hospital is the highest-rated heart program in the area, and its mortality rate ranks fourth among hospitals included on the top 50 hospitals list for Heart and Heart Surgery. The hospital also was named one of the country's "Most Wired Hospitals" by Hospital and Health Networks magazine. The award recognizes 100 hospitals nationwide for their use of information technology. The University of Kansas Hospital was the only Kansas facility on the list.

■ **STACEY LEEDS**, professor of law and director of KU's Tribal Law and Government Center, was one of four scholars awarded a \$50,000 Fletcher Fellowship in 2008. The fellowship supports work that contributes to improving racial equality in American society. Leeds is working on *Ties That Bind: Freedmen Citizenship and the Cherokee Nation*, a history of African American slaves held by the Cherokee Nation until the 1860s.

■ **A \$700,000 GRANT FROM THE WAL-MART FOUNDATION** will allow KU's Center for Research on Learning to develop a tutoring curriculum for Boys and Girls Clubs of America nationwide. The project will build on the Boys and Girls Clubs' "Power Hour" tutoring program, which helps students complete homework assignments and build literacy skills. The grant is the Wal-Mart Foundation's largest gift in Kansas.

■ **GEORGE FARHA**, the Wichita surgeon who has served as chairman of the University of Kansas Hospital Authority Board since 1999, stepped down in July. Robert Honse, a retired Lawrence businessman, was elected the new chair. Farha will remain on the board as a voting member.

■ **MARK HOLLMAN**, who won a Tony award for his Broadway smash hit "Urinetown," staged the world premiere of his newest play, "The Girl, the Grouch and the Goat: A Modern Fable," at KU's University Theatre in July. John Staniunas, associate professor of theatre and film, directed.



Sports

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

STEVE PUPPE (2)



■ Joe Mortensen is one of nine starters returning from a group that last year was fourth in the nation in scoring defense, eighth against the rush and ninth in pass efficiency.

The linebackers are back

Mortensen, Rivera, Holt: the fearsome heart of a defense that doesn't intend to rest

Football media day, in early August, invariably enjoys a lighter, more freewheeling atmosphere than do post-game news conferences. So Jim Williamson, j'86, g'90, a writer for Jayhawk Illustrated magazine, takes the opportunity to ask defensive coordinator Clint Bowen for a rather unusual assessment of his starting linebackers, widely considered among the country's very best: Which one would he least like to encounter in a dark alley?

Bowen, usually game for an offbeat question or

two, hesitates, until it's rephrased.

OK, which would you want by your side?

Bowen grins and replies, "I'd take Joe. Joe ain't all there."

Which, of course, he means in the best possible way. Joe Mortensen, a senior from Concord, Calif., plays with a rare intensity. Heck, he sits in a chair with rare intensity. He radiates an eagerness for action that is palpable. He first flashed his thirst for the big hit as a freshman special-teams standout, and by his sophomore year, 2006, Mortensen was a starter at outside linebacker and had 12 tackles against Missouri.

He moved to inside linebacker last season and led the team with 106 tackles, including 15 for a loss. He had three sacks, broke up five passes, recovered two fumbles and blocked a Virginia Tech field goal attempt in KU's 24-21 Orange Bowl victory.

He confirmed after that game that he needed offseason knee surgery, and yet when he showed up for the team's first fitness test in August he posted one of the team's fastest times, despite carrying 250 pounds on his 6-foot-1 frame.

"We love our basketball team here, but when we used to hear all that 'wait until basketball season' stuff, yeah, it made me angry," he

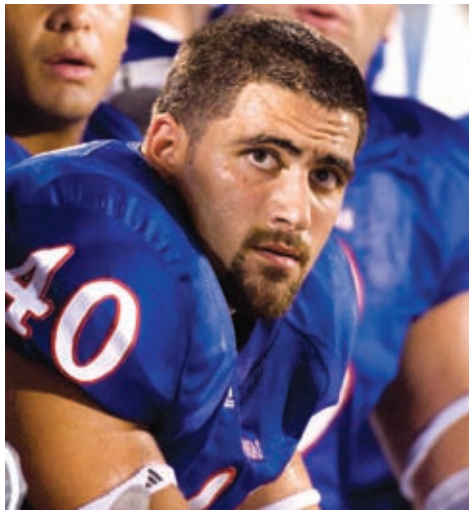
says. "Maybe it was fair, because we weren't winning many games back then, but we changed that, and it's something we're proud of. Now we have only one goal: to win every ballgame."

Mortensen has two favorite athletes: the legendary Lawrence Taylor and a guy who starts alongside him, senior James Holt. His favorite pre-game ritual? Slapping Mike Rivera in the face. Oh yeah, Rivera, also a senior, is a hard-knocking 255-pound starter flanking Mortensen, and not many people on the

planet would get to slap him twice.

"We're not cocky," says Rivera, of Shawnee. "We're not trying to go out and showboat. But we do play hard-nosed football, the way it should be played. We go out there with a little bit of swagger."

With these salty dogs returning intact, this year's linebackers are reminiscent of Nick Reid (2005 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year), Kevin Kane and Banks Floodman, which isn't an accident: "Those are the guys who taught us how linebacker should be played in college football," Rivera says.



Rivera

"It's a brotherly thing," says Holt, of Altus, Okla. "If you trust the guy next to you, you can have great success."

Bowen, d'96, promoted to defensive coordinator after Bill Young left for the University of Miami, clearly won't have many worries about his linebackers. Neither, however, is he overly concerned about the defensive line, which lost one of its stars, tackle James McClinton, to graduation.

Two senior starters return at the ends—Russell Brorsen and John Larson—and the interior line, while young, boasts size, athleticism and potential. Junior Caleb Blakesly is the most experienced, and playing alongside him are sophomore 300-pounder Jamal Greene and supersized freshmen Richard Johnson (280), Darius Parish (341) and Duane Zlatnik (303).

The defensive line was perhaps even

"We're not trying to go out and showboat. But we do play hard-nosed football, the way it should be played. We go out there with a little bit of swagger."

—linebacker Mike Rivera

more impressive than the linebackers in the first game of the season, a 40-10 victory over Florida International.

"For the first game out of the blocks with this defensive line, I'd say they did a pretty good job," coach Mark Mangino said after the game. "We rotated a lot of guys. We used a lot of defensive ends, we used a lot of defensive tackles, and we got a lot of pressure using four guys."

Says Bowen: "I think that's going to be the biggest area of surprise. Guys like Darius Parish and Duane Zlatnik are two freshmen kids who are different guys. I'm talking Gilbert Brown- and Dana Stubblefield-type bodies and abilities. They aren't going to play to that level yet, but there are some in that defensive line who are going to surprise you."

As eager as KU football fans were to see their new team, the fans themselves were perhaps the biggest story of the season opener. Memorial Stadium was a sea of blue 52,112 strong, a stadium record. And it wasn't filled with loyal travelers from Nebraska or K-State: only the KU crew, in August. Let it be noted that should KU win its home nonconference schedule and the Oct. 11 game against Colorado, the Jayhawks will have gone two years without losing a game at home, the last being Oct. 7, 2006, to Texas A&M.

"To play the first game of the season here and have the place fill up and the crowd so loud, that was special," said junior quarterback Todd Reesing. "I don't think there's been a first game here at Kansas in a while that sold out, so it was a great way to start the season."

As for the nervous journey to the end of the season—including games at Oklahoma and Nebraska, at Arrowhead Stadium vs. Missouri and home to Texas and Texas Tech—just tuck in behind Joe Mortensen. He'll get us there safely.

Soccer's goal: more scores

Sure-footed freshmen add punch to lineup already deep at midfield and defense

Soccer's subtle strategic delights surely charm and enthrall 10th-year coach Mark Francis, who entered 2008 with a record of 104-70-13 in his nine previous seasons at KU, but he doesn't exactly need long nights of game video or bleary-eyed conferences with his assistants to identify the 2007 squad's glaring weakness: In the season's first nine games, the Jayhawks scored a humiliating total of three goals, against 14 for their opponents;



Cressy

despite closing the regular season on a 6-1-2 streak, they never fully recovered from the 1-7-1 start.

Now Francis is counting on two freshmen—Emily Cressy and Kortney Clifton—as the rainmakers who can end the scoring drought.

Californian Cressy, who is deaf, last year won the "Golden Boot" award as the outstanding player at U.S. Youth Soccer's

JEFF JACOBSEN



■ After opening the season 2-0, KU's soccer team was ranked 25th in the country and freshman Emily Cressy already had been named to a national soccer journal's team of the week.

national championships, and in 2005 led the U.S. Women's Deaf National Team to the gold medal at the Deaflympics in Australia.

Clifton, from Wichita, finished her high-school career as the state's career (256 goals) and single-season (80) scoring leader. Her twin sister, Kelsey, is a Jayhawk midfielder.

In the season opener, a 3-0 victory over 20th-ranked Purdue, Cressy had a goal and an assist and Clifton had an assist. Cressy scored the winning goal with minutes left in game two, a 2-1 victory over Auburn.

"Emily is a goal scorer. That's why we recruited her," Francis says. "Kortney Clifton is a goal scorer. That's why we recruited her. It doesn't matter what year you're in if that's what you do and you do it well.

"When you aren't scoring, if you go down a goal it puts a lot of pressure on the defenders. Now our players are a lot more comfortable with the fact that we've got some offense going. If we go down a goal it's not a big deal."

Francis is just as pleased with his midfield, where six players compete for three spots: "This is by far the deepest midfield we've had since I've been here. We can rotate fresh players in and definitely not have any drop off."

Soccer has not made the NCAA Tournament since 2004, when the Jayhawks won the Big 12.

"Our depth is incredible," says senior midfielder Jessica Bush. "At every posi-

tion, if one person isn't playing well that week another person can step in and we're not off stride at all. You don't see that very often." Adds Missy Geha, also a senior midfielder, "This team has great chemistry. We can feel the energy on and off the field. This team is going to look forward to winning more games."

His team ravaged by injuries last year, 11th-year volleyball coach Ray Bechard

is, like soccer's Francis, eager to see his team rack up more nonconference victories than in recent years.

Volleyball has not advanced to the NCAA Tournament since 2005 and, playing in the brutally tough Big 12, hasn't finished over .500 since going 19-12 in 2004. Bechard says the key factor he'll be keeping an eye on is "hitting efficiency," which combines kills, attempts and errors into a single, illustrative number.

"Our hitting efficiency was in the lower half of the Big 12 last year," he says. "As we researched the standings throughout the years I've been here, hitting percentage has been one of the key factors as to how people place."

NCAA volleyball this season goes from 30-point games to 25, putting an emphasis on quick starts in each game.

"We have a sense of urgency," says senior middle blocker Savannah Noyes. "We haven't been to the tournament in three years, so it would be a big accomplishment if we could do that."

Updates

Men's basketball coach **Bill Self** in August signed a 10-year contract, committing to KU through 2018. Football coach **Mark Mangino** agreed to two more years on his contract, which now runs through 2012. ... The KU-Missouri football game Nov. 29 at Arrowhead Stadium will kick off before a Fox Sports Net national television audience at either 11:30 a.m. or 2 p.m., with the time to be finalized about a week before. The 2009 football schedule includes nonconference home games against Northern Colorado, Duke and Southern Mississippi, and a road game at Texas-El Paso. Big 12 South opponents will be Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Texas. ... Junior **Lauren Bonds** won the Aug. 30 Jayhawk Invitational cross country meet at Rim Rock Farm in a personal-best 18 minutes, 53.1 seconds. ... Coach **Stanley Redwine** confirmed for the Lawrence Journal-World that plans are underway for a 10,000-seat track-and-field stadium south of Anschutz Pavilion, meaning next year could mark the end of a long run for the Kansas Relays inside Memorial Stadium. ... NFL Hall of Famer **Mike McCormack**, '51, was added to Memorial Stadium's Ring of Honor Sept. 6. ... The Green Bay Packers inducted former defensive lineman **Gilbert Brown**, '94, into their hall of fame July 19. ... Former guard **Jeremy Case**, c'07, accepted Self's offer to join his staff as student assistant/team manager, replacing another former guard, **Michael Lee**, c'05, who accepted a job as a full-time assistant coach at Gardner-Webb University.



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■ Football

SEPTEMBER

20 Sam Houston State (Band Day)

OCTOBER

4 at Iowa State
11 Colorado
18 at Oklahoma
25 Texas Tech (Homecoming)

NOVEMBER

1 Kansas State
8 at Nebraska
15 Texas
29 vs. Missouri at Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City

■ Volleyball

SEPTEMBER

20 Iowa State
24 at Nebraska
27 Texas

OCTOBER

1 Kansas State
4 at Texas Tech
8 Texas A&M
15 at Missouri
18 Oklahoma
22 at Baylor
25 at Texas A&M
29 Missouri

NOVEMBER

1 at Kansas State
5 Colorado
8 Texas Tech
12 at Oklahoma
15 Nebraska

■ Soccer

SEPTEMBER

19 at Central Florida
21 at Florida

26 at Nebraska
28 at Iowa State

OCTOBER

3 Texas Tech
5 Colorado
10 at Oklahoma State
12 at Oklahoma
17 Texas A&M
19 Francis Marion
24 Texas
26 Baylor
31 at Missouri

■ Swimming & diving

OCTOBER

17 at Arizona State
18 at Northern Arizona
23 Texas A&M
24 Big 12 Relays

NOVEMBER

1 at Missouri
7 Drury
8 Evansville
15 at Nebraska-Omaha



■ Tennis

SEPTEMBER

21-23 at Cissie Leary Tournament, Philadelphia
29-Oct. 2 at ITA All-American, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

OCTOBER

5-7 at Hoosier Classic, Bloomington, Ind.
17-20 at ITA Central Region, Tulsa

NOVEMBER

2-4 at Florida State tournament

■ Women's golf

SEPTEMBER

22-23 Marilyn Smith Sunflower Invitational
29-30 at Missouri invitational

OCTOBER

6-7 at Texas Tech invitational
24-26 at The Derby, Auburn, Ala.

■ Men's golf

SEPTEMBER

29-30 at Louisville invitational

OCTOBER

27-28 at Baylor Invitational

■ Softball

SEPTEMBER

27-28 Fall Invitational vs. Butler County, Emporia State, Washburn

OCTOBER

4-5 at Hawkeye Classic, Iowa City

■ Cross country

OCTOBER

4 at Oklahoma State jamboree
18 at Pre-Nationals, Terre Haute, Ind.



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the Home Team

BY JULIE METTENBURG

*With the new drug **Nanotax** entering clinical trials, KU's Cancer Center reaches a milestone toward achieving national status while bringing life-saving cures closer to Kansans*

For Kansans battling advanced cancer, the best chance for survival may be many miles away, in Houston, Omaha or St. Louis. These are the nearest cities that offer National Institutes of Health-recognized comprehensive cancer centers.

How much would it mean if Kansans could travel to Kansas City, Hays or Wichita for the highest level of care? Cancer disrupts life enough; perhaps treatment within Kansas would allow more precious time with family, less lost work and income, less wear and tear on an already ravaged body—and a greater chance of survival. For 2007, NIH reports that cancer death rates nationwide declined by 2.1 percent, but the Kansas rate dropped by only an abysmal .6 percent.

For patients with ovarian cancer, the survival rate could soon improve. The University of Kansas Cancer Center has announced that this fall it will begin Phase I clinical trials of a cancer drug called Nanotax, developed through a

partnership between KU researchers and a private Lawrence company, Critech Inc.

For all cancer patients in Kansas, Nanotax could herald a new era of treatment—and a future with a much greater chance of survival.

Nanotax is the story of a breakthrough success for KU in its quest to gain NIH Comprehensive Cancer Center status. Developing new drugs and testing them in Phase I trials, demonstrating “bench to bedside” cancer research capability, was perhaps the highest hurdle for KU to overcome, requiring mammoth efforts of cross-campus and public-private coordination, cooperation and money, with doses of visionary brilliance along the way.

Comprehensive status “would have significant impact on the state because it would mean that Kansas patients could be treated more quickly and more efficiently than they’ve ever been treated before,” says Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway. “Clearly, the promise of the cancer center is in the University joining

“One of the most important things to understand is what a critical endeavor this is for the University ... It establishes us as a world-class center for cancer research that takes a back seat to no one.” —Roy Jensen

with other health care providers, hospitals and doctors to bring to the people of Kansas the best possible care. We need to make sure that a cancer patient in Kansas is going to receive the same potential treatment as a patient in a larger urban environment.”

Roy Jensen, director of the Cancer Center, says KU is on track to apply in 2011 for NIH designation. “One of the most important things to understand is what a critical endeavor this is for the University, that this really is a quality metric of unparalleled importance,” he says. “It establishes us as a world-class center for cancer research that takes a back seat to no one. Just as an NCAA tournament victory or an Orange Bowl victory helps validate the quality of an athletics program, this designation helps establish the quality of the research program for the University as a whole.”

With Nanotax, KU has proven it can operate in the big leagues. Can it repeat the achievement with more drugs? And will new drugs coming through KU’s pipeline enhance its chance of becoming one of the nation’s comprehensive cancer centers?

CLOSE TO HOME

To Jensen, a breast-cancer researcher and native Kansan, the fact that Kansans die of cancer at a higher rate than the national average is simply unacceptable. Having helped Vanderbilt University achieve Comprehensive Cancer Center status, Jensen was hired in 2005 to lead KU’s efforts to do the same. “Having been at a university that was able to attain designation and understanding

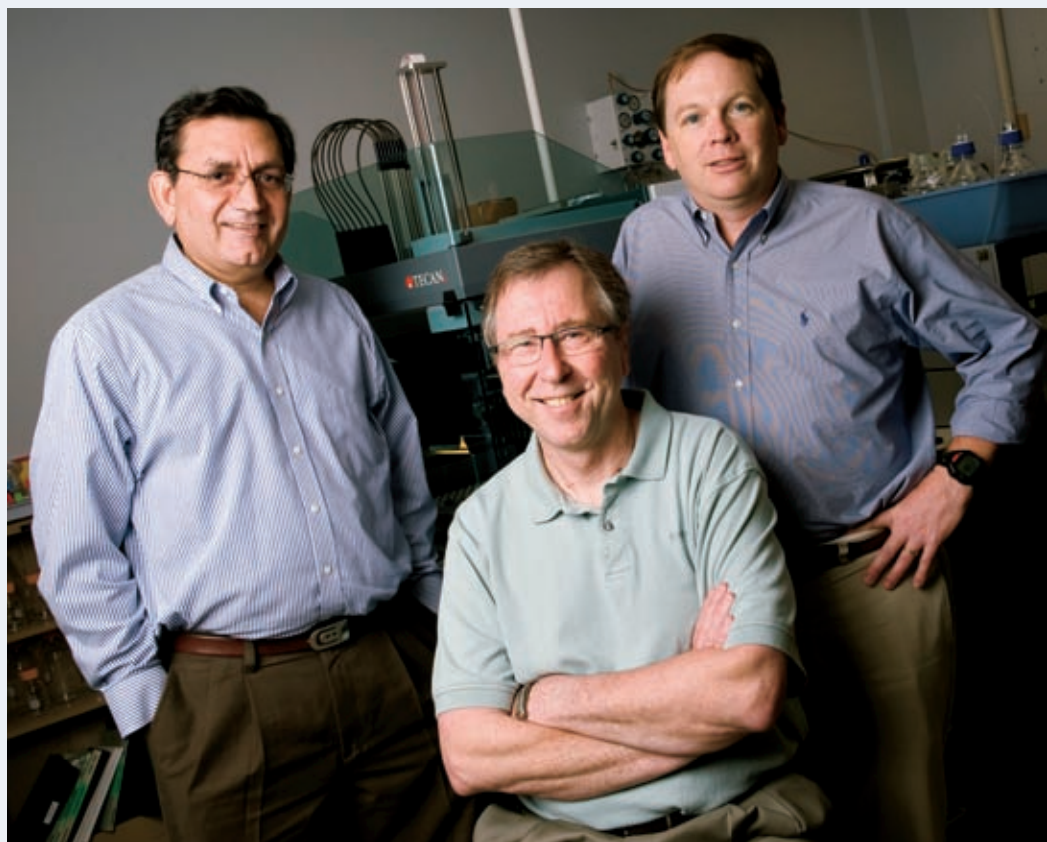
what a difference it made in terms of patients’ quality of care and the quality of research that you can do after designation, I think the opportunity to come back and do it in your hometown is a pretty powerful motivating factor.”

The National Cancer Institute (a division of NIH) evaluates potential comprehensive centers according to several criteria: institutional and regional com-

mitment, organizational capabilities and leadership, facilities, a research focus on cancer, and collaboration among scientific disciplines. KU Cancer Center’s plans and investments include initiatives on all of these fronts.

Once designated, KU would join 41 Comprehensive Cancer Centers nationwide, including Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. In addition, a multi-year grant would recognize that the center provides the highest level of care available—and provide rewards: millions of dollars of additional research funding and support.

“The whole idea of the [comprehensive] program is to provide the infrastructure to both basic science and clinical



■ The three minds behind Nanotax: Chemical and petroleum engineering Distinguished Professor Bala Subramaniam discovered the technology that would allow for delivery of cancer drugs in extremely small “nanoparticles.” Pharmaceutical chemistry Distinguished Professor Valentino Stella, known for his work in improving drug stability and solubility, leads KU’s drug discovery research program and holds an NCI contract for drug development. Roger Rajewski obtained his PhD, with Stella as his adviser, nearly two decades ago, and now leads KU’s program for developing drug delivery products.



investigators to do outstanding research,” Jensen says. “It is huge in terms of attracting the best people. Outstanding cancer researchers want to be at NCI designated cancer centers, because of the resources that designation provides and the patient population that it provides.”

In its quest for NCI status, KU has chosen not to try to house a cancer center on one sprawling campus but to pull together a number of local and regional institutions and resources. KU has formed collaborative relationships with other institutions, including The Stowers Institute for Medical Research, Truman Medical Center, Children’s Mercy Hospital, and Saint Luke’s Hospital—all on the Missouri side—along with Kansas State University, Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita, Stormont-Vail in Topeka, Hays Medical Center, Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center in Pittsburg, Hutchinson Hospital and Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Despite political challenges regarding the involvement of Missouri institutions, KU’s quest for NCI designation already is bringing improved treatment opportunities to patients in these other medical centers in Kansas and has gained the support of the Kansas Legislature, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, g’80, Kansas Masons

and the Kansas Bioscience Authority. In addition to the promise of closer-to-home cancer care, biotechnology—including pharmaceutical development—is a targeted growth area for Lawrence, Kansas City and the state.

Enter Nanotax: proof that the collaborative approach works. Even better, Nanotax success may have vaulted KU and the Kansas City-Lawrence biotech corridor closer not only to NCI status but also to a new era of pharmaceutical research, development and delivery.

THE NANOTAX STORY

Nanotax came about thanks to a discovery from, of all places, the School of Engineering. Developed by Bala Subramaniam, Dan F. Servey distinguished professor of chemical and petroleum engineering, the technology uses supercritical carbon dioxide to dissolve substances into incredibly tiny “nanoparticles,” which seemed especially suited to improving drug delivery.

Three researchers in the mid-1990s began to work together on commercial applications for Subramaniam’s technology. Joining Subramaniam were

■ Born in Kansas City, Roy Jensen returned home to guide the KU Cancer Center to NIH Comprehensive Cancer Center status, having done the same for Vanderbilt University.

Valentino Stella, PhD’71, distinguished professor of pharmaceutical chemistry, and Roger Rajewski, c’84, g’87, PhD’90, director of the KU Biotechnology, Innovation and Optimization Center. The three had been examining ways of manipulating the sizes of drug particles to achieve more effective drug delivery.

Stella had been involved with the cancer drug Taxol at KU since the 1970s. He knew it was a particularly harsh drug for patients to tolerate. Delivered into the bloodstream, it could be debilitating. Plus, “one of the problems with disseminated cancer in the peritoneal cavity, especially from ovarian cancer, is you get these tumors that spread throughout the cavity, and those tumors often don’t have a very high blood supply, so intravenous treatment doesn’t always get to all those little metastasized sites,” he says.

Stella recalls that Rajewski had the breakthrough idea: Why not use Subramaniam’s engineering discovery to deliver Taxol? As Stella explains, Subramaniam’s technique could introduce



■ Sam Campbell (left) specializes in life sciences company start-ups and oversees the business operations of biotechnology company Critech Inc. As executive director of Higuchi Biosciences Center for nearly 20 years, Charles Decedue oversees programs that enhance KU's basic biomedical research plus translate discoveries into private-sector technologies.

the drug into the abdominal cavity “in a way that produces a solution of a slowly dissolving suspension, that treats the local tumors that are very hard to hit by the current treatment.” Size of particle would be critical: the smaller the particle, the better, “like powdered sugar versus big crystals in your coffee,” Stella says.

By 2000, the researchers had helped form a private company, Critech Inc., to find marketable applications for the technology. Sam Campbell, c’71, g’73, an original investor who was named CEO in late 2003, says KU’s Higuchi Biosciences Center was instrumental, as was KU Cancer Center, which was just beginning its quest for NCI status.

After development work was done by Stella and Rajewski in making small particles of the Taxol-containing drug Paclitaxel, Nanotax was tested in mice by KU Cancer Center member Katherine Roby, PhD’89, m’90, research associate professor of anatomy and cell biology. “She was able to use the drug in an ovarian-cancer

mouse model that showed exceptionally good results, and that is what we then advanced off of to move the whole effort forward,” says Campbell.

In structuring Critech, Campbell says he “put together a good strategic planning group made up of people in this region who have excellent experience in this type of business and business strategies.” Key players included Matthew McClorey, g’99, l’99, of the Lawrence Regional Technology Center and Charles Decedue, Higuchi executive director. By 2006, KU had created its Office of Therapeutics, Discovery and Development at the KU Cancer Center, under director Scott Weir. The office oversees KU projects, moving new drugs through the development pipeline. “They have been supportive in every way you can imagine,” Campbell says.

Critech created a manufacturing and production process and shepherded the drug through the FDA approval process; this summer, the FDA approved

testing of the drug in Phase I trials at KU Cancer Center.

As Stella describes it, Nanotax, then, is a very small, very fine particle of drug that provides a rapid dissolution of a rather insoluble drug directly into the abdominal cavity, bathing the cancer with enough of the drug to be effective, perhaps capturing those cells that otherwise would not have been reached by other treatment. “So we’ve played with Taxol probably over 30 years. Always looking at improving the original mouse-trap—this came along and seemed definitely worth trying,” Stella says.

Jensen says, “Nanotax is a great poster child for exactly what we are trying to do—to take an idea that was developed at KU and turn it into a critically important therapeutic advance that saves people’s lives.”

Adds Hemenway: “Nanotax to me demonstrates the way that first-rate scientists work. It shows you what happens when KU combines all of its forces to focus on something that really has a positive effect on patients.”

A NEW DRUG MODEL

Nanotax represents not only a potentially successful drug-development channel for KU, but also a possible model for the way pharmaceutical development will head in the future. And it could perfectly position KU for many more drug discoveries to come.

“Ten years ago there were many people who felt that academic medical centers and universities really had no role whatsoever in drug discovery and development; that was totally the domain of the pharmaceutical industry,” Jensen says. “What’s become apparent is that big pharma is really an industry in crisis, in terms of its fundamental business model, and there’s a great deal of uncertainty in that industry as far as what direction it’s going to take.”

Big pharma’s incentive is to develop drugs to treat large populations, but today’s era of personalized medicine calls

for therapies that target small subsets of diseases. For example, drugs that target specific hormone receptors, such as herceptin for certain breast-cancer tumors, are being hailed as “miracle drugs” that turn previously devastating diagnoses into highly treatable and curable forms of cancer, and often without the toxic side effects. Great news for cancer patients; not necessarily for the major pharmaceuticals, whose profit structure seeks broader populations.

“That strategy just has absolutely no future whatsoever,” says Jensen. “What distinguishes us from a number of other cancer centers or emerging cancer centers across the country is the fact that at this university and region, we have tremendous expertise in drug discovery development and delivery. And much of what we are trying to do in the cancer center is to put ourselves in a position where we can leverage that expertise for new cancer drug development.”

In addition, Campbell adds, pharmaceutical development such as Critech’s should boost employment in the area, which could in turn help KU recruit renowned researchers and their spouses, who might work in similar fields. “We as a region are trying to grow the life sciences, and this is one more step and one more company that can contribute to

that overall regional effort.”

Even if Nanotax doesn’t fare well in clinical trials, Stella says, it still provides tremendous benefit by helping the KU Cancer Center gain experience with Phase I trials: “Nanotax will have developed the protocol or paradigm for how this needs to be done.”

Campbell expects Nanotax to be in the Phase I trials until next spring, and, pending good results, it will then go into a Phase II trial, requiring more preparations and applications to the FDA. He also reports that Critech has another cancer drug under development “that shows very good promise at this point.” In the event that Nanotax becomes a commercially viable drug, profits would return funds to KU in the form of licensing of the technologies developed at KU—an incentive in itself for KU to continue to assist private firms in moving technologies to market.

Also, Subramaniam’s

base technology offers additional broad applications in the pharmaceutical industry, from small-particle drugs to coatings of implantable devices like cardiac stents. Critech was founded to move the technology into products for the consumer market. Campbell adds that the manufacturing process developed at Critech could affect the way certain drugs are

produced in the pharmaceutical industry.

And Stella says there’s more exciting research to come in the KU drug development pipeline, through young researchers coming up in engineering, pharmaceutical chemistry and medicinal chemistry.

To Hemenway, Nanotax and other drug developments signal a future in which the stature of KU’s scientists continues to attract partners for drug development. Alumni “can take great pride in the fact that there are cures for cancer being

developed at their university, without any compromise,” he says. “We will put significant resources and human effort into making sure that the war against cancer gets a full enlistment from the University of Kansas.”

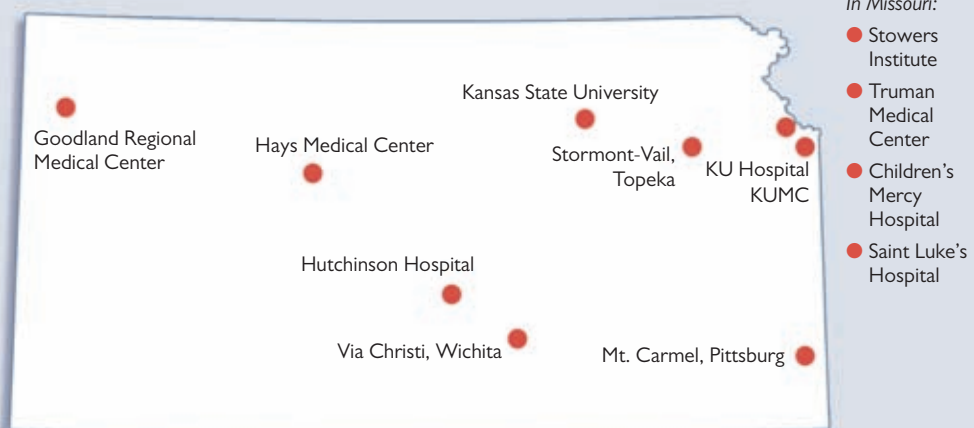
And patients in Kansas may find more of what will save their lives right here at home, as beneficiaries of the ultimate quest of Jensen and colleagues at the KU Cancer Center: “to be the place where the end of cancer begins.”

—Julie Mettenburg, j’91, writes about health and medical research for national publications. Her family has benefited from life-saving treatment at KU Cancer Center.



■ After 20 years in the pharmaceutical industry, Scott Weir leads KU’s drug-development program at the Cancer Center, bringing University resources together in a pipeline of new therapies.

Cancer Collaboration





ONE ATHLETE'S OLYMPICS



SCOTT RUSSELL'S BEIJING PHOTOGRAPHY PROVES THIS JAYHAWK IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE JAVELIN

PHOTOGRAPHS BY SCOTT RUSSELL

Scott Russell's Olympic dreams were born earlier than most, and he knows precisely when and where: 1988, fourth grade, back home in Windsor, Ontario. In honor of the Olympic Winter Games underway in Calgary, Alberta, Russell and his classmates spent weeks studying Olympics history and even organized their own simulated winter competitions in the school gymnasium.

"That's where my realization that the Olympics exist really started," Russell recalls. "And the reality of the potential of going to the Olympics started for me in high school, when I was getting to the level where I could be an NCAA athlete."

At KU, Russell, d'02, a six-time All-American and nine-time Big 12 champion, competed in the javelin, hammer throw, weight throw and shot put, culminating with 2002 NCAA championships in the weight throw and javelin. Since 2000 he has been the best Canadian javelin thrower every year but one.

But relentless injuries plagued Russell all

along. He nearly quit in 2005, until, at the final qualifying meet of the season, he threw the javelin far enough to earn a spot in the world championships that summer in Helsinki, Finland. Sadly, injuries plagued him still, and Russell finished a disappointing 12th at what was to that point the biggest meet of his life.

A fiery competitor and superbly muscled and balanced athlete—who had KU football and basketball coaches drooling for a chance to put a ball in his hands—Russell knocked aside the injuries just long enough to qualify for this summer's Canadian Olympic team. Finally competing at the Olympics, inside Beijing's spectacular "Bird's Nest" stadium, he won his qualifying group with a throw of 263 feet, 10 inches (in driving rain), and finished 10th overall with a finals throw of 265 feet, 5 inches.

The miserable conditions he endured in the qualifying round were similar to what he experienced in Helsinki, when he was a non-competitive 12th, which makes his Beijing triumph all the sweeter. "That was an opportunity for



redemption,” he says. “I didn’t think about the weather or injury or anything else, except throwing exactly as I knew I could. And I did.”

Even without a medal, Scott Russell emerged a champion, which isn’t the slightest surprise. What was most definitely a surprise, however, was the photography that emerged, which Russell graciously shares here with his fellow Jayhawks.

Who knew that on top of being one of the world’s best javelin throwers, an all-time great Jayhawk track and field star, a dedicated student, eager young teacher and all-around pleasant guy, Scott Russell is also a photographer with some *serious* talent?

Certainly not us, until our Alumni Association colleague David Johnston, j’94, g’06, himself an All-America distance runner during his KU cross country days, forwarded along Internet links

to a blog Russell kept during his Olympic experience and, after the games were done, a site where Russell posted his favorite images.

“As a professional athlete, I’m fortunate to get to travel all over the world, but under those circumstances you don’t really get to see any of it,” Russell says. “Everybody asks where you’ve been, and if you say, ‘Berlin,’ they’ll ask about what you saw in Berlin, and you say, ‘Well, I saw the hotel and the track and the airport.’ Usually you see one thing, and the rest of the time you’re practicing, eating or sleeping.”

When he discovered photography, Russell found a creative outlet that would



enlarge and retain these rare international opportunities. He bought his first point-and-shoot digital camera in 2003, for his brother’s wedding, and in 2005 he upgraded to a “borderline professional” camera, which he has carted in his backpack ever since.

■ Scott Russell's artistic images from Beijing include shots from his view on the field during the Opening Ceremonies and outside the "Bird's Nest" stadium (previous spread); bicycles parked in a quiet *hutong*, one of the narrow streets and alleys meandering through Beijing's oldest neighborhoods (right); a boy sharing good wishes for his visitor (left); and even a self-portrait (below left).



His time outside the hotel-track-airport circuit is still limited, but now, as he develops his photographer's eye, Russell is learning to find beauty in the smallest details of time and place, intriguing aspects of whatever venue his travels make take him to. And when he does have a few unencumbered minutes to wander free, he'll grab his camera and dash from the hotel to explore some streets and alleys and meet a few people in the world he's visiting.

As an athlete, a competitor's credential opens all the doors at the stadium; as an anonymous foreign tourist, a camera and smile do the trick.

"I just re-read one of my blogs, titled 'Perseverance,' and I was reliving how I felt in that moment, when we were about to enter the stadium and the entire Canadian delegation starts breaking out the national anthem," Russell says. "I still get chills reading that. I'm really glad I wrote the blog and shot all the photos I did. I

think that when you are in the moment you don't appreciate it as much as you do after the fact.

"Now I'm just starting to realize that I was just at the Olympics and I placed 10th. I'm the 10th best javelin thrower in the world. That's unbelievable. It's a little bit shocking. And I have these photographs to help relive the experience."

After earning his degree in physical therapy and athletic training in 2002, Russell worked for two years as a physical therapist and then spent two years as head athletics trainer at Haskell Indian Nations University. In 2006 he started on a master's degree in physical education; this fall he'll spend eight weeks as a student teacher at New York Elementary School followed by eight weeks at South Junior High.

So, the student teacher shows up for gym class, 6-feet-9, 280 pounds, less than a month removed from the Olympic Games, whistle in hand ...

He chuckles at the prospect of what his young students might think when confronted with a frightful vision of the gym teacher to top all gym teachers. But he isn't even sure whether anybody at the school knows he just finished 10th at Beijing, and he insists that if they don't, he won't tell. Bragging isn't in his nature, but also because his time at New York Elementary and South Junior High will be all about the kids, about sparking an awareness of personal potential.

"They may not become an Olympic athlete, they may not be an NCAA athlete, but if they start to understand the fitness and health aspects of what I teach, it will be huge," he says. "You get all this information from everybody; to not share it with other people would be a shame."

Russell says he'll continue to train, hope to avoid injury, and aim for the 2012 Olympics in London. If he can get there, he won't be satisfied with 10th.

"The javelin is a dead sprint to top speed, then stop on a dime on a straight left leg, at which point there's the torque on your shoulder, your back, your elbow. It's not an easy event. It's not a fluid event," he says. "But as you mature, I think you grasp the technique a little bit better. The last two or three seasons I really understood the event. I enjoy it more now because I understand what I'm supposed to do to throw far.

"I had a great achievement being 10th at this Olympic Games, but I think I'm capable of so much more. I want to go to London and potentially medal."

Scott Russell up on the awards podium, an Olympic medal draped around his neck ... can't you just picture it?

—Chris Lazzarino



Scott Russell on the Internet

- His Beijing blog: scottjavelinrussell.blogspot.com
- Collected photographs, including more than his Beijing trip: www.jpgmag.com/people/sr90
- Competition photographs and event coverage are easily found with an Internet search such as "Scott Russell Beijing Olympics"





■ A volunteer official (top left) marshaling the athletes' Opening Ceremonies parade, a Zimbabwean athlete (above), restroom graphics (far left), Olympics pageantry (left) and Beijing smog (top right) are some of the behind-the-scenes views Russell captured.

The Emperor *of* Ice Cream

BY STEVEN HILL





HE MAY HAVE BEEN ‘SMALL PEANUTS’ AT 17, BUT AT 80 BILL BRAUM IS THE DAIRY WORLD’S BIG CHEESE

Long before he was old enough to drive, Bill Braum was a milk man.

Growing up in Emporia during the Depression, “Billy,” as folks called him then, rode the running board of his father’s truck after school, hopping off to deliver cold, clinking bottles of milk to houses on the route.

Braum’s father, Henry, had bought a small butter processing operation during the 1933 Bank Holiday, which Franklin Roosevelt ordered to stem a run on banks. The gutsy move to start a business during a time of financial panic was a matter, Braum says, “of starve on the farm or try something else.”

Braum, b’49, has displayed plenty of that family moxie himself during a long business career, using his father’s toehold to build a chain of ice cream stores into an empire of remarkable breadth.

The family-owned company prepares milk and ice cream in a 260,000-square-foot plant on Braum’s Tuttle, Okla., farm, supplied by a herd of 15,000 dairy cows. The family’s 16-barn dairy complex is among the largest in the nation. They produce most of the feed for the herd, growing 25 square miles of irrigated corn. Rather than sell through grocery stores, they own and operate 280 Braum’s Ice Cream and Dairy Stores in Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri and Texas.

They also bake the cones, hamburger buns, breads, cookies and other baked goods sold in the stores.

There’s more. Their construction company, concrete plant and heavy equipment fleet builds the stores and manufacturing plants, including a bakery and warehouse now underway on the farm. Their cabinet shop supplies furniture. They even make their own cleaning solutions. To improve safety in the dairy plant, where equipment is scoured with caustic cleaners, Braum built a soap plant to pump cleaning solution directly to the machines, reducing risks to workers.

Business textbooks call this do-it-yourself model “vertical integration.” The term refers to the “degree to which a firm owns their upstream suppliers and downstream buyers,” according to QuickMBA.com, and Braum’s takes it further than most. “They are vertically integrated to the nth degree,” says Ron Goble, editor of Western DairyBusiness

■ Bill Braum and his wife, Mary, started Braum’s Ice Cream and Dairy Stores in 1968, and are now considered among of the country’s leaders in “vertical integration” of their stores’ supply chain. Not only do they make their own ice cream, the Braums and their employees raise and milk their own dairy herd, bake cones and hamburger buns, and even manufacture the concrete, furniture and cleaning solutions needed for their five-state retail chain.

magazine, which honored Bill Braum in 2005 as Outstanding Dairyman/Marketer of the year.

The man who built the company from a modest chain of Kansas ice cream shops into a regional giant puts it more plainly. “Over the years I kind of looked around at all the things we were buying, and I’d say, ‘Shoot, that isn’t that hard, maybe we could do that.’”

Adds Braum, “I’ve kind of done that all my life.”



Bill Braum always had an eye for a deal, even when he had an uncertain sense of his own future.

He planned to attend K-State until a buddy convinced him to come to KU. He arrived on campus driving a 1925 Chevy. It was 1945.

In those postwar days, as automakers shifted from tanks to cars, good rides were scarce. Lots of folks were driving 20-year-old jalopies. Not Braum.

“That car hadn’t been driven in 20

years, and it only had 7,000 miles on it,” he says. “They had to saw a tree down to get it out of the garage. It was perfect.”

Campus was packed with World War II vets, serious, older men who carried briefcases and wore combat boots to class—all a bit intimidating to a shy, 17-year-old boy who’d rarely been away from home and was still a little wet behind the ears.

“We were standing in line,” he recalls of registration day, “and they asked, ‘What school?’ I said, ‘Well, I thought I was going to KU.’”

Braum’s laugh is quick and gruff and often directed at himself. Especially his young self.

After a quick lesson on the University’s organizational structure, he still had no idea which school to choose. His buddy enrolled in engineering.

“I said, ‘Sign me up for that, too.’ But it didn’t take but one semester to realize I was in the wrong place. I moved to business, and I’ve been there ever since.”

Back in Emporia, Braum had grown up, by his own account, “on the wrong

side of the tracks.” Some mornings he’d crawl between the wheels of idled freight trains to make school on time. In the kitchens along his route he glimpsed the good life. “I thought, ‘Man, I’ve got to live a little better than this someday.’” On Mount Oread, he began to see how it could be done. “When you go to a big university like KU, and maybe you’re kind of small peanuts, you get to see a lot of people who are successful,” he says. “It makes you realize there’s a lot of potential in the world out there.”

After earning his business degree, he went home to join his father, who by now had shifted from milk and butter processing to ice cream shops.

Braum helped build the chain to 16 Peter Pan ice cream stores by 1957. That year he bought the business from his dad, and over the next 10 years he opened another 45 stores.

His expansion caught the eye of a big Wichita dairy. The owners wanted to buy him out, but Braum was in no hurry to sell. He said he’d let them have the stores for \$1 million. They laughed, but a year



■ The 35-acre milking complex (left) on the family's Tuttle, Okla., farm includes 16 barns for 15,000 cows. The Braums also grow all the grains (below) needed to feed their dairy cows.





■ Today, Bill and Drew Braum oversee a family owned and operated company with retail shops in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Missouri and Arkansas.

Now 80, Braum isn't slowing down. "He hasn't backed off a bit," says son Drew, who succeeded him as president. "Some people golf. Business is what he enjoys. He likes to be right in the middle of things."

Good thing. He and his wife, Mary, wedded 59 years now, live on the Tuttle farm, surrounded by the seven-day-a-week operation's farming, manufacturing and dairy divisions. Mary teases that he enjoys watching the grass grow, but his newest project suggests the spirit of the entrepreneur yet drives him: Bill Braum is building a commuter train for cows.

The size of his herd means that some cows must walk half a mile on sand and concrete to the milking barn. So Braum hit on the idea of building a motorized trolley to ease wear and tear on their hooves. The first attempt had a few mechanical bugs, but a second version looks promising.

When finished, a 1,000-horsepower winch will haul a 25- by 320-foot platform down 3,500 feet of track, delivering 400 cows, weighing 1,200 pounds

each, for another day of work.

"Of course, they love it," Braum says, again with the laugh. "They love to ride on that thing."

Not as much, it would seem, as he loves building it.

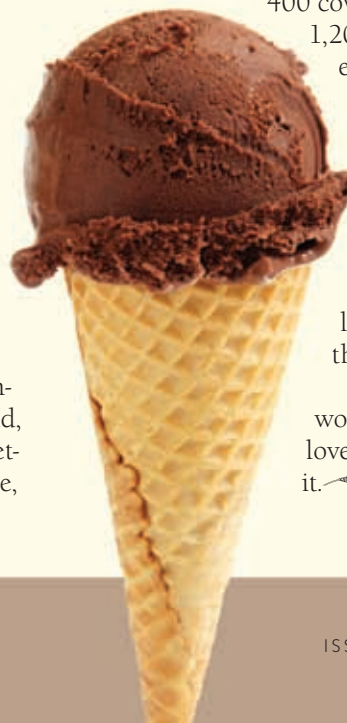
later they were ready to meet his price. He raised his ask to \$1.25 million, and they took it.

Bill Braum was 39 years old. He knew how to build a business and he knew how to drive a hard bargain. Retirement at such a young age, he decided, "seemed unseemly."

The deal barred him from selling ice cream in Kansas for 10 years, so he moved to Oklahoma. Acting quickly to get his Emporia ice cream plant back on line, he opened 24 stores that first year. Needing to print cartons, he tried out several names before settling on his own.

Perhaps that one decision, made, he says now, "to keep things simple," set the tone for the multimillion dollar enterprise Braum's has become.

"I think a very important aspect of his whole operation is making sure things are done right, that the product is good and maintains a reputation," says Stan Bird, a former publisher of Western DairyBusiness who's now an industry consultant. "I see him as a gentleman who has looked around and said, 'I can do that. And I can maybe do it better than anybody else is doing it.' To me, that's always impressive."





Association



Driscoll



Ritchie

Devoted Jayhawks

*Ellsworth honor goes to loyalists
who became national KU leaders*

The medallion,
created in 1975,
recognizes
“unique and
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to KU” in the
memory of Fred
Ellsworth, c’22.

Two Alumni Association leaders who have shown their loyalty to the University in numerous ways are the 2008 winners of the Fred Ellsworth Medallion. Robert L. Driscoll, c’61, l’64, Mission Woods, and Carol Swanson Ritchie, d’54, Wichita, were honored Sept. 19 during the annual fall dinner of the Association’s national Board of Directors at the Adams Alumni Center.

The medallion, created in 1975, recognizes “unique and significant service to KU” in the memory of Fred Ellsworth, c’22, who served as executive secretary of the Association for 29 years until his 1963 retirement. Each year, nominations from alumni and friends are accepted until March 31; representatives from the Chancellor’s office and the Alumni and Endowment associations and Kansas Athletics choose the medallion winners.

Driscoll is a partner in the law firm of Stinson Morrison Hecker in Kansas City, Mo. He helped guide the School of Law as a member and chair of its Board of Governors. The law school in 2003 honored him as a distinguished alumnus.

Driscoll and his wife, Marilyn Rockwell Driscoll, c’62, c’63, are joint life and Jayhawk

Society members of the Alumni Association, which Driscoll served as a Board member and national officer from 1998 to 2006. He chaired the organization from 2002 to 2003 and continued to serve on the Executive Committee until 2006. Even after his official term of Association service concluded, he continued to donate countless hours as a vital consultant. The Driscolls also have supported the annual Rock Chalk Ball in Kansas City.

For KU Endowment, Driscoll is a trustee and member of the development committee. The Driscolls are life members of the Chancellors Club and the Elizabeth Watkins Society, as well as the Presidents Club of the Alumni Association, the School of Law’s Deans Club and the Williams Educational Fund for Kansas Athletics.

As a student, Driscoll was inducted into Phi Delta Phi international legal fraternity and was a member of the Student Bar Association. As an undergraduate, he worked on the Jayhawker yearbook.

Ritchie, a longtime volunteer for many local and state organizations, has remained a devoted KU ambassador. She and her husband, Scott, c’54, are joint life and Jayhawk Society members of the Alumni Association. As an Association volunteer, she has worked for KU in the Wichita area as a chapter leader and as a founder of the local Jayhawk Roundup, which provides scholarships for students at the Lawrence and Wichita campuses. She began her national service as an Association Board member in 1993 and guided the organization as national chair from 1999 to 2000. She continued on the Executive Committee until 2004. With her husband, she has supported Kansas City’s Rock Chalk Ball as a benefactor and honorary chair.

For KU Endowment, the Ritchies are life members of the Chancellors Club, and she serves on the advisory board for Women Philanthropists

for KU. The Ritchies also belong to the Presidents Club of the Alumni Association, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Deans Club, Friends of the Spencer Art Museum, and the Williams Educational Fund for Kansas Athletics.

As a student, she performed in the University Dance Company and choral music ensembles and was a member of honor societies in the School of Education.



New to the crew

Staff members join Association to guide alumni events

Each year, the Association holds hundreds of events nationwide to build and maintain connections among the Jayhawk alumni family. This summer, new staff members in the alumni programs department hit the ground running to accommodate the growing demands.

Valley Center native Nikki Epley brings her passion for events and campus life to the Association as director of reunions. After attending Wichita State University to receive her bachelor's degree in sports business and a master's degree in sports administration, she worked for the athletics department at Colorado State University, the alumni association at Wichita State and later with the Super Bowl and NCAA Final Four. Now at KU, Epley will focus on planning the 50th reunion and the Gold Medal Club reunion each year. She will assist the Black Alumni Chapter with its annual Homecoming reunion and work with groups such as scholarship halls, departments and Greek houses who wish to organize reunions of their own.

After graduating, Joy Maxwell, c'03, j'03, knew she wanted to remain near KU. After briefly moving back to her native state of Iowa, she returned to Lawrence to work for KU's Office of Admissions and Scholarships; she now joins the Association as assistant director of Kansas City programs. Maxwell will



■ KU spirit prevailed in Prairie Village Aug. 22, when the Alumni Association, Kansas Athletics and Johnny's hosted the Kansas City Football Kickoff at Corinth Square shopping center. A Jayhawk throng of 3,500 gathered to hear coach Mark Mangino at the rousing pep rally, which has become a rite of summer. KU Edwards Campus staff distributed 2,000 water bottles, and the Alumni Association team applied Jayhawk tattoos on the faces of 800 young fans.

Association

VALERIE SPICHER



■ Joy Maxwell and Kerri Wright (back row, l to r) help coordinate events in the alumni programs department, along with Nikki Epley and Michelle Miles (front row). Jodi Nachtigal (below) is a new addition to the Association's finance department.

work with the Kansas City alumni board and split her time between the Lawrence campus and the Edwards Campus in Overland Park, acting as liaison between the strong local chapter and the Association.

Michelle Miles joins the staff as assistant director of Kansas programs. A Lawrence native, Miles, b'01, will now support her alma mater at alumni and student events statewide. She will help organize the 40 events each year that are part of the Kansas Honors Program, which recognizes the top 10 percent of high school seniors in Kansas.

Kerri Wright has worked for the Association for 14 years and recently moved into the new position of administrative assistant of alumni programs. She brings valuable organizational knowledge through her previous administrative work with the Association's license plate program and the Board of Directors. Wright will help coordinate correspondence and reservations for the hundreds of events each year.

Jodi Nachtigal joined the Association's

finance department this summer as controller. A Nebraska native, she came to Kansas originally to receive degrees in accounting and business administration from Bethel College in Newton. Now part of the Association staff, Nachtigal assists with the preparation of monthly financials, annual budgeting and other tasks, as needed. While she maintains her Husker roots, she enjoys living in Lawrence and being close to KU.

VALERIE SPICHER



Popsicle Party



■ Bomb pops and ice cream bars helped 2,300 students chill at the annual Ice Cream Social Aug. 18 outside the Adams Alumni Center. Each year the Student Alumni Association hosts this prelude to Traditions Night in Memorial Stadium. In addition to welcoming freshmen, the evening offered an opportunity for transfer students to meet with staff from the Office of New Student Orientation.



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BY KAREN GOODELL

1948

Robert Pennington, c'48, l'50, and his wife, Nina, make their home in Gold Canyon, Ariz.

1954

Marge Albright Hazlett, '54, retired after a 40-year career with the KU athletics department. She lives in Lawrence.

Jane Shackelford Whitmore, f'54, leads the cello section of the American Chamber Orchestra. She lives in Gilford, Conn.

1956

Crandall Melia, p'56, is a staff pharmacist at Costco in San Bernadino, Calif. He lives in Upland.

James Tissue, e'56, works as chief engineer at Agile Technology in Longmont, Colo.

1960

Klaus Hass, p'60, continues to make his home in Manhattan, where he's a retired pharmacy director.

1961

Robert Alderson Jr., c'61, recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Transportation Lawyers Association. He's a partner in the Topeka law firm of Alderson, Alderson, Weiler, Conklin, Burghart & Crow.

1962

Cotton Smith, j'62, published his 13th novel, *Return of the Spirit Rider*, with Dorchester Publishing. He recently completed a two-year term as president of the Western Writers of America. He lives in Mission Hills.

1963

Douglass Kieswetter, b'63, owns Kies Construction in Englewood, Colo. He and **Barbara Brown Kieswetter**, c'67, live in Golden.

1964

Marilyn Miller Smith, f'64, recently was named Sorority Woman of the Year by the Northwest Harris County Alumnae Panhellenic Association in Houston. She makes her home in Spring.

1965

James Tschechtelin, c'65, received a teaching recognition award earlier this year from the University of Maryland University College, where he's an adjunct professor of business and management. He and his wife, Mary, make their home in Odenton.

1966

Kathryn Habenstein Lancaster, c'66, g'70, retired last year after teaching

kindergarten in Charlottesville, Va., for 30 years.

1967

Larry Huddleston, c'67, is an account executive with CBIZ in Leawood. He and his wife, Janet, live in Overland Park.

Edward Wolcott, e'67, retired recently from a 31-year career with ATK Thiokol. He and his wife, Linda, divide their time between homes in Providence, Utah, and Boothbay, Maine.

1968

Mohamad Behravesh, c'68, recently was named the first American scientist at the Materials Aging Institute of Électricité de France in Paris, where he will spend two years working on issues related to

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the long-term operation of nuclear power plants. Mohamad is a scientist at the Electric Power Research Institute in Palo Alto, Calif.

Patrick Ruckh, b'68, is an executive vice president at First Horizon National Corporation. He lives in Cordova, Tenn.

Deanell Reece Tacha, c'68, recently received the 26th Annual Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award from the American Judicature Society. Deanell is a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. She and her husband, John, assoc., live in Lawrence.

1969

Michael Delaney, c'69, l'76, is a partner in the Overland Park law firm of Spencer Fane Britt & Browne. He recently was elected a fellow in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

Ron Reece, c'69, and his partner, Eric Mayo, live in London, where Ron is an executive and sales coach, organizational consultant and interim manager/director. He provides contract services to U.S. companies in the United Kingdom, Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Nancy Hardin Rogers, s'69, serves as interim attorney general for the state of Ohio. She lives in Columbus.

1970

Janet Will Nuse, p'70, works as a pharmacist at University of Missouri Healthcare in Columbia. She lives in Fayette.

1971

Joan Jespersen Alfaro, f'71, works as a staff occupational therapist at NHC Oak Park in McMinnville, Tenn. She lives in Rock Island.

Cyd Silvius Alloway, '71, manages the commercial insurance department for Haake Companies in Leawood. She and her husband, **Gordon**, j'72, live in Overland Park.

1972

Wendall Goodwin, m'72, retired earlier this year from his medical practice and from clinical cancer research. He

lives in Fair Grove, Mo.

Carmelo Monti, a'72, has been promoted to a senior associate with Baker Barrios Architects in Orlando, Fla.

Douglas Scott, e'72, is senior director of global engineering with Medimmune in Gaithersburg, Md. He and **Janet Feist Scott**, '74, live in Rockville.

Edward Wallen, PhD'72, recently

received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, where he's a professor of biological sciences. He and **Monica Hayes Wallen**, g'72, live in Kenosha.

1973

Wendy Wullbrandt, f'73, is a social worker at Richmond University Medical

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1974

Robert Herrington, c'74, lives in Lawrence, where he's CEO of Horizon Analog Inc.

Kristen Tanquary Jolly, c'74, is a nurse in the TLC Newborn Program in Vero Beach, Fla.

Hal Ritter, j'74, works as a business editor for The Associated Press in Washington, D.C.

1975

Phyllis Mullenix, PhD'75, recently received the Weston A. Price Foundation Integrity in Science Award for her studies on fluoride. Phyllis makes her home in Andover, Mass.

1976

Carol Norland Davis, d'76, directs the strategy group at QHR in Lafayette, Colo. She and her husband, **William**, d'74,

g'79, PhD'85, live in Fort Collins.

Shiu Nam Kam, e'76, is a principal with Golder Associates in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

Kenneth Wan-Kay Lui, e'76, is a senior engineer at Complete Combustion Services in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

Kenneth Stone, j'76, coordinates online production for SignOnSanDiego.com. He lives in La Mesa, Calif.

Gary Williams, b'76, works as assistant director of property tax for Verizon Communications in Irving, Texas.

1977

David Hauber, j'77, l'83, recently became a district court judge of the 10th Judicial District, serving Johnson County. He and **Catherine Simmons Hauber**, c'76, d'78, l'83, live in Shawnee. She is a partner in the firm of Stinson Morrison Hecker.

Daryl Jones, d'77, teaches music at

Kiker Elementary School in Austin, Texas.

1978

Michael Atwood, c'78, m'82, practices medicine at Stormont-Vail HealthCare in Topeka.

Nolan Cromwell, b'78, is offensive coordinator at Texas A&M University.

Sally Hayden, c'78, works as an administrative assistant in KU's Office of the Provost. She lives in Lawrence.

David Little, c'78, j'82, is deputy regional director for CARE International in Nairobi, Kenya.

Chris McNeil, c'78, l'81, received a doctorate in judicial studies from the University of Nevada-Reno. He practices law in Columbus, Ohio.

1979

Christina Krueger Hoover, c'79, works as national account manager with Bensussen Deutsch & Associates in Atlanta.

Scott Howard, c'79, is CEO of AFIX Technologies in Pittsburg.

1980

Sarah Nutty Hamill, c'80, is vice president of marketing for Harleysville Insurance in Harleysville, Pa.

Teresa Mehring, g'80, PhD'81, recently was selected provost/vice president for academic affairs at Emporia State University, where she was dean of the teachers college. She lives in Olathe.

John Riley, b'80, directs operations for Hockenbergs in Lenexa.

Deborah Jacobson Van Vleck, p'80, is a U.S. administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration in West Des Moines, Iowa.

MARRIED

Helen Stenson, h'80, to Gerald Arnold, May 24 in Mountlake Terrace, Wash. She works for Providence Everett Medical Center, and he's a mechanical engineer with Boeing. They live in Mukilteo.

1981

Steven Dillman, c'81, is vice president

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l	School of Law
m	School of Medicine
n	School of Nursing
p	School of Pharmacy
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of insurance marketing with American Century Companies. He lives in Kansas City.

Daniel Gleason, c'81, recently was appointed to GPB plant and mechanical/piping engineering team lead for BP Exploration. He lives in Anchorage, Alaska.

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

1982

John Buchfink, b'82, g'85, is vice president of sales with Investortools in Yorkville, Ill. He lives in Naperville.

Peggy Hamm Eland, d'82, teaches English and journalism for USD 412 in Hoxie, where she lives.

1983

Kurt Flory, b'83, g'84, is a partner with Ernst & Young in Boston. Kurt and his wife, Cynthia, and their two daughters live in Weston.

Brian Francis, c'83, g'89, works as a meteorologist and senior forecaster for the National Weather Service in Tucson, Ariz.

Kim Martens, l'83, is a partner in the Wichita law firm of Hite, Fanning & Honeyman.

Michael McGrew, b'83, continues to make is home with his wife, **Christine Blount McGrew**, c'92, and their two children. Mike is chairman and CEO of McGrew Real Estate.

Col. **Joseph Moore**, c'83, serves as chief of resources and sustainment with the U.S. Marine Corps in Tampa, Fla.

Fielding Norton, d'83, is chief risk officer for Ironshore Insurance in Hamilton, Bermuda.

James Williams, a'83, a'84, lives in Concord, N.C. He's national director of Little Diversified Architectural Consulting.

1984

Christopher Southwick, m'84, practices cardiovascular anesthesiology with

Freeman Health System in Joplin, Mo.

1985

D.J. Chance, c'85, g'88, directs presales for SolArc Inc. in Tulsa, Okla. He and his wife, Ann, live in Claremore.

Jay Craig, b'85, g'87, is senior director of Opus in Milwaukee, Wis. He lives in Shorewood.

David Franklin, e'85, serves as a lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Air Force and is a patent attorney with the Cleveland law firm of Amin, Turocy & Calvin. He lives in Loveland, Ohio.

Gregory Grimm, e'85, a resident of Parker, Colo., is vice president and general manager of Celestica.

Mark Voth, c'85, is vice president of the Beard Company in Oklahoma City, Okla. He lives in Edmond.

1986

Richard Angelo, PhD'86, is director and executive consultant for Beckloff Associates in Overland Park.

Barbara Evans, PhD'86, a professor of biology at Lake Superior State University, makes her home in Sault Sainte Marie, Mich., with her husband, **Craig Merrifield**, '85.

Thomas Jacobs, b'86, recently was inducted into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Men's Hall of Fame. He directs championships for the NCAA in Indianapolis, where he and **Lori Kelsh Jacobs**, '87, make their home.

Karen Mayberry, l'86, recently was promoted to colonel in the U.S. Air Force. She serves as chief of the trial defense division at Bolling AFB, D.C. Her home is in Alexandria, Va.

Marilyn Slankard Ollila, b'86, is an adjunct professor in the managerial studies program at Vanderbilt University. She and her husband, Philip, live in Nashville, Tenn., with their daughter, Sophia, 2.

Jan Peters, c'86, lives in Overland Park and is president of Projects by Design.

1987

Allison Grace Cole, c'87, is a clinical application specialist with Siemens Health Diagnostics. She and her hus-

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band, **Darren**, e'87, live in Katy, Texas. He's global business director for Honeywell.

Ike Evans, g'87, lives in North Liberty, Iowa, where he's president of Evolutionary Heuristics.

Doug Roe, b'87, g'89, directs sales operations for AT&T's Mobility South Central Region, and **Nancy Coleman Roe**, c'89, teaches second grade at Christ the King in Little Rock, Ark., where they live.

1988

Deborah Zabel Galbraith, g'88, lives in Lawrence with her husband, **Richard**, c'88. She's a managing director and principal at Waverly Partners, and he's a pathologist at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Angel Reyes, c'88, practices law with Reyes & Associates in Dallas. She serves on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors.

Paul Shahrokhi, b'88, is director of Artisan Partners. He and his wife,

Janet, live in Mequon, Wis.

1989

Sergio Abauat, e'89, is senior drilling manager of Occidental Oil & Gas in Houston.

Robin Abramowitz, c'89, works as community coordinator for the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City. She lives in Overland Park.

Kimberly Hurley Benson, j'89, manages marketing for KFSA. She lives in Newton.

Cheryl Cawley, g'89, is a physical therapist and athletics trainer for St. John's Therapy Services in St. Robert, Mo. She lives in Rolla.

Laura Grisham-Jones, c'89, works as a program manager for Sprint Nextel in Overland Park. She lives in Leawood.

Ronald Moody, e'89, lives in Beaver Dam, Wis. He recently was named chief technology officer for ENERPAC.

Christine Uttinger Peterson, c'89, is a veterinarian at Lawson Animal Hospital in Lawson, Mo.



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Wild water women: Ballet legs and skullcaps splashed in the water at Robinson gymnasium during the Quack Club's practices, shown here. In the 1950s, the Women's Athletic Association at KU organized diverse clubs, including one devoted to synchronized swimming.

Class Notes

Thomas Pratt, e'89, f'92, is an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University and president and senior partner of Banner & Witcoff. He lives in Chicago.

1990

Stephanie Lawrence Neiger, f'90, directs communications at the Presbyterian Church of Stanley. She and her husband, **Douglas**, b'87, g'89, live in Overland Park.

Hans Nettelblad, a'90, is associate principal of BNIM Architects in Kansas City.

Andrea Boyd Steinle, c'90, g'96, works as a senior geologist at Vantage Energy in Englewood, Colo.

Tatee Tanchanpongs, g'90, is a unit manager for American International Assurance in Bangkok, Thailand.

1991

David Burhenn, p'91, works as a staff pharmacist for Prescription Solutions in Overland Park.

John Dresslar, b'91, is a member of Myers and Stauffer in Owings Mills, Md. He lives in Harrisburg, Pa.

Donald Frew, e'91, serves as U.S. Air Force squadron commander of GPS Block III. He and **Melissa Schneider Frew**, n'90, live in Redondo Beach, Calif.

Scott Laderoute, b'91, is president of Sprint Lumber in St. Joseph, Mo. He and **Dawn Mizell Laderoute**, n'92, live in Platte City.

Karl Pils, a'91, works as project manager for MSA Engineering in Las Vegas.

1992

Elizabeth Barnes Buckley, c'92, directs sales and services for the Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Bureau. She and her husband, Andrew, c'93, live in Nichols Hills.

Marc Buehler, b'92, g'97, is CEO of Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon in Plano, Texas, where he and **Ashley Albright Buehler**, d'93, make their home.

Blanca Shindley Elliott, d'92, g'95, teaches foreign languages and social studies at Lansing High School in Lansing. She and her husband, Jim, live in Linwood.

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Scott Muyskens, b'92, c'92, recently became managing director of the Private-Bank-Chicago.

Jaclyn Anderson Reish, c'92, is assistant director of disability support services at K-State. She lives in Manhattan.

1993

Robwin Calley, c'93, owns Backridge Tree Services in Mary Esther, Fla.

Adam Cox, c'93, works for Sparhawk Laboratories in Lenexa. He lives in Gardner.

Sean Kentch, c'93, recently moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where he's chief staff officer at the Naval Reserve Intelligence Command.

Leigh Winter, f'93, is associate director of alumni affairs for the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

BORN TO:

Scott, c'93, m'97, and **Tasha Pearson Cook**, c'93, g'95, daughter, Sutton Hope,

May 8 in Olathe, where she joins a sister, Camryn, 9, and a brother, Holden, 4. Scott is a surgeon at the Kansas City Orthopedic Institute.

1994

Gilbert Brown, '94, recently was inducted into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame.

Angela Gross, c'94, is account director for Ciena Communications. She lives in Englewood, Colo.

Kristin Kostian, c'94, g'02, works as a software testing specialist for ITX. She lives in Olathe.

Andreas Spanos, c'94, is a professor of psychology and sociology in Nicosia, Cyprus.

BORN TO:

Larry, b'94, c'94, l'97, and **Liberty Spencer Kleeman**, g'02, daughter, Jordan Marie, Feb. 17 in Wichita, where she joins a brother, Jackson, 3. Larry is presi-

dent of Citycode Financial.

Ty Lambert, c'94, and Charlene, son, Lucas Ty, Jan. 7 in San Diego, where he joins a brother, Nolan, 2. Ty is a government contractor with Palm Business Supply.

1995

Eric Canada, e'95, is a senior engineer with Luminant Power in Dallas. He lives in Richardson.

William Custard, c'95, g'99, works as senior manager of financial services with

the Kansas City Life Insurance Company. He lives in Overland Park.

Christopher Gannett, j'95, recently was promoted to vice president of strategic marketing for Sony BMG Music Entertainment in New York City.

Cynthia Kanabel, b'95, manages compensation for Union Pacific in Omaha, Neb.

Angela Kokoruda, c'95, j'95, works as a law firm account representative for West-Thomson Reuters Co. in Overland Park.

Douglas Miller, e'95, manages RF engineering for Verizon Wireless in Leawood. He and **Mary Smith Miller**, e'95, live in Olathe.

Meridith Nelson, p'95, directs strategic planning for OSF St. Joseph Medical Center. She lives in Bloomington, Ill.

Mark Thomas, j'95, g'00, is vice president of marketing for the Tnemec Co. in Kansas City, where he and **Jennifer Johnson Thomas**, c'97, s'02, make their home.

Lance Williams, '95, is a senior direc-

Profile

BY CATHY SHERMAN

Photography gives leader one more way to engage

As a KU student, Rusty Leffel brought his photograph of the Campanile as a gift to a Thanksgiving dinner.

"I'm not so great with casseroles or desserts," explains Leffel, c'70, l'73.

Host Fred Krebs, c'68, was happy to get a photograph instead of a pie.

"Rusty's use of light and shadow and his tremendous sense of composition made me see the Campanile in a new way. He's amazing at relating form to feeling. He inspired me to study and use photography in my humanities courses. I began collecting photographs, including many of Rusty's."

Leffel started exhibiting photographs in the 1990s. During runs through the Country Club Plaza, he noticed a blank wall in an entryway. He showed his Plaza photographs to the building manager, and soon his work was on display.

Leffel now shows his award-winning work in dozens of exhibitions and at top-rated art festivals. In 2007, his work was named "Best in Show-photography" at the Prairie Village Art Fair, and his photograph "War Toys" won "Best in Show" in a New Jersey show.

Leffel accomplished this while maintaining a successful solo law practice in

Johnson County and taking on leadership roles in education, politics, church and his profession, including a year as president of the Johnson County Bar Association. His tradition of service dates to his years at KU, where he received the Agnes Wright Strickland Award.

In 1973, friends established "The Rusty Leffel Concerned Student Award" to honor his leadership. As an advocate for effective student government and activism that was reasoned and respectful rather than destructive and divisive, Leffel in 1971 helped create Students Concerned About Higher Education in Kansas to urge adequate state funding and issues-oriented student campaigns.

Chancellors have since given the Leffel award to more than 50 students who furthered his ideals of the University and higher education.

"He finds value, interest and significance in every person he encounters," says former student body president David Dillon, b'73, a friend and collector of Leffel's work. "His personal energy



CATHY SHERMAN

■ When the KU campus was in turmoil, Leffel saw opportunities for conflict resolution. Now a lawyer, he applies his creative vision to photography.

extends to the viewer of the art."

Leffel's sepia-toned photographs explore "moments of time" in the urban landscape. In one project, Leffel photographed 245 blocks of Broadway in New York City over three months, making many friends along the way.

At art fairs he engages everyone who stops by his always crowded booth.

"I like the interaction. I like to see people's reactions. After looking at my photographs, I hope people become more observant in their own lives and appreciate the world we live in."

Sherman, j'73, is a Leawood freelance writer.

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tor of technology infrastructure for Sprint Nextell in Overland Park.

BORN TO:

Tricia Smith Knoll, l'95, g'95, and Christopher, daughter, Lola MacKenzie, Feb. 13 in Kechi.

1996

Michael Brady, g'96, recently was elected principal stockholder in CSHQA in Sacramento, Calif., where he and his wife, Linda, make their home.

Erika Markley Richardson, d'96, teaches high-school science for USD 402 in Augusta, where she and her husband, Benjamin, make their home.

Christopher Tefft, b'96, is a senior financial analyst with Land Title Guarantee Co. He and his wife, Kara, live in Littleton, Colo.

1997

Shawn Beach, c'97, is an economist for the USDA Risk Management Agency. He and **Andrea Simecka Beach**, '99,

live in Deland, Fla.

Stuart Canning, g'97, is associate director of the San Francisco Symphony.

John Healy, PhD'97, commutes from Columbia, Mo., to Fayette, where he's an associate professor of music at Central Methodist College.

Penny Hotchkiss, d'97, teaches social studies at Allen County Community College. Her home is in Lawrence.

Cheryl Hagemann Lindeman, l'97, is senior corporate counsel for Dynegy in Houston, where she and her husband,

Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

Fine arts to fire chief, Obadal blazes rare trail

Ruth Grothusen Obadal, fire chief of Puyallup, Wash., concedes that while growing up on a farm near Ellsworth, she never gave the slightest thought to one day becoming a firefighter. And even as a young woman drifting through a series of jobs that failed to ignite any devotion, there was nothing remotely close to an “aha!” moment that would push her into the most drastic of life changes.

Instead, Obadal, f'71, who earned her degree in piano and music theory, realized she was restless with the jobs and interests she had experimented with since leaving KU: “I wanted to do something I would feel really good about, and something that would help people, but I just didn't know what that would be.”

One day in 1977 she happened to notice a help-wanted ad from the Kansas City, Mo., fire department. Working then with an opera group that performed for young audiences and a physical fitness devotee, she felt a vague notion that firefighting might fit her needs.

“I jumped into it without a lot of background,” Obadal says from her new hometown, between Tacoma and Mount Rainier. “Sure enough, once I got through recruit training, I loved it. It was

so different from everything I had done up to then.”

Obadal, the fourth female firefighter hired in Kansas City, began her career at a firehouse in the action-packed heart of urban K.C. She rose steadily through the ranks, including assignments as fire apparatus operator, EMT instructor, captain, and, in 1993, Kansas City's first female battalion chief.

“At each level I thought, ‘OK, this is the level I want to stay at,’” she says. “And then after a year or two or three, I started looking at the next level up, thinking, ‘You know, I could do that.’ So that started to be my next goal.”

A dedicated runner, Obadal was intrigued by a job opening in the runners' mecca of Eugene, Ore. She accepted the offer and stayed in Eugene, as a uniformed administrative officer, for nearly 10 years, until a recruiter for Puyallup came calling. She joined that department in 2006 as deputy fire chief; when the chief retired in 2007, Obadal was named his replacement.

“When I was a new firefighter in Kansas City, occasionally some little kid would say, ‘Look, Mommy, a lady fireman.’ I liked it at first. Then I started thinking that it'll be even better when they don't notice, when it's just normal.”

Obadal has brought her Steinway grand piano to each stop on her career



COURTESY RUTH OBADAL

■ Ruth Obadal, appointed fire chief of Puyallup, Wash., in July 2007, says, “I don't want to be known as the woman fire chief. I want to be known as the fire chief. And I have to say that, for the most part, I think that's what's happened.”

trail, and this recent move also included an unexpected delight: Her freshman-year GSP roommate, Nyla Nutsch Poser, '71, lives 10 miles away. Now they get together to watch KU basketball on TV, delighting their husbands with their Rock Chalk Chants.

Says Obadal, “They fall on the floor laughing.”



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Curt, l'97, make their home. He's vice president and general counsel for U.S. Concrete.

Maureen Nash, m'97, lives in Portland, Ore. She's a geriatric psychiatrist and internist at the Tuality Center for Geriatric Psychiatry in Forest Grove.

Joel Rotert, c'97, works as an exploration geologist with New Gold in Englewood, Colo.

BORN TO:

Christina Dankenbring Driggs, b'97, g'04, and Timothy, son, Gavin Douglas, April 10 in Tecumseh, where he joins a brother, Patrick, 2. Christina is an accountant with GBBA in Topeka.

David Dummermuth, b'97, g'99, and Natalie, daughter, Paige, May 21 in Lenexa. David is senior manager of KPMG in Kansas City.

Britton, d'97, f'97, g'03, and **Amy Monson Haney**, b'97, daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, April 17 in Shawnee, where

she joins a sister, Kate, 2. Britt teaches math and percussion at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, and Amy works for Hallmark Cards.

Kyle, '97, and **Kylie Colgan Helmer**, c'02, j'02, son, Trenton Edward, July 8 in Stilwell. She's an account executive with Saatchi & Saatchi in Overland Park.

1998

Frankie Forbes, c'98, l'02, g'02, is a shareholder in the Overland Park law firm of Holbrook & Osborn. He and his wife, Tammi, live in Kansas City with their daughter, Grace, who is nearly 1.

Philip Hatterman, g'98, directs media operations for the Mutual Fund Store in Overland Park.

Jerald Pullins Jr., c'98, b'00, is president and managing director of Senior-Care Homes of the Midwest in Overland Park. He and **Jessica Harbrecht Pullins**, d'97, g'99, live in Prairie Village.



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Bryant, n'98, and **Kendra VanHoozer Bremer**, c'01, daughter, Ella Kay, April 6 in Houston. They live in Manvel.

Lynn LoPresti Laskiewicz, e'98, and Steve, twins, Timothy Henry and Jamie Lynn, March 6 in Antioch, Ill. Lynn is a purchasing manager for SC Johnson & Sons.

1999

Matthew Haverkamp, c'99, m'03, practices anesthesiology with Anesthesia

Associates of Massachusetts. He and his wife, **Erica Johansen**, n'02, live in Boston.

James Leiker, PhD'99, is a professor of history at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park. He lives in Eudora.

Lori Mah, e'99, g'02, works as a systems analyst in the purchasing office of the University of Texas in Austin.

The Rev. **Shawn Tunink**, e'99, serves as a priest at the Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish in Topeka, where he lives.

Connie Chang Williams, c'99, works as an analyst for Callahan Creek in Lawrence. She commutes from Kansas City, where she and her husband, **Jason**, c'02, make their home.

MARRIED

Brian Gregory, c'99, and **Amanda Moorhouse**, j'00, June 28 in Keystone, Colo. They live in Denver.

2000

Jenny Lee Audus, b'00, recently was

Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

Oread's Atlantic crossing a hearty family adventure

Not long departed from Wellington, his hometown near Wichita, Phil Burger was a young Navy seaman stationed at Pearl Harbor when the sailing bug first bit, thanks to the delight he took in watching sailboats cruise into Honolulu's yacht harbor after crossing the Pacific. When he arrived at KU, Burger, e'71, taught himself to sail on a rented Sunfish at Lone Star Lake.

Almost four decades and much sailing later, Burger, two sons and a nephew in summer 2007 sailed into Lagos, Portugal, after crossing the Atlantic on their custom-built 37-footer, *Oread*.

"Sailing long distances offshore is hard work," Burger says. "It does have an element of danger, and sometimes the conditions are absolutely miserable. But when you finally get it into port, it is something of a badge of honor."

Burger, who started his own machining and manufacturing business in 1978 and is now semiretired and living in Olathe, for

years kept a boat in Florida, regularly sailing to the Bahamas with his young children. He sold the boat as the kids lost interest, but his youngest son, Peter, proved to be the most eager waterman of the bunch; he even graduated from the Maine Maritime Academy.


As Peter's interest rekindled his own sailing passions, Burger in 2003 signed on to help crew a 56-footer sailing from Bermuda to the Caribbean, and the following year took delivery of his new boat in Annapolis, Md. In early summer 2007, with Peter and a nephew serving as his crew, Burger and *Oread* left St. Petersburg, Fla., as part of a flotilla organized by the World Cruising Club, and immediately found themselves fighting what would prove to be the worst weather of the journey.

"It was a trial right from the beginning," Burger says. "We sailed upwind into 35-knot winds that blew us 140 miles south of our desired track."

Pausing only briefly

in Bermuda, *Oread* continued on to the Azores, where another son, Chuck, d'88, hopped aboard for the crossing's final leg to Portugal. After bidding bon voyage to their flotilla-mates, Burger and crew continued to Empuriabrava, north of Barcelona, where a cousin of Burger's wife, Micheline Zacharias Burger, c'68, g'70, l'77, owns a home. There Burger docked *Oread* for the winter, and he has since returned for more coastal trips while considering when to sail back.

"There's all these gorgeous little ports not very far apart, with wonderful little harbors, where you can sit and enjoy a glass of wine and a great view," he says. "You couldn't exhaust them all if you spent your whole life doing it."

But it sure would be fun to try. 



■ Chuck (l to r), Peter and Phil Burger, and nephew Matthew Thompson celebrating in Portugal. Chuck (below) navigating *Oread's* deck.

COURTESY PHIL BURGER (2)

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promoted to territory sales manager with American Century Investments in Birmingham, Mich., where she and her husband, **Ryan**, d'99, make their home.

Aaron Clopton, d'00, g'03, PhD'06, is an assistant professor at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. He and **Sarah Workman Clopton**, d'00, live in Prairieville.

Scott Dummer, g'00, recently became hydrologist in charge of the National Weather Service's North Central River Forecast Center in Chanhassen, Minn.

Colin Forbes, p'00, is a pharmacist with Target in Silverthorne, Colo.

Clara Chopp Goldman, j'00, works as a lending consultant for Citigroup. She lives in St. Louis.

Nichole Bosse Harms, b'00, g'01, is an accountant with David Wancura CPA in Canon City, Colo.

Aaron Marvin, j'00, works as a technical support specialist with the Oregon Judicial Department in Salem.

Lara Chadwick McInerney, c'00, practices law with the Chase Law Firm in

Leawood. She and her husband, Brian, live in Bonner Springs.

Corrie Pogson, c'00, is a research analyst with the Defense Personnel Security Research Center of the U.S. Department of Defense in Pacific Grove, Calif.

Kim Windholz Spletstoser, b'00, works as a clinical research associate with United BioSource Corp. She and her husband, **Jared**, g'03, PhD'05, live in Collegeville, Pa., and he's principal scientist at GlaxoSmithKline.

Nathan Wilke, g'00, is a geologist with

Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

Varady eases burdens for those who suffer most

When Christopher Varady came to KU from Los Angeles, he'd already decided on a career helping citizens of troubled countries around the world. Varady, c'98, majored in sociology, with a concentration in Latin American studies, and after graduation entered George Washington University's international development master's program, which he completed in 2000.

He joined Catholic Relief Services for a yearlong fellowship in Guatemala, where he lived among mountain families struggling with abject poverty. He helped with such basic needs as agricultural development, hygiene, health care and vaccinations for children.

Varady had pondered such hardships for most of his life, and he'd spent a year immersed in the daily lives of some of the poorest people in the world.

Still, Varady's epiphany awaited him.

It arrived with the malaria he contracted days into his first posting as a full-time CRS staff member, in west Africa. Varady couldn't walk 15 minutes after the onset of symptoms, yet for mere pocket change he got the medical attention and medicines he needed.

"Within six days, I was OK," Varady

recalls from Beirut, Lebanon, where he is a program development specialist for the Middle East branch of CRS. "That's when I realized that millions and millions of people die from this every year because they can't buy a box of medicine for \$8."

Strengthened in his personal mission, Varady spent two and a half years in Africa and another two and a half years in Eastern Europe before transferring to the Middle East. When the summer 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah ended that August, Varady helped rebuild water pipes, sewage canals, housing, businesses and farms; now he uses his expertise to help CRS partners get reconstruction funds from the "big donors," most notably the United States, the European Union and the World Bank.

Troubles have deepened throughout the Middle East with the influx of Iraqi refugees. Although Syria has more than a million and Lebanon has only about 50,000, Iraqis in Beirut are often there for medical care that bankrupts families.

Because refugees are often in their host country illegally, they can't work; fear of arrest keeps them housebound. Others have limited job prospects because their social or family group has been permanently marginalized.

And so the poverty cycle continues.



COURTESY CHRISTOPHER VARADY

■ Christopher Varady says Americans can best help others by educating themselves about a region or topic of interest. "That education will naturally lead them to whatever action they can take," he says. For more information, visit www.crs.org.

"There are similarities for all people," Varady says. "Everybody wants to have a job and live in a peaceful situation among family and friends. What I wasn't prepared for is the realization that there are people facing conditions much, much greater than what we're used to."

"Of course I had read about it, but it's not something that really affects you until you speak to people and see their faces and know who they are."

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Ryan Carrillo, d'00, to **Craig Verstraete**, assoc., May 3. Ryan is senior coordinator of the office of student affairs at the KU Medical Center, and Craig is a job foreman at Van Hoecke Contracting. They live in Prairie Village.

Holly Rowland, c'00, and **Justin Hukle-Van Kirk**, c'04, g'08, April 17 in Lawrence. They live in Kansas City, and he's a marketing research analyst for Commerce Bancshares.

BORN TO:

Brandon, e'00, and **Tionna Pitner Haberman**, c'03, son, Landon Lied, April 12 in Holly Springs, N.C. Brandon is senior design engineer for the Whitlock Group.

Amanda Shaw Newsome, j'00, and Britt, daughter, Kathleen Caroline, Dec. 2 in Birmingham, Ala. Amanda is an executive producer for Alabama Public Television.

2001

James Blasingame, PhD'01, recently won the International Reading Association's Arbuthnot Award. He's an associate professor of English at Arizona State University, and he lives in Chandler.

Robin Reames Bond, b'01, is a real-estate appraiser with Crowell Appraisal Service in Wichita, where she and her husband, **Jed**, c'01, make their home. He's an account executive with Arthur J. Gallagher.

Allison Bernard Gallaway, c'01, lives in Washington, D.C., where she's a public affairs officer at the Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum.

Khemarar Suthiwan, c'01, works as a permit technician with EnCana Oil & Gas in Denver.

Marissa Mohr Vann, c'01, manages programs for Sprint Nextel in Overland Park. She lives in Olathe.

Dylan Wright, e'01, works as a hardware engineer for BEI Precision Systems and Space Company in Maumelle, Ark. He lives in Little Rock.



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Then Again

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MARRIED

Arwen Dickey, g'01, and **Matthew Moore**, c'97, g'01, May 3 in Kansas City, where she manages corporate finance for Associated Wholesale Grocers and he works for Cerner. They live in Olathe.

BORN TO:

Kirsten Mattson Flory, c'01, and Dale, a son, Carter Jackson, June 9 in Baldwin City, where he joins a sister, Taylor, 5.

2002

Amy Augustine, c'02, manages diversity and international labor relations for Calvert Group Ltd. in Bethesda, Md.

Julie Benson, c'02, works as an account manager for Child Health Corporation of America in Mission. She lives in Overland Park.

Kristy Bruna, c'02, is a case manager for Community Works Inc. She lives in Mission.

Emily Thach Galbreath, j'02, manages individual and major giving for KUER-FM at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, where she and her husband, Ashford, make their home. Their daughter, Helena, will be 1 on Oct. 4.

Brian Gilges, d'02, is a desktop support administrator for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in Lawrence. He and Megan Brower Gilges, b'04, live in Olathe.

Molly Mueller Haase, j'02, serves as press secretary to U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts in Washington, D.C.

Gery Kloiber Jr., b'02, is a credit analyst for Peoples Bank in Overland Park.

Brett McClellan, c'02, works as a production partner for Cornerstone Mortgage in Dallas.

Timothy Richardson, m'02, practices medicine at the Urology Center in Omaha, where he and **Brynn McNeil Richardson**, p'98, m'02, make their home. She practices medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

MARRIED

Christine Rieder, e'02, to Josh Anderson, June 21 in Breckenridge, Colo. They live in Corpus Christi, Texas. She's a process engineer for Flint Hills

Resources, and he's a process engineer for Lyondell Basell Industries.

2003

Caroline James, c'03, works as a school finance consultant for the Active Network in San Diego.

Christopher Kennedy, e'03, is a field engineer for BHC Rhodes in Leawood. He and his wife, Janet, live in Tonganoxie.

Melissa Nguyen, c'03, works as a terminals administrator for Koch Industries in Wichita.

Michelle Waters Phelan, c'03, is brand media negotiator for the Richards Group in Dallas, where she and her husband, **Craig**, '03, make their home.

2004

Jacqueline Ahillen, c'04, is a pediatrics resident at St. Louis Children's Hospital. She lives in Manchester, Mo.

Michael, c'04, and **Emily Peterson**

Dalbom, c'04, j'04, make their home in Olathe. He's a medical sales professional for Cardinal Health.

Eric Gaffney, '04, is an assistant golf professional at the Montesorio Golf and Social Club in Borrego Springs, Calif.

Keith Hayes, s'04, lives in Shawnee and is a social worker at Providence Place in Kansas City.

John Marshall, g'04, is vice president of ancillary operations with Specialized Medical Services. He lives in Menomonee Falls, Wisc.

Sean O'Grady, j'04, works for Clear Channel Radio, where he's assistant promotions director. He lives in Tampa, Fla.

Jodi Hall Parsons, s'04, manages patient services for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She lives in Crofton, Md.

Drew Thomas, c'04, teaches English and is the yearbook adviser and assistant debate coach at Tonganoxie High School. He lives in Lawrence.

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Byron Watkins, b'04, is a financial adviser with Waddell & Reed in Wichita. He lives in Park City.

MARRIED

Jessica Bush, b'04, to Erik Block, April 26 in Tulsa, Okla., where they live.

Bryce Canfield, b'04, to Stacy Pinick, Oct. 6 in Kansas City. They live in Pasadena, Calif., and Bryce is an account executive for UnitedHealthcare.

Benjamin Chapman, f'04, '08, and **Megan Lewis**, l'08, Oct. 26 in Lawrence, where they live. He's a legal intern at 360 Architecture, and she's a legal intern for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Kansas City.

Kyle Skillman, l'04, and **Sheri Brune**, '08, May 2 in Lawrence. He practices law with Bond, Schoeneck & King, and she's a structural engineer at Thornton Tomasetti. They live in Kansas City.

2005

Kristen Coady, j'05, works as a communications assistant for the Dairy Farmers of America. She lives in Kansas City.

Melissa Moffitt Craft, n'05, is a nurse at Via Christi Regional Medical Center. She and her husband, **Shaun**, d'04, live in Newton.

Joel Kammeyer, b'05, works as an inside sales representative for the Kansas City Royals. He lives in Liberty, Mo.

Michael Lee, c'05, is assistant men's basketball coach at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C.

Angie Loffredo, c'05, coordinates staffing at CORESTAFF Services. She lives in Denver.

Ryan McAtee, d'05, is senior investigator of organized retail crime for Target in Bridgeton, Mo.

Jessica Strathman Walters, c'05, works as an admissions counselor at KU. She and her husband, **Dustin**, e'04, live in Olathe. He's a software engineer for Honeywell.

Elizabeth Winetroub, c'05, serves as membership associate for the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City.

Kristen Bagby Zucht, d'05, works as children's coordinator for the YWCA's Cortez Hill Family Center in San Diego.

MARRIED

Mark Best, b'05, g'08, and **April Rainbolt**, g'08, June 14 in Larned. He's an instructor and master's programs assistant at KU, and she's a speech-language pathologist with USD 501 in Topeka. They live in Lawrence.

Michelle Burhenn, j'05, and **Ryan Malashock**, j'03, Aug. 31 in Lawrence. They live in Lowell, Ark., where they work for the Morning News of Northwest Arkansas, Michelle as a reporter and Ryan as a sportswriter.

James Lewis, c'05, to Natalie Berry, May 31 in Atlantic Beach, N.C. They live in Richmond, Va. He's a regional account manager for Miele Inc., and she's an operations analyst for Wachovia Securities.

Elisa Zahn, c'05, j'05, and **Jarris Krapcha**, j'05, May 24. She's an admissions counselor at KU, and he's a police officer in Leawood. Their home is in Lenexa.

2006

Megan Descamps, c'06, works as a research assistant with the U.S. Senate. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Frank Eichhorn, b'06, is an associate compliance officer with the Kansas City Board of Trade. He lives in Leawood.

Derek Klaus, j'06, is a senior communications specialist for the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Center. He lives in Mission.

Layne Schnider, h'06, is a respiratory therapist at the Children's Hospital of Denver.

Annika Turnquist, j'06, is an account executive with Split One Technologies in Scottsdale, Ariz. She lives in Phoenix.

MARRIED

Andrew Coleman, b'06, g'08, and **Kati Lepajoe**, '08, Feb. 23 in Tartu, Estonia. They live in Boston, where Andrew works as a CPA for Ernst & Young and Kati is a translator.

2007

Johanna Carttar, b'07, works for Target in St. Joseph, Mo., where she's

an executive team leader for guest experience.


Ryan Colaiani, c'07, j'07, is a communications associate for the American Sportfishing Association in Alexandria, Va. He lives in Arlington.

Samantha Hersh, b'07, works as a technical recruiter for AT-Tech Staffing in Leawood. She lives in Overland Park.

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MARRIED

Courtney Marlin, s'07, and **Shawn Weber**, '07, Feb. 2. She's a case manager at KVC Behavioral Health Care in Kansas City, and he works for SAFC Biosciences. They live in Roeland Park.

Katie Willoughby, b'07, and **Brian Seymour**, b'08, May 30 in Lawrence. She's an assistant product manager for Hallmark Cards, and he's an investment

Class notes

research analyst with Prairie Capital Management. They live in Kansas City.

Allison York, c'07, and **Daniel Pierron**, e'08, June 7 in St. Louis. They live in Chicago, where he studies at the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

2008

Rula Andriessen, '08, is a leadership consultant for Alpha Gamma Delta in Sioux City, Iowa.

Heath Casey, g'08, works as a senior accountant for Front Door Fitness. His home is in Tulsa, Okla.

Matthew Daly, g'08, is a mechanical engineer with Black & Veatch in Kansas City.

Matthew Metcalf, l'08, practices law at the DeJarnett Law Offices in Wellington. He lives in South Haven.

Mark Monika, c'08, is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. He lives in Chesterfield, Mo.

Amanda Tuck, b'08, works as a forecasting associate with R.H. Donnelley. She lives in Overland Park.

Brian Votava, b'08, is a project manager for Briarcliff Development Co. in Kansas City.

Amanda Wine, c'08, manages accounts for Skyline-ATS in Chicago. She lives in Crystal Lake.

MARRIED

Dustin Hothan, p'08, to Brooke Hester, June 14 in Hutchinson. They live in Lawrence.

Lauren Kernes, '08, and **Bryan Park**, '08, June 21 in Danforth Chapel. They live in Lawrence.

Kathryn Williamson, c'08, and **Matthew Lord**, d'08, May 24 in Lawrence, where they live. She works for AAA, and he works for Landmark National Bank.

BORN TO:

Ramsey Hagan, e'08, and Toni, son, George Frederick, May 15 in Eudora. Their family also includes Hannah, 11; Jesse, 10; and Skylar, 8.

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In Memory

1930s

George Gee, b'35, 92, May 8 in Mission Hills, where he was retired chairman of the board of Interstate Securities Co. Surviving are two sons, one of whom is Donald, c'64, and three grandchildren.

Jeannette Lommasson Gross, c'33, 95, Jan. 11 in Oak Park, Ill. She is survived by three daughters; a brother, Charles Lommasson, c'36; seven grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Mary Scott Nelson Jarvis, c'32, 98, May 25 in Surprise, Ariz. Survivors include a son, Scott, '61; two daughters, one of whom is Julia Jarvis Leakey, d'64; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Jane Pierce Miller, n'35, 93, May 10 in Glendale, Calif. She had been one of the first flight attendants for TWA and is survived by two sons, two daughters, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Henry Price, b'36, 95, June 16 in Houston. He worked for the Internal Revenue Service and later was a tax and financial consultant. He endowed the Henry D. Price Chair in the School of Business, and is survived by a daughter, two sons and six grandchildren.

1940s

Ken Caldwell, d'43, 91, June 19 in Chanute, where he founded Tolle Manufacturing. Surviving are his wife, Ruth Manley Caldwell, assoc.; two daughters; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Gloria Nelson Castor, c'45, 85, June 20 in Kansas City, where she was former president of Nelson Investment. She is survived by her husband, Bob, b'47, l'49; two daughters, Pamela Castor Roberts, j'70, and Melinda Castor Korte, '80; a son, Robert, '73; a sister, Geraldine Nelson Miller, f'47; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Frances "Jane" Newcomer Durham, c'42, 87, June 12 in Overland Park. She is

survived by three sons, two of whom are David, '82, and Donald, c'87, g'04; a daughter, Frances Durham O'Donnell, c'85, c'86, m'93; and three grandchildren.

Robert Martindell, c'47, l'49, 86, May 31 in Hutchinson, where he was a partner in the law firm of Martindell, Swearer and Shaffer. He is survived by his wife, Irene Lanphier Martindell, assoc.; two sons, Steven, e'78, and Stan, b'79; two daughters, Cynthia Martindell Wiens, '67, and Sandra Martindell Lonacker, c'71; a sister; four granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren.

Keith Spalding, c'42, 87, May 28 in Lancaster, Pa., where he was president emeritus of Franklin & Marshall College. He is survived by a daughter, three sons and four grandchildren.

Kathleen Broers Zimmerman, c'49, 80, May 31 in Lawrence, where she was former co-owner of Zimmerman Steel. She is survived by a daughter, Nancy, d'77; and a son, Kim Lee, '76.

Jeanne Harris Zweifel, c'45, 83, June 10 in Phoenix. Survivors include two sons, Sam, c'74, g'79, and Scott, b'81; two daughters, Sabra Zweifel Wagoner, b'76, and Sarah Zweifel Sillman, '87; and five grandchildren.

1950s

Mary Fuller Alexander, n'51, 78, Jan. 10 in Brownsburg, Ind. She is survived by her husband, Richard, two daughters, three sons, a brother, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Leroy Androes, m'58, 80, Jan. 6 in San Marcos, Texas. Survivors include his wife, Martha, a son and a daughter.

Fred Ashley, b'50, 92, May 29 in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he was a retired master chief in the U.S. Naval Reserve and a former agent for State Farm Insurance. Among survivors are his wife, Helen, a sister, three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Roy Baker, b'56, g'57, 80, June 2 in Kansas City, where he was a retired college teacher. He is survived by his wife, Doris; a daughter, Susan Baker Krewer, '81; two grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a stepgranddaughter.

Manning Barr, e'50, 85, June 5 in Bellevue, Wash., where he was a retired engineer. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, four sons and seven grandchildren.

Robert Costello, e'55, 75, Jan. 8 in Scottsdale, Ariz. He had been director of hotel and resort real estate for Food Pantry Ltd. in Honolulu. Among survivors are his wife, Dee Dee; a daughter; three brothers, two of whom are John, b'50, and Mark, e'44; two sisters; and two granddaughters.

Charles Dutton, a'50, 82, Jan. 7 in Lorton, Va., where he was a retired architect and project manager for Ralph M. Parsons Engineering and Construction. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, two sons, five stepdaughters, a brother, four sisters and 12 grandchildren.

Richard Evans, c'50, 81, May 8 in Madison, Wis. He is survived by his wife, Jane Keith Evans, c'50; a son; a daughter; and two grandchildren.

William Fletcher, '55, 79, Oct. 2 in Pasadena, Calif., where he was a retired letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He is survived by his wife, Doris, a daughter and two grandchildren.

The Rev. **Donald Helfrey, b'54**, 77, May 20 in Kansas City, where he was a Roman Catholic priest. A sister and a brother survive.

Harold Mauck, c'50, m'54, 87, June 9 in Stockton. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Powell Mauck, assoc.; four daughters, three of whom are Tammy Mauck Peterman, n'81, g'97; Melodie Mauck Dower, c'84, and Melanie Mauck Hauser, n'85; a brother; and three sisters.

Philip McCarty, d'52, 86, May 9 in Nevada, Mo., where he was retired program director at the Nevada State Hospital. He is survived by two sons, Gary,

d'76, and Patrick, '80; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Musick Podrebarac, g'58, 74, June 14 in Kansas City, where she taught chemistry, physical science and geology at Park College, Avila College and Penn Valley Community College. She is survived by her husband, Eugene, g'57, PhD'60; a daughter, Rosemary, c'83; a son, William, '88; and a sister.

John Ranson, b'51, 78, May 15 in Wichita, where he was president and chairman of Ranson and Co. He also incorporated Ranson Municipal Consultants and created Ranson Housing. He is survived by his wife, Pat Moon Ranson, d'57; a son, John, '80; three daughters, two of whom are Cynthia Ranson Curfman, '75, and Melissa Ranson May, '82; a stepson, Bradley Lewis Storey, '82; a stepdaughter, Jennifer Storey Reumund, '91; a brother, James, c'60; and 15 grandchildren.

Marvin Rausch, c'52, PhD'55, 77, May 2 in Amherst, Mass., where he had been a professor of chemistry at the University of Massachusetts since 1963. His wife, Jane, a daughter and two grandchildren survive.

Bernadene Dawkins Zimmer, '50, 85, June 10 in Wellington. She is survived by her husband, Norbert, '49; two sons, one of whom is James, c'71; a daughter, Terrill Zimmer Wold, '72; a brother; and six grandchildren.

1960s

Robert Alderson, s'63, 80, Aug. 14, 2007, in Prairie Village. He was a retired major in the U.S. Marine Corps and is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter, Marsha Alderson Scrogum, c'73; a son, David, d'79; a brother, Virgil, c'48, b'50; a sister, Emma Alderson Babin, '58; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Rupert "Don" Clark, e'60, 78, April 9 in Kansas City, where he was an engineer. Survivors include his wife, Virginia, two sons, a sister, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Larry Elliott, g'66, 72, April 13 in Topeka, where he coached football at Washburn University. He is survived by his wife, Arlene, a son, a daughter, two

stepsons and a stepdaughter.

Norman Fahrer, c'68, 62, June 18 in Glen Allen, Va., where he was former vice president of technical support services at Chemtreat. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a stepson, a stepdaughter and a brother.

Sammy Hutcheson, b'69, 63, May 2 in Kansas City, where he was a pharmaceutical research scientist. Among survivors are two sons, a daughter, his mother and three grandchildren.

Ronald Lyons, c'65, g'67, 64, April 13 in Westminster, Colo., where he was retired from Hughes Aircraft/Raytheon. He is survived by his wife, Marie, a son, two daughters, his parents, a sister and seven grandchildren.

William Waller, j'68, 62, Sept. 20 in Kansas City, where he had worked for the U.S. Postal Service.

Irene Hilby Weinzirl, n'68, 69, June 3 in Greenwood, Mo. She had a nearly 50-year career in nursing and is survived by her husband, Wayne, two sons, five brothers, a sister and a granddaughter.

Richard Wilcox, c'60, d'62, 69, March 20 in Long Beach, Calif., where he was a senior assistant librarian at California State University. His sister survives.

1970s

Maxine Wilson Berry, d'70, 77, April 29 in Shawnee Mission. She is survived by her husband, Mack, assoc.; two sons, Michael, e'71, g'72, and James, '74; a daughter; a brother; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

William Cook, d'76, 55, June 6 in Lawrence, where he was a process engineer at Sauer-Danfoss. He is survived by a daughter, Katrina, c'08; a son, William, student; two sisters; and four brothers, one of whom is Tracy, '80.

Frank "Jim" King Jr., d'74, 68, March 7 in North Kansas City. He lived in Smithville, Mo., and is survived by his wife, Sharon, two sons, four brothers and a grandson.

Wayne Theroff, b'78, 77, May 23 in Kansas City, where he worked for Owens Corning Fiberglass. His mother, Mary, b'46, g'69; two brothers, Dennis, c'77, l'80, and Craig, '87; and a sister, Diane

Theroff Youngberg, e'79, g'82 survive.

1980s

Marie Seaberry Copeland, g'85, 86, April 3 in Albuquerque, N.M. She had worked for the Kansas chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Two sons, a daughter and a granddaughter survive.

Mike Pyryt, PhD'84, 54, Jan. 15 in Calgary, Canada, where he was director of the University of Calgary's Centre for Gifted Education. He is survived by his wife, Leta, a daughter and a granddaughter.

James Tretbar, b'85, 47, May 29 in Wichita, where he worked in the insurance industry and had several Web-based businesses. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by two sons; his parents, Harvey, m'52, and Julia Robinson Tretbar, n'52; a sister, Julia, l'94; and three brothers, two of whom are Harvey II, '77, and William, l'80.

Brian Turley, c'88, m'97, 41, March 9 in Conroe, Texas, where he was a radiologist at Conroe Regional Medical Center. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by two daughters, his parents, his grandmother and a brother.

1990s

Mike Dennett, m'95, 44, May 29 in Topeka, where he was a surgeon. He is survived by his parents, a brother and a sister.

Scott Hardy, g'97, 41, June 6 in Kansas City, where he taught school for nearly 20 years. He is survived by his partner, Greg Martinez, his parents and two brothers.

2000s

Daniel Riemann, j'06, 25, May 11 in Lansing, where he lived. He managed a Banana Republic store in Overland Park. Survivors include his parents; two brothers, one of whom is Alex, '08; a sister; and his grandparents.

Danielle Sloan, '08, 22, June 15 in Lenexa. She is survived by her father, David, '84; and her grandparents.



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■ “I have a prayer I repeat every morning 108 times,” says Stephanie Sato, “and shibori reminds me how repetition helps train the mind and keep it steady.”



Natural color

Grant funds artist's exploration of native plant dyes

In the hayloft of a cow barn near Baldwin City, a recent KU graduate is setting up a design studio that will put a Kansas twist on a fabric dyeing technique with roots in ancient Japan.

Stephanie Sato, f'08, studied the art form known as shibori while earning her KU degree in textiles. She mastered the intricate methods of folding, crimping, bunching, tying and clamping that are used to create the repeating patterns that mark such classic shibori designs as the tortoise shell and the storm.

As a student, the “canvases” for her art were purchased fabrics such as silk, linen and cotton. Synthetic chemical dyes provided the color.

Wanting to further explore traditional techniques, Sato proposed a project that would let her weave her own fabrics and color them with native plant dyes. Her proposal recently won her a \$15,000 Windgate Foundation Fellowship Award from the Center for Craft, Creativity and Design at the University of North Carolina-Hendersonville. Her fellowship is one of 10 granted nationwide to graduating seniors or fifth year seniors on the basis of artistic merit and promise.

Just as Japanese craftsmen of shibori (which is usually translated into English as “shaped-resisted dyeing”) used local indigo plants to color their creations, Sato is now studying native Kansas plants that can produce natural dyes. Bloodroot. Pokeberry. Black walnut. Coreopsis. Indian paintbrush. Marigold. Nettle. Options are surprisingly plentiful, she says.

“Shibori is quite an old technique, and I was following exactly how they did it traditionally, with the same folding and clamping techniques,” Sato says. “To get further into the tradition, it made sense to study natural dyes.”

She also wanted to set up her studio at home near Baldwin City, where she and her husband share a 40-acre plot with a couple of other families. A co-op garden and a small cow herd provide much of their food and milk, and Sato was concerned about pollution from chemical dyes. “With natural dyes, I don’t have to worry,” she says.

In the loft studio, a pair of looms stand ready, loaded with yarn. Soon to come are a candy stove and pots for producing dye. Sato’s dye plants—many of them used for centuries as dye sources by Native American tribes—grow in the garden alongside the family’s vegetable crop, fenced off from the barn’s first-floor tenants, who are currently grazing a nearby field.

Samples of her work hang here and there: brightly colored swaths of cotton and linens with repeating patterns. Look closely, Sato says, and you’ll notice subtle differences within the pattern.

“When you see a pattern on machine-produced fabric, it’s perfect. In shibori the shapes are repeated but they are not exactly the same. That reminds me of nature. Leaves on a tree,

say, are supposed to be the same shape, but each one is a little different.”

It takes about 10 hours to load a loom, and another five to weave a couple of yards of fabric, Sato says. Making dye out of plants will add even more time: Japanese artisans who grow their own indigo must let it decompose and ferment for weeks before applying it to fabric. Sato thinks the extra time is well worth the investment.

“All the time and energy that goes into that process is infused into the piece, and people can see it when they look at it,” Sato says. “That’s my hope, that they can see there is something different about the piece. It’s like a diamond: The fact that it takes so long to create is part of what makes it beautiful.”

—Steven Hill

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Let it 'shine

Home spirits guide tells guarded tales

Matthew Rowley still remembers his introduction to moonshine. A dedicated homebrewer while an undergraduate at Missouri’s Truman State University, he brought eight bottles of his ale to a professor’s Kentucky Derby party; as the crowd dispersed, the host withdrew a flask from a bookcase hidey-hole and offered his fellow aficionado a fleeting sip of old-family-recipe applejack.

“He poured me maybe a third of an ounce,” Rowley recalls from his home in San Diego. “I’m thinking, ‘Man, I put a lot of effort into making all that beer, and this is the thanks I get?’ And it was ... amazing. It was so good. It was one of the best spirits I’ve ever had.”

“Sure there’s skeezy, sketchy, nasty, fiery moonshine out there, but among people who know what they’re doing—God, it can be good.”

Passions sparked on that derby

day more than a decade ago culminated with publication of the authoritative and lively book *Moonshine!*, Rowley’s cultural, historical and hands-on introduction to illicit American liquors (including warnings that distilling *any* amount of spirits without the official OK is *strictly* illegal).

Rowley, g’96, came to KU for museum studies and anthropology; since earning his master’s degree he’s made a name for himself in an array of Americana, including regional foodways and histories of spirits and cocktails. His blog, matthewrowley.blogspot.com, includes recent entries on rhubarb chutney, “face jug” pottery, iced tea, lemon pies and liqueurs. And among numerous other projects, he volunteers his curatorial expertise to New Orleans’ new Museum of the American Cocktail (museumoftheamericancocktail.org).

For now, though, as interest in *Moonshine!* spreads through ebullient blurbs in newspaper food and drink pages and online networks, Rowley is focusing on his book. He concedes that he was ambivalent about the cover art, which predictably depicts a happy-go-lucky hillbilly with his hound dog and a jar of ‘shine. Yes, moonshine hails from deep in the old Southern hills, but the caricature hardly applies to today’s dedicated artisans.

“I’m interested in somebody who is really trying to do something good,” Rowley says. “They are quietly proud about what they do, and they’re looking for ways to do what they do better. People are not necessarily trying to emulate a certain style; they’re not

trying to make Jack Daniel’s at home. They’re trying to make maybe a rye and a wheat and a corn whiskey that can be *their* particular whiskey.”

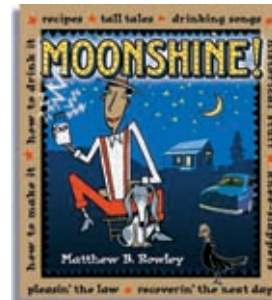
Rowley writes

that pressures are building for Congress and local jurisdictions to finally condone very-small-batch distilling for personal use, as was done in 1978 for beer and wine. If and when that day comes, does the spirited pursuit lose a bit of its romantic panache?

“Absolutely not,” he says. “The interest doesn’t go away; it intensifies, just as it has for homebrewing.”

Rowley spent years nurturing entree to secretive circles of moonshiners and artisan distillers. Though he happily published their recipes, tips and lore, he took care to guard identities of anybody who had not already gone public with their interest in spirits; he adds that the anonymity allows his sources to claim he had yet to reveal the good stuff.

“Now they can all say, ‘Well, that’s not the way a *real* moonshiner does it,’” Rowley says with a chuckle. “But that’s OK. Even pros don’t all do it the same way.”



Moonshine!

By Matthew B. Rowley

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That’s why you like this bourbon better than that bourbon. There’s no one way. That’s really the beauty of it.”

Ultimately, Rowley hopes his treatise will do its part to preserve endangered aspects of American history and culture.

“There’s such a cool tradition here,” he says. “One of the reasons it hasn’t died out is that no matter what the law might say about distilling your own liquor, there are those people who say, ‘This what it means to be an American. We do things like this, and you know, I’ll be damned if I’m going to pay taxes on what should be something that everybody can do on their own.’”

—Chris Lazzarino

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OREAD READER

Home again

Insightful book tells stories of small-town survival

So what's the matter with Kansas this time? Plenty, author Richard E. Wood concedes in his highly readable new book, *Survival of Rural America: Small Victories and Bitter Harvests*. But Wood, c'62, gets that much out of the way at the start, at which point he roots past the clichés and unsupported observations so frustratingly typical of much of the recent crop of books announcing the end of small-town USA. He instead seeks out those places trying—and in many cases succeeding—to temper their losses and build reasons for rural citizens to keep faith in the future.

In Plainville, on the high Plains of Rooks County, Wood found a town whose population had sunk by 40 percent since the 1960s, losing along with its citizenry its drive-in movie theatre, new-car dealership and many retail shops. And yet, Wood notes, voters in 2006 approved a \$3.4 million bond issue to renovate school facilities, and Plainville natives with entrepreneurial dreams are finally noticing the local opportunity for affordable rents and eager, talented workers.

"I would probably be working late nights at a fast-food restaurant or mowing grass if it wasn't for this job," a high-

school junior said of her job producing catalogs for a new interior design shop that caters to the region. "I know this usually doesn't happen in a small town like this."

Such bittersweet sentiments say much about Kansas, and the Plains, and rural America. Wood, a former newspaperman and now a Denver attorney, shows a good eye, and ear, in his reporting.

Survival of Rural America is a first-rate accounting of the futures facing towns along the northern third of Kansas. Few will concede their days are done, and finally a talented researcher and writer pauses long enough to hear out their hopes for what might yet go right.

—Chris Lazzarino

Tragi-comic

Randy Olson's take on global warming is so funny it hurts

See one global warming film, says filmmaker Randy Olson, and you've seen them all. They feature the same stock shots of melting glaciers and forlorn polar bears, the same dire voice-overs warning imminent doom for the planet.

In a word, Olson says, booooooring.

But a man in a polar bear suit chasing a terrified filmmaker around a hotel room: Now, that's entertainment.

And entertainment, he believes, is the key to inspiring people to take action to reverse human-induced climate change.

That's the premise behind Olson's new film, "Sizzle: A Global Warming Comedy."

In the movie, which began showing at film festivals in July, Olson, '77, plays a scientist-turned-filmmaker who loved Al Gore's global warming blockbuster, "An Inconvenient Truth." But he wonders why the movie featured no scientists. He sets out to make his



own science-heavy documentary and ends up working with a pair of producers who obsess about chasing down (sometimes literally) a celebrity narrator for the project, a skeptical cameraman who interrupts researchers to call global warming a hoax, and the polar bear.

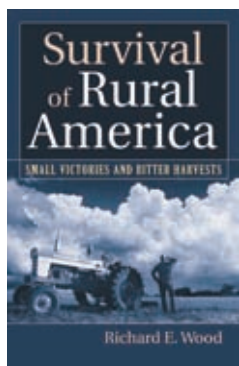
The high jinks and slapstick humor that rule the first three-quarters of the film have a serious purpose.

"To reach a broader audience is the goal," Olson says. "To reach beyond the Al Gore demographic. Because what the polls show is Al's movie had no effect on our society. People who saw it were already part of the movement."

In the final quarter of the film, Olson turns his attention to New Orleans, and "Sizzle" moves from comic "mockumentary" to straight documentary. In the city's Lower 9th Ward, he looks at how survivors of Hurricane Katrina are coping two years after a catastrophic climate event. Their wrenching stories show that even the richest country in the world is no match for nature's destructive power. Contrasted with the zany tone set earlier in the film, their tales seem even more poignant.

"The movie is fascinating in that regard," Olson says. "It starts off as a very broad, silly comedy and works its way gradually into this more serious premise, and in the last 10 minutes it really hits the audience in the gut."

Reactions so far have been mixed.



Survival of Rural America
By Richard E. Wood
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Some reviewers panned the humor, and scientists are unhappy with the focus on entertainment over science. But a screening at the Woods Hole Film Festival, at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, drew strong emotional reactions from the nonscientists in the crowd, Olson says. Parents who brought their kids to see the movie were impressed by how its irreverent attitude toward science stoked their interest in the topic.

Olson is a former scientist himself: He resigned a tenured professorship in marine biology and headed to film school at age 38. His 2006 film, “Flock of Dodos,” poked fun at the “evolution-intelligent design circus.” He particularly faulted scientists for losing the communications battle to intelligent design advocates. His belief that scientists need to more effectively tell their story is a central theme in “Sizzle” as well.

Olson has learned a few lessons of his own about framing a story to reach the largest audience possible. “Flock of Dodos” did not play in theaters because distributors felt it was too “information heavy,” Olson says, while scientists complained it wasn’t heavy enough.

“After that experience, I said, ‘I’m not going to end up with that feedback from distributors again.’ I pulled the information way back and cranked the comedy way up.”

As the movie continues to role out this

fall at festivals and screenings on University campuses, Olson will look for a distribution deal. DVD release and a return to Showtime network—where “Flock of Dodos” is playing through next year—are also possibilities. Check sizzlethemovie.com for updates and screening locations.

To scientists who fret that making a global warming comedy risks turning the potential destruction of the planet into a joke, Olson has a simple message.

“There’s a far greater danger in turning global warming into a boring subject. They’ve already done that, and that’s way more dangerous than people associating it with comedy. When the audience loses all interest in a subject, then you’re done.”

—Steven Hill



Mountain medics

Scouts at rugged camp rely on KU doctors, students to tend their emergency needs

Manhattan surgeon Gene Klingler, m’62, has traveled to Philmont Scout Ranch in northern New Mexico’s high-altitude wilderness since 1961. Even when he started out as a visiting medical student, and in 1963 as the first in what would become a long line of KU physicians volunteering summer vacation time for Philmont, Klingler was there to dispense treatments: sprained ankles, sunburn, broken bones,

appendicitis, blisters, in-grown toe nails ... “a lot of stuff you don’t typically get around a medical center,” Klingler says.

And yet invariably, the doctor is also among those receiving treatment, though his is usually of the variety dispensed not by doctors but rather by long sunrise hikes, crisp mountain air, friendly companions and vigorous activities filling one’s day.

“It’s clean, it’s cool, the mountains are great, so you certainly come back renewed,” says Klingler, the retired medical director of Manhattan Surgical Hospital and a member of Philmont’s “ranch committee,” or board of directors. “At least I always do.”

KU’s affiliation with Philmont began in the mid-1950s when the camp’s director recruited a couple of medical students, including Gerald Kerby, m’58, to help at the camp clinic. Klingler was asked by the dean of medicine to travel there in summer 1961, and, through the network of faculty and students, KU has maintained its affiliation ever since.

“People who go there,” Klingler says, “usually want to go back.”

Fourth-year medical students travel to Philmont in three monthlong rotations for their rural-medicine elective. They see patients, make diagnoses, and, in consultation with the attending physician—often a KU faculty member—dispense treatment. The camp recently dedicated a modern infirmary, with 14 in-patient beds and space for emergency treatments and student education, thanks to \$300,000 Klingler raised for furnishings and equipment.

“The experience for our students is superb. The Philmont month almost uniformly gets very high marks from the students as a quality rotation,” says associate professor of pediatrics Kenn Goertz, m’75, Philmont’s chief medical officer since 1988. “The students have the freedom to practice and to take on responsibility they almost never get in the more traditional academic settings. It’s rewarding.”

—Chris Lazzarino



Physicians Gene Klingler; Paul Schloerb, professor emeritus of surgery; Gerry Kerby, m’58, professor of internal medicine; and physician Don Romig, m’67, in Philmont’s new health lodge.





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BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

■ Tim Griggs (l) and Slick Essix in Jimmy's Jigger, the classic neighborhood bar that KU Med neophytes eventually discovered when ordered by older students to report to "J Building, for diuretics and digestive introduction."



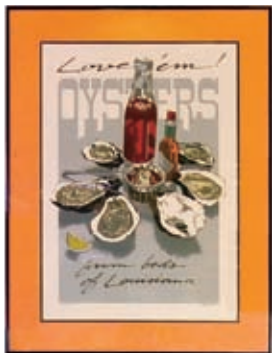
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the late 1950s, Bowers immediately started expanding. His first addition was the "Recovery Room," which Bowers envisioned as a laid-back space where students could recover from exams; the pizza ovens by the window were actually K.C.'s first Pizza Hut franchise. "Too bad Grandpa didn't hold onto that," Griggs says, grinning.

Bowers, by then a diabetic in failing health, sold his beloved bar in 1991. It died before he did. Three owners tried and failed until late 1993, when Texas restaurateurs Vic Allred and Matt Reppert bought the property, which by then had been closed for months, from the bank. Bowers gleefully accepted when asked to return as a "consultant," which meant greeting customers on Friday and Saturday evenings, until

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Legendary corner saloon celebrates 75 years as home away from hospital for KU Med students



Tim Griggs, assistant manager of Jazz, the bar and restaurant that his grandfather's bar, Jimmy's Jigger, happily evolved into, glances around the glorious barroom that's still maintained almost exactly as it was in the saloon's glory days.

"My grandpa might not have had a college education," Griggs says, "but he had a degree in life. He always said that if you take care of people, it comes back 10-fold, and he was right."

June 14 marked the 75th anniversary of the opening of the corner bar that's provided countless nights of relief for harried KU Med students and even some of their professors. The original bar, The Bigger Jigger, opened in 1933; Jimmy Bowers worked in a bank in the early 1950s when he signed on as a part-time barkeep. His bank barked, so Bowers quit; when offered a piece of the bar to return, he quit the bank.

After buying out his late partner's shares in

his death in May 1995.

"Jimmy Bowers' corner bar is a landmark," says general manager Slick Essix, "and we intend to keep it that way."

"What Grandpa wanted most in life," Griggs says, "was to be liked and have friends."

Cheers to that. Cheers to Jimmy. 





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