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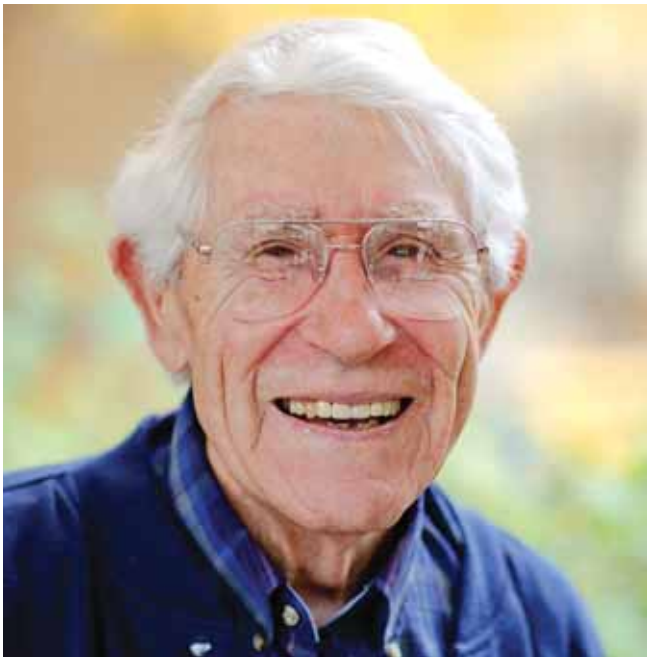
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Lift the Chorus

Day and 'Night'

The article by Robert Day about Prof. Ed Ruhe ["Parts of Their Night," issue No. 5] may be the finest piece of writing *Kansas Alumni* has ever published. May I thank you and Bob Day for a brilliant evocation of Ed Ruhe, whose memory we hold dear.

Ed was one of the truly unique KU figures whose numbers have sadly diminished over the years. His influence on the best students was pervasive in the optimum sense. We miss him and his generation of faculty profoundly. Congratulations on a wonderful article.

Grant K. Goodman
Professor Emeritus of History
Lawrence

Thank you for Robert Day's touching remembrance of Professor Ed Ruhe.

As an English major in the 1970s, I had a similar relationship with the lovably eccentric intellectual. The reference to "annoying personal mannerisms" recalls an instance typical of Dr. Ruhe. In class with a completely straight face he would refer to Don Quixote as Don Quicks-Oat rather than the more common Spanish pronunciation. This drove some students batty, but none were bold enough to correct him.

Ed was undoubtedly my first adult victim of a home-cooked dinner, in an apartment at 1653 Louisiana. He very politely suffered what was probably a horridly prepared Mandarin-style whole red snapper.

Senior year Ed asked me to tend bar at a large party for friends in his wonderful Mass Street loft, filled floor to ceiling with Australian aboriginal art. He instructed me that the house cocktail for the evening would be whiskey sours.



Ruhe

Unfortunately everyone was requesting Scotch and his supply was going fast. Dr. Ruhe sent me into the night with \$20 and orders to buy Chivas Regal (this was 1976). Happily I got to a liquor store right before closing.

We last met in his Wescoe Hall office, around 1982. I had our toddler Dana, f03, in tow. While I caught Ed up on my new corporate career, he entertained Dana with one smoke ring after another from an always present Camel. Although Dr. Ruhe was a marvelously dramatic and erudite teacher, I'll remember him more as a friend.

Doug Hill, c'77
Norman, Okla.

I enjoyed Bob Day's thoughtful tribute to Ed Ruhe. I was never in any of Ruhe's classes, but I was certainly guided and deeply influenced by other professors, especially from the English department.

My first semester it was Stuart Levine, who taught *Moby Dick* with great enthusiasm. He'd done his doctoral dissertation on *Moby Dick*. So did I.

Second semester I had Charlton Hinman, who took me aside one afternoon and asked if I'd ever considered becoming an English professor. I hadn't, but I did.

And then there was Ed Wolfe, one of the loveliest men I've ever known. He was quirky indeed. Long after graduation, I sought him out in his Old Fraser Hall office and he treated me to a stunning view of the Kaw Valley by leading me out his office window and balancing on the building's ledge. Long remember.

John Middleton, c'64
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BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

First Word

SUSAN YOUNGER



As we awaited the arrival of each of our three children, Bob and I figured they stood a good chance of inheriting brown eyes, freckles and dimples. We also remained mindful of the fact that our family history included challenges in speech, language and hearing.

For peace of mind, we took our 2-year-old son, Jack, in 1992 for a speech evaluation at KU's Robert J. Dole Human Development Center on Sunnyside Avenue.

In early 1997, our infant daughter, Claire, visited the Dole Center for a hearing test.

Both sessions provided relief and fascination, affirming for Bob and me that therapists, teachers and scholars who work in speech, language and hearing are heroes. Specialists in these fields had changed the lives of our family members through two generations, and our children would be in good hands if the need arose.

Today's clinicians and researchers continue a KU tradition created in large part by Richard Schiefelbusch, who qualifies as a hero on several fronts—as Julie Mettenburg's story attests. After more

than 50 years at KU ("retirement" was a mere technicality), he remains part of campus life as a distinguished professor emeritus of speech, language and hearing. A consummate storyteller, full of compassion and humor, Schiefelbusch, g'47, connects easily with people of all ages. He simply beams.

He began his KU career as a

speech pathologist but soon became director of the Bureau of Child Research. He believed science could bring help and hope to those with disabilities, some of whom society had virtually abandoned. To prove it, he hired extraordinarily talented people, and he developed a structure for collaboration and grant-getting that became a national model.

Three years ago, at 88, with his longtime colleague, Stephen Schroeder, Schiefelbusch edited *Doing Science and Doing Good*, a book recounting the history of the bureau and the Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies. In 1990, the bureau became part of the institute.

In his introduction to the book, Schiefelbusch describes the growth of KU's human development research as "a cluster of miracles," although he admits to some trepidation about the use of the term "miracle" and offers "awesome experience" as an alternative. First on his list of turning points is the foresight of Florence Brown Sherbon, a KU professor who in 1921 convinced the Kansas Legislature to create the original Kansas Bureau of Child Research. The bureau languished following her death in 1944,

but Chancellor Franklin Murphy revived it in the mid-1950s, hiring the young Schiefelbusch to guide what was then a largely administrative entity.

In the 1960s, Schiefelbusch approached Murphy's successor, Chancellor Clarke Wescoe, with a plan to create a vibrant children's research center. Already Schiefelbusch had extended KU's reach to Parsons, site of the bureau's first federally funded research project, in 1958, at the Parsons State Hospital (now known as KU's Parsons Research Center). He describes that first project, which taught language and communication skills to children with mental retardation, as "an act of faith on the part of a group of optimists."

The new chancellor offered encouragement, Schiefelbusch recalls, and a challenge: "Dick, if you are to build a children's center at KU, you will have to find all of the money."

As Schiefelbusch left the meeting, he paused and said to Wescoe, "Remember that you did not say no."

Schiefelbusch found the money. He hired more scholars and created more space in Lawrence, Parsons and KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

In 1977, KU began gerontology studies. In the mid-1980s, the Dole Center opened, thanks to a \$9 million federal grant secured by then-Sen. Robert Dole, '45. The Life Span Institute now includes 14 research centers and, in 2009, total funding of \$30 million.

Along the way, of course, there were doubters. Schiefelbusch describes one early meeting in which a naysayer called his vision unrealistic and said he and his proponents were "out of their minds."

Schiefelbusch calmly replied, "Progress is only a new set of problems."

To an optimistic, enterprising leader like Dick Schiefelbusch, problems are meant to be solved. Therein lies a lesson for growing old gracefully.



On the Boulevard



■ Exhibitions

“The Graphic Imperative: International Posters for Peace, Social Justice and the Environment,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Nov. 29

“Big Shots: Andy Warhol, Celebrity Culture and the 1980s,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Jan. 24

“Earthly Vessels: African Ceramics,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Feb. 7

“Extra/Ordinary: Video Art from Asia,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Feb. 14

“Chen Shaoxiong: Ink Things,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Feb. 14

■ University Theatre

DECEMBER

4-9 “Distracted,” directed by Jeff List

■ Lied Center events

DECEMBER

6 Holiday Vespers

8 Symphonic Band and University Band

10 Jazz Vespers

12 Straight No Chaser

JANUARY

24 Sasha Cook

28 Ballet Folklórico de México

■ Lectures

DECEMBER

1 FBI Special Agent Robert Herndon, b'85, Anderson Chandler Lecture Series

■ Special events

DECEMBER

14 Student Alumni Association finals dinner, Adams Alumni Center

■ KU faithful braved a brisk Mount Oread morning to take part in the annual Homecoming parade down Jayhawk Boulevard Oct. 10. Kansas football legend Gale Sayers, d'75, g'77, who in August joined KU Athletics as director of fundraising for special projects, was the parade's grand marshal.



■ Academic calendar

NOVEMBER

25-29 Thanksgiving break

DECEMBER

10 Fall classes end
11 Stop day
14-18 Final examinations

JANUARY

14 Spring classes begin



■ Alumni events

DECEMBER

3 Kansas City: KU School of Engineering alumni reception
5 Indianapolis Chapter: Wine tasting
6 Los Angeles: KU vs. UCLA pre-game event
17 Denver Chapter: Night Under the Zoo Lights

JANUARY

2 Philadelphia: KU vs. Temple pre-game event
10 Knoxville: KU vs. Tennessee pre-game event
16 Oklahoma City Chapter: KU Alumni Night with the Thunder

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Jayhawk Walk



CHARLIE PODREBARAC

And the calories were criminal

Once was a time when loopy-student stories involved some mildly humorous mix of public nudity, the Chi-O Fountain, birthday celebrations, and/or underwear theft, loss or incineration.

Prudence cautions us not to add this latest incident to such inglorious life-in-Lawrence lore, but, dang it, it's funny, nobody got hurt, and finally there's fresh material: namely, the most bizarre break-in we've heard of in a month of Sundays.

According to the Lawrence Journal-World, in the wee hours (i.e., closing time) of Oct. 25, a pickled perp broke a back-door window at the Wilna Crawford

Community Center at 14th and Louisiana and helped himself to a peck of creampuffs and a bottle of Sprite from the refrigerator.

Recently renovated to give scholarship hall residents a place to gather, the center also is home to a housing complex director, who confronted the sugar-jonesing burglar.

"The suspect eventually ran away," the Journal-World reported, "but not before handing over his driver's license to the housing official and then pushing the 29-year-old victim into a chair on his way out the door."

Shattered glass: \$300. Cream puffs: \$10. Sprite: \$2. Obeying your thirst? Priceless.

End run

For nine years mechanical engineer Scott McVey commuted 28 miles from his Lawrence home to his job at TAC, an environmental consulting company in Lenexa—hardly a trip he relished.

"I kept thinking, 'Maybe I should ride my bike, take a more scenic route,'" says McVey, "but I never did."

After landing a job at KU in July as an energy conservation and utility manager, McVey seized his last chance to make a wearying commute wonderful. Instead of cycling, the longtime marathoner marked his last day in Lenexa with a "leisurely" run to work.

Leisurely, that is, compared with the Boston, New York City and Chicago marathons, which McVey ran in 3:16, 3:02 and 2:59. His cross-country commute (interrupted by live interviews on a Kansas City TV station) took five hours. He left Lawrence at 4:30 a.m., enjoyed shooting stars and quiet country roads, and received a rousing welcome from his officemates, who dared him to cap his epic run with an impromptu swim in an office-park pond. He happily obliged.

The run also smoothed his introduction to KU, where the self-described introvert met lots of new folks his first few days. "Everybody knew what I'd done. They'd say, 'Hey, you're the guy who ran to work.' It made for a really easy transition."



All in the family

When Bill and Peggy Oades halted Bill's nomadic career with Mobil Oil in 1988, they settled with their six children in Leawood. The following year, as their eldest prepared for college, the native Missourians told Angie they could only afford to pay for tuition in Kansas.

She chose KU, taking the first steps in a remarkable march across Mount Oread. For 20 consecutive years, the Oades family has had at least one child—Angie Oades Smith, s'93; Dan, j'96; Melissa Oades Grams, b'98; Billy, c'03; Becky Oades Brown, d'06, n'08; and Jimmy, a senior finance major who graduates in May—enrolled at KU.

They expect that Angie's son Sam, 10, the oldest of Bill and Peggy's 11 grandchildren, will honor the tradition, which comforts Jimmy as he nears the end of an era.

"I'm closer in age to a couple of nieces and nephews than Angie," Jimmy says, "so I don't feel like I'm the last. It feels more like I'm the beginning of a whole bunch of others who are about to come through."

The siblings also are eager for the next generation to boost their KU numbers because their mom was one of 12 children in a devoted Missouri Tiger clan.

"All of her money came to KU," Angie says with a laugh, "so she's become a Jayhawk herself."

Call it a mother's in-state tuition.



STEVE PUPPE

Mother knows best

Sure, the rankings by U.S. News & World Report, Princeton Review and Fiske Guide to Colleges are important, but they don't carry the cachet that comes from making Mother Jones magazine's cool schools list.

The progressive journal tapped KU for its Mojo Mini College Guide, a list of "10 cool schools that will blow your mind, not your budget."

What, we wondered, put KU in cool company with California State University-Monterey Bay ("the best value for surf addicts") and Berea College (where

students enjoy free tuition and "environmentally friendly housing that includes a 'permaculture food forest'")?

According to the magazine, "a small but mighty activist community" and generous student aid, among other mind-blowing characteristics, helped KU make the cut as best value for "heartland hellraisers."

Guess we've got our Mojo working.



Sigma boo!

One dark and balmy night in July, shadowy figures moved through the Sigma Nu fraternity house. Members of Elite Paranormal of Kansas City searched for evidence of the legendary ghost of Virginia, the servant-turned-mistress of former Gov. Walter Stubbs, who is said to haunt the old mansion on Emery Road.

Skeptic Rob Garcia knew the story that had passed through generations of Sigma Nus and listened to testimonies of recent spine-tingling experiences, but a search of historical documents revealed no resident named Virginia. Garcia went into the house with his Elite Paranormal crew to disprove the legend.

And it seems they had company.

The ghost hunters gathered 19 different electronic voice phenomena (EVPs), which are recorded as eerie, barely audible phrases. Garcia says the number is far more than "average," but he can't certify that any are the infamous Virginia.

Mansion mistress or not, a ghost by any other name spooks just as chillingly.



LARRY LEROY PEARSON



Hilltopics

BY STEVEN HILL

STEVE PUPPE



■ Kristin Bowman-James heads the Kansas EPSCoR office, which snared a pair of grants meant to improve research infrastructure at KU.

Double bonus

National Science Foundation grants bolster environmental science research at KU

Two new grants from a National Science Foundation program that's designed to increase the competitiveness of underfunded states will bring \$26 million to KU and its research partners in Kansas and Oklahoma over the next five years.

The grants are part of the NSF's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). The national program earmarks research money for states that traditionally have received less than .75 percent of the NSF's total annual research funding.

Kansas is one of 27 states and two territories that qualify for the money, according to University Distinguished Professor of Chemistry Kristin Bowman-James, the principal investigator on both grants and project director of the state's EPSCoR office, which is headquartered at KU.

"One of the things the NSF wants in their mission is geographical diversity," Bowman-James says. "If you don't have geographical diversity, you end up with California and Massachusetts

and New York getting all the major funding.

"Most states have really incredibly good scientists, and sometimes the problem is the research infrastructure has not been there to let them do what they can. These grants are a way of addressing that."

The two grants KU will share with universities in Kansas and Oklahoma are:

- A five-year, \$20 million award that links four Kansas universities in a wide-ranging set of studies that tackle global climate change and renewable energy development. KU researchers will work with partners at Kansas State, Wichita State and Haskell Indian Nations universities;

- A three-year, \$6 million award that allows researchers at KU, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State to collaborate on the study of climate change and ecological forecasting in prairie ecosystems and share their results with other educators via a

new "cyber network."

Bowman-James says both projects reflect a new research emphasis at the NSF.

"The new term is 'transdisciplinary,'" she says. "It's research that transcends disciplines.

"Multidisciplinary research is, 'OK, I'm a chemist and I'll give you advice on your physics problem.' In transdisciplinary research you bring people together from different fields and get them to understand the problem in the same way and talk the same language and work together for a solution."

The broad array of researchers also reflects another growing interest of NSF grantmakers, Bowman-James says: involving social scientists in research questions long thought to be the purview of the natural sciences.

The \$20 million grant (which will direct \$8.7 million to KU and spread the rest among the remaining three schools) involves four research teams. Dietrich Earnhart, associate professor of economics at KU, will lead a project to explore

how farmers make decisions about which crops to grow. A team led by Chuck Rice, University distinguished professor of agronomy at Kansas State, will use climate modeling to project the effects of climate change. Judy Wu, University distinguished professor of physics at KU, will lead a team of engineers and scientists studying the use of nanotechnology to harness solar power. Joane Nagel, University distinguished professor of sociology at KU, will work with Dan Wildcat, c'78, g'86, director of the Haskell Environmental Research Studies Center, to train tribal college students to explore climate change and energy issues on native lands and help put Native American students on a path to earning doctoral degrees.

"It's going to be quite a challenge, actually, to get natural scientists—physicists, engineers, chemists—and social scientists—economists, sociologists, etc.—to speak the same language," Bowman-James says. "It's going to be fun, getting everyone together and sort of deconvoluting the tower of babel."

For the \$6 million grant, Leonard Krishtalka, director of KU's Natural History Museum and Biodiversity Institute, heads a collaboration that will gather data generated by research on prairie flora and fauna by universities in Kansas and Oklahoma into a "cyberCommons" that makes the data available to scientists and students around the world.

"Natural history museums around the world catalog thousands and thousands of species," Bowman-James says. "What's missing is a giant museum in the sky that has all this data. That's the cyberCommons."

Beyond the scientific gains made possible by such "transdisciplinary"

research, she says the projects could possibly lead to one or more research centers, similar to the Center for the Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets. Early in its genesis CRESiS benefited from a planning grant from the Kansas EPSCoR office, Bowman-James says.

"These two grants present a tremendously exciting opportunity," she notes. "It's exciting because it's unique. You don't see projects of this scope very often. Here's something that's a really massive effort across many different disciplines and addressing two key global challenges. I think we can make a dent, and that would be super."



Hot tickets

'Passport' program introduces College's newest unit to campus and Lawrence community

Liz Kowalchuk needed a really big show to launch the University's new School of the Arts. Trouble was, she couldn't think of any one performance event that would completely represent the wide range of arts that fall under the school's broad umbrella.

Instead she hit on a plan to raise awareness in the KU and Lawrence communities of the many really big shows that happen every year, on campus and off.

"People want to know if the arts will be as valued in the College as they were in a standalone school. I can assure them the College is very committed to the School of the Arts."

— Liz Kowalchuk



SCOTT SHEU

■ Students found the WARhol and PEACE party a scream. Hosted by the Spencer Museum of Art Student Advisory Board, the October arts event was one of many that earn prizes in the "Passport" program.

Top scholars

KU welcomed 50 new students from the three top national scholarship programs this fall: 46 National Merit Scholars, three National Hispanic Scholars and one National Achievement Scholar. Forty one of the 50 newcomers are Kansans. Overall, the University enrolls 219 scholars from these prestigious programs.

The program, called Passport to the Arts, enables students, faculty and staff, and community members to qualify for prizes by earning passport stamps when attending arts events on the Hill and in Lawrence. By collecting a stamp from one KU event and one community event each month, passport bearers earn a coupon good at a local gallery, museum or theatre. Collecting three months' worth of stamps between October and April earns a free T-shirt and an invitation to a year-end Celebration of the Arts party.

A complete list of qualifying events is available at www.artspassport.ku.edu.

"The inspiration for this program came from a realization that the School of the Arts is very diverse," says Kowalchuk, associate dean of the school. "With the four departments we have in the school—theatre, dance, visual arts, and film and media studies—we really needed a multidisciplinary approach to launching the school. One event just wouldn't adequately showcase all we do."

The School of the Arts originated from a reorganization of the School of Fine Arts this summer. Programs in theatre, dance, visual arts, and film and media studies now make up the new School of the Arts, which, strictly speaking, is not a school but an academic unit of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, KU's largest school.

Programs in music, once a part of the School of Fine Arts, are now organized in a separate School of Music. Some programs in design (once part of the School of Fine Arts) are now affiliated with the School of Architecture, Design and Planning, while others are part of the School of the Arts' department of visual arts.

Kowalchuk knows that some alumni have questioned the changes.

"People want to know if the arts are going to be as valued in the College as they were in a standalone school," she says. "I can assure them the College is very committed to supporting the School of the Arts, because it speaks to the commitment of the College to liberal arts and sciences."

In addition, Kowalchuk notes, the new alignment creates opportunities for collaboration among departments that weren't previously available, as well as a wider audience—the College's 17,000 students—for the artistic work of KU students and faculty.

And the benefits go both ways: Students in the College also get greater access to the arts.

"It says that arts and humanities are an impor-

tant part of what it means to be an educated human being," Kowalchuk says. "Having the arts as part of the College strengthens the College overall."



Records fall as giving rises

Strong donor support helps offset a tough year in the market

Record fundraising and a near-record level of support for KU were hallmarks of the past fiscal year, KU Endowment announced at its October annual meeting.

Defying the stormy economic picture, donors contributed an all-time high \$106.4 million during the fiscal year that ended June 30. The number of donors rose as well, to a record 45,186.

"The generosity of alumni and friends of the University of Kansas is truly remarkable, particularly during the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression," says KU Endowment President Dale Seuferling, j'77.

During the same fiscal year, KU Endowment provided \$105.4 million to support the University, an increase of 7 percent from 2008 funding levels and the second-highest level of support in the Endowment Association's 118-year history.

Funding for 2009 included \$29.3 million for student scholarships, fellowships and awards; \$22.7 million in faculty support, including distinguished professorships, faculty development and teaching



and research awards; \$31.6 million to strengthen academic programs and bring renowned scholars, artists and performers to campus; and \$21.7 million for upkeep and construction of facilities.

"I am deeply grateful to our donors," says Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little. "In this difficult budget environment, our donors' generosity is inspiring. It speaks volumes about their determination for KU to maintain its place as a world-class university."

The record level of giving helps ease, somewhat, the effects of a rough year for investment returns. The market value of endowed funds dropped 22 percent, ending the fiscal year at \$960 million. The market value of Endowment's total assets dropped from \$1.68 billion to \$1.36 billion.

Much of the increase in giving resulted from support for life sciences research and cancer research and treatment. Donations for 2009 will make possible a new Institute for Advancing Medical Innovation, which will help develop pharmaceuticals and biomedical devices, and expanded cancer treatment at KU Hospital through the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion.

Other highlights among the 2009 gifts include the addition of 88 endowed scholarships and 12 student awards, as well as three new endowed professorships.

Endowment also elected seven new trustees at its annual meeting. They are Jill Sadowsky Docking, c'78, g'84, Wichita; Greg Graves, Stilwell; David Murfin, b'75, e'75, Wichita; Ramón Murguía, b'81, Kansas City, Kan.; Warren Newcomer Jr., b'75, Topeka; William Taylor, b'67, g'69, Overland Park; and Gregs Thomopulos, e'65, Iowa City, Iowa.



STEVE PUPPE

Update

Prescription for change

Journalist T. R. Reid addressed the curious case of American health care, which ranks poorly compared to other rich nations. The Washington Post correspondent and NPR commentator drew on his new book, the New York Times best-seller *The Healing of America*, to analyze how other industrialized democracies provide high quality medical care for all while spending less than the United States.

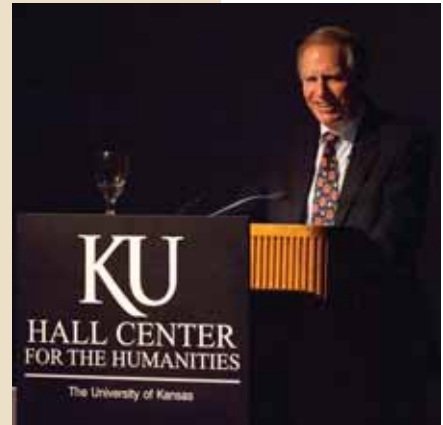
WHEN: Oct. 22

WHERE: Kansas Union

SPONSORS: "We're Number 37! Why Other Countries Have Better, Fairer and Cheaper Health Care than the USA" was part of the Humanities Lecture Series at the Hall Center for the Humanities. Co-sponsors were Kansas Public Radio and the Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship.

BACKGROUND: As foreign correspondent and bureau chief for the Post, Reid experienced firsthand other countries' health care systems. A 2008 PBS "Frontline" documentary examined his experiences as a patient in five health care systems. He argues that the kind of high-quality care for all seen in other countries is not only possible in America, it already exists for certain select populations.

QUOTE: "If you believe that health care is a common good and that everyone deserves to have it, then you can design the kind of system I'm talking about. If you don't make that decision or you never have that conversation, then you end up with the American system."



STEVE PUPPE

"If we could find the political will to provide health care for everyone in America, the other rich countries could show us the way."

—T.R. Reid

DOLE INSTITUTE

Fellows share public policy experience with students

Kay Cronkite Barnes, the first woman to serve as mayor of Kansas City, Mo., and Michael McKenna, president of a Washington, D.C., communications firm, led study groups this fall at the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics that offered KU students and Lawrence citizens a behind-the-scenes look at how public policy is made.

Barnes, d'60, served two terms as Kansas City's mayor, from 1999 to 2007. Her study group, "You Be the Mayor," examined the challenges faced by cities and the people who lead them.

McKenna is president of MWR Strategies, a governmental affairs consulting firm. His study group, "We've Got Issues," explores the political power behind issues campaigns.

The Dole Fellowship program began in 2005 to bring experienced political professionals to campus to help students build a greater appreciation for the nation's political system.

"It kind of feeds what we try to promote overall here, which is an interest in politics, a greater knowledge of the way

politics works and ultimately respecting other points of view and being able to discuss, in a civil and courteous way, relatively controversial issues," says institute director William Lacy.

ARCHITECTURE

Business park buy gives design-build room to grow

Studio 804, KU's innovative, prize-winning architecture program, will get some much needed elbow room thanks to the purchase of a building in Lawrence's East Hills Business Park.

The program led by Dan Rockhill, J.L. Constant distinguished professor of architecture, gives fifth-year students the chance to design and build a home or public building in an academic year. Past projects have included an arts center for the town of Greensburg and low-income houses in Lawrence and Kansas City. Studio 804 houses won Home of the Year awards in 2004 and 2006 from Architecture magazine, and the Greensburg building won the NCARB prize, the AIA Education Honor Award and the Wood Design Award.

The new 67,000-square-foot structure in East Hills will increase students' work space in the design and construction phases by consolidating activities under one roof.

"Marvin Hall was so crowded we always had to meet somewhere else," Rockhill says. Fabrication work was done in an unheated warehouse at the old Farmland Industries plant.

"Now we can have students develop ideas, and do the fabrication and meet all in the same facility."

KU Endowment provided \$2 million for the purchase, and the school will repay the money from a course fee approved and paid by architecture students.

"We owe the student body, first and foremost, for supporting the fee, and Dean John Gaunt, who had the vision to make the connection between the potential in that fee and what it could bring to the school," Rockhill says.

STEVE PUPPE



■ Dole Fellows
Kay Cronkite Barnes and Michael McKenna brought public policy expertise to the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics this fall.

Update

Search committees began work this fall to fill three of KU's highest academic positions.

Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little appointed a 16-member team in early September to begin a national search for the next provost and executive vice chancellor for the Lawrence campus. Mabel Rice, PhD'78, the Fred and Virginia Merrill distinguished professor of advanced studies, chairs the committee. Danny Anderson, g'82, PhD'85, is the interim provost.

Kathleen McCluskey-Fawcett, g'73, PhD'77, director of the University Honors Program and professor of psychology, will chair the committee formed to conduct a nationwide search for a new dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Greg Simpson, PhD'80, is the interim dean.

A search committee also was named to find a dean for the new School of Music, which was formed by the realignment of the School of Fine Arts. John Stephens, professor and director of voice and opera, will chair. Alicia Clair, d'69, g'75, PhD'79, is the interim dean of music.

DOLE INSTITUTE

Former health secretary accepts leadership prize

Donna Shalala, who served as secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services in the Clinton administration, visited campus in September to accept the Dole Leadership Prize.

Shalala, now president of the University of Miami, toured KU Medical Center and answered questions from William Lacy, director of the Dole Institute, and members of the audience during an hour-long program at the Lied Center.

Many questions focused on health care reform. As Health and Human Services secretary, Shalala was a key player in President Clinton's ill-fated bid to overhaul the health care system.

She expressed optimism that President Obama will win improvements in health insurance.

"We need agreement from the American people that we want everybody to have health insurance," Shalala said. "We need agreement that we want to deliver that health care in a way that is efficient and fair and that's cost conscious and that provides the best kinds of outcomes. I actually think we can get there."

Shalala is the first woman to win the \$25,000 prize, which was inaugurated in 2003. Past winners include former president George H.W. Bush, congressman John Lewis, former senator Howard Baker and past Polish president Lech Walesa.



Shalala

STEVE PUPPE

Milestones, money and other matters

■ A MEMORIAL STADIUM EXPANSION

that will produce \$40 million for academic programs won approval Sept. 17 from the Kansas Board of Regents. The \$34 million addition, which will be paid for by Kansas Athletics, will add about 3,000 indoor and outdoor seats in a two-story skybox on the stadium's east side. For more information on the seating plan, called the Gridiron Club, visit kuathletics.com.



SUSAN YOUNGER

■ ENROLLMENT DECLINED SLIGHTLY

from 2008 but still topped 30,000 for the second straight year, according to figures released in September. KU enrolled 26,826 students at the Lawrence and Edwards campuses and 3,178 at the Med Center campus for a total of 30,004, a decrease of 98 from last fall's record high. Minority enrollment hit an all-time high this fall, rising slightly to 12.8 percent.



EARL RICHARDSON

■ A \$2.5 MILLION GIFT

from the Lied Foundation Trust will fund an expansion of the Lied Center of Kansas. The campus performing arts venue will get an expanded lobby, a new education pavilion and more office space. The project will also include displays on the history of Ernst F. Lied, who established the Lied Foundation Trust before his death in 1980. The foundation has provided more than \$22 million in support for KU, including \$10 million for construction of the Lied Center in 1993.

■ **HIGUCHI RESEARCH AWARDS** from KU Endowment went to two KU faculty members this fall. Arienne Dwyer, associate professor of linguistic anthropology, won The Balfour Jeffrey Award in Humanities and Social Sciences, and Steven Barlow, professor of speech-language-hearing, received the Dolph Simons Award in Biomedical Sciences. The awards honor outstanding research by faculty at KU and other Board of Regents schools. Charles Rice and Duy Hua of Kansas State University also won Higuchi awards for their research.

■ **A \$1.7 MILLION GRANT** from the National Institutes of Health and the National Institutes of Mental Health will fund a study of resiliency in children by Yo Jackson, associate professor of applied behavioral science and clinical child psychology. Jackson will use the five-year grant to understand what determines how a child suffers after trauma or abuse and identify factors that make some children more resilient. The hope is that such discoveries can be used to fashion better treatments.

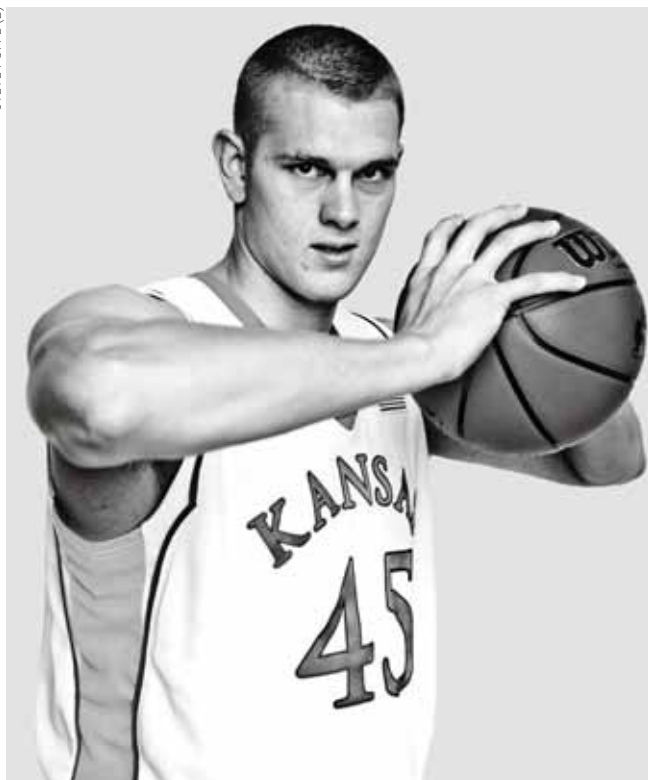
■ **CHANCELLORS CLUB AWARDS** for excellence in research and teaching went to James Calvet, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, and James "Pete" Shortridge, g'68, PhD'72, professor of geography. Each received their \$7,000 award at the Chancellors Club celebration in October.

■ **THE BIOSCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS CENTER** is underway on West Campus. The \$7.25 million, 20,000-square foot project, which broke ground Oct. 5, will house startup companies based on KU research, other emerging technology businesses and collaborations between KU researchers and large technology firms.



Sports

STEVE PUPPE (2)



■ Junior center Cole Aldrich averaged 14.9 points and 11.1 rebounds as a sophomore, joining OU's Blake Griffin as the only Big 12 players to average a double-double last season.

Something to prove

After last season's surprising success, men's basketball faces high expectations

Before the 2008-'09 season began last fall, a youthful KU men's basketball team carried eight newcomers on the roster—five freshmen, two transfers and a walk-on—and not one returning starter. Although the Jayhawks possessed undeniable talent and loads of potential, expectations for the untested team were low; the sentiment was reflected in national preseason rankings that barely broke the top 25.

Fast forward one year—predictions for the 2009-'10 squad far exceed last season's low expectations. The Jayhawks find themselves perched atop the preseason polls with a deeper, more experienced lineup. KU's nearly unanimous No. 1 spot comes with the return of the team's top nine scorers, including its five returning

starters, and the addition of a highly rated incoming class.

This season marks only the second time in Kansas basketball history the Jayhawks have opened the year ranked No. 1 by the Associated Press. The other was Bill Self's second season at KU, in 2004-'05, which ended with a game Kansas fans would like to forget—a one-point loss to Bucknell in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The early defeat was a heartbreaking conclusion to the career of stellar senior Wayne Simien, c'05, and an experience that Sherron Collins will do everything in his power to avoid.

During his first three seasons as a Jayhawk, Collins has seen more than 500 minutes of postseason playing time in 20 tournament contests. The senior guard knows exactly what it means to play under pressure. While Collins welcomes the chance to perform under the demands of a top spot in the national polls, Self is more wary.

"I hope our guys understand preseason rankings do not mean a lot," he says, "and it should be our effort to try and play to that ranking each and every day we come out to practice."

Even after KU's first exhibition game, a 107-68 win over Fort Hays State, Self said he hadn't seen enough exceptional indi-

vidual performances during the first few weeks of practice to determine a regular nine-man rotation. And with such a talented roster, the competition for positions is intense.

"We have eight guys playing for two or three positions," says sophomore guard Tyshawn Taylor. "I think that's what is going to make us so good; we are always competing. Guys have to fight for their minutes."

The roster includes two seniors, five juniors, six sophomores and four freshmen. And while the underclassmen still outnumber the veterans this season, KU will be led by a powerhouse pair: Collins and junior Cole Aldrich, who have been chosen Big 12 Preseason Co-Players of the Year and named to the Associated Press Preseason

All-America team—the first teammates chosen to the preseason team since J.J. Redick and Shelden Williams of Duke in 2005-'06.

“I do think we return the best guard in the country and the best big man in the country,” seventh-year KU coach Self says, with complete confidence in the leading duo.

Aldrich averaged a double-double last season with 14.9 points and 11.1 rebounds. The 6-11 Bloomington, Minn., native recorded the first official triple-double in school history with 13 points, 20 rebounds and 10 blocked shots against Dayton in the second round of the 2009 NCAA Tournament. The performance landed him first on the University's all-time list of most blocked shots in a single game, and Aldrich's 94 blocked shots last season were second only to Greg Ostertag in KU's single-season record book.

Collins enters his senior season No. 25 on the Jayhawks' career scoring list with 1,330 points. He led KU in scoring his junior year with 18.9 points per game, and will embrace his role as the team's vocal leader once again this season.

The commanding point guard will rely on capable backcourt support in Taylor, as well as juniors Tyrel Reed and Brady Morningstar, who has been suspended from first-semester competition. Morningstar and junior guard Chase Buford were involved in separate driving under the influence cases this year. Morningstar's Oct. 3 incident came shortly after a highly publicized skirmish between the basketball and football players.

“Unfortunately, it was a distraction we had to deal with,” Self explained Oct. 22 at the Big 12 media day. “Fortunately, it was a distraction we dealt with before the season started.”

The couple weeks of controversy, he says, aren't without a silver lining. “If anything, I think we'll be more disciplined. We'll be more responsible.”

What KU lacks in experience, it makes up for in new talent. Rivals.com rated Elijah Johnson the No. 4 point

guard in the country, Thomas Robinson the No. 10 power forward, and lauded lefty Xaxier Henry as the No. 3 shooting guard.

Jeff Withey, a redshirt freshman transfer from Arizona, will put his 7-foot stature to good use supporting Aldrich at center once he's eligible to play following the fall semester. Also in the frontcourt lineup are sophomores Marcus and Markieff Morris. The twins, after bulking up in the off-season, have been pushed in practice by newcomer Robinson, whom his teammates describe as having a “motor that never quits.”

That endurance will come in handy for the Jayhawks, who will face five teams ranked in preseason polls—No. 15 Michigan (Dec. 19), No. 13 California (Dec. 22), No. 10 Tennessee (Jan. 10), No. 3 Texas (Feb. 8) and No. 17 Oklahoma (Feb. 22).

Last fall, Kansas was out to prove that youth is no excuse. After earning a fifth-straight Big 12 regular-season title and a Sweet 16 appearance, the young 'Hawks more than proved their point.

This time around, the KU men will work to maintain their number-one status, and take this touted team from October predictions to April celebrations.

—Katie Coffman



Next step

*With McCray leading the way,
women's hoops hopes to top
last year's WNIT thrills*

None of the 16,000 fans who packed Allen Field House for last season's WNIT championship game will soon forget the supercharged atmosphere that rocked the old basketball barn. The Jayhawks, though, mostly remember the final score: South Florida 75, KU 71.

“I think our mindset is changed this year,” says senior guard Sade Morris. “We struggled midseason last year,

finished strong, but didn't finish the last game. Everybody is kind of stuck on that. This is the year that we've got to back up what we've been saying.”

What they've been saying is that a Big 12 championship is within reach and, since the Jayhawks haven't landed an NCAA Tournament bid since 2000, that the Women's National Invitational Tournament won't be good enough.

Leading the 'Hawks is superstar senior guard/forward Danielle McCray, the gold-medal-winning U.S. team's second leading scorer in the World University Games over the summer and the Big 12's Preseason Player of the Year.

Complementing McCray is the best mix of returning veterans and promising newcomers yet to take the court for sixth-year coach Bonnie Henrickson. Included among the notables are Morris, a slashing guard who last year averaged 12.7 points and 4.3 assists a game; point guards Rhea Codio, a junior transfer, and Angel Goodrich, a redshirt freshman who missed all of last season with a knee injury; junior center Krysten Boogaard, who stayed on campus over the summer to concentrate on conditioning; and sophomore forward Aishah Sutherland, who averaged 9.2 rebounds and 11.8 points in KU's five-game WNIT run.



McCray

Sports

Big 12 coaches picked KU second in their preseason poll, and the 'Hawks were ranked No. 20 in the first poll issued by the Associated Press.

"Since my freshman year we have been working hard to change the program around," McCray says, "and that is what's happening this year."

While McCray, Morris, Goodrich and Codio can be expected to provide elite guard play, the Jayhawks will be counting on tough rebounding and solid scoring from its frontcourt stars, Boogaard and Sutherland. In the exhibition opener vs. Pittsburg State, Sutherland scored 20

points with 10 rebounds; the following game, against Emporia State, Boogaard scored 17 with 10 boards, despite sitting out much of the second half.

"Realistically, we should expect to be in a position to win a conference championship," Henrickson says. "We could finish sixth or maybe seventh and still go to the NCAA Tournament, but no one wants to finish sixth or seventh. No one would be excited about finishing sixth. We understand there is a lot of work to be done ... but no one is afraid to talk about a conference championship."

—Chris Lazzarino

STEVE PUPPE (2)



■ The return from injury of Salina senior Jake Sharp (1) and the emergence of Lawrence sophomore Ryan Murphy (23) were two highlights of an otherwise disappointing football season. After opening with four non-conference victories, the Jayhawks began Big 12 play by edging Iowa State, 41-36. A heartbreaking, 34-30 loss at Colorado followed, as did less suspenseful losses to Oklahoma, Texas Tech and Kansas State. As of press time, the Jayhawks (5-4 overall, 1-4 in the Big 12) awaited a home game with Nebraska, a road trip to Texas and the Nov. 28 Missouri showdown at Arrowhead Stadium.



Updates

Women's soccer advanced to the Big 12 Soccer Championship with a thrilling victory over Texas Tech. The Jayhawks' victory in what was officially a 1-1 match came when freshman goalkeeper **Kat Liebetrau** stopped Tech's fifth and final shootout kick. Top-seeded Missouri then ousted KU with a 3-2 quarterfinals victory. Seniors **Monica Dolinsky** and **Estelle Johnson** and freshman **Whitney Berry** were named All-Big 12 second team; the all-conference honor was Dolinsky's second, and Berry also was named to the All-Newcomer team. ...

JEFF JACOBSEN



Dolinsky

Senior diver **Meghan Proehl** was named Big 12 Diver of the Week after winning the one- and three-meter competitions vs. Arkansas and Florida Oct. 24 in Fayetteville, Ark. "She dove really well against two SEC schools that are strong in swimming and diving," diving coach **Eric Elliot** said. "It should really help her confidence for future meets." ... Senior quarterback **Todd Reesing** was named one of 16 finalists for the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame's prestigious Campbell Trophy, honoring football players who are stars both on the field and in the classroom. All finalists are awarded \$18,000 graduate scholarships—except the winner, who gets \$25,000—and are invited to the awards dinner Dec. 8 at New York City's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

“I’m majoring in music theory and composition, and this scholarship will enable me to attend summer workshops, internships and conferences. It definitely helps, especially in this economy and with two younger sisters headed for college. It’s much easier for my family.”

*Xander Casad, Lawrence, Kan.
National Merit Scholar
Chancellors Club Scholar, class of 2012*

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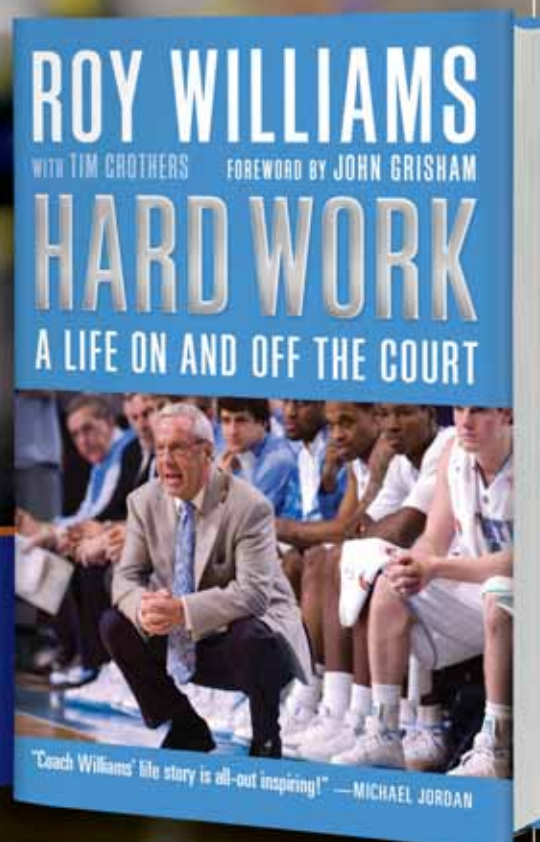
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Sports Calendar

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■ Junior Melissa Manda (above) and her volleyball teammates won three consecutive Big 12 road matches to run their overall record (as of press time) to 13-10. The men's cross country team (below) huddled before the start of the Bob Timmons Classic at Rim Rock Farm.

■ Football

NOVEMBER

- 21** at Texas
- 28** vs. Missouri at Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City

■ Volleyball

NOVEMBER

- 21** Nebraska
- 25** Texas Tech
- 28** at Texas

■ Men's basketball

NOVEMBER

- 19** Central Arkansas
- 25** Oakland
- 27** Tennessee Tech

DECEMBER

- 2** Alcorn State
- 6** at UCLA
- 9** Radford
- 12** vs. LaSalle at Sprint Center, Kansas City
- 19** Michigan
- 22** California
- 29** Belmont

JANUARY

- 2** at Temple
- 6** Cornell
- 10** at Tennessee
- 13** at Nebraska
- 16** Texas Tech
- 20** Baylor
- 23** at Iowa State
- 25** Missouri
- 30** at Kansas State

■ Women's basketball

NOVEMBER

- 22** Michigan
- 26, 28** at Junkanoo Jam, Grand Bahama Island

DECEMBER

- 3** UCLA
- 6** Northern Colorado
- 10** UMKC
- 13** Creighton
- 20** UC Riverside
- 22** at Houston
- 30** Pepperdine

JANUARY

- 3** at New Mexico State
- 9** at Kansas State
- 12** Oklahoma State

- 17** Missouri
- 20** at Iowa State
- 23** at Oklahoma
- 27** Colorado
- 30** at Missouri

■ Swimming & diving

NOVEMBER

- 20-22** at Houston Invitational

DECEMBER

- 2-5** at Virginia Invitational

JANUARY

- 8** vs. UCLA & Fresno State, at Los Angeles
- 9** vs. Loyola Marymount & UC San Diego, at Los Angeles
- 16** Nebraska
- 23** South Dakota, Northern Iowa

■ Indoor track & field

NOVEMBER

- 5** Bob Timmons Challenge

JANUARY

- 8** Bill Easton Classic
- 15** at Missouri
- 29** Jayhawk Invitational





■ Ray Rojas patiently listens as a day laborer tells about being cheated of his wages by an unscrupulous employer; in his El Paso office, Rojas nurtures KU nostalgia with a Phog Allen statue screensaver.

The Advocate

ATTORNEY AND ACTIVIST RAY ROJAS HELPS IMMIGRANTS
AND WORKING POOR FIGHT FOR ELUSIVE JUSTICE

BY MEGAN HOPE

The border made for a distinctive upbringing. Like many El Pasoans, Ray Rojas often visited relatives just across the Rio Grande in Ciudad Juárez, where his American-born mother was reared. Spanish was the first language he learned. Then as now, about 80 percent of the population of El Paso, Texas, was of Mexican or other Latin American descent.



"I didn't even realize I was a person of color," Rojas says, "until I went to first grade." His school then was in east El Paso, which was predominantly white at the time, and Rojas remembers laughing at a classmate's ugly joke before comprehending its racist message.

Now he knows better than most exactly what such divisive attitudes mean, and confronting the crises they cause has become his life's work.

While studying at KU law school, Rojas, l'05, joined with fellow students to establish a project that evolved into the Kansas City Worker Justice Center, a volunteer organization that continues to hold free monthly legal clinics to help low-income workers file claims or pursue other remedies to collect unpaid wages.

Rojas has since returned with his family to El Paso, where he is executive director of Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center, an organization founded two decades ago to provide legal representation to immigrants and refugees.

"Everywhere I go," he says, "I find people in trouble to help."

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“We don’t want workers to get into the routine of thinking that an attorney can solve all their problems. If workers don’t learn how they can help themselves ... they’ll just be back two months later with the same problem.”

—Ray Rojas



By the time he graduated from college at the University of Texas–El Paso, Rojas had a strong sense of being Chicano. Once used derisively, “Chicano” was adopted by Mexican-American activists during the 1960s and 1970s as a positive term of self-identification.

“Chicano is the most specific term you can call me,” he explains. “You can call me Hispanic or Latino—I don’t mind that—but Chicano is what I call myself.”

Over the years, he’s helped students go to school, workers get paid, immigrants legalize and battered women find safety. He has assembled a set of diverse tools, including a law degree, Chicano literature, community organizing, philosophies from an array of cultures and lessons from his childhood.

Standing up for others seems to be in Rojas’ blood. His paternal grandfather was an outspoken supporter of Mexico’s rural working class—so outspoken that he fled to El Paso in the early 1900s during a military dictatorship. Rojas grew up watching his grandparents and parents exercise their long-held Baptist faith by helping people, especially the poor, he says.

One summer in Denver, Rojas spent hours with Chicano writers and activists Abelardo Delgado and Trinidad Sanchez Jr. Delgado grew up in El Paso’s Segundo

Barrio and worked with Cesar Chavez in the farm worker movement, and Sanchez’s classic poem, “Why Am I So Brown?” is one of Rojas’ favorites. Rojas started and maintains Pluma Fronteriza (plumafronteriza.blogspot.com), an extensive blog that chronicles Chicano and Latino literature. He says the site showcases “prophets not appreciated in their own community” and has brought border-area writers closer together.

Rojas has promoted the talent and visibility of Chicanos and Latinos in other ways, too. While at UTEP, he and other members of the Chicano Pre-Law Society organized a law school fair and invited institutions from around the country. Representatives from the KU School of Law participated.

Rojas, who previously knew KU only as the loser to UTEP in the second round of the 1992 men’s basketball NCAA Tournament, visited Lawrence and fell in love with it. At KU, he worked with the law school admissions office and other students to attract more minority students, and he has since recruited three other El Pasoans to study law at KU.

He recalls a Latino law student conference in Denver that 16 KU students attended: “We were the biggest group there,” he says. “And now, KU has one of the most diverse law schools in the nation.”

The Kansas City Worker Justice Center, founded by Rojas and KU law class-

mates, developed with a strong emphasis on worker education and self-help: “We don’t want workers to get into the routine of thinking that an attorney can solve all their problems. If workers don’t learn how they can help themselves, it won’t help that [clinic volunteers] get them their money, because they’ll just be back two months later with the same problem.”

After the birth of their daughter, Brisa, in early 2007, Rojas and his wife, Noemi, also an El Paso native, decided it was time to return home. “We really missed our families,” Rojas says. He soon was hired as executive director of Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center.

Today, some of Las Americas’ main clients are unaccompanied minor immigrants—children and youth who are abandoned, abused or persecuted in their home countries and arrive in the United States without adults. They are detained in government-contracted residential facilities while awaiting court dates. Unaccompanied minors are not provided free attorneys, and Rojas says that nationally, 70 percent go unrepresented in immigration court, sometimes resulting in detentions of up to a year or even deportation.

“You could be a murderer and get a free attorney,” he says, “but you can’t be an unaccompanied immigrant child and get one.”

Las Americas tries to ensure that all those detained in El Paso—190 at any one time, Rojas estimates—have representation. The staff helps minors find family or friends to stay with, apply for special visas or seek political asylum.

Las Americas sees about 15 families a week fleeing drug-related and other violence in Mexico. Kidnapping and trafficking rings have taken advantage of the chaos created by drug cartels, yet few Mexicans are granted political asylum. An independent human rights monitoring organization in Juarez recently estimated that more than 300,000 have fled the city; while most headed south, thousands crossed into El Paso to wait out the violence.

“Las Americas has been the key

resource in responding to this need,” says Ruben Garcia, director of Annunciation House, which runs houses of hospitality for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. “And of course the need is far greater than the resources available to them.”

Las Americas helps battered immigrant women seek legal immigration status, but some later suffer domestic violence again. So, Las Americas supports a community organizing and outreach effort known by its Spanish acronym, MUJER, or Women United for Justice, Education and Respect.

“People ask me, ‘Why do we have to do this other organizing? Why can’t we just provide legal services?’” Rojas says. “But legal services are limited. If a woman ends up in another abusive relationship, we’re missing something. Her legal status may be protected, but her life is still bad.”

In a project resembling work done by the Kansas City Worker Justice Center, Rojas has started organizing day laborers and other low-wage workers. In El Paso, Rojas explains, he and his staff rely on a Latin American style of organizing, based

on consensus building. He’s also reading about popular education methods.

“And we’re trying to bring Navajo peacemaking into negotiations with dishonest employers,” he says.



When Rojas considers changes in immigration policy, he stresses the importance of family unification. He describes the surprise felt by his student interns when they learn that some people hoping to join family members here have been waiting since 1986 for an immigrant visa. Many Americans, he says, don’t realize how few avenues exist for people to come legally to the United States.

“I think most people’s families came over here without permission, because the same processes didn’t exist in the past,” Rojas says. “You didn’t apply in advance to come from Russia. Some immigrants were turned back when they arrived, but not most. So when people say, ‘My ancestors did it the legal way,’ it doesn’t really make sense, because those

were different laws back then.”

Rojas believes there are many economic benefits to immigration, especially for an aging American population that needs caretakers: “We need the workers, especially in certain industries,” and shifting demographics present both opportunities and new challenges.

“In a lot of areas where the Hispanic population is growing,” Rojas says, “the issue is putting our people into power.”

But he also admits that even in El Paso, where most judges, for example, are people of color, there are still problems.

“Some become oppressors or patsies for powerful interests,” he says. “We have to keep them in check.”

On his Facebook page, Rojas writes that he “was found as an infant in a basket floating down the Rio Grande, and has since been heard screaming, ‘Let my people go!’”

Asked who “his people” are, Rojas reflects, “At one time, it was probably just Chicanos, but now, it’s more people of color.”

And what will the world look like when his people are “let go”?

“We’re working toward a just society, a society that isn’t racist,” he says. “There’s still a lot of oppression. Some people hear ‘racism’ and just think about the civil rights era, but there’s still racism.”

—Hope, c’95, g’00, previously worked as a grant writer for the Migrant Farmworkers

Project in Kansas City and as a staff member at El Paso’s Annunciation House. In August she began studying for a master’s of social work at the University of Denver.



■ After helping launch the Kansas City Worker Justice Center while a KU law student, Rojas eventually returned to his native El Paso, where as an attorney, organizer and passionate promoter of Chicano literature, he offers hope and inspiration to immigrant children, battered immigrant women, day laborers and families fleeing the violence of northern Mexico.

A Man Called Hoss



BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

He is 6 feet 4 inches tall, and in every respect C. Elliott Moore II does full justice to his nickname, “Hoss,” long ago bestowed on him for his resemblance to the Cartwright brother who roamed the Ponderosa on “Bonanza.” If you don’t call him Dr. Moore—he’s a forensic anthropologist with a PhD—then you probably call him Hoss. “And that’s just fine,” he says, “for an old ex-farmer from Johnson County, Kansas.”

On a lesser man, Hoss Moore’s straw hat would look like a patio umbrella. The one he wears to a lunch meeting in downtown Lawrence is a couple of years old, at least, he explains, and nearly ready to be replaced. (And don’t for a

second think that everybody in the room didn’t glance up and take notice when a guy who should be named Hoss, if he weren’t already, walks into a crowded, hip restaurant wearing the biggest hat they’ve ever seen, and a bush jacket, too.)

Maybe the getup is part of a carefully cultivated persona. It seems doubtful, but even if that were the case it would be laudable because Moore, c’72, is a man on a mission. If an alter ego called Hoss helps make him reassuringly memorable to distant jungle villagers, all the better, because he’d do nearly anything to find the remains of American combatants lost in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

“He cares deeply for every case and

every individual he’s looking for,” says one of his former military team leaders, Steve Bunch, a retired Army lieutenant colonel now studying for a master’s degree in mental-health counseling so he can help soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. “Because in these particular cases it’s a missing service member, and the goal is to bring closure to the family and the nation. As a scientist, he takes on that ultimate goal wholeheartedly. Some of his colleagues see it as more of a scientific endeavor; he takes a different slant, which, as a former soldier, I respect greatly.”

Moore works for the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command—commonly known as “JPAC”—based on Oahu, Hawaii. Wherever Americans have

LARGE IN STATURE AND DEED, ANTHROPOLOGIST C. ELLIOTT MOORE LEADS JUNGLE QUESTS IN SEARCH OF AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION

JPAC teams are searching for those whose remains didn't come home.

Moore, a civilian anthropologist whose speciality is Southeast Asia, worked from 1992 to 2006 as a recovery team leader. He has spent the past three years with the investigative teams, charged with tracking down every lead, witness report or scrap of information about a lost serviceman.

In his 65 deployments to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, Moore supervised excavations for 75 cases, 32 of which led to recovery of remains; in the laboratory back in Hawaii, Moore identified remains for 55 cases. (He also helped excavate two mass graves in Bosnia-Herzegovina and served as a consultant to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.)

In Southwest Asia, the obvious cases were handled long ago by dredging easily accessible rice paddies or uncovering crash sites commonly known among locals. Now the intelligence and recovery teams are scouring mountaintops, cliffs, and dense jungles.

"They always give the tough sites to Hoss," Army Capt. Octave MacDonald once told an Associated Press reporter who followed Moore on a recovery mission atop an 1,800-foot mountain near the Laotian border in central Vietnam. "I think that's pretty much because he's the best."

Moore's father, C.E. Moore, c'47, m'51, was a country doctor in Olathe and Gardner; family forebears were farmers and stone masons who arrived in Johnson County in 1857. Moore lost 90 percent of his hearing as a baby—thought to be caused by experimental antibiotics used to treat pneumonia—yet never attended any specialty schools for deaf

students. He worked his way through public schools, and at KU found that his interest in human biology and diversity of cultures merged perfectly in anthropology.

He earned a master's degree in criminal justice at Wichita State University and, in 1981, a PhD in physical anthropology from the University of New Mexico, at which point Moore found himself competing with hundreds of other applicants for the few anthropology teaching jobs that came open. So Moore accepted an offer from the Wyandotte County Coroner, allowing him to work as a forensic anthropologist for police agencies across the Kansas City metro, as well as in Kansas City's regional crime lab. In 1992 he joined JPAC's precursor, Joint Task Force-Full Accounting, charged with a mission that's still far from complete: the "fullest possible accounting of Americans missing as a result of the Vietnam War."

The work is exhausting and dangerous, the travel is seemingly endless. Based in Hawaii, Moore returns home to Stilwell to see his wife, three children and seven grandchildren just three times a year: twice for two weeks at a time and once, over the holidays, for five weeks. He does laboratory work and reviews case files in Hawaii for a combined three or four months a year, and otherwise is out in the field, enduring long flights on military aircraft to and from Bangkok, Phnom Penh, Da Nang or Hanoi, then taking a helicopter or even hiking to reach his search sites.

Moore says that when he and his team members arrive for interviews, villagers are often surprised to see them. The war has been over for more than 35 years, and they probably cannot imagine a

government that would still put so much effort into searching for lost remains. But they're also glad to help, Moore says, perhaps in part because they are well paid by the U.S. government for labor and supplies, but also because they share common bonds deeper than country or creed.

"They are humans, after all," Moore says. "They're worried about getting bills paid and keeping a roof over their head. That's something I've come to appreciate. The war has been over since '75. Let the past be the past, let bygones be bygones, let's move forward and form good relations between our countries."

Bunch recalls a time when heavy rains stranded their recovery team in an impassable rice paddy. Their Vietnamese counterparts rushed to the rescue with four-wheel-drive trucks, but those, too, became mired in muck. So Hoss hitched rides for himself and the other Americans on the rice farmer's ox carts, all the way back to their hotel in a nearby village. Along the way, though, Hoss lost his straw hat.

Later that evening, a driver with the Vietnamese team turned up at the hotel, completing a recovery mission of his own: He'd found the hat, and out of respect shared by many Vietnamese with whom Hoss Moore works, took it upon himself to return the hat safe and sound.

"There are a lot of people all over Vietnam who know Hoss by that hat," Bunch says. "It's his trademark. It's Kansas. He's a long way from home, out in that jungle, but he's always the man from Kansas."





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The Particular Genius of Richard Schiefelbusch

The architect of the Life Span Institute transformed KU's research environment through his innovative work with children. Now he offers a new perspective on aging—from his view at 90.

Richard Schiefelbusch holds the rapt attention of a roomful of Lawrence professionals who've asked him to speak at their monthly lunch meeting.

All work with senior citizens; the group includes in-home care providers, assisted living directors, physical therapists and others.

"Old kooks, we can be a bit funny," he says. To the delight of everyone, he dances a jig he learned in an aerobics class at his new home, Lawrence Presbyterian Manor. He bounces, turns, spins. "Know why I can do this? Because I never stopped." One of his themes this June day is, "The experience of old kooks like us matters." The other: "Science matters."

Wendy Blackwell, owner of Blackwell Hearing Center in Lawrence, accompanied Schiefelbusch to the meeting. Her father, Bruce Linton, was a journalism professor and a colleague of Schiefelbusch since their early days at KU. At dances, she says, Schiefelbusch's card was always full. Why? "He was the guy all the women wanted to dance with,

because he made them look good."

This approach—collaboration with an eye toward helping others shine—was key to Schiefelbusch's research success, a primary joy in his work and a lasting contribution to KU. The distinguished professor emeritus of speech, language and hearing transformed the way research is conducted at KU, while bringing relief to families and children with mental and physical disabilities across Kansas and, eventually, the world. In this way, he used scientific research to fulfill his life's mission: to be a helper.

Now, at 91, he is experiencing a less-understood but demographically ballooning stage of the lifespan: old age. And researchers are finding that the pioneering work he led at KU on behalf of children may also benefit the elderly.

From his own position, now on the receiving end of help, Schiefelbusch continues to apply his particular brand of genius—encouraging and collaborating with others—while talking about his own experiences for the value they can bring to the study of aging.

Short-statured and good-natured, with twinkling eyes and a broad smile, Schiefelbusch calls himself an “old kook” but still displays the spark that drove him to build KU’s largest externally funded research unit. In 2009, the Schiefelbusch Institute for Life Span Studies received more than \$26 million in external funding, with more than \$30 million in total funding across 14 research centers in fields including developmental disabilities, gerontology, child language, community health and development and much more. “We are very productive and very broad,” says director John Colombo.

In Schiefelbusch’s worldview, science is how we help people. And Schiefelbusch sees in himself, at his core, a desire to help.

This was the life-transforming gift he received after the bomber he was navigating went down in the Baltic Sea, when he was a prisoner of war in the German camp Stalag Luft III in Poland, the setting of the 1963 film “The Great Escape.”



“What happened in that prison camp was probably the single most important thing in my life,” he says.

After a forced march for three nights and three days in bitter cold and snow, many prisoners collapsed with convulsions, delusions, shock. A few began immediately to collect their comrades into groups and worked to get them food and warmth.

Schiefelbusch, g’47, a Kansas farm boy

from Osawatimie and the youngest of six children, was among those who helped. He was a long way from the one-room schoolhouse where he entertained community gatherings with poetry recitations, the high school and college classrooms where he excelled at debate. “That was the start,” he remembers. “That totally changed my impression of myself—from a performer to a helper.”

When he returned to Kansas and started graduate school at KU later that year, he told advisers he wanted to study a curriculum that would give him a life of service. “You know? They believed me. They gave me a smorgasbord of courses that cut across the curriculum. That helped me more than I realized because if you’re setting out to help, you have to know more than you can imagine.”

He chose speech and hearing as the field that offered the most satisfying work. Schiefelbusch wanted to be at KU because he “felt strong ties to Kansas,” so after completing his PhD coursework in speech pathology at Northwestern he came back in 1949 to lead a child speech and hearing clinic in a temporary building north of Strong Hall.

First as a student at Northwestern, then as a clinician at Kansas, he was stymied by a significant problem. Many tools for working with children with speech difficulties simply did not help

them improve. His KU team rejected many research approaches because, for a variety of reasons, they were not suitable for the data-oriented research that could establish results.



In 1955, Chancellor Franklin Murphy offered Schiefelbusch directorship of the small Bureau of Child Research to keep him at KU when the University of Illinois tried to lure him away. “I quickly felt much older,” he writes in a memoir, *The Odyssey of a Speech Clinician*. “I was now assumed to be a scientist.”

Working with the Kansas Council for Children and Youth, the bureau created small programs, including a Schiefelbusch-directed study of underachieving children in Lawrence schools. Most of the joint ventures were funded by the University Research Committee, but substantial growth in the bureau’s research would require outside funding.

“I had no background for fundraising, grant writing or agency politicking, and little experience in research planning,” he explains. And KU, for its part, “didn’t even have the phone numbers of the institutes in Washington.” Schiefelbusch did two things. He traveled to Washington to meet agency people and learn how to obtain federal grants, and he part-



nered with Parsons State Hospital for a grant project, a controversial move for a university program at the time.

The first federal grant KU and Parsons obtained, a language program for children with mental disabilities, began in 1958. The grant allowed Schiefelbusch to recruit three scientists. They became interested in the new research perspective of behaviorism, the work of B.F. Skinner in particular. The approach used positive or negative responses to obtain desired learning; one study rewarded a child for producing vocalizations by providing a reward—a photo of a beautiful woman (the KU Homecoming queen) smiling or winking. The photo would disappear when the child stopped making vocal sounds.

The Parsons program was the first to apply behavioral analysis to language studies and children with mental disabilities. In three years the team produced some 90 working papers and presented at conferences around the country. At a Milwaukee conference in 1959, Schiefelbusch announced, in his sly way, that it was perhaps poetic justice that “mentally retarded children had successfully rejected the tactics of speech clinicians thus far.” He then presented the preliminary Parsons findings: Using a behavioral approach, the children could be taught to communicate effectively. Attendees swarmed the KU team



afterward, eager to learn more.

More studies followed, broadening to address issues such as eating, self-care and the education and social activities of the children at the Parsons hospital.

Despite his insecurity as a research leader, Schiefelbusch managed in 1963 to secure a five-year, \$2 million grant that provided funds across three campuses—KU, the medical center and Parsons. In 1966, he won a major construction grant that added space in all three locations.

This was significant, says Colombo. By attracting core research grants to the buildings, Schiefelbusch gave investigators an infrastructure for doing more

research. Next came more scientists, who in turn generated grants. “So the external funding was critical to getting it going and sustaining the effort,” he says.

By the early '60s, Schiefelbusch says, they felt they had an “answer to the needs of the helping professions.” The Parsons studies, with similar studies in a handful of other states, ushered in a new era of treatment and training for those with disabilities. The resulting Mimosa Project, which taught skills to institutionalized adolescent girls so they could live in the community, was the first of many bureau programs to move children out of institutions.

“I believe the greatest way you can help is through science,” he tells the Lawrence gathering, recounting the story of his work with Parsons. “It took science for us to get the homes for disabled children closed. If we had been honest about it, their names really would have been the ‘Kansas State Prisons for Disabled Children.’”

He pauses, letting his words hang in the air as his audience waits in silence. He looks at the floor and grins, hands in his pockets. “That wouldn’t have gone over too well, but that’s what they were—prisons. Today, science is concerned with questions such as ‘Who is going to make the right cushion for them to sit on in their chairs?’ And that’s a very important question—but see, that’s today’s question.”



■ Schiefelbusch is still a familiar figure at the Robert J. Dole Human Development Center on Sunnyside Avenue, where a playground (funded by a grant he wrote) stands ready to engage children enrolled in some of the Life Span Institute’s 140 programs. From his days as leader of the LSI’s forerunner, the Bureau of Child Research, Schiefelbusch counted his interactions with children among the chief joys of the job. Among the most important things he learned through the years is that all kids—regardless of background, nationality or disability—love to play.

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What Richard Schiefelbusch excelled at, throughout his 42-year career on Mount Oread, was knowing the strengths of his scientists and figuring out ways to play to those strengths. In addition to his prodigious grant-writing, says John Colombo, Schiefelbusch knew how to put good people together.

"It's like when you come home at night, and there are only a few things in the refrigerator but you can cook a great dish from it," Colombo says. "Dick had a cadre of scientists—a small one—but he had a great sense of stewardship for putting those people together and getting them to do what was most productive."

That ability extended to recruiting.

"He had an uncanny ability to spot and appreciate talent, even when it was packaged in a difficult person," says psychologist Frances Degen Horowitz, professor emerita and university professor of City University of New York Graduate Center. Schiefelbusch helped bring her to KU in 1964, and together they forged one of the longest and most fruitful collaborations of his career.

"Dick gave me a desk in the BRC and \$100 a month to pay the babysitter, and ultimately I became the acting chair of what was then the department of home economics," she says. "He had that in mind all along. Dick Schiefelbusch is a visionary."

They pulled off one of the biggest hiring coups in KU history by luring Don Baer to the Hill in 1964. At the University of Washington, Baer had been intellectual leader of The Rainier School, where he developed the behavior analysis approach to child development. Baer recruited eight colleagues to KU, and his program, the Juniper Gardens Children's

Project in Kansas City, Kansas, demonstrated that an impoverished community could collaborate with a university, social problems could be addressed through carefully designed research and learning performance in poor urban areas could be improved.

The "Kansas migration" put KU further out front in child research. Baer and his team would go on to develop the discipline of applied behavior analysis, and KU, a small but noteworthy program before, would now consistently rank in the top five for human development, top seven for speech-language-hearing, and number one in special education.

As a testament to what Horowitz calls his "sticking power," Schiefelbusch's major research programs, including the Parsons program and Juniper Gardens, continue now, under the umbrella of the Life Span Institute. His ability to develop younger talent also benefits the institute today. "I was a recipient because he'd put junior people on and bring them along," Colombo says. "It was nuanced and forward-thinking, and very productive, obviously."

Says Horowitz: "The ripple effects of that, in terms of the numbers of students who benefited—particularly at the graduate level but even the undergraduates who got involved—I would say his impact was profound."

Ultimately, Schiefelbusch succeeded in what Colombo calls an "intellectual entrepreneurship."

"It's entrepreneurship in the service of improving the welfare of people, in a broad sense, and in improving the quality of life for people with disabilities, specifically. The fact he was able to improve the lot of many, many people with disabilities through his work—and yet make it productive scientifically and productive from the standpoint of the University—that's the genius."

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On a blustery, cold October day, Schiefelbusch arrives at the Robert J. Dole Human Development Center, home of the Life Span Institute, fresh from his aerobics class. He sits in the fourth-floor atrium, a favorite spot because of the light and the view, and discusses his life today. "I love old age," he reflects, adding that the process of reflection is a treasure, for the elderly and those who might learn from them. He is frank and open about his experience, admitting, "I've got all kinds of potholes in my memory, although it hangs together."

Schiefelbusch, ever the scientist, says he is what gerontologists call an "active senior." He maintains an office in the institute and drives himself to his weekly garden club. He won a bronze medal for golf in the Kansas Senior Olympics, has acted in theater productions and is working on a paper about the Geneva Convention. He is also participating in perhaps the most personal scientific study of his life: He is immersed in the experience, the mystery and the challenge of old age.

He is not as present in these activities as he used to be, because—as with many seniors, he notes—managing problems



that come with aging reduces time in the community. He cares for his wife, Ruth, which takes much of his time. They moved twice in the past 18 months, from their Lawrence home to a townhouse and then to Presbyterian Manor.

He approaches challenges as he always has—with a spirit of collaboration. “Let’s work on this together,” he says to professionals and family, seeking understanding and cooperation. He’s not eager to move ahead until good feelings are shared by all. The approach might not be the most efficient—it’s not fast for medical professionals or family—but in his mind, problem-solving calls for teamwork and solutions should honor the dignity and desires of people involved.

Life now puts him on the receiving end of services he used to provide. At 71, Schiefelbusch was asked by Horowitz to direct KU’s gerontology program. “But I don’t know anything about aging!” he remembers telling her.

“Dick,” he says she replied, “that’s never stopped you before.”

Horowitz and Schiefelbusch knew that bringing gerontology—which began in 1977 as one of a middle wave of programs in aging that had sprung up around the country—into Dole would unify studies under the umbrella of “life span.” In 1990 Schiefelbusch guided the

move, and gerontology joined the vast network of programs he had helped create to become the Schiefelbusch Institute of Life Span Studies.

As it turns out, his final achievement at KU created opportunities for his pioneering work to benefit the elderly. The link became particularly clear during a visit to the Colmery-O’Neil VA Medical Center in Topeka, in 1991. “It was the worst possible environment for the aging GIs, guys like me,” he says. “It was only beds and hospital rooms. There were no linkages to society, no activities. It was a clear time of desperation for them, and for the hospital.”

Once again, Schiefelbusch found himself advocating for science to liberate individuals from an institutional setting that was not serving their needs. The VA hospital needed to create programs to provide patients, increasingly seniors, better quality of life, and officials asked him to help. In 1991, he retired from KU but signed on with Colmery-O’Neil as senior scientist and director of research. But “time literally ran out,” he says. When new priorities shifted the hospital’s focus to clinical departments, he decided it was time for his “odyssey” of a career to end. He retired in 1993.

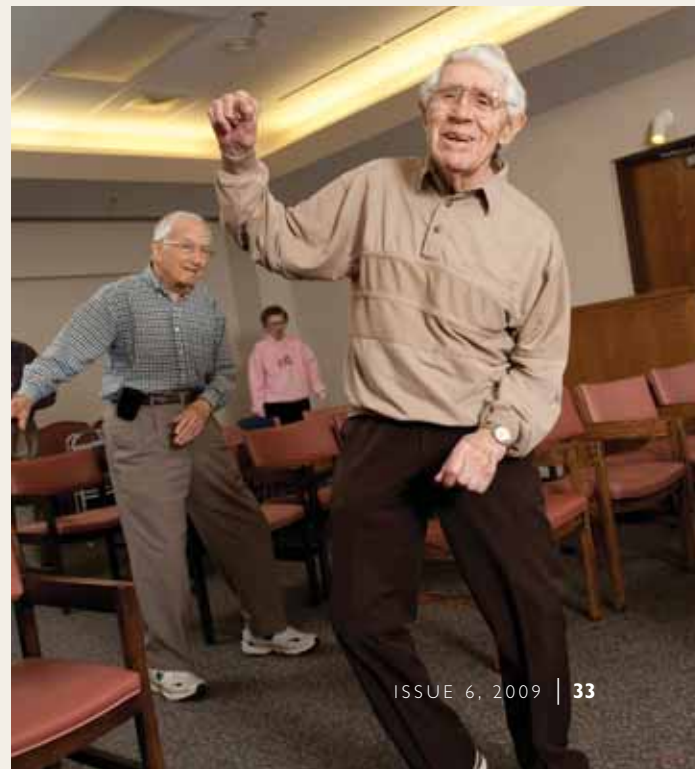
David J. Ekerdt, professor of sociology and director of the Gerontology Center,

says over the past 20 years gerontology indeed has incorporated concepts that apply across the life span, many built on foundations established by Schiefelbusch and his team. Such topics include the study of the transitions of life, how people find meaning, how they decide what they are supposed to do with their lives, and how they balance the responsibility of one generation to another.

“There’s nothing more important today,” says Schiefelbusch. “The size of the demographic is growing and people are living longer.” That’s particularly true in Kansas, where statistics project a gray-ing population by 2030. (See sidebar.)

He believes skills and technologies that liberated children from institutions will help society improve conditions and opportunities for senior citizens, and have already begun to do so. He believes the experiences of elderly people like him matter. He tells of a workshop he attended a few years ago; when he

■ Schiefelbusch keeps mind and body active: He’s writing a paper on the Geneva Convention and delights in demonstrating a jig he learned in an early morning aerobics class at Lawrence Presbyterian Manor, the assisted living community where he lives with his wife, Ruth.



Aging Studies and Programs at KU

While aging should not be considered a “problem,” says David Ekerdt, director of KU’s Gerontology Center, gerontology does address problems that can occur during aging. “We can see if they can be avoided and, if not, how they can be forestalled,” Ekerdt says.

KU offers one of a handful of gerontology PhDs in the country, and the University’s research is particularly relevant given the state’s demographics. Census Bureau projections indicate nine of every 10 people Kansas gains by 2030 will be 65 or older. According to KU’s Institute for Policy and Social Research, the trend will change the state’s age composition and could cause “significant problems” for rural areas and small towns that lack resources to adequately support more elderly.

The center’s research focuses on understanding life changes and finding ways to benefit individuals across the generations.

“Ultimately, the goal is to help people stay helpful, involved and a cherished resource for as long as possible, as Dr. Schiefelbusch has,” Ekerdt says. A few highlights:

- ◆ Susan Kemper, Roy A. Roberts distinguished professor of psychology and senior scientist at the center, works on interventions and therapies that help people cope with changes of aging, such as use of language in communication with the elderly;

- ◆ Mary Lee Hummert, Kemper Teaching Fellow in communications studies and graduate director of the interdisciplinary PhD program in gerontology, studies age stereotypes in the workplace and accommodations employers can make to deal with age stereotyping and bias on the job;

- ◆ Ekerdt’s Household Moves Project studies how people deal with their possessions as they “downsize” to more appropriate living spaces.

In addition, institutions and faculty across

KU conduct aging studies and programs, with most of the research coordinated by the Gerontology Center:

The Office of Aging and Long Term Care in the School of Social Welfare improves social service practice and policy for older adults. It also helps develop faculty and student knowledge in working with older adults.

The Landon Center on Aging at KU Medical Center cooperates closely with the Gerontology Center on aging studies at both campuses. The center includes a clinical program and houses studies involving the neurosciences, such as Alzheimer’s disease and stroke.

Elder Law Program in the School of Law trains practitioners to better serve elderly Kansans on legal issues, such as guardianship and protection of property.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in the School of Continuing Education provides innovative learning opportunities for the Lawrence, Topeka and Kansas City areas, with a focus on curriculum for learners age 50 and older.

—J.M.

offered advice, the speaker stopped to say, “I heard an old mind in the back of the room—who was that?”

His ability to observe and describe what is happening to him, his wife and others is a remarkable contribution. “We have to learn how to utilize the somewhat unique talents of old people, and extend their productive life,” he says.

Ekerdt agrees: “Science seeks to understand people’s points of view, and especially how they are looking at meaning in life. One characteristic of growing older, as with Dick, is awareness that time is shorter. This focuses their activities and thinking. We should attend to people who are thinking in this way, because they may have their hands on things that are crucial to know.”

From his apartment at Presbyterian Manor, a small, tidy space lined with awards and recognitions, Schiefelbusch

shares his thoughts on aging. One challenge he has faced is how to keep gardening as he’s moved to smaller and smaller homes. He points to a row of plant “slips,” or cuttings, lined up on the radiator beneath the window, particularly a crepe myrtle he says will be gorgeous someday. “We are understanding better how environments can better support older people,” he says, noting the Manor could benefit from a herbarium. “Money could be saved and joy expanded. The joy of gardening has no limit.”

Schiefelbusch advises seniors to use such pursuits to stay active. Also, he says, “remain positive and congenial in your environment. Then the world responds to you as a functionally active person, or at least it seems to.”

He still lectures at senior service organizations and volunteers. “I am very

much ‘at home’ with service activities,” he writes in his memoir. “I am healthy and energetic but even more, I am a helper.”

He supports others, such as Blackwell, the audiologist, who join the helping professions. “He encouraged me by saying Lawrence needed more ‘people persons,’ meaning people who really care about their patients,” she says. “He’s so inspirational with his attitude and life experience.”

“The spirit of helping is totally underestimated,” he reflects. “There are many attributes to it, not the least of which is that it’s good for the helper. There are hundreds of ways we see the evidence of our success, things that we dreamed would happen, have happened and will expand. It just couldn’t be nicer.”

—Mettenburg, j’91, wrote “For the Home Team” in issue No. 5, 2008.

Association



Robert Bourdette



Kimball Smith



Perry and Krista Smith



Brenda Marzett Vann

Stalwarts go the distance

*Jayhawks earn 'Millie' awards
for longtime local volunteer service*

The 2009 Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Awards recognize five Jayhawks for their many years as KU volunteers in their communities. The award, created in 1987, honors the memory of Mildred Clodfelter, b'41, who worked 47 years at KU, including 42 for the Alumni Association

This year's winners are Robert Bourdette, g'76, Winfield; Kimball Smith, b'66, g'71, Arlington, Texas; Perry, c'74, m'77, and Krista Schmidt Smith, h'75, Great Bend; and Brenda Marzett Vann, d'71, g'72, Kansas City, Kan.

Bourdette is a Life Member and president of the South Kansas Chapter of the Association. He has served on the steering committee for Jayhawks for Higher Education and the statewide Lied Center Advisory Council. For KU Endowment, he is a member of the Elizabeth M. Watkins Society.

He retired in 2006 after a long career in education, most recently as director of the Diploma Completion Program for USD 465 in Winfield. From 1985 to the mid-1990s, he worked for Southwestern College in Winfield as director of student housing, director of Learning Skills and Tutorial Services, and as a faculty member, teach-

ing courses in learning skills, general psychology and developmental psychology.

Earlier in his career, Bourdette coordinated greek affairs at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and directed student housing for Washburn University in Topeka. As a KU graduate student, he worked in Rehabilitation Services and was a night manager for the Kansas Union. Before attending KU, he served four years in the U.S. Air Force in Korea.

Smith is a Life Member and has helped lead alumni chapter activities in Nebraska and Texas through the years. He also belongs to KU Endowment's Chancellors Club and the Elizabeth Watkins Society.

Smith founded a beverage distribution business that serves chain and independent convenience stores in the Fort Worth, Dallas and Austin markets. The primary products are the energy drink Redline and the relaxation drink VIB (Vacation in a Bottle).

Before starting his beverage business in 2006, Smith worked for many years in the natural gas industry. In 1983, he established Kimball Energy Corp, a natural gas marketing company selling gas from the San Juan Basin, Rocky Mountains and Canada to distribution and industrial customers in the Pacific Northwest.

Smith played varsity football for KU and has officiated high school football in Nebraska and

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Through more than four decades on the Alumni Association staff, Millie Clodfelter worked tirelessly to create connections with thousands of alumni and friends.

Jayhawk Roundup



■ Classic cars and vintage vinyl echoed the 1950s theme for the Jayhawk Roundup Oct. 17 in Wichita. Alumni and friends celebrated the fall tradition at Murfin Stables, thanks to the hospitality of David and Janet Lusk Murfin. The Alumni Association and its Wichita Chapter hosted the event, which included fancy dancing by Whitney Fasbender and Brett Jablonski. David Carr and Colette Kocour relaxed during dinner, while Janice Hanna perused the silent auction. For those who like surprises, red mystery boxes were available for a bargain price; inside were gift certificates and, for one lucky buyer, a \$250 cash prize. Roundup revelers included Todd Compton, Matt Barbour and Casey Compton-Barbour, Nancy Woolf Compton and U.S. Rep. Todd Tiahrt. Chris Jablonski and Laura Dakhil Monahan showed off a keepsake photo featured in the auction.

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Texas for many years. His KU connections run deep: His great-grandparents, Charles William Smith and Elizabeth Williams Smith, were two of the eight members of KU's 1876 graduating class. All six of their children attended KU. Smith is married to Denise Kleen Smith.

Perry and Krista Smith, both Life Members, have been involved with the Kansas Honors Program since 1997 as Barton County coordinators. Each year they organized the local dinner to recognize the top 10 percent of area high school seniors, and two years ago they established a field of interest fund with the Golden Belt Community Foundation and have raised funds from local Jayhawks to perpetuate funding for the KHP banquet in Barton County for years to come. They are members of Jayhawks for Higher Education and the Golden Belt Alumni Chapter.

Perry has been a family practice physician in Great Bend for 29 years and has seen many of the babies he helped deliver grow up to become Kansas Honor Scholars. Krista was a physical therapist for Barton County Special Services for 17 years and continues to work part time with infants to 3-year-olds. She is currently a coordinator for a senior bank club in Great Bend and has the opportunity to plan fun trips both within Kansas and internationally.

Vann has volunteered for the KU Black Alumni Chapter, working to increase membership in the chapter and Association at large. She has helped organize numerous Black Alumni Chapter reunions through the years, and she has been involved with the Student Outreach Committee of the chapter with a commitment to increasing the enrollment and retention of African American students. She has participated for several years with the Office of Admissions and Scholarships in its multi-state minority recruiting efforts by attending local events and facilitating the participation of African-American alumni in other select cities. She and her husband, Duane, '73, are longtime annual Association members.

Vann received her bachelor's and grad-



TRACY RASMUSSEN

uate degrees in speech/language pathology. She retired from the Kansas City, Mo., public schools, where she was an exceptional education program coordinator for speech, occupational and physical therapy. She was a clinical assistant professor in communication sciences and disorders at Rockhurst University. She currently works as a special education program coordinator and compliance consultant for the University of Missouri-Kansas City Regional Professional Development Center; in her role she collaborates closely with area Missouri school districts.



Best in the nation

KU senior takes prize as top student leader

Brent Blazek, president of the Student Alumni Leadership Board, attended the Sept. 4 luncheon with the Association's national Board of Directors and Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little. He thought he was there simply to represent the Alumni Association's more than 1,600 campus Jayhawks who belong to the Student Alumni Association. Heck, he might even get the chance to meet the new chancellor.

■ Association President Kevin Corbett congratulated Brent Blazek, Lenexa senior, on winning the national Outstanding Student Leader honor bestowed by the national organization of student alumni associations and foundations. Blazek is president of the Student Alumni Leadership Board, which assists with alumni programs and sponsors projects and events for the Student Alumni Association.

Then he heard his name called. Kevin J. Corbett, c'88, Association president, had summoned Blazek to the front of the room. Corbett wanted the entire Board and Gray-Little to congratulate Blazek personally for his achievement as the nation's Outstanding Student Leader, an honor he had received in August during the national student convention in Baltimore.

"I was caught completely off guard," Blazek says. "I think I was still chewing my food on the way up there, and I'm pretty sure I had frosting from the pie on the sleeve of my jacket. But it was a great honor to be recognized in front of the Board as well as our new chancellor."

That night at dinner, Blazek received a standing ovation from more than 150 alumni attending the Fred Ellsworth Medallion ceremony for outstanding KU volunteers.

"That was truly when it sank in that I had won the award. It will be one of my fondest memories here at KU," he says.

The award was presented by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), which, in addition to overseeing advancement professionals at thousands of colleges and universities, also guides the student programs sponsored by alumni associations and foundations.

Blazek, Lenexa senior, is an education major; he hopes to begin graduate school in fall 2010, studying higher education administration or sports and fitness management. Before serving as president of the Student Alumni Leadership Board, he was the group's vice president for University relations. In addition to coordinating all of SAA's traditional events throughout the academic year, Blazek is leading the creation of new projects, including a volunteer program to assist mothers with child care, and a plan for SAA members to help freshmen move into their residence halls in August. In 2008, he received SAA's Judith L. Ruedlinger Scholarship, awarded to three KU students each year for their involvement in student and alumni activities..



Voices on the Hill

Alumni to represent Jayhawks on athletics, Union groups

The Alumni Association's national Board of Directors recently named alumni to represent the Association and its members on University boards.

Will Cook, d'01, Chicago, and John Thomas, j'83, Baldwin City, will serve on the Chancellor's Advisory Committee for Athletics. Cook leads the Chicago Alumni Chapter as president, and Thomas, a former chapter leader in Albuquerque, N.M., has continued to volunteer for the Association since moving back to Kansas.

Other alumni and friends serving four-year terms on the advisory committee are Henry Menghini, c'87, Pittsburg; Lori Anderson Piening, b'92, Austin, Texas;

and James Reilly Jr., assoc., Leavenworth.

Paul "Bud" Burke, b'56, a member of the Association's national board and chair of the Douglas County Chapter's legislative committee, will serve on the board of the KU Memorial Union Corp.

He joins fellow alumni representatives Rita Ravens Alexander, d'69, Denver; Richard Fanolio, f'57, Mission Hills; Jacklyn Roth Grimwood, c'95, St. Joseph, Mo.; and Bradley G. Korell, l'97, Austin, Texas. Each serves a five-year term.

Class of 1959 Reunion



COURTESY SHOTBEE (3)



■ Jayhawks gathered in Lawrence Sept. 24-26 to celebrate their golden anniversary. On the agenda was a reception with professors who through the years had received the Honor for an Outstanding Progressive Educator. The Class of 1959 created the HOPE Award as its gift to the University, and it remains the only teaching award governed solely by students. Fifty-year class members included BJ Eichhorn-Cohn, Nancy Harbes Hobbs, Kala Mays Stroup, Ruby Sterlin Shade, Toni Ernst Creamer and Carol Caulty Siebert; along with Nancy Smith Allen and Ray Allen (with Baby Jay), and Susan Lowry Bland and Tony Bland.



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The Association thanks these Jayhawks, who became Life Members beginning Aug. 22 through Nov. 2. For more information on Life Membership, please visit www.kualumni.org or call 800-584-2957.

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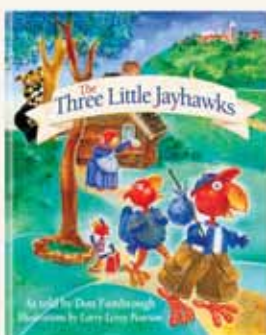
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Class Notes BY KAREN GOODELL

1951

Marilyn Gibson Blincoe, '51, celebrated her 80th birthday this September in Stockton, Calif., where she lives with her husband, **Robert**, b'50. They have served as foster parents to 350 children since 1958 and look forward to their 60th wedding anniversary in January.

1956

Robert Daugherty, c'56, m'60, is retired in Reno, Nev.

Nancy Wolff Underhill, '56, recently presented a retrospective exhibit of her art. She lives in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

1957

Richard Smith, m'57, wrote *Requiem*

for *Doctor Edward Browne*, a historical fiction novel that was published earlier this year. He's medical director of rehabilitation services at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, Calif.

1960

Charles Clutz, a'60, f'64, recently was reappointed to a term on the Hingham, Mass., Historic Districts Commission.

Max Griffin Jr., f'60, d'64, directs resource development for the Good Samaritan Society in Ellsworth. He lives in Salina.

1962

Larry Arnold, e'62, works as a consulting engineer for Technical Diagnostic

Services in Bay City, Texas.

Bill Kurtis, j'62, owns Kurtis Productions in Chicago. He recently received the Spirit of Erikson Institute Award from the Erikson Institute, a Chicago graduate school for child development.

1963

Ronald Heady, e'63, heads the chemical engineering department at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette.

Stanley Thurber, e'63, is a consultant with Thurber Petroleum Advisory in Spring, Texas.

1965

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

Gregs Thomopoulos, e'65, was elected this fall to a two-year term as president of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers. He serves on the board of KU Endowment and lives in Iowa City, Iowa, where he is chairman and CEO of Stanley Consultants.

1966

Gary Garrison, c'66, is an assistant director at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars in Washington, D.C. He lives in Kensington, Md.

1967

John Carter, f'67, c'73, received a distinguished service award from the American Board of Orthodontics. He practices dentistry in Overland Park and is a volunteer clinical associate professor at the KU Medical Center.

Edilberto de Jesus, '67, is president of the Asian Institute of Management in Manila, Philippines.

Judith Hansen Walton, d'67, heads the counseling department at Doherty High School in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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1968

Charles Alfonso, j'68, directs sales for LG in Langhorne, Pa.

Yvonne Doolan Ferguson, d'68, teaches at Ascension Episcopal School in Houston.

Frank Janzen, c'68, g'05, lives in Oman, where he teaches at Shinas College of Technology. In the past year he has traveled to Senegal, Vietnam and the United States.

1969

Dennis Alexander, f'69, g'70, composes music for Alfred Publishing Co. He lives in Albuquerque, N.M.

David Allen, c'69, a retired claims specialist with Safeco Insurance, makes his home in Golden Valley, Minn.

Suzanne Zaffle Cobb, b'69, directs guardianship and money management for the Senior Source in Dallas.

Paul Dinovitz, j'69, is vice president and executive director of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation in San Francisco. He lives in Belvedere, Calif.

David Keesling, '69, co-founder of Phil-

anthroCorp, recently published *Life in Real Time*, a book of 365 daily devotionals. He lives in Woodland Park, Colo.

Jerome Kootman, b'69, owns CRS, an accounting firm. He lives in Lincroft, N.J.

Susan Morton-Dimes, d'69, l'83, practices law in Southport, Conn.

David Pitts, c'69, l'72, recently retired as senior counsel of Wells Fargo Bank. He lives in Centennial, Colo.

Carol Sparnroft Wagon, d'69, directs development for WJCT Public Broadcasting in Jacksonville, Fla.

Tom Wilson, d'69, is president of Benjamin Performance Group in Orlando, Fla.

1970

Steven, p'70, and **Janice Frees Hildebrand**, '71, make their home in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Larry Leonard, d'70, l'74, recently was reappointed to a seven-year term as a regent for Tulsa Community College. He lives in Tulsa, Okla., where he practices law.

Loren Rabon, f'70, owns Pre-Struc-

ture Building Systems in Fair Haven, N.J.

1971

Victoria Yates Cox, c'71, d'74, does real estate consulting for Reece & Nichols in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Gene Kendall, e'71, g'72, is a network marketer for ACN. He lives in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

Leo Martinez, e'71, serves as acting chancellor and dean of law at the University of California, San Francisco. He lives in Oakland.

Melville Perry, b'71, l'75, is counsel for First American Title in Overland Park.

Dennis Wallace, d'71, works as a senior research statistician for RTI International in Research Triangle Park, N.C. He lives in Durham.

1972

Cathy Colip Blake, d'72, coordinates education for Burns & McDonnell in Kansas City.

Gretchen Hapke Sherk, d'72, g'78, g'94, EdD'04, directs secondary educa-

Update

Championship Charlie

National handball champ Charlie Malone, profiled in issue No. 5, reports that he and his partner won the 80-plus doubles title at the Water-



ford Crystal World Handball Championships in Portland, after both lost in the singles semifinals.

"We rebounded and defeated the two to whom we had lost in singles, so we are officially World Champions until at least 2012, when the next World Tournament will be held in Ireland," Malone, g'53, EdD'60, writes in an e-mail. "A Kansas Jayhawker strikes again!"

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tion for Olathe USD 233. She lives in Overland Park.

1973

John Ballard, b'73, owns Property Specialists in Leawood.

Maralyn Springer Cooper, s'73, s'74, coordinates social services and bereavement for Hospice Services in Philllipsburg. She lives in Stockton.

Stephen Evans, c'73, a'82, directs production for Treanor Architects in Lawrence.

William Francis, e'73, recently became president of the Algalita Marine Research Foundation. He lives in Seal Beach, Calif.

Janet Perkins Galloway, d'73, g'75, PhD'79, is senior vice president of human resources for CareCore National in Bluffton, S.C. Her home is in Savannah, Ga.

William Herpin Jr., e'73, serves on the City Council of Colorado Springs, where he's a senior configuration management analyst for Lockheed Martin.

Mary Mitchelson, c'73, is acting

inspector general for the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. She lives in Arlington, Va.

Paul Moxley, l'73, works for Parsons Kinghorn & Harris in Salt Lake City.

Eldon Schriock, c'73, practices medicine and is a partner at Pacific Fertility Centers in San Francisco. He lives in Mill Valley.

Denis Viscek, b'73, g'75, was elected CFO of Hospice by the Bay in Larkspur, Calif. He's also president of Northeast Medical Center Home Health in Bonham, Texas. His home is in Prairie Village.

Nancy Frankel Willis, d'73, directs volunteer services for Children's Hospital in New Orleans.

1974

Michael Aurbach, c'74, j'76, g'79, f'81, displayed a collection of his sculptures recently at the Wichita Art Museum. He is a professor of art at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

Charles, b'74, and **Sandra Carlson**

Jefferis, c'74, make their home in Jericho, Vt.

Glen Taylor, g'74, PhD'77, is a solutions architect at Interactive Northwest in Tualatin, Ore.

Kirk Taylor, c'74, does mental health counseling at the Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention Facility in Wichita.

1975

Lewis Gregory, c'75, is president and managing director of Midwest Philanthropic and Institutional Services in Overland Park.

Carla Gump Hanson, d'75, works as an anesthesia billing specialist for CompOne. She lives in Omaha, Neb.

Ann Bradford Yingling, d'75, is an advocate with the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program, which advocates for and supports seriously wounded soldiers returning from Iran and Afghanistan. She lives in Peachtree City, Ga.

1976

Steven Berman, s'76, directs adminis-



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tration for the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City. He and **Judy Jacks Berman**, c'76, live in Overland Park.

Douglas Campbell, j'76, is president and CEO of Syneca Research Group in Washington, D.C. He lives in Fairfax, Va.

Michael Dunn, c'76, g'78, manages human resources for Thermo Fisher Scientific in Lenexa. He lives in Lawrence.

James Ingraham, b'76, l'79, practices law in Lenexa.

Paul Sherbo, j'76, wrote *Unsinkable Sailors*, a book about the sinking of the USS Frank E. Evans. He lives in Lakewood, Colo.

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

1977

Jacob Bayer Jr., b'77, l'80, is a shareholder in Polsinelli Shughart in Kansas City.

John Berndt, s'77, manages resource and development for the Los Angeles

County Office of Education. He lives in Manhattan Beach.

Susan Shahan Borck, g'77, and her husband, George, own Wakefield Farms, an inn and working ranch in Chappell Hill, Texas.

Jeffery Goldman, c'77, is a senior executive with the U.S. Department of Defense at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

1978

Anne Burke, c'78, l'81, practices law with Manson & Karbank in Overland Park. She also chairs the Kansas Supreme Court Nominating Commission.

Teal Dakan, b'78, is a partner in the BKD Foundation in Kansas City.

Jill Sadowsky Docking, c'78, g'84, recently was elected chair of the Kansas Board of Regents. She lives in Wichita and is a financial advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors.

Stephen Lauer, c'78, is vice chair of pediatrics at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City.



THEN AGAIN

How times have changed! In 1983, students looked forward to finding letters from home in residence hall mailboxes. These days, e-mail offers instant communication, which can be a good or bad thing when seeking funds for Friday night pizza.

Bolivar Marquez, j'78, manages Marquez Worldwide Advertising in Panama.

1979

Ronald Altman, j'79, works as a strategic account lead for AT&T in Kansas City. He and **Julie Moses Altman**, d'80, g'04, live in Overland Park, where she's a learning disabilities teacher at Horizon Academy.

Kathryn Potter Crask, f'79, d'79, recently was named Orange County Outstanding Secondary Instrumental Music

Teacher. She lives in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Jolene Danaher Errante, g'79, owns JME Services in Lenexa.

Steve Heilman, a'79, works as an architect for ACI-Boland in Leawood. He and **Sally Carter Heilman**, p'81, live in Lawrence, where she's a pharmacist at Orchards Drug.

William Shea, b'79, lives in Wichita, where he's executive vice president of Ruffin Companies.

June Thornton-Marsh, s'79, s'83, is a social worker in Waterville, Maine.

MARRIED

Jan Megredy, h'79, to Vaughn Langley, June 20. They live in Wichita, where she is an occupational therapist with the Via Christi Health System.

1980

Gregory Ellis, e'80, g'83, is vice president of business development for Ipera Technology in Redwood City, Calif.

Cam Gallehugh, d'80, lives in Overland Park, where she's CEO of Protective Glass Solutions.

Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

Activist for disabled skiers leads Paralympic team

It wasn't until a ski buddy broke his back in an accident at Vail that Steve Raymond took any interest in disabled skiing, then an underdeveloped subset of Alpine sports. Even then Raymond's involvement was more or less limited to cheering on his friend, Bob Meserve, when Meserve competed against other disabled skiers.

About 10 years after his 1982 accident, Meserve confided to Raymond that the U.S. Disabled Ski team had lost its primary sponsor and faced the prospect of financial ruin. Raymond, now senior vice president of national accounts for Disney and ESPN Media Networks, responded by organizing a fundraiser with the Rocky Mountain chapter of CTAM, the Cable Television Association for Marketing.

Now in its 15th year, "SkiTAM" has raised \$5 million for the U.S. Adaptive Ski Team, and Raymond, j'82, in June was named *chef de mission* of the U.S. Team for the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, March 12-21 in Vancouver.

"I've been to the last two Paralympic Winter Games, in Torino, Italy, and Salt Lake City, and the opening ceremonies

are absolutely fantastic," Raymond says from his office in Denver. "This time I'll be leading the team around the stadium. It's going to be neat."

Raymond also serves on the board of directors for the National Sports Center for the Disabled, and previously represented the Adaptive Alpine and Nordic teams on the board of directors of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association. With his ESPN connections, he helped Mono Skier Cross debut as an exhibition event at the 2005 Winter X Games; since 2007 it has been an X Games medal event.

"The Paralympic movement is focused on awareness that these opportunities exist for people with physical challenges, and that they exist at a very elite level," Raymond says. "If somebody is injured or has a disability and wants to compete in, you name the sport, there's typically a Paralympic equivalent at an elite level."

"One thing that all of these kids who are excelling at these sports have in common is that they would have been winners at life no matter what, because of who they are and what drives them. They don't look at themselves as disabled; they totally look at themselves as elite athletes."

Meserve, president of the board of



■ Steve Raymond is heartened that his four daughters—including Jenna, a KU sophomore—support Alpine sports for disabled athletes: "They volunteer at races and adaptive camps; they ski with the athletes and follow their successes. They're very engaged."

directors for Disabled Sports USA, says it's a "totally different world" for disabled skiers since he started on clumsy mono skis, or sit skis, that offered none of skiing's grace, power and speed.

"If you didn't fall, you were going to win," Meserve says. "Now, you'd better be going fast. People see that these aren't disabled athletes; they are athletes with a disability, and Steve has been really huge in all of that. He's developed a real fondness for the athletes. He truly has helped push things along for us."

Class Notes

Susan Heuchert, p'80, works as a pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy in Dunedin, Fla.

Diane Giachetto Prentiss, d'80, teaches at Gadsen Elementary School in Savannah, Ga. She lives in Bloomingdale.

1981

Tamara Whitacre Payne, c'81, g'89, works as principal scientist for Applied Optimization in Dayton, Ohio.

George Pollock, c'81, j'82, lives in Newport News, Va., where he's senior

copy editor for the Newport News Daily Press.

Timothy Wagstaff, b'81, is vice president of sales for the Coleman Company in Wichita.

1982

Leo Gilmore, e'82, manages projects for Chevron in Houston.

Jacquie Hill, j'82, is a public-relations specialist for Assurant Employee Benefits in Kansas City.

James Kinderknecht, c'82, m'86, prac-

tices medicine with the Columbia Orthopaedic Group and is a clinical assistant professor of family and community medicine at the University of Missouri. He recently was named physician director for the Board of Certification, a national credentialing agency.

Daniel Myers, m'82, practices surgery with Allen County Surgical Associates in Iola.

Richard Rowe, b'82, owns Mid America Business Credit and is vice president and strategic partner at HSBC.

Profile

BY KATIE COFFMAN

Writer finds dream gig in the funny business

Two years after she graduated from KU, Molly McNearney made the move from Midwest to West Coast. A job in advertising sales had taken her from Chicago to Los Angeles, and for this St. Louis native, acclimation proved difficult.

"Santa was wearing board shorts. Girls were wearing fur boots in the summer," she says incredulously. "The whole culture confused me."

It wasn't until McNearney, j'00, landed a position as assistant to the executive producer of "Jimmy Kimmel Live" that she began to feel at home in L.A. Since she started at "JKL" in 2003, McNearney has used her perfectionist work ethic and sense of humor to climb the ranks to segment coordinator, writers' assistant, writer, and, after a promotion in 2007, co-head writer.

Her daily routine begins at 7:30 a.m. when she scans the news for the top headlines, then stares at her computer screen in hopes of conjuring creative angles on those stories. Celebrities and reality television, always good fodder for a comedy writer, make her job easier some days—McNearney jokes that she's embarrassed by her vast knowledge of useless information, which includes the

bizarre name of every celebrity's baby and all the reality show catch phrases.

At 11 a.m., McNearney and her colleagues gather around the writers' table to pitch their ideas to host Kimmel, who determines which bits to use in the evening's monologue. After hours of editing scripts, writing jokes and rehearsing shoots, McNearney watches the 7 p.m. taping (the show airs weeknights at 11:05 Central time on ABC) from Kimmel's office with fellow staff members. Seeing her hard work in action can be nerve-racking.

"He's out there trusting our material," McNearney says. "We get to hide in his office while he delivers this stuff in front of a live audience on national TV."

Finally, at 8 p.m. the entire process starts over again. "The nice thing about working on a daily show is that if you had an off day ... you have a blank slate for the next night," says McNearney, who has to deal with the flip side as well—writing something she's truly proud of, with mere minutes to enjoy her moment of comedic success. Either way, as soon as one show ends, it's time to start



■ One of McNearney's favorite "Jimmy Kimmel Live" moments was working on set with Tom Cruise. In the skit, Kimmel saves Cruise from a burning building. "I got to work with him and Jimmy on a shoot, and I was blown away by how nice and professional he was."

thinking about material for the next.

McNearney says the most difficult part of the job is producing creative, original material every single day. "Thankfully," she explains, "Jimmy has 10 other writers to rely on, so we can each have days where we don't say much." And the most rewarding part of the job, of course, is being around people who make her laugh.

Now in her sixth year with the show, McNearney feels she has found the perfect writer's niche. "I think I have a dream job. It's incredibly stressful at times, and we are all under a lot of daily pressure," she admits, "But to get paid to make fun of Paris Hilton is a dream come true."

He lives in Fox River Grove, Ill.

Mary Ellenbecker Scanlon, c'82, directs programs at Holy Trinity Children's Center in Lenexa.

1983

Michael Rider, b'83, works as a controller for Epiq Systems in Kansas City.

Davis Rooney, b'83, is CEO of Sunflower Electric Power in Hays.

Scott Seyfarth, b'83, is managing partner of SEYFCO in Hinsdale, Ill.

Anthony Somora, b'83, manages budgets for Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Michael Woods, c'83, m'87, is a surgeon and chief medical officer at Monadnock Community Hospital. He lives in Peterborough, N.H.

1984

Michael Beckloff, c'84, c'93, is CEO and president of Beckloff Associates in Overland Park.

1985

Jon Kallis, c'85, is a clinical supervisor at Mental Health Access Point in Cincinnati. He and his wife, Karen, live in Loveland, and their family includes three sons.

1986

Helen Spektor Basov, n'86, owns Uniforms & More in Kansas City.

Jill Winters Harrelson, h'86, directs admissions and medical records at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

Leo Redmond, b'86, is CEO of Presidio Pharmaceuticals in San Francisco. He lives in Burlingame.

1987

Ashley Benjamin, j'87, m'94, co-wrote *The Student Athlete's College Recruitment Guide*, published by Checkmark Books. He lives in Newbury, Calif.

Barry Brautman, b'87, is president of Sunway Hotel Group in Overland Park.

Danielle Morlock Fournier, c'87, lives in Austin, where she's executive assistant in the mechanical engineering department at the University of Texas.

Grant Shaffer, j'87, is a real estate agent

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1988

Lawrence Chaney, c'88, directs technology for USD 418 in McPherson.

Doug Eason, b'88, g'95, is director of consumer sales operations for Sprint Nextel. He and **Becky Alexander Eason**, c'88, g'91, PhD'03, live in Lawrence.

Tim Greenwell Jr., s'88, teaches world geography at Flower Mound High School in Flower Mound, Texas.

Lt. Col. **Janet Holliday**, j'88, g'00, is a garrison commander in the U.S. Army in Carlisle, Pa.

1989

Michael Bedell, b'89, g'91, is a professor of business and public administration at California State University in Bakersfield.

Laura Hedges Smith, c'89, g'92, is

assistant city administrator for the city of Mission.

1990

Susan Daze, g'90, teaches nursing at Kansas City, Kan., Community College. She lives in Kansas City.

Laura Graham, j'90, commutes from Lawrence to Topeka, where she is general counsel for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Eric Thompson, c'90, serves as an air combat tactics instructor with the Air National Guard in St. Joseph, Mo. He lives in Leavenworth.

Nancy Winchester, c'90, PhD'94, is a senior divisional consultant with Chevron in The Woodlands, Texas. She lives in Houston.

Robert Winterer, j'90, works for Edward Jones in St. Louis.

1991

Vincent Vecchiarelli, c'91, manages



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MARRIED

Trisa Leibig, j'91, to Curt Dyer, July 3 in Denison, Texas. They live in Pottsboro, and Trisa teaches English for the Collinsville Independent School District.

BORN TO:

Curtis Estes, j'91, and Kristi, son, Christian Curtis, Aug. 13 in Los Angeles, where he joins a sister, Vyvien, 3, and a brother, Jordan, 5. Curtis is a certified financial planner for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.

1992

Romona Ewing, c'92, is group director of career services for Kaplan Higher Education in Chicago.

Sean Kirkland, c'92, is executive vice president of DMC Network. He lives in Imperial Beach, Calif.

Sean Wilson, c'92, directs marketing for Sprint Nextel in Overland Park.

1993

Paul Brooks, m'93, lives in Lexington, Ky., where he's CEO of P&D Health.

Wayne Deines, n'93, is an associate professor of nursing at Johnson County Community College and a nurse at St. Luke's South Hospital in Overland Park.

John Mullies, b'93, h'97, works for Cerner as an HLA strategist at the Cairo Children's Cancer Hospital in Cairo, Egypt. His home is in Olathe.

Diane Krapf Grimsley, e'93, works as a project engineer for Horizon Engineering in St. Louis.

Mark Rowlands, j'93, lives in Kansas City, where he's deputy director of the Community Improvement District.

Scott Weisenberg, c'93, is executive vice president of Tiffany Decorating Co. in Chicago.

1994

Tony, b'94, and **Catherine Bubb Campbell**, b'94, make their home in Mandeville, La., with their daughters, Kristen, 6; Alexis, 9; and Fallon, 1.

Kurt Goeser, b'94, g'01, is an agent for



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State Farm Insurance and Financial Services. He and **Julee Hawk Goeser**, b'93, live in Lawrence.

Angela Hudgins, c'94, manages human resources for Wal-Mart in Topeka. She lives in Berryton.

1995

MARRIED

Rachel Davis, n'95, to Harold Sham-

blin III, June 6 in Topeka. They live in Stone Ridge, Va., and Rachel is a pediatric nurse at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital.

1996

Chad Etzig, c'96, is a district manager at Lowe's Companies. He lives in Olathe.

Gregory Hockenberger, b'96, works as planned giving director for the American Heart Association in Olathe.

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Martha Lewis, s’96, directs disability support services for Wichita State University.

Jeanne McCready Mitchell, f’96, owns Machine Made Design in Louisville, Colo.

Julia Singleton Shaftel, g’96, PhD’99, is a research associate at KU’s Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation. She and her husband, Timothy, live in Lawrence, where he’s a KU professor of business.

1997

Sara Knoff Lindlief, c’97, is a recruiter for Cargill in Wayzata, Minn. She lives in Excelsior.

Ashley Loomis, c’97, m’01, practices medicine at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Eric Steiner, ’97, is assistant program director for Stephens Medical Group. He lives in Bixby, Okla.

1998

Jack Bowling, b’98, is a partner in the corporate finance division of Stinson Morrison Hecker in Kansas City.

Jared Challacombe, c’98, lives in Chandler, Ariz., and is general manager of BurrellesLuce in Mesa.

Jodi Faustlin, f’98, directs community service clinics for St. Luke’s Hospital of Kansas City.

Samantha Bowman Mortlock, c’98, practices law in Los Angeles.

Patrick Rafferty, c’98, owns the Otium Group. He lives in Vernon Hills, Ill.

Jennifer Smith, j’98, is a radiologic technologist at Newton Medical Center. She lives in Wichita.

BORN TO:

Vance Lassey, c’98, c’99, m’04, and Erin, daughter, Rebekah, Feb. 24 in Holton, where she joins a brother, Luke, 2. Vance is a family physician

at Holton Community Hospital.

1999

Farrah Lorzano Anderson, c'99, practices with Anderson Family Dentistry in Olathe.

Mark Bell, e'99, directs digital solutions for Penton Media in Overland Park.

Joshua Mermis, c'99, practices law with Johnson Spalding Doyle West & Trent in Houston. He lives in Kingwood.

Lori Mah Slater, e'99, g'02, is a systems analyst in the accounting office at the University of Texas-Austin.

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

2000

Julie Phillips Karpinski, p'00, is an assistant professor of drug information at Concordia University's pharmacy school

in Mequon, Wis. She lives in Menomonee Falls.

Jonathan Ladniak, c'00, works as an accountant for Deloitte & Touche in Los Angeles. He lives in Pacific Palisades.

BORN TO:

James, c'00, and **Ann Stueve Lloyd**, p'03, daughter, Adrielle Grace, May 13 in Tulsa, where she joins a sister, Claire, 2. James practices law with Lloyd & Lloyd, and Ann

Profile

BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

Campus leadership paves way to graduate's career

Octavio Hinojosa vividly recalls his political awakening. He was 9. Ronald Reagan defeated Jimmy Carter in the presidential election. Hinojosa found a hero—and a solemn obligation in January for the next eight years. “I never missed a single State of the Union address from President Reagan,” he says proudly.

Years later, as a KU student, Hinojosa, c'96, became president of the Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO). He served in Student Senate and was chosen by David Ambler, then vice chancellor for student affairs, to attend a conference in Washington, D.C. The city and the notion of nurturing leaders made a lasting impression.

Ambler credits Hinojosa for helping strengthen HALO “so it would sustain itself long after he was gone. He was meant for a career in public service.”

In 2003, Hinojosa became executive director of the nonprofit, nonpartisan Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI), after five years working for the U.S. State Department, where he helped secure embassies abroad.

Hinojosa has created opportunities for students to work and learn in Washington as he did years ago. CHLI has

sponsored 50 students for summer internships in Congress, and a new semester-long program for Global Leadership Fellows begins in January. The need for CHLI became apparent to him after the U.S. Census confirmed that the Hispanic population was the second-largest demographic group. “I wanted to create an organization that fostered leadership among Hispanics in everyday life,” he says. “I thought it was important to reflect the diversity of the Hispanic people.”

Hinojosa, the son of Mexican immigrants, grew up in Hutchinson and says Mount Oread’s “rich international environment” prepared him well for the State Department—and a national security graduate fellowship at Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

He remembers the horror of watching live footage of the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in East Africa. Following 9/11, he helped safeguard other embassies. “When you carry a U.S. government passport, it conjures a sense of responsibility,” he says. “I was part of a team to create a database of terrorists. Osama bin Laden was on the list.”

As Hinojosa traveled in Europe, Africa, and Central and South America, reminders of home offered solace from stress. “When I was in Uganda, I connected with Emmanuel Nyirinkindi



STEVE PUPPE

■ Hinojosa recently returned to KU to promote the Global Leadership Fellows Program, open to all students and sponsored by the Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute.

[g'94], a friend from McCollum Hall, and we had dinner at his home. I just received a wedding invitation from another KU graduate in Cyprus. It's so amazing to know there are people from KU on the other side of the world.”

Although he enjoyed his role in government, Hinojosa says directing a nonprofit group helps him live out a philosophy he absorbed at KU: “The culture of service is important.”

Class Notes

is an assistant professor of pharmacy at the University of Oklahoma.

2001

Callie Shultz Castro, b'01, g'03, is a member relations strategist and conference manager for the American Academy of Family Physicians in Leawood. She lives in Shawnee.

Brian Crawley, c'01, commutes from Olathe to Lenexa, where he's a district manager for ADP TotalSource.

Michael Dalgety, '01, is assistant director of athletics at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif.

Katie Slaughter Schillare, j'01, manages event sales for the Cordish Company in Kansas City.

Gina Leo Stingley, j'01, is brand manager for Populous in Kansas City.

BORN TO:

Eric, c'01, m'05, and **Kari Sperber Rush**, n'03, son, Noah James, July 11 in

Omaha. Eric practices medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Elizabeth Mitchell Schmitz, p'01, and **Michael**, b'02, g'04, daughter, Abigail Jeanne, June 20 in Shawnee.

2002

Kathryn Bailey Reddy, c'02, works as a counselor at Visitation Academy in St. Louis, where her husband, **Brian**, a'04, is an architect with Suttle-Mindlin Architects. They live in

Profile

BY JOE MILLER

Rail champion savors win in high-speed crusade

When the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed this year, a little \$8 billion line item attracted scant attention in the press. But for Ron Adams it marked a victory more than 10 years in the making, one he hopes will shape the future of interstate travel in the Midwest.

The money will build high-speed intercity train lines nationwide, an initiative Adams, e'70, g'76, has long pushed as chief of the Railroads and Harbors Section of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Specifically, he wants to create a 3,000-mile system fanning out of Chicago to points as far west as Omaha and Kansas City and east to Cleveland and Cincinnati, with trains speeding as fast as 110 miles per hour.

That system alone would cost nearly \$10 billion. Adams doesn't know how much of the \$8 billion his plan will win, but he's optimistic: Priority is given to projects far along in the planning stage, and he and his colleagues started the process 15 years ago. Obama's promise to spend up to \$1 billion per year on high-speed rail for five years and a House bill that would add another \$5 billion annually are also cause for hope.

It's an investment the United States

can't afford not to make, Adams says. America lags countries such as Japan, England, Spain and India, which have significantly improved their rail systems.

"People who travel overseas ride a great rail system and they come back and start to wonder why we don't have the same," Adams says.

Since he took the Wisconsin job in 1984, train ridership in the state rose from 200,000 to more than 700,000 yearly. "And we're still growing," he says. "It's become more important, certainly in urban areas, where people are commuting farther as metro areas expand, and they want more options."

Adams' campaign for high-speed rail accelerated in 1996, when he helped found the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative, a partnership of transportation leaders from nine states and the Federal Railroad Administration.

They formed a plan to use existing railroad lines and looked to Washington, D.C., for funding. They found a few champions on Capitol Hill, but invariably the initiative died year after year on the floor—until this year.

It's not the first time an act of Congress shaped Adams' career. Just as he graduated, President Ford signed the Railroad Revitalization Act of 1976. Train companies were going bankrupt, and the act helped communities preserve rail service. Adams got a job with the Kansas



COURTESY RON ADAMS

■ "It's wonderful," Adams says of new federal funding for high-speed rail. After a decade trying, Adams is optimistic the 3,000-mile system he envisions will become a reality.

Department of Transportation doing just that, and began his career with trains.

"I happened to be in the right place at the right time," he says.

Now, after years in the business, he's happy to see the once dying industry become a hot ticket at last.

—Miller, a Kansas City freelance writer, studies in KU's graduate writing program.

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MARRIED

Amy Myers, c'02, h'03, to Tyler Burger, Aug. 15 in Kansas City, where Amy works as a quality-assurance manager for Aptuit. They make their home in Lee's Summit, Mo.

2003

Mark Kohls, d'03, g'08, works as a physical therapist at the Athletic and Rehabilitation Center in Topeka.

Natalia Reynolds, a'03, designs Old Navy stores for The Gap Inc. in San Francisco.

2004

Stylianos Chatzimanolis, PhD'04, is an assistant professor of biological and environmental sciences at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Bradley English, d'04, works as a credit analyst for Textron Financial in Wichita.

Erick Garzon, g'04, is regional business manager for Firestone Building Products. He lives in Doral, Fla.

Julie May, c'04, lives in Fort Worth, where she's assistant director of athletics marketing for Texas Christian University.

Christopher Mellem, b'04, c'04, is a controller at BuildASign.com. He lives in Austin, Texas.

Terra Boatright Pauly, c'04, works as a dentist with Cambridge Family Dentistry in Wichita. She lives in Viola.

Peter Riggs, l'04, practices law with the U.S. Commodity Futures Commission. He lives in Shawnee.

Robin Valetutto, c'04, manages stations WBOB, WAYL and WCRJ for Chesapeake Portsmouth Broadcasting and River Educational Media in Jacksonville, Fla.

MARRIED:

Ann Erickson, j'04, to Leonardo Bermudez, April 25 in Leavenworth. They live in San Antonio, where Ann is a public affairs specialist with the U.S. Army Medical Command.

Amy Herbert, c'04, and **Christopher Nixon**, b'04, July 25 in Overland Park, where they live. Amy teaches at St.

Michael the Archangel Catholic School in Leawood, and Christopher manages district sales for ADP Small Business Services.

BORN TO:

Megan Randall Hall, d'04, g'08, and Brian, daughter, Emery Elizabeth, Feb. 27 in Mansfield, Texas. Their home is in Topeka.

2005

Nathaniel "Beau" Hancock, c'05, f'05, was awarded the Cleveland Art Prize to study with the Limon Dance Company in New York City. He lives in La Grange, Texas, and is a fellow at Temple University, where he's studying for a master's of fine arts in dance.

Jackie Hays, c'05, is an early childhood special education teacher at the South Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative in Pratt. Her home is in Wichita.

Chad Keller, g'05, commutes from Shawnee to Leavenworth, where he's head athletics trainer at the University of Saint Mary.

Justin Mackey, c'05, g'08, is assistant director of academic and career counseling for the KU Athletics Corp. He lives in Lawrence.

Cassandra Sandidge, c'05, works as a paralegal at Cohen McNeile & Pappas in Leawood.

Michelle Ferguson Speer, s'05, g'07, serves as assistant department head for patient administration with the U.S. Navy in Bremerton, Wash. She lives in Silverdale.

Katey Staeben, c'05, g'09, is an educational audiologist for Laramie County School District #1. She and her husband, **William Matthew**, c'04, g'08, live in Fort Collins, Colo.

Meggan Semrau True, c'05, works as a product support subject matter expert for Garmin International in Olathe.

2006

Ashley Bechard, j'06, manages special events for Bloomingdale's in New York City.

Carey Woltkamp Bickford, c'06, is a technical marketing writer for Perceptive



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Software. She and her husband, **Austin**, c'02, live in Leawood.

Jacqueline Frye, j'06, directs events for the Denver Athletic Club in Denver.

Jeremy Johnson, g'06, is assistant director of strategic partnerships at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill.

Lindsey Kinkelaar, d'06, works as a senior applications specialist for Ticketmaster in Irvine, Calif.

Mario Roitman, l'06, practices law with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Miami.

MARRIED

Emily Huffhines, j'06, and **Mark Webster**, c'06, Aug. 1 in Overland Park. Emily is a senior account executive for Nicholson Kovac in Kansas City, and Mark practices law.

Sean Merrion, c'06, and **Samantha Hersh**, b'07, June 6 in Olathe, where they live. Sean studies for an MBA at Avila College, and Samantha is a tech-

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nical recruiter for AT-Tech Staffing in Leawood.

Joshua Steward, c'06, and **Karen Bentley**, j'07, Aug. 22 in Lawrence. They live in Arlington, Va. Karen works as a research analyst for the Polling Company in Washington, D.C., and Joshua studies law at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg.

Lisa Tevis, j'06, and **Thomas Fulbright**, d'07, g'09, July 25 in Topeka, where they live. Lisa manages business development for Capitol Federal Savings, and Tom teaches social studies at Hope Street Academy.

2007

Courtney Cobb, c'07, works as an admissions counselor at KU. She commutes from Kansas City.

Lisa Coulter, b'07, g'07, is an audit senior assistant at Deloitte & Touche. She lives in Overland Park.

Skylar Hurst, c'07, j'07, teaches in the

Austin Independent School District in Texas.

Matthew Pauly, g'07, is an architectural designer for Samoo Architecture in New York City.

Lindsey Rood, c'07, coordinates events for EPIC Entertainment in Kansas City. She lives in Overland Park.

Richard Young, b'07, lives in Kansas City, where he's an account executive with Garry & Associates Insurance.

Jaime Zazove, c'07, works as a license and title administrator for Howard Auto Group in Arlington Heights, Ill.

Nina Zuna, PhD'07, is an assistant professor of special education at the University of Texas at Austin.

MARRIED

Amanda Miller, g'07, to Adam Rombough, June 13 in Baldwin City. They live in Lawrence, where Amanda is an account manager for United Business Media.

BORN TO:

Jason Bryles, c'07, and Erika, son, Jason Brendan, May 15 in Kansas City.

2008

Whitney Bachamp, j'08, is an office claims representative for Farmers Insurance Group. She lives in Holton.

Joseph Erba, g'08, recently was named a Roy H. Park Fellow at the University of North Carolina journalism school, where he studies for a doctorate. He lives in Chapel Hill.

Tanner Forster, d'08, directs the clinical trials laboratory at the KU Cancer Center in Westwood.

Christy Nichols, c'08, works as a case manager for the Mental Health Center of East Central Kansas. She lives in Emporia.

MARRIED

Brittani Boyd, c'08, f'09, and **Kody Willnauer**, f'09, May 29 in Bates City, Mo. She teaches elementary music in Fort Leavenworth, and he's a private studio music teacher in Olathe, where they make their home.

Brittany Claassen, b'08, g'09, and **Jacob Sacks**, d'08, Aug. 1 in Lawrence, where they live. Brittany is a senior tax accountant with Marks Nelson, and Jacob manages Internet sales for Crown Automotive and is an assistant basketball coach at Haskell Indian Nations University.

Ifeoluwa Omoniyi, c'08, b'08, and **Shanxi Upsdell**, c'08, j'08, Aug. 8 in Lenexa. They live in Lawrence.

2009

Allen Doyel, g'09, l'09, is an associate in the Washington, D.C., law firm Wenderoth, Lind & Ponack. He lives in Arlington, Va.

MARRIED

Andrea Chao, c'09, and **Eric Allen**, '10, June 6 in KU's Danforth Chapel. They live in Lawrence, where Andrea is an assistant teacher at Raintree Montessori School, and Eric works at Backyard Burgers.

Melissa Colgan, m'09, to Stephen

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Kalb, June 27 in Baldwin City. They live in Salina. Melissa is a family medicine resident at Smokey Hill Family Medicine, and Stephen works for Kalb Farms in Wellsville.

Jordan Ferguson, b'09, and **Carl Lisher**, '10, June 27 in Lawrence, where they live.

Shelby Walters, g'09, to Matthew Peterie, June 6 in Lawrence, where Shelby is a geophysical research assistant for KU's Geological Survey. Their home is in Eudora.

Associates

William J. Crowe, assoc., works part-time on phased retirement as special assistant to the dean for the University of Kansas Libraries.

Monsignor **Vince Krische**, assoc., retired this summer as parish priest at St. Ann Catholic Church in Prairie Village. He now works part time at the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center in Lawrence and is a consultant for Petrus Development, a company that advises Catholic centers on college campuses.

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h	School of Allied Health
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l	School of Law
m	School of Medicine
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1930s

Paul Ahlstedt, b'35, 96, March 5 in Carmichael, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Betty, two daughters, two sons and eight grandchildren.

Sol Bobrov, c'32, 98, Feb. 15 in Skokie, Ill., where he was a retired professional musician. A daughter, a brother and two grandchildren survive.

Charles Bonebrake, '38, 93, Aug. 14 in Vista, Calif., where he was a retired math teacher and coach. He is survived by two daughters; a brother, Robert, j'47; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Francis Buckmaster, c'33, m'35, 97, Jan. 19 in Mesa, Ariz., where he was a retired physician. He is survived by his wife, Jonnie; two daughters, one of whom is Michaila Buckmaster Prelogar, b'68; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Avys Taylor Hagman, '32, 97, July 20 in Fort Scott. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by two sons, William Jr., c'57, and John, j'72; a daughter, Sharon Hagman Redmond, d'60; five grandchildren; a stepgranddaughter; two great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Donald Haight, e'39, 96, July 25 in Sacramento, Calif., where he was an electrical engineer. A brother survives.

Conyers Herring, c'33, 94, July 23 in Palo Alto, Calif. He worked for Bell Laboratories and later was a professor of applied physics at Stanford University and a consultant for the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Louise, a daughter and three sons.

John Johnson, c'36, g'38, 95, July 28 in Green Valley, Ariz., where he was a retired research chemist at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington,

D.C. He is survived by a son, a daughter, five grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

Charlotte Depher Lasley, c'37, 92, July 20 in Mission Hills. She is survived by two sons, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mildred Stapleton Marteney, c'33, 97, July 27 in Englewood, where she was a retired faculty member at Colorado Women's College. A son, four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren survive.

Paul Milligan, c'36, m'39, 97, Dec. 10 in Las Vegas, where he was a retired orthopedic surgeon. He is survived by his wife, Carol, three daughters, 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Marjorie Hawley Nunn, p'37, 92, Aug. 6 in Green Valley, Ariz., where she was a retired pharmacist. She is survived by her husband, Douglas; a daughter; a son; a brother, Kenneth Hawley, e'37; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

1940s

William Binter, j'49, 85, Aug. 23 in Wichita, where he was a real-estate developer. He is survived by two sons, David, '74, and Paul, c'83; three daughters, one of whom is Maria Binter Lutes, '90; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Bortz, n'42, 90, Aug. 13 in Overland Park, where she was a retired nurse. A sister, Nelda Bortz White, c'38, h'39, survives.

Wilma Brooks, d'40, g'49, 95, Aug. 15 in Emporia, where she was a retired librarian. A nephew and two nieces survive.

Donald Fleming, c'44, 88, Aug. 19 in Shawnee. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, three daughters, three sons and 13 grandchildren.

Joseph Haith, b'46, 85, Aug. 3 in

Kansas City, where he was a CPA and a small-business specialist. He is survived by his wife, Hortense; two sons, one of whom is Myron; a daughter; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Charles Hopper, m'47, 92, July 16 in Emporia, where he practiced medicine. He is survived by his wife, Wilma; three daughters, one of whom is Nancy Hopper LeClear, n'77; two sons; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

Marjorie McFadden Huvendick, d'49, 90, July 16 in Lansing, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by her husband, George, e'49; and a daughter.

Clyde Jacobs, c'46, 84, June 23 in Davis, where he was a retired professor of political science at the University of California.

Patricia Carlos Koehler, '48, 84, July 20 in Lawrence, where she was a retired post-office clerk. She is survived by three daughters, two of whom are Mary Koehler Stuart, '70, and Wendy Koehler Koerner, '89; two sons, one of whom is David, '76; two brothers, John, '83, and Don, c'47; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Jack Labow, c'48, 83, Aug. 27 in Barnegat Light, N.J., where he was retired from IBM. A sister and a brother survive.

Eleanor Churchill Martin, c'48, 82, Sept. 2 in Wichita. She is survived by her husband, Marvin, c'49, l'50; three daughters, one of whom is Linda Martin McGinness, '72; two sons, one of whom is James, '75; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Maurine Mong McCray, c'40, s'69, 91, June 1 in Springfield, Mo. She is survived by her husband, Glen, c'47, m'50; two daughters; a son; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Robert Miller, c'40, l'43, 90, Sept. 9 in Topeka, where he was retired chief justice of the Kansas Supreme Court. He is survived by his wife, Audene Fausett

Miller, d'42; three sons, Stephen, c'68, p'70, Thomas, b'69, and David, '76; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Alexander Palaskas, c'49, m'53, 88, Aug. 19 in Eden Prairie, Minn. He had been staff physician at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Leavenworth before retiring. Surviving are a daughter, Joanne, c'75, g'77; a son, Chris, c'78, m'82; and two grandsons.

Heil Pettit, a'41, 91, Aug. 24 in Wichita, where he was a partner in Pettit & Bullinger Architects. He is survived by a son, Thomas, d'70, g'74; a daughter, Gayle Pettit Devine, d'73; a sister; six grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

Catharine "Kay" Brown Ruggles, c'46, 86, July 19 in Bartlesville, Okla. She is survived by her husband, Bill, e'45, g'48; five sons; a daughter; two sisters, Marjorie Brown Vinueza, f'57, and Dora Brown, f'48; 19 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Vincent Savukinas, c'49, 82, Nov. 14 in North Andover, Mass. He had been chief of orthopedic surgery at Holy Family and Lawrence General hospitals and helped found two clinics in Andover. He is survived by his wife, Mary, two sons, two daughters, two brothers and seven grandchildren.

Lee Grant Selden Jr., e'49, 84, Aug. 18 in Prairie Village. He was a retired senior engineer with Armco Steel. Surviving are his wife, Vivian, a son, a daughter, two stepsons, three grandchildren and five stepgrandchildren.

Verda Miller Shields, n'43, 89, Aug. 12 in Lawrence. She lived in El Dorado for many years. She is survived by her husband, James Jr., m'43; two daughters, Nancy Shields Nowlin, c'70, m'74, and Suzanne, d'76; three sons, two of whom are Thomas, m'74, and Joseph, c'85; and eight grandchildren.

Jane Thompson Spines, '40, 91, Sept. 1 in Wichita. She is survived by two sons, Charles, g'70, and Jack, b'73; two daughters; two brothers, Dwight Thompson Jr., '50, and Willard, b'51, l'58; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Jack Stewart, c'49, l'52, 82, July 12 in Wichita, where he was a retired attorney

and oil operator. A brother, James, e'53, survives.

Elaine Falconer Wilson, c'46, 85, Aug. 23 in Lenexa, where she was former co-operator of Falconer's Furniture Store. She is survived by a daughter, Jane Wilson Gottschalk, f'79, g'82; a sister, Norma Falconer Keck, c'41; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

1950s

Raymond Adams Jr., '53, 78, Sept. 3 in Maple Hill, where he was senior partner in Adams Cattle Co. He is survived by four sons, one of whom is John, '82; two daughters, one of whom is Marie Adams Dolembro, g'82, g'05; a brother; a sister, Ann Adams Russell, f'66; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Richard Ankerholz, c'50, l'54, 80, July 9 in Lyons, where he practiced law and was a former FBI agent. He is survived by his wife, Marian; a son, Rian, c'79, l'82; two daughters, Teal Ankerholz Yoxall, b'82, and Amber Ankerholz Brownrigg, j'86; and six grandchildren.

Donald Bartlett, e'58, 72, July 21 in New Castle West, Ireland, where he lived part of the year. He also had a home in Boynton Beach, Fla. Surviving are his wife, Joan, a son, a daughter, a stepson, three stepdaughters, a sister, five grandchildren and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

James Bennett, c'51, 82, July 23 in Austin, Texas, where he was a retired teacher and counselor. He is survived by his wife, Diane; a son; three daughters; a brother, Gerald, e'57; a grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

William Bonwell, l'52, 81, Sept. 1 in Wichita, where he practiced law for more than 50 years. Survivors include his wife, Gloria; two sons; two daughters, one of whom is Lisa, '84; a brother; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Adrian Brubaker, '57, 75, Aug. 25 in Las Vegas, where he worked for the Clark County Business License Department. He is survived by his wife, Amanda; a son; a daughter; a brother, Alvin, e'48; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

James Connell, c'50, 80, July 13 in San Francisco, where he was a commander in

the U.S. Navy Reserve and a partner in Global Merchandising Corp. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Elvig Connell, '51; two daughters; a son; a sister; and two grandchildren.

Robert Flinner, c'51, m'56, Aug. 5 in Salt Lake City, where he was former clinical professor of pathology at the University of Utah School of Medicine. He is survived by four sons, a daughter, a sister, 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

George Gear, e'51, 81, July 21 in Littleton, Colo., where he was founder of Gear Drilling Co. Among survivors are two daughters and a sister, Marianne Gear Zoller, c'51.

Richard Gray, g'55, 86, July 17 in North Windham, Conn. He supervised the music therapy department at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Topeka, headed the music therapy program at Ohio University and later founded the music therapy program at Duquesne University in Pennsylvania. Survivors include his wife, Corinne Locke Gray, c'51; two sons; two daughters; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Kendall Hay, d'55, g'61, 75, Aug. 24 in Winfield. He lived in Wellington, where he was curriculum director and principal of Washington Elementary and later assistant superintendent of USD 353. He is survived by his wife, Vivian; two sons; two brothers, one of whom is Keith, c'50; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Nola Jean Hosey Hutton, d'50, 80, Sept. 24 in Kansas City, where she was a retired teacher, counselor and piano teacher. She is survived by a daughter; two sons; William, c'75, l'79, and Thomas, j'83; and five grandchildren.

Helen Lindbeck Laws, '52, 78, April 17 in Marysville. She is survived by a daughter, Nancy Laws Zidek, c'89, m'93; and two sons, Richard, c'81, and Scott, '94.

Edward Marquis, b'50, 84, Sept. 1 in Tucson, Ariz. He owned and operated M&M Meat Packing and Iola Meat Processors in Iola. Survivors include his wife, Suzy Hoyt Marquis, c'53; two sons, John, j'78, and Hoyt, j'84; two daughters, Linda Marquis Maness, j'78, and Jennifer

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Marquis Armstrong, '81; and seven grandchildren.

Donald Miller, p'56, 80, June 4 in Guymon, Okla., where he worked at Guymon Drug and later owned Clinic Pharmacy. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Howard Miller, '54; two daughters; a son; a sister, Marian Miller Larson, c'54; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Emlin "Pete" North Jr., j'51, 81, July 29 in Topeka, where he was retired director of development at the Menninger Foundation. He is survived by his wife, Jean Tallant North, d'52; a daughter, Anne North Kidder, b'79; a son, Robert, j'82; and four grandchildren.

Cecil Reed, f'52, 83, July 27 in Prairie Village. He is survived by his wife, Joan Barnhizer Reed, assoc.; a son, Mark, '82; a daughter; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Regenold, e'50, 89, Sept. 8 in Osage City, where he was retired from a career as an electrical engineer in Baltimore. Surviving are a stepdaughter, a sister and a stepgrandson.

Donna Schmaus Talkington, '53, 77, July 25 in Iola. She is survived by her husband, Bob, d'51, l'54; three daughters, Jill Talkington McCaskill, d'75, Jacki Talkington Chase, n'78, and Lisa Talkington Dreasher, n'88; two sons, one of whom is Tom, e'84; and 11 grandchildren.

Judd Thierolf, '59, 70, Jan. 7 in Beloit, where he had been president of Thierolf Grain. He is survived by his wife, Judith Lesch Thierolf, '61; a son, Grant, d'83; two daughters; his mother, Ila, assoc.; a sister; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Emily Missildine VanAntwerp, '54, 76, June 12 in Fort Worth, Texas. She is survived by her husband, James, c'52, m'55; two sons, one of whom is Jeffery, '86; a daughter; a sister; and six grandchildren.

Amelia Wahl, c'52, 92, May 23 in Lawrence, where she was a retired regional representative for the U.S. Department of Health and Education. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by two brothers, Richard,

b'49, l'51, and Arthur, e'42.

Reford Wedel, l'55, 85, July 28 in Springfield, Va., where he was a retired deputy general counsel with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, three sons, a sister and five grandchildren.

Harley Yoder, b'55, 82, Aug. 28 in Rossville. He lived in Lawrence, where he was secretary/treasurer of Lawrence Paper and a controller for Reuter Organ. He is survived by his wife, Cleo; two sons, Stephen, '71, and Stanley, '71; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

1960s

Vernon Dietz, d'64, 68, Aug. 15 in Lakin, where he was retired superintendent of schools. He is survived by his wife, Verda Schoonover Dietz, assoc.; two daughters, one of whom is Rebecca, '99; a son, Roger, c'01, g'05, m'09; a brother; two sisters; and two grandsons.

Gerald Hertach, b'68, l'72, 63, July 20 in Kansas City, where he was a retired attorney. He is survived by his wife, Mary Endres Hertach, '69; two daughters, one of whom is Jennifer Hertach Lemus, d'92; a son, Justin, '00; a brother; and eight grandchildren.

Jane Dicker Jones, n'63, 69, June 26 in Brentwood, Calif., where she was a real-estate agent. She is survived by her husband, Michael, c'64; a son; and two grandsons.

Aleta Jo Petrik Ott, g'66, PhD'69, 67, Aug. 13 in Topeka. She wrote a reference book for colleges and universities, *The Pteridophytes of Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota*, which was published in 1979. Surviving are her husband, Franklyn, PhD'71; her father and stepmother; and two cousins.

Roger Plowman, a'68, 68, Sept. 5 in Fishers, Ind., where he owned Architecture. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Linda, assoc.; two sons, one of whom is Jon, c'94; two brothers, one of whom is William, a'54; and three grandchildren.

Kenneth Sahre, e'64, 73, July 12 in Victor, N.Y. He lived in Vestal and had

been an aerospace engineer at Singer Link Flight Simulation. Survivors include his wife, Elaine Schoop Sahre, f'58; a daughter, Sharon Sahre Roeder, d'86; two sons; a brother; and four grandsons.

Lothar, '64, 77, and **Sherry Allen Schweder, c'65**, 65, Aug. 14 in Lexington, Ga. Lothar had worked for the Hutchinson Correctional Facility and had been a professor at the University of Georgia, where Sherry worked in the library's collection development department. Among survivors are two sons, one of whom is York, c'94, and four grandchildren.

1970s

Robert Euson, c'75, 56, July 23 in Lenexa, where he was a sales representative for Spectragraphics. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; a daughter; and four brothers, two of whom are Richard, c'70, and Gregory, b'74.

Gary "Tom" French, j'73, 59, Aug. 7 in Kansas City. He owned Tortilla Flats Mexican Restaurant in Gladstone, Mo. His mother and a brother, Terry, j'70, survive.

Mary Lou Sater Garton, d'72, g'82, 77, July 26 in Olathe. She helped establish a program for the hearing impaired at Johnson County Community College, and she was total communication coordinator at the Kansas School for the Deaf. Surviving are her husband, Billy; a daughter, Jeanne Garton Ewald, '77; a son; and three grandchildren.

John Horner, b'72, 59, Aug. 18 in Overland Park. Survivors include his mother, Beryl, and a brother, Michael, e'70, b'70.

Susan Pavicic Masterson, c'79, 52, Sept. 2 in Indianapolis. She is survived by her husband, John, '81; three daughters; and two brothers, one of whom is Kevin Pavicic, b'80.

Kevin Nunnink, c'74, g'75, 57, Aug. 25 in Mission Hills, where he was chairman of Integra Realty Resources. He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann; a son; a daughter, Morgan, '08; and a sister.

Jean Pollon Parmet, s'79, 83, Aug. 22 in Overland Park, where she was a pioneer in developing case management for geriatrics. Surviving are two sons, one of whom is A.J., m'76; a daughter; and five grandchildren.

Joy Weatherwax Jerrick Pattin, d'72, 59, July 17 in Lawrence, where she was a retired teacher and coach. She is survived by her husband, Marty; two daughters, one of whom is Jill Jerrick, '03; two sons, one of whom is Jon, '95; her mother, June Griesa Weatherwax, '43; two brothers, David Weatherwax, '71, and Scott Weatherwax, '80; and six grandchildren.

William "Winn" Russell Jr., h'70, 64, Sept. 6 in Hays, where he headed the physical therapy department at St. Anthony's Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Janet Linkous Russell, s'90; two sons; two stepsons; a stepdaughter; a sister; and a granddaughter.

Joyce Steiner, c'75, 56, Sept. 10 in Topeka. She lived in Lawrence, where she coordinated youth services for the Lawrence Public Library. She is survived by her husband, Estell Johnson, a daughter, her parents, four sisters, two brothers and two granddaughters.

Josephine McKittrick Trowbridge, g'73, 84, Aug. 23 in Hays. She lived in Russell, where she was a retired teacher. Surviving are a son; two daughters, Rebecca Trowbridge Blocher, d'71, g'96, and Caroline, j'79; a brother; a sister; and two granddaughters.

James Wolf, e'76, g'78, 55, Feb. 21 in Glendale, Ariz. He worked for Goodyear Aerospace, Loral, Lockheed Martin. Surviving are his wife, Beverly; a son; his mother, Marilyn Reece Wolf, n'58; his father; five sisters, two of whom are Linda, d'88, and Nancy Wolf Falkner, h'90; and two brothers, one of whom is Robert, d'96.

1980s

Ann Nicholas Ashley, g'83, 50, July 31 in Topeka, where she taught yoga, dance and exercise classes. She is survived by her husband, Tom, m'84; four sons, one of whom is Clayton, student; two daughters; a sister; and four brothers.

Barry "Bongo" Bernstein, d'85, 55, Aug. 26 in Overland Park. He was a music therapy consultant for the Blue Valley School District and is survived by his wife, Laura; two daughters, one of whom is Leah, student; his mother; and two sisters, one of whom is Susan Bern-

stein Kivett, '92.

Julie Danzo Clapp, h'80, h'82, 49, Aug. 16 in Austin, Texas, where she had been technical director for Texas Cardiovascular. She is survived by her husband, Ronald, a son, her mother, a sister, a brother and a grandchild.

Gary Guinn, e'88, 57, Feb. 18 in Aiken, S.C. He worked for Savannah River Nuclear Solutions and had been a consultant for KeySource. He is survived by his wife, Linda Jenseon Guinn, c'88, l'90; a daughter; a son; his father; a sister; and a brother.

Thomas Murphy III, c'88, 45, Aug. 14. He lived in Kansas City, where he was vice president of corporate brand marketing for Sprint Nextel. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer, three sons and a brother.

David Norburg, c'80, l'91, 51, Aug. 6 in Lenexa. He had been a partner in the Kansas City law firms of Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy and Kutak Rock. Survivors include his wife, Ellen Kriegshauser Norburg, b'81; a son, Matthew, c'09; two daughters, one of whom is Casey, student; his parents, Royce, b'49 and Theodora; a sister; and a brother.

2000s

Patrick Benedict, '10, 21, July 29. He lived in Lawrence, where he studied business at KU. He is survived by his parents; a brother, Christian, g'07; and two sisters, one of whom is Lindsay, '07.

Ashley Mirsepasi, '10, 22, Sept. 9 in Olathe, where she lived. She had recently been accepted into KU's School of Journalism. Her parents are among survivors.

Kara Morgan, '10, 26, Sept. 12. She lived in Lawrence, where she studied at KU and worked as a waitress at Alvamar Country Club. Survivors include her parents, a sister and her grandmothers.

The University Community

Marjorie Lane Baerg Boon, '86, 84, Sept. 6 in Lawrence, where she had taught German and been director of graduate studies at KU. She is survived by her husband, Jean-Pierre, assoc.

Jack Brehm, 81, Aug. 9 in Lawrence,

where he was a professor emeritus of psychology at KU. A brother survives.

Henry Fitch, 99, Sept. 8 in Stillwater, Okla. He lived in Lawrence, where he was an emeritus professor of herpetology and retired steward of KU's Natural History Reservation. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by two sons, John, c'66, and Chester, '76; a daughter, Alice Fitch Echelle, c'70; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

John O'Brien, 66, Aug. 15 in Jamestown, N.C. He was on the KU faculty for 30 years before joining the University of North Carolina at Greensboro as a professor of biology in 2001. He is survived by his wife, Marion Meier O'Brien, g'80, PhD'83; a son, Connor, '97; two daughters, Lia, c'01, and Shay, s'04; and a grandson.

James Roberts, e'66, 65, Sept. 5 in Lawrence, where he chaired the electrical engineering department at KU and also served as associate vice chancellor for research and public service and vice provost for research. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Carol Helton Roberts, '96; a son, Mike, c'91, l'94; a daughter, Sally Roberts Gorzelanski, j'92, c'93; a sister, Nancy Roberts Castellucci, '70; and four grandchildren.

Robert Wiley, 75, Sept. 9 in Iowa City, Iowa. He had been a professor of pharmacy at KU for 22 years and for 16 years at the University of Iowa, where he also served as dean of pharmacy. He is survived by his wife, Jo; a daughter, Elizabeth Wiley Ferris, '80; two sons, James, c'81, and David, c'85; two brothers; and a granddaughter.

Nicholas Willems, PhD'63, 85, July 25 in Lawrence, where he was a professor of civil engineering at KU for 30 years and had co-founded the Mustard Seed Fellowship. He is survived by three sons, two of whom are Hendrik, b'73, and Pieter, c'75, g'78; two daughters, Ann Willems Kihm, c'70, and Elise Willems Dreyfuss, c'79, g'85; a sister; 17 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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Old ways for new days *Editing professor instills basics to prep students for unpredictable careers*

■ Doug Ward elicits enthusiasm for editing's edicts with custom crosswords, a sampling of which can be seen (and played) at kualumni.org.

As speed-of-light news delivery seemingly launches daily threats to journalism's very existence, Doug Ward, assistant professor of editing in the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, concentrates on the bedrocks: clarity and accuracy. Most everything else is simply about learning the latest tools.

"How much of the old ways do you keep as you embrace the new world, or try to invent the new world? Nobody has the perfect answer," Ward says. "My philosophy is that the technology is always going to change, so what can you teach that will not change, and how do you help students gain the skills to adapt along the way?"

Ward, g'91, is the latest recipient of the John Katich Award for Creativity, the School of Journalism's only faculty award. It was created in honor of Katich, a beloved J-School faculty member who taught broadcasting and sales from 1986 until his death in 2001. Ward was cited for his energetic classroom style, including crossword puzzles (based on *The Associated Press Stylebook* and

tidbits gleaned from the school's late editing legend, John Bremner) and a regular compilation of journalism directives and insights titled "Obiter Dicta."

A Nebraska native, Ward spent seven years as an editor at newspapers in Parsons and Hutchinson. Pondering a job market that seemed to offer mostly lateral options, he chose graduate school at KU. After Ward aced his rigorous editing exams, Professor Paul Jess eagerly bucked a J-School tradition at the time that frowned on teaching assignments for grad students.

"I knew he would be good at the textual things," Jess recalls. "What I didn't know was how he would get along with the students. It turned out he did a very good job of that. Any concerns I had were quickly put to rest."

As Ward recalls, "As an editor you're always trying to draw something more out of people, though I'd never really thought about it in that way until I was in the classroom, and I just loved it. I felt like I'd found my place. In the classroom, I get to work with my own ideas, and that's exciting to me."

After completing his KU master's degree with honors, Ward earned his doctorate at the University of Maryland, where he was an assistant to Gene Roberts, the Philadelphia Inquirer's celebrated former executive editor. When Roberts left to become managing editor at the New York Times, Ward followed.

Facing two-plus hours of Amtrak commutes to and from his Philadelphia home, and eager to quickly return to academia, Ward intended to remain at the Times for two years, max. He ended up working eight years as an editor on the business, metro and national desks, with occasional respites as a reviewer of children's books.

When he interviewed for a vacant KU position in 2004, Ward found the only opportunity that could lure him away from the Times.

"It's a really hard place to leave. It's a truly wonderful place. But I got back here, started doing the interviews, and boy, I felt like I was home. It felt so good in the classroom. I was very much energized by it, and still am."

Rather than be intimidated by technological changes that make his students' future careers

entirely unpredictable, Ward chooses to help his students embrace the opportunities.

"You need the skills to work for an organization as it is, but you have to have the creativity, the adaptability, to change into what that organization may be, and, increasingly, you have to be an entrepreneur and start things yourself," Ward says. "I love the students, and I think a lot of my job is getting them excited about what's possible.

"What I try to do with editing is to teach them skills they will use in whatever job they have. That's the critical-thinking part of it: to look at something and be able to see it for what it really is, not what you think it is."

—Chris Lazzarino

New frog makes big splash

Serendipitous discovery leads to international attention for student's find

Grad student David McLeod didn't set out to make international headlines when he traveled to Thailand for research in 2003. He had no idea, then, that the new species of frog he would discover on an impromptu side trip would become, as he puts it, "a poster child" for threatened biodiversity.

But that's exactly what happened this fall when McLeod's find, *Limnonectes megastomias*—more familiarly known as the Khorat Big Mouth Frog—was one of three creatures singled out in a World Wildlife Fund report on 163 new species discovered in the Greater Mekong region of southeast Asia in 2008. McLeod's frog qualified as "new" because he published his findings in 2008.

The report warns that these species are in danger of extinction because their habitats are at risk of flooding and drought brought on by global climate change.

The WWF report generated dozens of newspaper and magazine stories, blog entries and Internet links, most of which played on the unusual nature of the new finds. In the case of McLeod's frog, reporters and bloggers fixated on two fangs at the front of the frog's mouth. The fangs, actually bony outgrowths that resemble tusks, are blunt rather than sharp. But more than one reporter seized on that odd detail to dub *L. megastomias* the "vampire frog" of the Mekong.

"Any time you have an animal that people find weird or extraordinary, it attracts attention," says Jen Humphrey, communications director at KU's Museum of Natural History and Biodiversity Institute. "The hope, of course, is if they pay attention to that, they eventu-

ally move on to understand the wider story."

The wider story, according to the WWF report, is that changes in habitat and weather brought on by global warming threaten many species—including many that scientists didn't even know existed until recently.

"We've long held up amphibians as environmental monitors, as the canaries in the coal mine," McLeod says. Because they live on both land and water, because they are sensitive to chemicals and temperature changes and ultraviolet exposure, it makes sense to look at what threats they are facing. "One of those threats could be global warming, and if that's the case, global warming may have all kinds of

The power of pop-ups

Faithful readers of *Kansas Alumni* long ago learned about Chuck Fischer's remarkable transformation of the once-childish genre of pop-up books into stunning, how-did-he-do-that masterpieces. Whenever Fischer, f'77, brought out yet another of his artful creations—pop-up books revealing iconic American homes and gardens, holiday traditions of New York and the world, and, in 2008, art inspired by the book of Genesis—we happily helped spread the word.

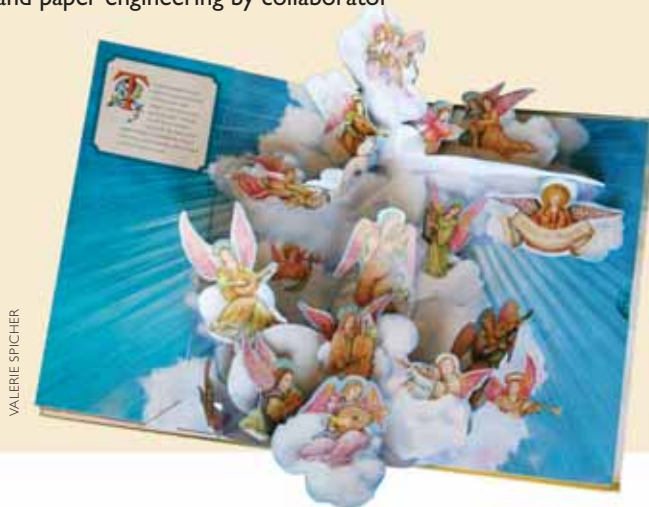
Fischer has done it again, so we will, too: *Angels: A Pop-Up Book*, continues his reinvention of pop-up possibilities. With *Kansas Alumni* contributor Curtis Flowers, j'88, again supplying the engrossing text, and paper engineering by collaborator

Bruce Foster, *Angels* takes the reader (and viewer) on a dynamic narrative tour of the wonder and awe humanity has long drawn from our mystical guides and protectors.

As with Fischer's previous books, surprises and delight await at every turn. Booklets, pullouts and essays complement the dynamic 3-D foldouts, each of which pulls the reader into a contemplation of both message and method.

Of particular note is the re-creation of celestial orbits overseen by angels of the zodiac and, on the book's final spread, renderings of angels of the arts. With a brilliantly executed topic well-tuned to the holiday season, any festive, fireside gathering would be all the richer with *Angels* in its midst.

—Chris Lazzarino



■ *Angels: A Pop-Up Book*
by Chuck Fischer, with Curtis Flowers and Bruce Foster
Little, Brown and Company, \$30

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potential effects we don't realize yet."

For McLeod, a herpetologist pursuing his PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology and a lecturer and director of human anatomy labs in the department of biology, the international splash his frog find created "has been a little weird, actually."

He's bothered by inaccuracies in some reports, such as the assertion that male frogs use their fangs not on prey (which includes birds, bugs and smaller frogs) but on each other, in combat over females. "It's like a game of telephone," McLeod says. "Things get interpolated with each telling. It may be the case that the frogs use their fangs in combat, but I don't have evidence of that yet. It's just speculation at this point."

Discovering new species is hardly unique in the herpetology program, he notes.

"I work in a division where we are constantly describing new species. It's great, because we think we know so much about the diversity of the globe and yet we still find new species, which is fantastic.

"It's really cool and fun to be the one

to describe something new, but it's not novel. Not here."

The find—which resulted from an unscheduled outing colleagues jokingly called "Big Dave's big adventure"—upended McLeod's academic research. He had gone to Thailand in search of field sites where he could research frog ecology, but this discovery led him into systematics and morphology. He's now rewriting the family tree of the *kuhlia* species, a close relative of *megastomias*, because his discovery has proven that a frog once thought to be a single species across its entire range is actually 25 separate species. His earlier work has been shelved for now, and he's shifted his dissertation topic to the Khorat Big Mouth Frog.

Other than that, the international acclaim hasn't changed much for McLeod, as he's quick to point out.

"It's the frog that got all the publicity, because most reports don't mention my name," McLeod says. "But I'm happy with that."

Read the World Wildlife Fund report at www.worldwildlife.org.

—Steven Hill

◆ ◆ ◆ Populace dynamics

Urban giants lose luster while smaller cities and regional hubs shine, study finds

When he decided to examine national, regional and statewide population shifts, researcher Art Hall wasn't expecting to uncover a trend of "de-urbanization" of the country's largest cities, such as Boston, New York and Miami, in favor of midsize oases like Kansas City or Indianapolis.

Yet even more remarkable than the direction of population flows, Hall says, is the volume.

"If you look at a population the size of Florida, that amount of people are crossing state or county lines every year," says Hall, executive director of the



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Hall

Center for Applied Economics in the School of Business. "So we have this incredible dynamism."

Hall, formerly a government affairs policy analyst for Koch Industries in Wichita, arrived at KU to launch the applied economics center in 2004. His intent is to advance state and regional development by offering research, analysis and education for policymakers and community leaders rather than his higher-education colleagues.

So to analyze population shifts, Hall chose to use the real-world data generated by the Internal Revenue Service, which tracks taxpayers' ZIP codes.

"When you look at measuring local growth, a lot of times policy wonks will use income, but it turns out that's not real great," Hall says. "It's much better to look at where people are moving, the idea that people vote with their feet."

Hall says that "all things being equal," Americans tend to migrate toward nicer weather, interesting topography and lower taxes. Yet, he emphasizes, all things are rarely equal.

"Academics would always focus on 'all else [being] equal,' so you get this idea that, say, everybody wants to go to the mountains. Well, of course they do. But in fact, the raw numbers are going in the other direction, away from the nicer weather and toward flatter topography."

As for the Great Plains, Hall says his

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■ David McLeod discovered the fanged frog—and a new direction for his research—on a 2003 field trip to Thailand.

research revealed regionalization and urbanization, rather than depopulation. In Kansas, for instance, he found healthy population dynamics for regional centers such as Hays, Manhattan and greater Wichita.

"There's an optimistic note to the whole transformation message, as opposed to the decline message," Hall says. "The problem from a policy perspective is that these are decades-long transformations, not election-cycle transformations. These transformations have been going on for nearly a century."

Hall says natural dynamics of a restless population mean communities should stop tinkering with quick fixes and instead focus on good government services, reasonable tax rates and no biases against any business that might join the community. He also advocates a change in state law to allow neighboring towns and counties to pool services, helping alleviate depopulation pressures.

"Everyone is chasing the same people to move and the same businesses to create jobs, but you can't overcome the dynamism of places," he says. "Having a much more balanced approach ... is one of the best perspectives in terms of trying to nurture community growth."

More information on Hall's population research can be found on the Center for Applied Economics' Web site, cae.business.ku.edu.

—Chris Lazzarino

A sea story

Real-life adventure becomes Jayhawk fairytale

Once upon a time a man named Curt, a lawyer in Houston, learned that his brother, Craig, would not be giving him a traditional Christmas gift that year.

"Usually when a little brother says that, it can't be a good thing," says Curt Lindeman, 197. "All sorts of things went through my head."

The unconventional gift turned out to

be a book—one Craig Lindeman wrote himself—titled *The Big Black Dog and the Big Blue Sea*. The children's story recounts a sea journey undertaken by Curt and his wife, Cheryl Hagemann Lindeman, 197, with their beloved black labrador, Zeta, aboard a 40-foot sailboat called the Oread.

The rhyming text and illustrations by Johanna Shoop portray an idyllic day sailing and exploring an island in the Gulf of Mexico.

The idea for the Lindemans' seven-month voyage, which took them along the Gulf Coast and as far south as Key West, started in late 2001. The attacks of Sept. 11 had just occurred and Enron, where Cheryl worked, was imploding. "We thought, 'Let's live our lives and do something we've always wanted to do,'" Curt says.

The idea for the book grew from the birth of the couple's daughter, Hagen, which followed the unexpected death of Zeta.

"It was a big blow to them that Zeta died about the time they were starting a

family, because up to that point she was their family," Craig says. "That their child would not grow up knowing Zeta really bothered them."

Now available at bookstores, online booksellers and through the Web site blackdogblueseas.com, the book has taken on a life far beyond what Craig first envisioned, attracting sales and interest from readers around the world.

But for both Craig and Curt the book's biggest appeal is personal.

"It's truly neat that this is fulfilling Craig's goal of sharing with Hagen that chapter of our life," Curt says. As his 1-year-old daughter grows, he expects the book to grow with her, serving as a jumping off point for more and more stories about Zeta and the sailboat.

Turns out this tale has yet one more twist. After Craig began the book but before it was published, Hurricane Ike came along in 2008 and destroyed the good ship Oread, which Curt and Cheryl had named in recognition of their "three good years" at KU.

"That was tough, too, because the boat was a good place for family time, and we had really looked forward to spending some time on it with Hagen," Curt says. "It really felt like that chapter in our lives had closed."

And perhaps it had, until a little brother came up with an idea on how to retell that sea story, once upon a time.

—Steven Hill



■ Curt and Cheryl Hagemann Lindeman's voyage aboard the Oread with their dog, Zeta, inspired Craig Lindeman (left) to write his children's sea tale.



Glorious to View



■ The 25th-annual Late Night at the Phog offered fans their first glimpse of \$50 million in improvements to Allen Field House, including the expanded Booth Family Hall of Athletics and a new donor atrium. But another introduction stole the Oct. 16 show, as freshman sensation Xavier Henry (above) and his top-ranked Jayhawks entered through a swirl of fog.

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