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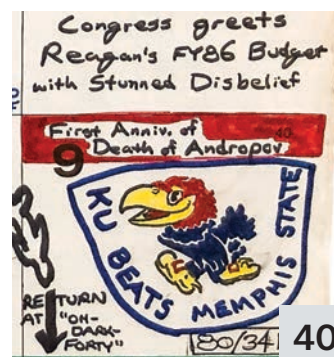
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Finals Survival Kits are among the staples of college life. Parents and grandparents buy care packages of healthy snacks and sweet treats, offering comfort and good-luck wishes to help sustain students through semester's-end exams.

But sustenance and survival are becoming all-too-real challenges as more financially strapped college students scrape by skimping on food or skipping meals altogether. As Associate Editor Steven Hill reports in our cover story, food insecurity affects as many as one in three KU students, and a significant number of staff members and faculty face similar struggles.

This semester, Amanda Ostgulen Painter, c'07, g'10, assistant director of new constituent development for KU Endowment, organized the sale of Finals Survival Kits to assist students and benefit the Campus Cupboard, a student-run food pantry that is one of several resources for food-insecure Jayhawks. Painter, who leads the Student Endowment Board, happily reports that more than 500 kits were sold by the Nov. 8 deadline. The Alumni Association promoted the kits to members, and come Dec. 16, the Student Alumni Network (SAN) will host its traditional free Finals Dinner for hundreds of students, the finale to a semester of Home Football Fridays and other free meals. In fall 2018, SAN launched the popular Free Food Finder in the KU Alumni mobile app, a feature that guides hungry students to nearby, no-cost nourishment.

In our second feature, Assistant Editor Heather Biele

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SAN hosts hundreds of Jayhawks for Finals Dinner to help fuel studying for exams.

describes the joyful unveiling of the Divine Nine Plaza, a long-awaited visible campus presence for the African American sororities and fraternities that are members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council—several of which boast lengthy, rich Greek traditions on Mount Oread. Though smaller and less visible than the Panhellenic Association sororities and InterFraternity Council organizations that traditionally have occupied houses near campus, NPHC organizations and those of the Multicultural Greek Council are represented, along with Panhellenic and IFC groups, on Chancellor Doug Girod's Sorority and Fraternity Life Task Force, a group of 27 students, staff members and alumni that in late October submitted recommendations to the chancellor for strengthening the Greek community. He will share the group's report and his plan in the coming weeks.

Associate Editor Chris Lazzarino discovered a quirky, charming recent acquisition of the Kenneth Spencer Research Library: old-school desk calendars that defy the dreary stereotype, offering a feast for the eyes and a fix of 1980s memories of KU as well as national and international milestones. The calendars were created by an anonymous alumnus whose artistry is a marvel to behold. The Association's annual color calendar, an old-school keepsake that, even in this digital era, remains surprisingly popular among members, arrives with this magazine. Alumni no doubt long for photos of their old school more than the monthly grids that accompany the iconic images, and we're happy to oblige.

As I explained on this page in issue No. 4, the *Kansas Alumni* team will celebrate 2020 by unveiling a new, quarterly print edition of the magazine that will complement the growing digital content available to all at kansasalumnimagazine.org. Our New Year's resolution remains the same since the magazine's founding in 1902—to share KU stories with alumni who care deeply about the achievements and challenges of their alma mater and their fellow Jayhawks. Look for the latest rendition of the print magazine in late February; in the meantime, we hope you'll visit our website often. During this season of gratitude and toasting traditions with family and friends, we give thanks for the KU stories that never cease.

KU ENDOWMENT

DAN STOREY

On the Boulevard



More than 500 runners and walkers joined the eighth annual KU Vets Day 5K, which weaves through campus and passes the University's six war memorials. This year's Nov. 10 event commemorated the 75th anniversary of the GI Bill and honored the 244th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps. Participants received T-shirts and medals.

Spencer Museum of Art

"Foundling," through Dec. 22

"knowledges," through Jan. 5

"Past Presence," Feb. 8 through June 21

"Staging Shimomura," Feb. 29 through June 21

Lied Center events

NOVEMBER

- 20** SHE, a Choreoplay
- 22** The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show
- 23** Hipler Ballerinas

DECEMBER

- 2, 3** Romero Lubambo, guitar
- 4** KU Symphonic Band and University Band
- 8** Holiday Vespers

11 Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical

13 Haygoods Christmas Extravaganza

19, 20 Ashley Davis annual Winter Solstice concert

31 KU Symphony Orchestra

JANUARY

23 The Color Purple

26 Martha Redbone-Bone Hill: The Concert

FEBRUARY

1 KU Wind Ensemble, Crossroads Wind Symphony and Jazz Ensemble I

6 KU Percussion Group with special guest Eriko Daimo, marimba

9 Ovation! USD 497 Talent Show

12 Keeping Faith: Sisters of Story

16 Russian National Ballet: Don Quixote

18 The Peking Acrobats

19 Chris Thile

23 Kathy Mattea

MARCH

2 KU Symphonic and University Bands

3 Siberian State Symphony Orchestra

18 KU Wind Ensemble with special guest Joseph Alessi, trombone

Humanities Lecture Series

NOVEMBER

25 An Evening with Alan Alda, Lied Center

FEBRUARY

27 "HATE: Why We Should Resist It with Free Speech, Not Censorship," Nadine Strossen, Lawrence Public Library

Natural History Museum events

NOVEMBER

20 "Science on Tap: Petroglyphs of the Kansas Smoky Hills," Free State Brewing Company, Lawrence

24 Carnival of Chemistry, Integrated Science Building

DECEMBER

7 Collections Up Close at the Museum

8 Discovery Day: Endangered Species

Murphy Hall

NOVEMBER

17 KU Choirs: University Singers and KC Womens Ensemble

17 Faculty Recital Series: Vince Gnojek, saxophone

- 18** Visiting Artist Series: Leone Buyse, flute
- 19** Visiting Artist Series: Raymond Santos, clarinet
- 19** Brazilian Steel Drum Meet, Greet & Beats
- 19** KU Saxophone Quartet
- 20** Cello Studio Recital
- 21** Tuba/Euphonium Chamber Ensembles
- 22** KU Trombone and Horn Choirs
- 24** Faculty Recital Series: Boris Vayner, viola
- 25** New Music Guild

DECEMBER

- 2** KU Intergenerational Choir
- 3** Rock Chalk Singers
- 4** Viola Studio Recital
- 10** KU Percussion Group
- 12** Visiting Artist Series: Faculty of the Giuseppe Verdi Conservatorio Milano and Kansas Virtuosi

JANUARY

- 27** Tuba/Euphonium Newcomers Concert

FEBRUARY

- 23** Kansas Virtuosi

MARCH

- 2** Sunflower Baroque
- 6** Faculty Recital Series: Julia Broxholm, soprano

KU Theatre & Dance

DECEMBER

- 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12** "The Wolves," directed by Susan Kerner, William Inge Memorial Theatre

Performances

NOVEMBER

- 17, 24** Carillon Concert, Campanile
- 20** KU Jazz Ensembles, Lawrence Arts Center
- 20** KU Percussion Group, Spencer Museum of Art
- 24** KU Choirs, Bales Organ Recital Hall
- 25** KU Choirs, Benedictine College, Atchison

DECEMBER

- 1, 8, 15** Carillon Concert, Campanile
- 6** Vespers on the Road, Carlsen Center, Johnson County Community College
- 12** Collegium Musicum, Bales Organ Recital Hall

JANUARY

- 23-26** KU Opera: "Cox and Box" by Sir Arthur Sullivan and "Riders to the Sea" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Crafton-Preyer Theatre

Academic Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 27-30** Thanksgiving break

DECEMBER

- 12** Last day of classes
- 13** Stop Day
- 16-20** Finals week

Alumni Events

NOVEMBER

- 1-30** KU Cares Month of Service (for complete schedule, visit kualumni.org/monthofservice)

- 18** American Red Cross blood drive, KU School of Medicine-Wichita

- 19** Jayhawk Book Club reception, Adams Alumni Center

- 20** Kansas Honor Scholar Program: Kansas City

- 20** Houston: Jayhawks & Java

- 21** Denver: Jayhawks & Java

- 21** K.C. Happy Hour

- 23** Feeding Tampa Bay donation drive, Tampa, Florida

- 25, 26** Three Square Food Bank donation drive, Las Vegas

DECEMBER

- 4** Denver: Jayhawks & Java
- 18** Houston: Jayhawks & Java
- 21** KU vs. Villanova pregame party, Philadelphia
- 29** KU vs. Stanford pregame party, Palo Alto, California

JANUARY

- 11** KU Night with the Trail Blazers, Portland, Oregon
- 18** KU vs. Texas watch party, Independence Country Club



Events listed here are highlights from the Association's busy calendar. For complete listings of all events, watch for emails about programs in your area, visit kualumni.org or call 800-584-2957.

Jayhawk Walk



Our history in stars

On April 30, 1926, thousands of community members and students, faculty and staff gathered for the solemn laying of the cornerstone at the Kansas Union, a tribute to the 129 students and alumni who perished in World War I. More than 93 years later, KU once again honored those fallen Jayhawks in a rededication ceremony on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

A highlight was the unveiling of the reconstructed arch at the Union's Jayhawk Boulevard entrance featuring 129 inscribed stars for those who died. Later, at 11 p.m., a new nightly feature illuminated the stars. A longstanding roster of those who lost their lives in the Great War still stands in the Traditions Tower loft on the Union's sixth floor.

Union staff members reimagined the arch as part of a project to restore its limestone. "It's something we wanted to bring to the forefront with the current generation of students on campus," says Kara Stucky, b'09, director of marketing. "The archway is a symbolic place to remember that this is truly part of our history."



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VALERIE SPICHER

50 years strong

TWO HOURS BEFORE the KU vs. Oklahoma football game Saturday, Oct. 5, nearly 50 current and former student government leaders gathered in Alderson Auditorium in the Kansas Union to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of Student Senate.

Though student government on Mount Oread dates back to 1909, today's model was created in 1969 during a tumultuous time on campus.

"Student Senate was born as this effective way



DAN STOREY

to channel student activism and voice," said Zach Thomason, a Leawood junior majoring in business analytics and accounting and the current administration's chief of staff. "Because students have so effectively been able to lead for 50 years, I thought it was extremely important that we recognize that and get everyone back together to reflect on those times."

Among those celebrating the governing body's 50-year milestone were former student leaders David Awbrey, c'71, g'72, who was elected the first student

body president in 1969; former U.S. Congressman Kevin Yoder, c'99, l'02, chief executive during the 1998-'99 academic year; and Reggie Robinson, c'80, l'87, the 1978-'79 student body vice president.

Longtime champion of student success David Ambler, who served as vice chancellor for student affairs from 1977 to 2002, also returned for the reunion and joked about seeing many familiar faces that "help me feel ancient."

"My whole 25 years at KU I was one of the advisers to Student Senate," he said. "I was impressed when I came here how much involvement student government had and their potential for really having an impact on the institution, which I think they have had over the years."

Well said, Dr. Ambler. Here's to 50 more.

Trumpet triumph

HE DID IT: JAMES DOEPKE, the intrepid traveling trumpeter who set out 11 years ago to herald “The Star-Spangled Banner” at all 30 Major League Baseball parks, completed his quest Sept. 19, playing the national anthem at the Atlanta Braves’ SunTrust Park.

Retired in Estero, Florida, Doepke, d’74, finished strong, completing 10 parks this season. Not one to rest on his, er, laurels, he’s now exploring the notion of playing next summer at baseball’s hall of fame induction in Cooperstown or the Field of Dreams game in Iowa.

One quest he’ll never end? Playing the greatest sports venue of all. He returns Jan. 25 to perform the anthem and alma mater before KU’s matchup with Tennessee, his eighth appearance in Allen Field House. Like his mother, Loretta Osborn Doepke, c’41, who “was a Jayhawk until the day she died,” at 95, Doepke expects to keep that gig going as long as they’ll have him.

“I just get a real sense of love for the University, being back on campus, and there’s something about coming back that is rejuvenating to me, that tugs at my heart,” he says. Playing 30 ballparks was a toot, all right, “but nothing compares to Allen Field House.”

There’s no place like home.



COURTESY JAMES DOEPKE

A slice in time

The Sept. 25 Facebook post crashed over a popular Lawrence group like a thunderclap: **Pyramid Pizza ... closed?**

Sad to see them leave. It's like watching my youth pass me by ...

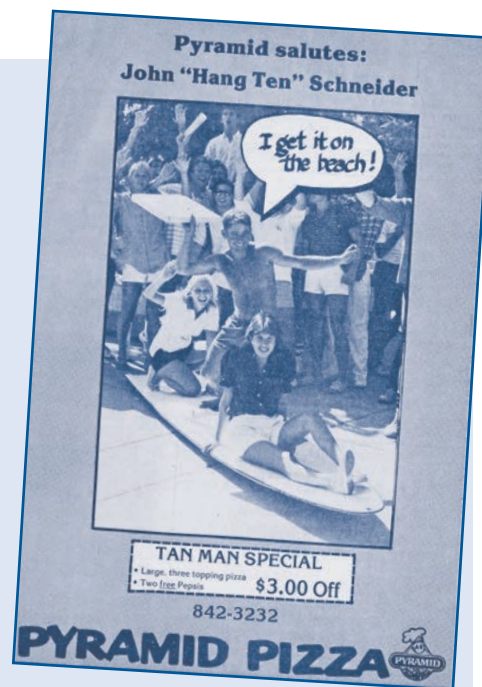
Pyramid was the shiznit back in the day. Does anybody have the recipe for Bonez?

Yes, Pyramid’s passing was mourned—mostly, it seems, by far-flung alumni who had not recently partaken of Pyramid pies. After multiple changes in ownership and locations, the most recent incarnation, on Mass Street, had seemingly lost interest in preserving a legacy launched in the late 1970s, when Pyramid opened below The Wagon Wheel Café. What was once a spirited haunt famous for braided crust had decayed into a dingy, slice-by-night joint catering to bar crawlers.

But Pyramid’s passing still brings heartache for nostalgic Jayhawks, so we reached out for words of comfort to the one man forever identified with Pyramid.

“Well,” says John “Tan Man” Schneider, who was paid in Sunday-night slices to pose with pretty women and pizza boxes in a long-running advertising campaign, “I guess they all close sooner or later. Just seems like there’s a lot of memories there.”

The good news is that Jayhawks now



COURTESY JOHN SCHNEIDER

craving a Pyramid fix can get a pie resembling the original at The Wheel Pizza Co., in the space where Pyramid was born, and former owner Mark McKee, ’87, told the Lawrence Journal-World that he still owns the name and is interested in saving the brand by launching Pyramid anew, with its former flair restored.

Should that day come, and Pyramid hopes to reach out to Tan Man for a nostalgic ad campaign, we here at *Kansas Alumni* will be glad to assist with contact information. For the price of a pie, of course. Just don’t forget the cup of honey.

Heard by the Bird

“I’M PROUD OF MY TATTOO. It may be a little nerdy, but it’s an ever-present reminder that the work journalists do is important.”

Amie Just, j’18, New Orleans Saints beat writer for The Times-Picayune/New Orleans Advocate, on a tribute to the First Amendment she has inked on her right arm: “Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of the press.” The tat caught the eye of NBC sportswriter Peter King, who featured it in his popular “Football Morning in America” column.

Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of the press.

Just said her inspiration was a class taught by Associate Professor Genelle Belmas. “Her passion for the First Amendment definitely rubbed off on me,” she told King. “Her class made me passionate about sunshine laws and the rights journalists have.”

“How great is that?” King wrote. “I hear things like that and meet people like Amie Just and I think that in such a turbulent time in journalism and in newspapers and in our country, we’re going to be OK.”



KU ‘fiercely’ disputes NCAA allegations

Self says federal trials motivated ‘aggressive’ charges

The NCAA on Sept. 23 delivered to the University a formal Notice of Allegations, charging four serious violations related to the men’s basketball program, two lesser allegations against the football program, and “lack of institutional control.”

KU officials have until Dec. 22 to formally respond to the allegations, but shortly after receiving the NCAA document issued strong public denials of the most serious charges.

“The University’s response will fully and comprehensively present its positions regarding the Notice,” according to a news release issued by KU’s Office of Public Affairs. “In the meantime, though, it is already clear from an initial review that the University will fiercely dispute in detail much of what has been presented.”

The football charges, which were self-reported by the University and judged

by the NCAA as mid-level violations, involve allegations that, under the previous coaching staff, a video coordinator improperly acted as a coach, exceeding the allowable number of coaches.

The rest of the document centers on what the Kansas City Star described as “the underworld of college basketball recruiting,” the now infamous activities by three Adidas representatives convicted in federal court for payment schemes uncovered by the FBI. The payments,

federal trials determined, were designed to direct elite basketball recruits toward schools affiliated with Adidas, including KU. Federal prosecutors designated the schools as victims of the fraud; the NCAA sees otherwise.

KU has made it clear that its defense will focus on the NCAA’s contention that Adidas employees and representatives were acting as boosters of the University’s athletics program.

“First and foremost, the University emphasizes that it emphatically rejects the assertion that Adidas and Adidas employees and associates were boosters and agents of the University ... and therefore acting on the University’s behalf when they engaged in alleged violations of NCAA bylaws,” the University stated in its news release.

Along with charging serious violations in the recruitment of three players, the NCAA also called out coach Bill Self and assistant coach Kurtis Townsend by name, and it cited Self for violating “head coach responsibility” provisions of NCAA bylaws.

“We stand firmly behind coach Self and our men’s basketball program,” said Chancellor Doug Girod, “and we will continue to work diligently to do what is right.”

After KU files its response, the NCAA, in turn, has 60 days to present its “state of the case.” At that point, a hearing is scheduled with the NCAA Committee on Infractions, which could take several months to issue its findings.

Should the NCAA rule against KU on

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—Office of Public Affairs

the most serious allegations, potential penalties could include loss of scholarships, postseason bans and a suspension for Self, although it is all but certain that KU would appeal any such rulings or penalties.

“By the NCAA’s own admission through its public statements early this summer, it’s no secret that there is tremendous pressure on the NCAA to respond to the federal court proceedings involving college basketball,” Self said, as reported in the University’s Sept. 23 statement. “Compelled to reassure member institutions and the general public that it can police its member institutions, the NCAA enforcement staff has responded in an unnecessarily aggressive manner in submitting today’s unsubstantiated Notice of Allegations, and I, as well as the University, will vigorously dispute what has been alleged.”

ESPN commentator Jay Bilas, a lawyer and vocal critic of the NCAA, noted in a September tweet, “This could take up to a year to adjudicate and, if the NCAA overreaches, could wind up in federal court. This will be a long slog, with more schools to follow.”

—Chris Lazzarino

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—Chancellor Doug Girod

Steady numbers

Retention and grad rates rise, helping limit enrollment decrease

Overall enrollment dipped slightly this year, but improvements in several key metrics suggest that the University’s efforts to increase the quality and diversity of incoming classes and improve their success in subsequent years are working.

Enrollment across all campuses this fall is 28,423 students, a decline of 87 students (0.3%) from last year. The dip ends a streak of five consecutive years of growth, but overall student numbers are still on an upward multi-year trend.

“Given the national context of declining college enrollment, along with regional

population trends, we are pleased to have held the line on enrollment for the past seven years, and we view this as validation of our efforts to recruit and retain top students,” Chancellor Doug Girod said in a statement announcing the annual data released Oct. 2 by the Kansas Board of Regents. “Of course, more meaningful than enrollment are institutional metrics related to retention, graduation, talent and diversity, and this year’s record-setting performance in these areas demonstrates that KU is successfully enrolling talented students who go on to graduate in a timely manner.”

The one-year retention rate now stands at an all-time high of 86.2%. The four-year graduation rate is 49.8% (the seventh all-time high in eight years) and the

UPDATE



COURTESY BRIAN MCCLENDON

Google Earth founder Brian McClendon, e’86, [“World View,” issue No. 4, 2012] and Joyce Warshaw co-chair the Kansas Complete Count Committee, created by Gov. Laura Kelly to help the U.S. Census Bureau promote participation in the 2020 census.

McClendon, a Lawrence Democrat and research professor in the School of Engineering, and Warshaw, the Republican vice mayor of Dodge City, worked with the governor’s office

and the Kansas Department of Commerce to fill the committee, which includes elected officials from across the state and representatives of nonprofit organizations such as Dane G. Hansen Foundation, El Centro, Kansas Appleseed, Kansas Catholic Charities and Kansas Farm Bureau.

“It was great to see such a broad range of Kansans focused on helping Kansans get counted in the Census,” McClendon said after the committee’s first meeting,

in Wichita in September. “It was a very productive session with many stepping up to take on more.”

The committee’s goal is to ensure an accurate census count for the state.

“Every voice is important, and every Kansan must be counted,” Governor Kelly said. “In addition to the amount of federal funding that is on the line, we need an accurate picture of our communities so that we can properly plan for the future.”



Radio sweepstakes: KU-based Kansas Public Radio won the Station of the Year award for the 18th time from the Kansas Association of Broadcasters,

more than any other radio or television station in the state. In addition to receiving the association's highest honor, KPR staff also won 10 individual awards.

Access for all

ADA resource center grows to aid KU staff with disabilities

On any given day, Abby King might help a KU employee arrange for a standing desk, secure an accessible parking spot, or qualify for extended breaks or leave time as a way of coping with a physical or mental disability on the job.

King, b'12, g'18, this summer joined the ADA Resource Center for Equity and Accessibility as the University's first accommodation specialist. The office helps employees with disabilities and their supervisors make accommodations in the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act, does ADA consultations with KU departments and staff, and develops campus policies on issues of importance to the disability community.

King's role is to help employees find solutions to their individual accessibility issues.

"We are here to keep people in their jobs," she says. "That is the main goal: to keep people working in the jobs they are in, and to make them successful in those jobs."

To be eligible for an accommodation, staff, faculty and student employees must be certified by a doctor as someone who qualifies as a person with a disability, which is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. Once the medical paperwork is in order, "We talk to them about what accommodations would work for them in their workspace, and once we come up with a solution, we present that to their supervisor," King says. "It's a conversation, and it can be a bit of a negotiation sometimes."

The specifics of the disability are not disclosed to an employee's supervisor, and the supervisor is not allowed to disclose to anyone that the employee is receiving a workplace accommodation, King says. "Our role in that negotiation is to protect the employee's privacy and to keep the conversation going, to be a

SUSAN YOUNGER



six-year graduation rate is 66.5% (the second consecutive all-time high).

This year's freshman class also set all-time highs for GPA (3.64, the fourth-consecutive high) and minority population (24.2% of the entering class). Overall, 22% of KU students are minorities, the 19th-consecutive all-time high.

Overall enrollment gains were driven by increases at KU's Edwards Campus, which has risen by 24.5% over the past three years, and at KU Medical Center, which has jumped 12.5% over the past five years.

KUMC's current student body, 3,794, is its biggest ever.

"The success we are having today is the result of bold, strategic decisions we made in past years," Girod said. "While this year's record-setting metrics are worthy of celebration, we must not get complacent given the long-term enrollment challenges facing higher education. We must continue to find new ways to recruit and retain top scholars, and we must recognize the reality that it will be harder than ever to do this." —

mediator between the two of them.”

Reasonable accommodations can include helping someone who suffers from migraine headaches find a workspace with natural rather than fluorescent lighting. It might involve working with Campus Operations to ensure accessible parking spaces are cleared after snowstorms. It can mean helping employees get approval for an emotional support animal, a telework arrangement or a doctor-recommended chair or desk.

The office also does outreach to help employees learn about their right to seek accommodations, and that effort has led to an increase in inquiries, King says. The office handled about 300 accommodation requests last year, and those numbers could increase.

Roughly 20% of Kansans in the most recent census said they live with a disability, according to Catherine Johnson, director of the ADA Resource Center since 2016. In its most recent annual report to the federal government on the percentage

of its workforce that voluntarily identifies as a person with a disability, KU listed a rate of 3.9% of faculty, staff and student employees. A survey sent out in early November from Johnson’s office seeks to uncover any barriers in the process that might prevent more employees from completing the voluntary self-disclosure form.

“If the Kansas number is correct and you apply it to KU,” Johnson says, “we should have well more than 3.9% of people disclosing that they are a person with a disability.”

The office recently moved to 117 Carruth-O’Leary Hall. Renovations now underway are meant to improve access and encourage greater use.

“We really want it to be a resource center for everybody on campus,” Johnson says. “We hope this construction turns it into a place where people feel comfortable dropping by to check in.”

For more information visit accessibility.ku.edu.

Milestones, money and other matters

■ **The ARCH 509** design-build studio led by Associate Professor Keith Van de Riet, a’04, earned



VALERIE SPICHER

two architecture awards for its Kaw Pavilion, a zero-budget shelter completed in May at Lawrence’s Burroughs Creek Park. The studio won the merit award for Small Architectural Project from the AIA Kansas Design Awards and the student project award in the Green Architecture category from The Architecture Masterprize, an international design competition.

■ **The 2019 H.O.P.E Award** was presented to Matt O’Reilly, g’09, PhD’11, associate professor in the department of civil, environmental & architectural engineering, during the Oct. 5 football game against Oklahoma State. The award is given annually by the senior class to Honor an Outstanding Progressive Educator.

■ **An \$8 million grant** from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, will allow the Juniper Gardens Children’s Project to expand a program that has proven effective at increasing student engagement by reducing disruptive classroom behavior. The program, called Class-Wide Function-related Intervention Teams (CW-FIT), has been proven effective in two dozen peer-reviewed studies. It helps teachers improve classroom management by addressing positive behavior and reducing time spent on handling disruptive behavior. The grant—which is for three years and \$4 million and is renewable for a total of five years and \$8 million—will enable the Life Span Institute-affiliated Juniper Gardens to expand CW-FIT nationally.



Abby King

STEVE PUPPE

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SCHOLARSHIP

Seven Jayhawks earn Fulbright Awards

THE FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT Program, the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the federal government, awarded prestigious Fulbright awards to seven KU students and graduates this fall. The awards, which fund travel abroad to study, conduct research or teach English, are designed to increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries.

Since the program began in 1946, KU has had 477 students selected for Fulbrights. This year's recipients are:

Kayleigh Anderson, c'19, Lawrence, researching Sami indigenous women in affiliation with the gender studies graduate program at the University of Turku, Finland.

Erin Christiansen, c'15, teaching English in Germany.

Mariah Crystal, doctoral student in women, gender & sexuality studies, collecting oral histories from women involved in Namibia's War of Independence.

Meghan McNamee, c'19, teaching English in Germany.

Bridget Rennard, c'19, teaching English in Spain.

Laura Searcy, g'19, teaching English in Uzbekistan.

David Warnky, a student at the School of Medicine-Wichita, conducting research in India on the influence of preventative medicine as a cost-effective model for primary care.

Selected as alternates were Andrew Kustodowicz, g'17, a doctoral student in Japanese history, and Macie Rouse, c'19, a graduate in anthropology with a minor in African Studies.

This fall the University welcomed to

campus six students from the Fulbright Foreign Student Program from Africa, Asia, Europe and South America, as well as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar from Russia.

RANKINGS

KU moves up Best Colleges list

THE UNIVERSITY'S POSITION among America's top public universities rose two spots in the 2020 U.S. News & World Report "Best Colleges" rankings.

KU ranked 59th among public schools in the annual rankings published in September. The University also made the lists for Best Value (116th overall and 28th among public schools) and Best Colleges for Veterans (91st overall and 52nd among public schools).

"We recognize the importance of these rankings, and we always would prefer to

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VISITOR

HEAVY

Kiese Laymon, best-selling author and contributor to the 2019-'20 KU Common Book, *Tales of Two Americas: Stories of Inequality in a Divided Nation*, presented the fall keynote lecture for the KU Common Book program.

WHEN: Oct. 3, 4

WHERE: Lied Center and Woodruff Auditorium

BACKGROUND: Laymon is the critically acclaimed author of the novel *Long Division* and a collection of essays, *How to Slowly Kill Yourself and Others in America*. His memoir, *Heavy*,

which was awarded the Andrew Carnegie Medal in 2019, was named a best book of 2018 by The New York Times, Publishers Weekly, NPR and others.

ANECDOTE: Following the release of *Heavy* in 2018, Laymon said, "Life was sort of hard after it, because the world knew shit about my family that my family probably didn't want them to know, things about me I didn't want them to know. I was in a real bad place. ... But I reread the book two weeks ago and I thought about all the conversations I've had with people after it came out, and today, I feel a lot less isolated. I feel a lot less alone."



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QUOTE: "I like to try to write books where the thing I'm writing about I don't say explicitly, but it's there," Laymon said. *Heavy*, he explained, is really about the struggles his mother's generation faced before and after the civil-rights movement.

"They didn't know how to talk about the toils they had to go through to be in some of those white spaces. They didn't know what to do with their kids. And I'm not blaming them. But it's true."

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go up,” Chancellor Doug Girod said in a statement. “However, we remain focused on a broader set of metrics to measure our success, and we will be refining those further through a new strategic planning process that will be launching soon.”

Efforts to improve freshmen retention rates and six-year graduation rates have shown some success in recent years, with the graduation rate rising from 59.9% in 2002 to 64.8% in 2012, the last year for which data is available.

“The work done by our KU faculty and staff is ensuring more of our students remain on track to advance in their degree programs and ultimately graduate,” said Carl Lejuez, interim provost and executive vice chancellor. “When we can improve in those areas we know are important, success in rankings will typically follow.”

The chancellor hosted a Visioning Day on Nov. 8 in the Kansas Union and online, sharing his thoughts on the higher education landscape and his vision for KU. The event kicked off the Strategic Planning 2020 effort, which seeks to gather input from the campus community to help set KU’s course for the next decade. Alumni can view the chancellor’s presentation and share their thoughts KU’s future at ku.edu/strategic-planning-2020.

HONORS

Public Affairs and Administration lauded for diversity

THE UNIVERSITY’S School of Public Affairs and Administration received the 2019 Diversity Award from the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) in October. The award recognizes a program that exemplifies the highest standards of promoting and supporting diversity in research, teaching and service.

“This award reflects a great deal of commitment on the part of our faculty and our collective belief that diversity, equity and inclusion are core aspects of everything we do,” says Stacey Swearingen White, director of the school. “It’s a huge honor to be recognized. At the same time, we realize our work does not end here. Our diversity plan will continue to guide our efforts.”

White accepted the award on the school’s behalf at the NASPAA annual conference in Los Angeles.

The association also honored doctoral student Andrew Osorio, g’17, with a 2019 Staats Emerging Scholar Award. It’s the second consecutive year that a KU doctoral student has won the award, which goes to only three doctoral students annually. In 2018 the Staats went to doctoral student Angela Park.

Milestones, money and other matters

■ **Donna Shank**, assoc., designated a \$25,000 grant in her name from the Kansas Health Foundation to benefit the pediatric mental health program at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita. Shank was given the chance to make the grant after completing her term as a board member with the foundation. The donation will be used in conjunction with a \$1.8 million Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Grant awarded the school in June by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Shank is a two-time chair of the Kansas Board of Regents.

■ **A \$3 million grant** from the National Science Foundation will fund development of an innovative graduate training program in the School of Engineering that combines the disciplines of chemistry, chemical engineering and computer science. Kevin Leonard, associate professor in the school’s department of chemical & petroleum engineering will lead the new program for KU’s Center for Environmentally Beneficial Catalysis. The NSF Research Traineeship Program will train graduate students to collaborate in the interrelated disciplines of chemistry, chemical engineering, computer science and data science.

■ **Reggie Robinson**, c’80, l’87, will leave his position as KU’s vice chancellor of public affairs in November to serve as president and CEO of the Kansas Health Foundation.

■ **Replant Mount Oread** added elm, maple and pine trees to a grove of pear trees between Lindley and Marvin halls given to KU by the Class of 1947. The project will also plant hydrangea, hostas and flowering perennials in new beds. A Launch KU fundraising campaign will pay for the project.



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & ADMINISTRATION

School of Public Affairs and Administration faculty

Go big

Azubuike's presence heralds return to Self's high-low. Maybe.

As men's basketball takes its first steps on the uncertain and complicated journey toward its goals of reclaiming the Big 12 crown and playing deep into the NCAA Tournament, immediate perspective might be gained by focusing on two stark numbers: 28 and 261.

The first—as fans are well aware—references KU turnovers in the season opener, a 68-66 Champions Classic loss to Duke Nov. 5 in Madison Square Garden.

"We'll take better care of the ball moving forward," Self said afterward, "but certainly that's inexcusable to turn the ball over like that."

As for 261: That's 7-foot senior center Udoka Azubuike's self-proclaimed weight, as of the team's Oct. 9 media day, down 40 pounds from the heft he lugged around while sitting out all but nine games of his junior year with his second season-ending wrist injury.

"I didn't have the opportunity to play, so I'm just sitting down," Azubuike says. "But when I got back, I have that determination that I'm going to lose that weight and I'm going to keep getting back in shape. I really did a good job."

Azubuike, named Preseason Big 12 Player of the Year by conference coaches, headlines a loaded frontcourt: 6-9 junior forward Silvio De Sousa returns after his NCAA-mandated exile in 2019, and 6-10 sophomore forward David McCormack pulled down 13 rebounds in 28 minutes against Duke.

"I have great expectations

for what we can do," McCormack says.

"The sky is not even the limit. There are so many things we can do with our frontcourt."

Although a frontcourt rotation with three athletic big men hints at Self finally returning to his traditional high-low offense after three years of playing long-armed guards on the wing—for two years with Josh Jackson, '20, and Svi Mykhailiuk, c'18, and, last season, another guard-heavy lineup forced upon Self by Azubuike's injury.

Not so fast, Self cautions. The 17th-year coach says the past three seasons taught him the virtues of playing with smaller, faster lineups, and he still needs to see how Azubuike's running mate in a two-big lineup—McCormack or De Sousa—can guard a perimeter shooter.

"This year, to put our best players on the floor we're going to go back to playing big," Self says. "I don't think it's necessarily my favorite way to play. It's *not* my favorite way to play. We just try to adjust and tweak to do whatever gives us the best chance, and what gives us the best chance is getting our best players and our best athletes out there."

As for the athletic De Sousa's potential as a perimeter defender, Self said, "That'll be the big question, on how much we can [play two bigs]. If you're playing a team that basically plays four guards and the fourth guard is 6-8 and can shoot, that's a different assignment than he's ever had."

With sophomores Devon Dotson and Ochai Agbaji locks in the lineup, the third guard spot remains the other uncertainty for Self to test: How might junior Marcus

Garrett perform with starter's minutes, and can senior transfer Isaiah Moss, who shot 42.1 percent from beyond the arc last season for Iowa, prove himself to be this team's much-needed sharpshooter?

"We're big, we're fairly athletic, we can make plays you can't coach, athletically, in some areas, and then, of course, we have some speed on the perimeter," Self says. "I think the pieces are there for us to have a big year and play well. I'm not sure that our skill set has quite caught up to our athletic abilities, because we do need to shoot the ball more consistently in order to take advantage of some bigs who can operate inside and do some damage."

Of his offseason conditioning, slim Udoka Azubuike (35) says, "There was one time I went up with one hand and slammed it, and I was way above the rim. I was up there. I knew then that, yeah, I really lost a lot of weight."



STEVE PUPPE

Thrill of victory ...

Football follows Texas Tech upset with agony of K-State clunker

Should a football turnaround under coach Les Miles gain momentum in the not so distant future, we might look back on an unlikely hero who, in the eighth game of Miles' debut season, made it all possible.

"He's a top-tier athlete," junior kicker Liam Jones said of junior long-snapper Logan Klusman, who, with mere seconds remaining in regulation of a tie game with Texas Tech, sifted through a chaotic scrum to fall on a live ball and give Jones another attempt at a game-winning field goal. "Just kidding."

Countered Klusman, with a grin, "Just another day in the life of a long snapper."

Context here is critical: One day after KU's 45-20 loss to Oklahoma, Miles dismissed offensive coordinator Les Koenning and replaced him with senior offensive consultant Brent Dearmon, a 34-year-old newcomer who, after two years as an analyst at Auburn, had been coaching small-college football.

In three seasons as coordinator at Arkansas Tech, Dearmon's offenses tallied gaudy numbers, including 40 points per game in 2017 and 458.8 yards per game the previous season. Last year, in his lone stint as head coach at Bethel University, Dearmon's alma mater, BU scored 55 points a game, tops in all of college football.

Dearmon chose to join his Auburn mentor, Chip Lindsey, when Lindsey accepted Miles' offer to be KU's offensive coordinator; when Lindsey abruptly left to take the top job at Troy University, Dearmon made good on his word to hire on with Miles as an offensive analyst.

"Brent is one of the brightest individuals

"I didn't even realize the field got stormed [by fans], because all the players were around me. I don't know if I was running in celebration or running for my life."

—Liam Jones, kicker



After KU beat Texas Tech with a field goal as time expired, coach Les Miles said, "Early till late, we took 'em to the wire, final drive, and won the game. ... We've just got to play consistently that way and we will be very happy."

I have encountered in all of my years coaching," Miles said Oct. 6.

With a bye week to teach Dearmon's run-pass option (RPO) scheme and terminology, the Jayhawks on Oct. 5 sauntered into Austin and nearly beat the Texas Longhorns, who needed a 60-yard drive and 33-yard field goal as time expired to hold off the Jayhawks, 50-48.

The Jayhawks weren't able to stop the final drive, but the offense went big-time boom with 569 total yards: Senior Carter Stanley threw for 310 yards and four touchdowns and sophomore Pooka Williams Jr. ran for 196 yards and two TDs.

One week later, against Texas Tech, the Jayhawks racked up 527 yards of total offense, giving them 1,096 yards—the nation's third-best offensive total over that span—in Dearmon's two games as offensive coordinator. Despite the glitzy numbers, however, the game still came down to a make-or-break final series.

After KU tied the game, 34-34, with a 32-yard TD run by freshman Velton

Gardner with 5:12 remaining, the defense stepped up on the ensuing Tech possession and forced the Red Raiders to punt. Stanley then engineered an 11-play drive by completing six of seven passes, setting Jones up with a 40-yard attempt for a game winner—which Tech blocked.

"It's a pretty loud sound, and I heard it get tipped," Klusman explained. "So once I heard it I looked straight up and we chased it."

Texas Tech recovered the blocked kick, and could have fallen on the ball and forced the game into overtime. Instead, the defender began running with the ball, and, as he was about to be swarmed, looked to lateral the hot potato.

"I guess he was trying to make some superhero toss-back play," Klusman said, "and he ended up giving it to us."

Klusman fell on the live ball, Miles called time out with two seconds remaining, and both Klusman and Jones took deep breaths to squash their adrenalin surges and get back to the business of attempting another game winner. This time, Jones drilled it from 32 yards, giving



Gardner

Sports

KU a 37-34 victory and the first Big 12 triumph of the Miles era.

When he hit the kick, Jones turned and sprinted the length of the field, madly chased, and eventually swarmed, by delirious teammates; Jones never even knew, until later asked to comment by reporters, that it was his long snapper who recovered the blocked kick to set up his shot at redemption.

“I didn’t even realize the field got stormed [by fans],” Jones said, “because all the players were around me. I don’t know if I was running in celebration or running for my life.”

And then ... thump.

From jubilation to tribulation, the Jayhawks turned around the following week and, playing in front of their first home sellout since 2009, got rolled, 38-10, by Kansas State, which was still flying high after upsetting Oklahoma. The Wildcats led 17-3 at halftime, and KU didn’t score a touchdown until senior Manny Miles, subbing for injured Stanley, ran it in from

the 1 with 35 seconds remaining.

The up-down pattern was achingly familiar: After beating Indiana State in the season opener, KU inexplicably lost to Coastal Carolina; after scoring a thrilling, 48-24 road victory at Boston College, the Jayhawks lost by five to West Virginia and by 37 at TCU. And, of course, they followed up the last-second win over Texas Tech with a drubbing by their in-state rival.

With another bye week to regroup, Miles vowed to fix whatever is causing KU’s slow starts.

“It was a loud stadium, and it was a Jayhawk loud,” Miles said after the



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Against Texas and Texas Tech, Carter Stanley (9) completed 53 of 84 passes for 725 yards and seven touchdowns. Against Kansas State, he went 13 of 23 for 115 yards, with no touchdowns and two interceptions.

Sunflower Showdown. “I truly appreciated it, and I know our players did, too. They’re sick right now. They wanted to come and play a great game for you. Another time.”

UPDATES

Led by senior **Addisyn Merrick**, Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, and sophomore goalkeeper **Sarah Peters**, named Most Outstanding Player with two shutouts in three games, soccer on Nov. 10 won its first Big 12 tournament championship with a 1-0 victory over TCU at Swope Soccer Village. “This senior class will go to the NCAA’s three times in their four years, which is pretty phenomenal,” said 21st-year coach **Mark Francis**. “No other group that we’ve had has ever done that.” As *Kansas Alumni* went to press, the Jayhawks were preparing for their NCAA opener against Iowa at Rock Chalk Park. ... **Bryce Hoppel**, two-time



Merrick

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NCAA champion as a junior in his final KU season, set himself up for a strong Olympic year in 2020 by placing fourth in the World Championships in Qatar, running the men’s 800 meters with a personal-best time of 1 minute, 44.25 seconds. Senior **Gleb Dudarev**, competing for Belarus, placed eighth in the hammer throw. Sophomore **Zach Bradford**, the youngest

member of Team USA, placed 22nd in the pole vault. Junior **Alexandra Emilianov**, competing for Moldova, placed 14th in the discus, and former KU discus thrower **Mason Finley**, ‘14, a 2016

Olympian and World Championships bronze medalist in 2017, placed seventh in the men’s discus. ...

Perry Ellis, ‘20, ninth on men’s basketball’s career scoring list, joined coach **Bill Self**’s staff as video coordinator. Ellis last July injured his knee in a Wichita charity game while preparing to extend his professional career in Japan.

Ellis will now complete internship hours to wrap up his undergraduate degree before embarking on graduate studies and a possible return to international basketball. ...

Freshman **Luke Kløver** won all five of his matches at the mid-October Big 12 Match Play Championship in Houston, leading men’s golf to a second-place finish. ... Freshman **Jiayu Chen** on Oct. 16 was named Big 12 Diver of the Week with a pair of opening-weekend victories. ... Track and field coach **Stanley Redwine** has been named assistant coach for Team USA’s 2020 Tokyo Olympics team, and former Kansas Relays meet director **Tim Weaver** was named head manager.

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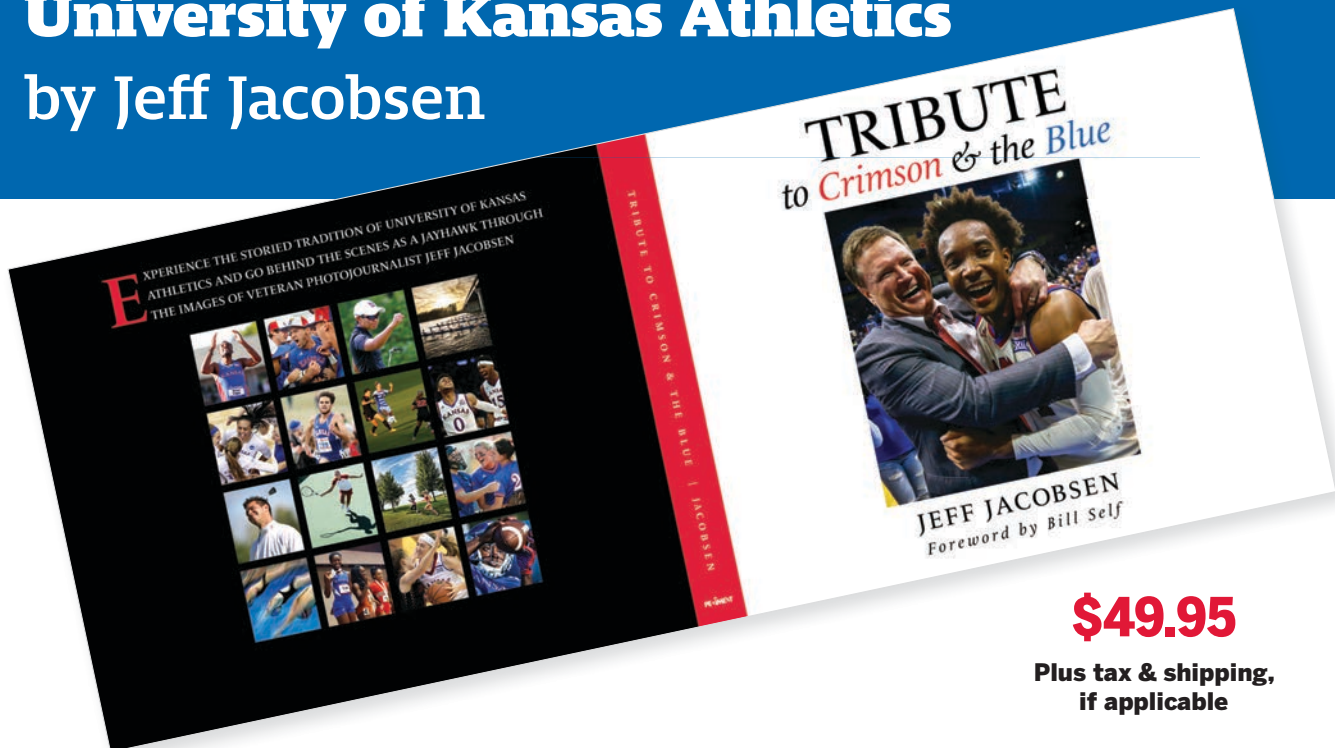


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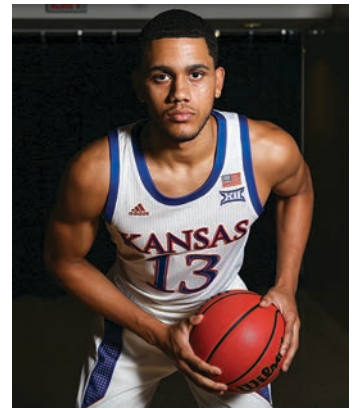
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Hunger for Knowledge

In a time of rising college costs, some students face a stark choice: **tuition or dinner?**

“I go to events on campus just because there’s free food. I went to the housing fair, and it’s like, ‘I know where I’m living; I don’t need to be here.’”

“I don’t really have anything, so I’m going to have a fruit cup for dinner and wait until breakfast.”

As campus stirs from its summer slumber in late August and starts gearing up for another academic year, Mount Oread can seem like a rolling food fair. Hawk Week, the Universitywide welcome for new Jayhawks, unfurls in a cornucopia of free meals and snacks meant to make new arrivals feel welcomed and energized to dive into college life. As classes begin, dozens of student organizations, academic units, culture hubs and student services dangle free food as a lure to compete for students’ attention. Hawkfests and UnionFests, global brunches and veggie lunches, block parties and mingles and mixers abound, with bars and pubs beyond campus adding their own Happy Hour enticements to draw hungry students. As fall slips by, routines set in: Tuesdays are Tea at Three in the Burge Union, Thursdays are Veggie Lunch

at Ecumenical Campus Ministries, and home games mean the Student Alumni Network’s Football Friday lunches at the Adams Alumni Center. Everywhere you turn, it seems, are hot dogs, burgers, barbecue, vegan tacos, cookies and—always, inevitably, inescapably—pizza, pizza.

For significant numbers of students at KU and across the nation, however, deciding what to eat is more complicated than merely sussing out which free buffet offers the tastiest treats. Research studies and surveys in the past few years have shown that students pinched by tuition hikes, rising textbook costs, stagnant wages and eroding state and federal support for higher education find it increasingly difficult to make room in their budgets for food, adding another potential obstacle to the quest for a college degree: hunger.

Conclusive data on the precise extent of the problem is elusive. A report this January from the U.S. Government Accountability Office examined 31 separate studies of hunger on campus and found that estimated rates of college students experiencing “food insecurity” varied widely, from 9% to more than 50%. But clearly the issue is real: All 14 schools

selected by the GAO for closer study were found to be tackling student hunger in some way. All were providing free food through campus food pantries, most were offering emergency funds to help students buy food, and many had added centralized student services to support students’ basic needs, including helping them apply for benefits such as SNAP, the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The report also concluded that almost 2 million at-risk students were potentially eligible for—but were not receiving—SNAP benefits.

At KU, two research studies have looked at hunger on campus. In 2016-’17, senior Ike Uri, executive director of the student-led Center for Community Outreach, surveyed second-, third- and fourth-year undergraduates as part of his honors thesis and found that 54% of respondents could be considered food insecure under U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines, with 35% exhibiting very low food security, the department’s most severe category of food insecurity.

by Steven Hill

Illustration by Barry Fitzgerald



Eggs & saltines for dinner. Students documented their strategies for stretching food budgets (above, opposite page) as part of Stacey Swearingen White's survey and exhibition, "Looking at Food (Insecurity)."



In 2018, Stacey Swearingen White, professor in the School of Public Affairs and Administration and a faculty fellow in the Office of Student Affairs, conducted a survey that also included first-year and graduate students as well as follow-up surveys and focus groups. Data collected by White and PhD student Kelsey Fortin, d'13, g'19, suggested about 32% of responding students at KU were experiencing very low food security according to the federal guidelines. Their group discussions and individual interviews with students—some of which are quoted here—provide a glimpse of the challenges students face as they try to balance the demands of completing a degree with the need to fulfill the most basic of human needs.

When Emily Doffing arrived at KU in 2017, the freshman from Wichita's south side knew little about Mount Oread or Lawrence. The first in her family to attend college, she didn't feel comfortable living off campus, but KU housing was too expensive for her budget. Doffing had earned a Pell Advantage grant and other scholarships, but her family lives below the poverty line and she is mostly on her own when it comes to paying for school. So she found an apartment close to campus and began looking for work.

New to town, new to college and new to living on her own, she struggled to find a

job. Before long she was struggling to find enough to eat.

"Rent was high and my family was having a hard time financially and couldn't help me out, so it was just a combination of things," Doffing says.

She took the first job offered her, with KU Dining, "and for a while I just relied on the one meal they give you per shift."

Doffing says she started to question whether "people like me, people who are low income" can make it in college.

"When you're adjusting to college you're adjusting to a whole different culture, you're adjusting to living on your own, and food insecurity affects not only your health, it affects your mental health as well. The thoughts that, 'I can't do this; this is just too impossible,' start up and a lot of times you blame yourself. It can be really hard to battle it alone."



"When you first get to college you don't think it is going to be as expensive as it is. When you buy books and stuff, things add up very quickly. Then you probably get through half the semester and realize how much you should have budgeted for food."

"I'm definitely getting enough calories. I just don't know if they are the right calories."

According to the USDA, food security means access at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life. The department defines food security along a range: high, marginal, low and very low. Individuals and families in the high and marginal categories are considered "food secure." They face no or very few concerns about getting food of the quality and quantities they need.

People in low and very low categories are classified as "food insecure." Low food security is defined as "reduced quality, variety or desirability of diet" with "little or no indication of reduced food intake." People in this category may be getting plenty of calories but insufficient nutrients.

Very low food security (the category experienced by one in three KU students who responded to Uri's and White's surveys) is defined as "multiple indications of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake." People living with very low food security are very likely hungry, but, according to the USDA methodology, food insecurity and hunger are not the same. Food insecurity is a "household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food." This can be measured with some accuracy through survey data. Hunger, on the other hand is "an individual-level physiological condition that may result from food insecurity"—a personal, physical symptom

that's much harder to measure precisely.

For the 5.6 million American households found in a 2018 USDA survey to be dealing with very low food security for at least part of the year, the distinction is hardly comforting. More than 80% of these households reported cutting meal sizes or skipping meals entirely, being unable to afford balanced meals, and eating less than they should. Nearly 70% had not eaten despite being hungry and 47% lost weight because they did not have money for food. More than 30% reported not eating for a whole day because there was not enough money for food, and 25% said this had occurred in three or more months.

For Dana Comi, a PhD student and graduate teaching assistant in English, the strain of food insecurity on Mount Oread is often written on her students' faces.

"I have students come in who just look horrible," says Comi, who keeps granola bars and snacks handy to give out during office hours. "Sometimes it's because they're sick and they're just pushing through the day; sometimes it's because they pulled an all-nighter. But often they're just hungry and haven't eaten."

Reasons vary, say Comi and others who frequently encounter hungry students. Busy schedules, lack of cooking skills, and youthful inexperience can play a role. But often students are simply overwhelmed by college costs.

"They might be struggling to pay rent, pay for gas, pay utilities, pay for food,"

Comi says. "And food is the first thing to go, because it's the one necessity you can control. You can't *not* pay your rent or your car insurance, but you can choose not to eat."

Comi has seen students stop coming to class because they don't get enough to eat: "They just don't have the energy," she says.

Carsten Holm, a TRIO SES student success specialist in the Center for Educational Opportunity Programs, has seen it too. "Every once in a while I meet students who are in tears over not being able to make ends meet and get a decent meal," Holm says. "There's a real sense of desperation. I know there are students who drop out because of it."

Both Uri and White caution that there are limits to their survey data, including relatively low response rates. But both believe the problem of food insecurity at KU is real. Uri, c'17, saw it in friends and in students who showed up at the Campus Cupboard, a food pantry established by and for KU students, where he often worked during summers when volunteers were scarce. "There were people who were not coming to school with a lot of money," he says, "and when corners needed to be cut in the budget, it was often food expenses."

White's understanding of the problem deepened when she asked a handful of survey participants to document their food experiences for a week. Their cellphone photos of meager meals (which became the basis for an exhibition she

organized in March at the Kansas Union gallery, "Looking at Food (Insecurity)," are a bracing reminder that campus hunger is a harsh reality that can't be fully understood by statistics alone.

"The survey measures may not be quite accurate, but the really important point to make is I know it's a serious issue at KU," White says. "Knowing the precise numbers is less important, in my mind, than knowing that this is a problem for large numbers of KU students."



"There's kind of the perception that college is your dog years; if you're struggling, that's normal, that's supposed to happen."

"I would feel bad taking food from a pantry because I assume someone needs it more. ... I should let other people use those resources, and I can just make do with what I have and that's gonna be fine."

At Ikigai Noodle, a weekly dinner hosted by Westwood House, home to KU's Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM), students begin arriving well ahead of the 6 p.m. start time. Campus minister Shawn Norris and a flock of helpers do-si-do around a crowded kitchen, preparing ramen noodles and hot broth donated by Shantel Ringler Grace, '02, co-owner of the Mass Street restaurant



48 for five bucks



Dinner with the Chef



Too late for the free food



Ramen Bowls. The vibe is welcoming, convivial and informal: Diners line up to serve themselves from steaming pots and then sit at big tables or join in a Smash Bros video game tournament underway in the next room. The suggested donation is \$2, but it's understood, not mentioned. Students can eat as much as they want and take to-go boxes when they leave. The setup turns a traditional helping model on its head: By creating a lively community dinner where all are welcome, organizers of Ikigai (a Japanese concept meaning "reason for being") hope to destigmatize the soup kitchen.

"Some people don't take advantage of resources because there's a shame factor," Grace says. "Our idea is, if you want to put a couple bucks in the donation box, that's great. But nobody's sitting here taking money. Just help yourself."

As Emily Doffing worked to make a life at KU during her freshman year, part of her goal was to find a church. At LCM she discovered a congregation that not only makes students feel at home with the help

of food (the ministry serves around 150 students a week at three different meals), but also talks about food insecurity and educates students about campus and community resources to fight it. That mission was driven largely by students, Norris says. "We had always done free meals, but the students were the ones who said, 'Let's focus this on food insecurity; let's take this seriously as a way of giving back to campus.'" Doffing and a friend who also struggles with food insecurity made the Thursday dinners at Westwood House a regular night out.

"I remember we were standing in line for ramen, and I saw on the bulletin board an article about food insecurity," Doffing recalls. "I was struggling with a lot of misconceptions: that it's only a few college students, or it's normal or there's not a lot of resources in Lawrence. I read the article, and it had phone numbers and addresses and statistics. I felt all those misconceptions literally being eliminated and being replaced with information that gave me hope and also got me on the right track to

Ikigai Noodle Night at Westwood House is one of several weekly free meals that beckon students and alumni for food, fun and fellowship. "Students appreciate that no one can tell who's paying and who's not," organizers say of the informal donation system. "It's not like a soup kitchen; it doesn't have that stigma."

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start eating regularly and healthy. And that carried through to all the different things in my life such as academics and having energy and feeling good again."

Around the room, diners dig in to fragrant bowls of ramen heaped with fresh vegetables. Several report attending the Veggie Lunch at Ecumenical Campus Ministries earlier in the day; others say they use the Free Food Finder in the Alumni Association app to locate free meals on campus. One is a recent graduate who just earned her second KU degree, a master's in social work. Like Doffing, she came to KU with the help of a Pell Advantage grant, but as a freshman new to dorm life she bought the cheapest



campus dining plan, which provided 10 meals a week.

“I had to be strategic,” she says. “I would eat my morning meal around 10 a.m. and then not eat again until after 5. I basically ate two meals a day freshman year. I had a friend with an unlimited meal plan who gave me meals. That’s how most people get through it—friends and roommates.”

A young woman from Wichita, who describes herself as “a broke college student,” says she eats here every Thursday night, “because it’s always my last meal before payday and I usually need the free food.” A young man from Peru who frequently takes advantage of free fare at campus events says he likes Ikigai “because it’s good, fresh food. If it was just more pizza, I probably wouldn’t come.”

Indeed, this is not their parents’ ramen. The scratch broth and handmade noodles (\$12 a bowl on Mass Street) are an entirely different animal than the brittle, sodium-laced dehydrated bricks that cost a quarter a pack in the instant food aisle at the grocery store.

Almost every interview for this story (and a high percentage of the comment sections for online articles on the topic) eventually came around to what Ike Uri calls “the classic trope” about college and food: Students are *supposed* to live on ramen. (Or macaroni and cheese. Or pizza.) It’s what you do. It’s what we did. They’ll be fine.

“People tend to say, ‘Oh, well, it’s not a big deal; I ate ramen when I was a college student and I got by,’” Stacey Swearingen White says. “Really? Is that the best we can hope for our students? Because there’s also a health-eating connection that can affect academic performance—as well as the fact that higher education is so much more expensive than it was when I got my college degree, for example, that it’s just a very different situation.”

One of the problems with this myth “is the assumption that what’s happening today is the same as what happened 20 years ago or 40 years ago,” says Norris, who has been the campus minister at LCM for two decades. “I’m old enough that I had a classmate who worked his way through an expensive private college; what

students can make in a summer now does not come close to covering costs. There’s a huge difference in the affordability of higher education. Obviously that’s changed. So somebody who says, ‘Well, we ate ramen, they can eat ramen, everything is gonna be fine,’ misses that change in our culture.”

It’s a change that has rippled throughout all levels of University administration, including the very top. In remarks made to the Student Senate earlier this year, Chancellor Doug Girod noted that state appropriations made up 17% of KU’s total budget in fiscal 2018, compared with 27% in 2008. In 2018, tuition and fees accounted for 23% of the budget.

“I think now we have the knowledge to understand the mind-body connection to academic success,” says Jennifer Wame-link, associate vice provost for student affairs, who assisted both Uri and White with their surveys. “If you’re not getting the appropriate nutrients, you’re not best positioned to do well academically. So I think our thinking has changed, but also the affordability of college has changed. If you’ve listened to the chancellor’s remarks about what percentage of their education is now being funded by our students rather than the state, if you just look at pure percentages, our families are carrying a higher load financially that’s outpaced federal aid. Many of our students have pretty substantial gaps between what they’re receiving in aid and what it actually costs to attend KU.”

Young people, of course, are always ignoring good advice on diet, sleep, exercise and a host of other habits and practices adults see as counterproductive. All part of growing up. But it’s different when the decision to skimp on food is a necessity rather than a choice.

“It’s always been a thing that skipping meals or living on ramen and pizza is tied to what it means to go to college,” Dana Comi says. “But it’s not healthy, it’s not sustainable and I think it gets romanticized. There’s a big difference between eating a ramen packet at 2 in the morning because you don’t live with your parents anymore and eating it because you have a real lack of access to anything nutritional.”



“I know if I don’t eat breakfast or don’t have something in my system, I’m going to be thinking about it all day and I can’t focus. I should be listening in class, but I’m planning what am I going to eat after class is out.”

“This sounds bad, but I don’t know if I could put down my pride enough to go eat at the Jubilee Cafe.”

“I brought this on myself; I’ll figure something out,” Emily Doffing remembers thinking during her freshman year, when food insecurity for her was at its worst.

After paying bills, she often had little money left for food. A friend who got sick and went to Watkins Health Service for treatment found out later that the student health center doesn’t take Medicaid; the resulting medical bill wiped out the woman’s savings. Another friend was blindsided by an expensive textbook needed for class. A week with one less shift on the work schedule, a surprise car repair, or an unexpected spike in the heating bill could wreck a budget already on the tightest of margins.

Doffing knew nothing about the Campus Cupboard or Just Food, the community food bank that keeps the student cupboard stocked. But if she had, she says, she’s not sure she would have grabbed those lifelines back then.

“When you’re a freshman and everything is new and scary and you don’t know anyone or anything, it’s not easy to talk about stigmatizing or difficult things you’re going through,” she says. “I didn’t know food insecurity is as prevalent on campus as it is. I thought struggling with food was something particular to me because of low income, and I didn’t know that Lawrence has so many resources that so many people do use. I had the misconception that I can just power through on my own, the pull-yourself-up-by-your-boostraps that society tells us for so many things. But it’s OK to get help sometimes.”

In her focus group research, Stacey

Swearingen White determined that only 12% of students experiencing the highest level of food insecurity were accessing food assistance resources of any kind.

“You might think, ‘My gosh, how are they not?’” she says. “If they are in this much need, why aren’t they?”

The answer, for many, is shame.

“There’s just a really large social stigma that’s been put on people for having need in this regard,” White says. And if that’s felt by society at large, it’s even more acutely felt by college students. The message students hear is, You have enough money to go to college, you should be doing OK.

“That filters down. The students will say, ‘Oh, well, those [resources] aren’t really for me; those are for people who really need it.’ So that stigma, that bad stereotype of students subsisting on ramen and popcorn, extends to those experiences. It’s like that’s how it’s supposed to be.”

“Students know they are struggling, but being here at the University in and of itself is seen as a privilege,” Wamelin says. “And so I think students perceive things like SNAP benefits or the community cupboards as, ‘I’m not struggling enough; there are people hurting worse than me, and those resources are for them and not for me.’ Even though that student is not eating three meals a day.”

Gratitude is, indeed, a common theme: Almost every student who discusses food insecurity mentions how grateful they are to be at KU, how lucky they feel to be getting a scholarship or Pell grant, because otherwise they couldn’t afford college.

Recent data on college food insecurity nationwide suggests that these aren’t entitled snowflakes whining for a handout, nor are they participants in some time-honored rite of passage, a harmless character-building experience that teaches college students fortitude and self-reliance.

“That’s a pretty classic discounting of an experience that is inherently doing a lot of violence to the individuals who are experiencing food insecurity,” Uri, now a PhD student at Brown University, says of the mythology that normalizes hunger and stigmatizes food assistance. “Their narratives aren’t being taken seriously here. I would just hope that we could



You never come out with us. “Socializing around food is one way for students to build a social network,” notes Carsten Holm of the Center for Educational Opportunity Programs. “If you can’t afford to join in, it becomes very socially isolating.”

aspire to something a little bit better than that for our students. And I know, personally, if I subsisted only on ramen, I wouldn’t last very long.”

“It’s unfortunate that we can just look at it that way,” White says. “That doesn’t seem good enough, I think, to look at it that way when students have other stresses and the average student at KU works 20 hours a week. It’s not like they’re sitting around bemoaning that they have to have another bowl of ramen. They’re struggling. And that’s something we should all be concerned about.”



“People think we’re living on the \$5 walk-in special at Pizza Shuttle, but it goes deeper than that.”

“You worry because you haven’t eaten and you’re about to pass out, and then you worry about money ... For me it’s like, worry, worry, worry, and then my mom is just worried about my health.”

In September 2018, the Campus Cupboard moved from Westwood House to its current location in the Kansas Union. What had started as an ad-hoc effort initiated by students and hosted by near-campus spiritual centers was, for

the first time, actually *on campus*.

That evolution is a prime example of the University's response to food insecurity, which has been driven largely by students, but increasingly backed by administrative buy-in.

"Our students were telling us this is a need," says Jennifer Wamelink, of student affairs. "That's really where it started."

In year one, the cupboard logged 2,657 visits; 92% were students and 8% were staff or others. (See "Food Issues also affect staff".) Of the 449 verified unique student users, 89.3% returned to KU or graduated by fall 2019. Through this September, Wamelink says, the Campus Cupboard has already logged 508 visits.

"We definitely have students coming in who are struggling to make ends meet, and this is helping them round out their nutritional and caloric needs," Wamelink says. "We know we're hitting a need."

Largely responsible for the move were Katie Phelan, h'14, g'16, and Insia Zufer, c'18, who in 2017 served as co-directors of the KU Center for Community Outreach. The student-led organization was founded in 1990 to help KU students find community service opportunities in Lawrence,

and the Campus Cupboard is one of a dozen programs CCO oversees. The future doctors—Phelan is in medical school at KU, Zufer at Johns Hopkins—worked with Student Senate and KU administrators to secure funding and space for the cupboard on level four of the union. Student body president Maddy Womack, c'18, and vice president Mattie Carter, c'18, j'18, made the cupboard a top priority for their term in office.

Phelan and Zufer credit Ike Uri's survey for spurring an institutional response to an issue that had not been targeted in an organized way.

"The research kind of revealed an underlying problem on campus with food insecurity that students were experiencing that I think previously had been very under-recognized and not talked about much among administrators," Phelan says.

Phelan and Zufer joined a new effort headed by the student affairs office, the Food for Jayhawks committee made up of staff, faculty, students and community members. The group's main charge is ending food insecurity and hunger on campus by improving student access to healthy food and food resources with

collaborations among KU departments and community agencies.

Wamelink says Kelsey Fortin, the student in health and exercise science who also worked on White's hunger survey, first opened her eyes to the need for a more formalized workgroup three years ago.

Fortin had been working at Harvesters Community Food Network, a regional food bank that serves 26 counties in northeastern Kansas and northwestern Missouri, when she was hired as a health educator at Watkins Health Center in 2013. Nutrition was one of her topic areas. She met with students in one-on-one sessions to help them set personal goals such as losing weight, gaining weight, or improving nutrition. "That's where those conversations would come up," Fortin says, "and individuals would note, 'Well, the reason I couldn't get my requirements for fruits and vegetables for the past week is I don't have the money.'"

Fortin joined KU Fights Hunger, which had grown out of a series of campuswide food drives that started around 2008. (The food drives are now conducted during the month of October and for a time were a major focus of the yearly Homecoming



Food issues also affect staff

In spring 2019, the Office of Diversity and Equity in collaboration with the Staff Senate surveyed all faculty and staff on food insecurity and other issues.

"The survey asked whether folks felt they weren't able to eat balanced meals, if they don't have money to buy food

at the end of month, or if they use local resources for clothes and other things," says Jeff Severin, co-chair of Staff Senate's diversity and inclusion committee. "We were trying to gauge how often that happens and do they have to choose between paying for food and basic living costs."

About 20% of the 500 respondents indicated they often or sometimes experience food insecurity.

Severin cautions that the survey, which was distributed via email and conducted online, was not a random sample and could be skewed toward those who are "looking for a way to share their need" or those who

have the greatest access to a computer during the day. But the numbers are not wildly out of line with other local surveys.

"In comparison to the number of students and the number of people within Douglas County generally who experience food insecurity, it wasn't surprising," Severin says. "I feel like there are certain areas of campus where our salaries aren't meeting a living wage, so it doesn't surprise me."

Participant comments clustered around several themes, including:

- Staff in single-income households are more likely to struggle with food insecurity.

- Many dual-income families noted they are a job loss away from food insecurity.

- There is broad frustration about low/stagnant wages and wage inequality at KU alongside rising health care, child care, transportation and housing costs.

- Some families are debt-financing food security (with credit cards) while others struggle with high household debt obligations.

- Shame was identified as the major barrier to accessing support.

- Those who need access to food support may not be aware of on-campus resources.

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Community Food Resources

Campus Cupboard, food pantry for KU faculty, students and staff
Level 4, Room 132 Kansas Union
785-864-4060

Just Food, Douglas County food bank
1000 East 11th St., 785-856-7030

Westwood House, student meals and food pantry
1421 W. 19th St., 785-550-6560

Ecumenical Campus Ministries
Veggie Lunch
1204 Oread Ave., 785-843-4933

Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (L.I.N.K.), free homemade meals
First Christian Church
10th & Kentucky, 785-331-3663

Ballard Center Mobile Food Pantry
Douglas County Fairgrounds
785-842-0729

Department for Children & Families, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
1901 Delaware St., 785-832-3700

Jubilee Café, free breakfast served restaurant-style
946 Vermont St.
jubilee@fumclawrence.org

Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry
1027 Vermont St., 785-843-6166

Lawrence Emergency Assistance Center (EAC)
1525 W. 6th St., 785-856-2694

Salvation Army
946 New Hampshire St., 785-843-4188

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
Food vouchers for pregnant women and families with children under 5
200 Maine St., 785-856-5350

celebration organized by the Alumni Association.)

“The whole group really started as an effort to benefit Just Food,” the Lawrence food bank directed by alumna Elizabeth Keever Schooler, c’10, Fortin says. “But as students got involved, there started to be this connection about maybe there’s a need for food resources for students on campus.”

Around the same time, the first campus food pantry started at ECM, an outgrowth of the ministry’s weekly Veggie Lunch program. “So there were students in that space at ECM who were saying, ‘Hey, we’re students and there’s an issue of access to food from our perspective, too,’” Fortin says.

Eventually, student participation dropped off, and Fortin, by then an executive member of the group, and others decided that a more formalized committee of staff members would help the University respond to the issue. KU Fights Hunger morphed into Food for Jayhawks.

“I think we worked really hard with KU Fights Hunger to engage folks and often felt like we weren’t making a lot of progress,” says Jeff Severin, c’01, g’11, director of campus planning and sustainability and a member, at various times, of both committees.

While KU Fights Hunger did great work to engage and educate the community about food insecurity on campus, Severin says, it was “really just a loose organization of folks who were passionate about the issue.

“The fact that student affairs took this on and has been coordinating it for the past couple of years really indicates that they see this as something that is critical to student success and that needs that level of attention, that it’s not just something dedicated volunteers are trying to address, but that departments within the University are committing their time and resources,” Severin says. “That was a really important and positive move that’s helped engage an even broader audience in the conversation, in looking for ways to address the issue, and I think in helping overcome the myth of the poor, hungry college student—recognizing that’s not acceptable and we need



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The Campus Cupboard relies on donations from Just Food, the Lawrence food bank, to keep shelves stocked. Refrigerators and freezers enable the cupboard to supplement canned foods with fresh and perishable items.

to be doing more on our campus.”

Some efforts, like moving the Campus Cupboard to the Kansas Union, have succeeded. Locating the cupboard on campus, in a building that’s student-focused, sends a message that it’s a resource students should use, advocates say. Other moves, like an effort to establish a meal plan system similar to the national Swipe Out Hunger campaign, which allows students to donate unused campus dining funds to fellow students in need, have not taken off at KU. Student affairs launched a Food For Jayhawks meal plan, which provides \$425 that’s loaded on a student’s KU card to use at campus dining halls. But a campaign last fall to raise money for the plan through Launch KU, a crowdfunding effort from KU Endowment, met only 60% of the \$25,000 goal.

“It wasn’t super-successful,” Wamelink says, “and I think some of that is disbelief or shock that this is really an issue for college students.” As a result, the program is now available only by referral, and it has helped fewer than 10 students.

There are various “pockets of emergency aid money” around campus intended to help students facing all sorts of barriers to



their success at KU, Wamalink notes, and a new website, help.ku.edu, is meant to make it easier for students to find those resources. And some academic units do what they can to help. The English department, Dana Comi notes, maintains a food pantry for graduate students stocked by faculty members.

“We have a lot of work to do,” says Kelsey Fortin. “I think our pantry efforts are pretty strong, but I still see us as behind the curve of some of our peer institutions.” Kansas State, for example, has long had a staff member dedicated to food insecurity and recently hired a second. “That’s certainly one of the recommendations that came out of our research,” says Fortin, who’d also like to see additional studies on the extent of the problem on campus and more training on money management, grocery shopping,

meal planning and other life skills that might help students battle food insecurity.

In the focus groups that she hosted with White, she recalls a student reporting that she’d been diagnosed as anemic because of poor diet.

“We’re seeing direct negative health outcomes as well as negative academic impacts from students being in this food insecure state,” Fortin says. “To me it’s a wake-up call to the University; if we say one of our big charges is overall well being of the individuals here, and we want to keep our retention and graduation rates high, well, we need to recognize that food insecurity is a factor that’s negatively impacting those things.”

Emily Doffing found ways to stabilize her food supply. Now a junior majoring in psychology with minors in political science and French, she works two jobs

and volunteers at Headquarters Counseling Center.

“I do appreciate what KU does with things like the Campus Cupboard,” which she uses as needed, “but I also know there is more KU can do.” One thing she’d like to see: more up-front communication to first-year students on the availability (and cost and usage limits) of food, health, mental health and academic support services. Rather than rely on students to face down the stigma of asking for food assistance themselves, she thinks the University can send a message: We know food insecurity is an issue and we’re here to help.

“When it comes to someone’s well-being, I don’t really see the question as, Are we doing enough?” Doffing says. “The question should be, Are we doing all we can?”



KU's black fraternities and sororities honor rich history with dedication of plaza

by Heather Biele

Photographs by Steve Puppe

After welcoming the spirited group of Jayhawks gathered Oct. 23 in the Burge Union courtyard for the dedication of the Divine Nine Plaza, Tammara Durham cast a knowing glance at the students before her.

“In founding order,” she began, before hesitating to issue a playful warning, “I’m going to do a brief pause. *Brief*. Do you hear my words?”

The crowd erupted in laughter as Durham, EdD’09, vice provost for student affairs, launched into a roll call, announcing the names of each historically black fraternity and sorority in the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), known affectionately as the Divine Nine.

“Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.,” Durham declared, summoning a series of whoops and hollers from an enthusiastic group of young men.

A Divine Celebration



“I said brief,” she gently reminded them, much to the delight of the crowd.

“Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.” she continued, setting off a high-pitched squeal from a cluster of young women.

“I see you,” answered Durham, who was dressed in the sorority’s signature salmon pink and apple green colors, the organization’s crest emblazoned on the front of her sweater wrap.

She went on to recite the names of the remaining seven organizations, giving members of each fraternity and sorority ample time to respond. The students eagerly obliged, thrilled to announce their presence and celebrate a project that came

to life with the help of more than 200 donors and a dedicated team of Jayhawks, all of whom wanted to ensure that the University’s historically black Greek organizations received a permanent home on campus.

Nestled between the Burge Union and the Integrated Science Building in the new Central District, the Divine Nine Plaza features nine stone monuments—one for each of the fraternities and sororities in the council. The pedestals, which include each organization’s crest, founding details and charter date at KU, were completed in late summer 2019, after an online LaunchKU campaign raised

more than \$53,000 to fund the project.

“What you see before you started with students,” Durham told the lively crowd, which also included alumni, faculty and staff. “This campaign started because they wanted a space dedicated to their organizations, its members and the rich history here at KU.”

Of the nine fraternities and sororities, all of which were founded during a time of racial segregation and oppression, five are currently active on campus: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.



Alpha Kappa Alpha, chartered in 1915 as the first black Greek organization at KU, and Alpha Phi Alpha, chartered in 1917, recently celebrated their centennials, and Kappa Alpha Psi will mark 100 years at KU in 2020. At one point all of the black fraternities and sororities had KU chapters.

“These plots are reminders of history and commitment,” said Carl Lejuez, KU’s interim provost and executive vice chancellor, who also spoke at the event. “The Divine Nine Plaza creates a permanent symbol and raises the profile of the involvement and work that’s been done at KU. Most importantly, it sets the stage for what will follow.”

After the ribbon-cutting, as students and alumni snapped photos and celebrated the momentous occasion with warm embraces and enthusiastic high fives, Dan Leong, c’98, g’00, a member of Phi Beta Sigma who traveled from Topeka for the dedication, reflected on the monuments before him.

“It’s a lot of tradition here and it’s good to see,” he said. “The University has always supported our organizations and it’s really good to see this physical testament. It’s really special.”

Jessica Thompson (l-r), Carolina Barnes, Tammara Durham, Kendrick Jackson, Nikita Haynie, Carl Lejuez and Darius Jones helped cut the ribbon at the Divine Nine Plaza dedication. Thompson, Barnes and Jackson are members of the NPHC executive board. Women of Delta Sigma Theta (below) gathered for a photo next to their sorority’s pedestal.

It didn’t take long for Tyler Allen to realize that the Greek organization she joined was very different from the larger, predominantly white fraternities and sororities at KU, not only in size and structure but also in terms of the group’s visibility on campus. The graduate student from Denver, who’s earning her master’s degree in African American studies and museum studies, became a member of Zeta Phi Beta as a sophomore, hoping to connect with other women with similar backgrounds and interests. But she grew frustrated with how some students viewed her sorority and other black Greek organizations at KU.

“There have been times that I, and other members of my chapter or other NPHC chapters, have been questioned about our organizations being real Greek-letter organizations,” says Allen, c’18. “We don’t operate out of houses, so that was some-



how tied to our lack of credibility on campus.”

When she became president of NPHC in 2017, during her junior year, Allen was determined to elevate the council’s groups in the eyes of her peers and the University. She met with other members of the black fraternities and sororities to discuss how they could increase their visibility on campus in a lasting, meaningful way.

“We have a room in the Kansas Union,”

Allen says, referring to the Divine Nine Room on the sixth floor, which was dedicated in 2014, “and the Delta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha has a bench. But I felt like we needed more and other members of the organizations felt the same.”

The students agreed to construct plots, which in recent years have been built on several college campuses, including Wake Forest University and the University of Iowa, as a symbolic way to enhance the presence of black Greek organizations at KU.

Allen enlisted the help of Darius Jones, who coordinated sorority and fraternity life at KU before leaving in 2018 to serve the University of Texas in a similar role. “I was very hesitant at first” he recalls, “because I’ve heard about other institutions that have tried this and it’s taken years. I just didn’t know if it was really going to happen. But the students were adamant about it.”

Jones, who joined Alpha Phi Alpha as an undergraduate at Texas State University, connected the students with campus leaders who could help facilitate the project, including staff from KU Endowment and KU Facilities Planning & Development. He also encouraged discussions with Durham, who presented the idea to Chancellor Doug Girod, emphasizing the impact historically black Greek organizations have had at KU.

“He was on board from the beginning,” says Durham, adding that the chancellor insisted on keeping the Divine Nine Room in the Union as well. “To be honest, I may have only had to have one conversation with him.”

With the University’s support, students hammered out a budget, design, timeline and communications plan. The only factor that remained uncertain was the location.

“We walked around campus to see what would be the most visible, accessible space that wouldn’t get overlooked,” Jones says. “They were doing construction in the Central District and we knew more freshmen were going to be in that space. We knew it would get a lot of traffic. That was the spot we wanted it to be in.”

With KU Endowment’s assistance, the students launched an online, 30-day fundraising campaign on April 9, 2018, setting a goal of \$50,000 and creating a video and other materials to promote the project. Donations rolled in, ranging from \$10 to \$8,000, from students, alumni, community members and campus units, including Greek organizations in the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Association.

By the time the campaign was scheduled to end in May, the students had raised more than half the funds needed and were granted an extension to continue their efforts. On June 18, they surpassed their

goal, raising a total of \$53,929 from 205 donors to support the creation of the Divine Nine Plaza. The extra funds were allocated for NPHC scholarships.

“I was very happy and thankful,” says Allen, who was studying abroad during the fundraising campaign and relied on NPHC’s new leadership to keep her posted on the project. “I felt like I had accomplished my goal as president. But I can’t take all the credit and I won’t. I’m thankful for those who continued to work once I was gone, because if they wouldn’t have, I don’t know where the project would have gone.”

Despite a few construction delays, the Divine Nine Plaza was completed with the start of the fall semester, just in time for the University’s 107th Homecoming celebration and the Alumni Association’s Black Alumni Network’s biennial reunion.

Nikita Haynie, a Delta Sigma Theta who took over for Jones as assistant director of sorority and fraternity life and adviser to KU’s NPHC and Multicultural Greek Council, believes the new plaza will have a strong impact on current students as well as black alumni, many of whom returned to campus for the reunion.

“It sends the message that there’s a place for you here,” she says, emphasizing that for the dedicated group of students who



Darius Jones (left) supported the creation of the Divine Nine Plaza, along with Tyler Allen (above l-r), former president of NPHC; Nikita Haynie, assistant director of sorority and fraternity life; and Tammara Durham, vice provost for student affairs. The plaza’s nine monuments honor KU’s historically black fraternities and sororities, four of which are single-letter chapters, indicating they were among the earliest to form nationwide.



advocated for the Divine Nine Plaza, “It makes them feel like they matter, that they belong here. It just gives them a sense of pride. And when you think about past Jayhawks, alumni, who were a part of these chapters ... they’re able to come back and see a piece of their undergraduate experience. I think that just sends a powerful message across the board.”

Carla Lutcher, a senior from San Jose, California, and a member of Delta Sigma Theta, attended the plaza’s dedication and says of the black Greek organizations, “We’re all about community service, sisterhood, brotherhood and overall community, so having something to represent that and represent that we are here is a big deal.”

Durham anticipates the new plaza will serve as a valuable recruitment tool as well. “Imagine you’re a person of color and you’re coming on campus for a tour,” she says, “and you see a granite, permanent place dedicated to a sorority or fraternity

your mother or father or aunt or grandmother or cousin or someone in your family may have been a member of. You can see yourself here. You can see that this is a place for *all* students.”

While the creation of the plaza is a prime example of KU’s commitment to foster a diverse and inclusive environment for all Jayhawks, University leaders know more can be done in the years ahead.

“KU has often touted itself as a university that has tried to do the right thing when it comes to race,” Lejuez says. “We’ve talked about that we’ve never denied admission based on race. These are admirable things, but we have a lot of work to do. We know that Lawrence, and sometimes KU specifically, haven’t been uniformly welcoming and supportive.

“The Divine Nine are symbols of what people can do so that we move past areas of division and that lack of support, and move past outright racism, implicit biases and other things that our students, faculty

and staff have to deal with every day at the University.”

Haynie, who for the past year has worked closely with students on the NPHC executive board and has witnessed their excitement to build a permanent, dedicated space on campus, believes that the new plaza will not only honor the University’s rich history with black Greek organizations but also will help marginalized and underrepresented students feel more welcome at KU.

“I think KU is unique in that they really do listen to the students and what the students want,” she says. “I do believe that if students advocate to the right people, have the right conversations and put that out into the campus atmosphere, they can make anything happen. I think the most important message is that your voice matters.”

The Divine Nine Plaza is a powerful reminder that these student voices—and the voices of generations of Jayhawks before them—do, in fact, matter. And, even without a rousing roll call, they will forever be present and accounted for.

More online

Dan Storey’s video of the dedication can be seen at kansasalumnimagazine.org.

History of Black Greek Organizations



Alpha Phi Alpha
Fraternity Inc. was founded on Dec. 4, 1906, at Cornell University. The Upsilon Chapter was chartered at KU on Dec. 2, 1917.



Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sorority Inc. was founded on Jan. 15, 1908, at Howard University. The Delta Chapter was chartered at KU on Feb. 15, 1915.



Kappa Alpha Psi
Fraternity Inc. was founded on Jan. 5, 1911, at Indiana University. The Mu Chapter was chartered at KU on March 27, 1920.



Omega Psi Phi
Fraternity Inc. was founded on Nov. 17, 1911, at Howard University. The Rho Eta Chapter was chartered at KU on April 29, 1976.



Delta Sigma Theta
Sorority Inc. was founded on Jan. 13, 1913, at Howard University. The Psi Chapter was chartered at KU on June 5, 1925.



Phi Beta Sigma
Fraternity Inc. was founded on Jan. 9, 1914, at Howard University. The Zeta Omicron Chapter was chartered at KU on Oct. 20, 1979.



Zeta Phi Beta
Sorority Inc. was founded on Jan. 16, 1920, at

Howard University. The Omega Theta Chapter was chartered at KU on Feb. 25, 1979.



Sigma Gamma Rho
Sorority Inc. was founded on Nov. 12, 1922, at Butler University. The Eta Iota Chapter was chartered at KU on Oct. 9, 1976.



Iota Phi Theta
Fraternity Inc. was founded on Sept. 19, 1963, at Morgan State University. The KU Colony was chartered on May 13, 1997.

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NEWS OF THE DAY

World events, mundane tasks, KU basketball and more featured in one man's vivid record of the 1980s



Dec. 28, 1980: Shunkaha, aka Shunky, "Hound of Hounds," is 6 years old. So begins a long, delightful, colorful and sometimes strange journey through the 1980s, as experienced by a civilian Department of Defense employee, a 1970s KU alumnus then working at Fort Leavenworth who filled his official U.S. government desk calendars with felt-pen drawings and precise annotations about the world.

The wide world. The private world. His dog. The Cold War. Ronald Reagan. KU basketball. Perilous personal health scares. A few veiled nods to Wiccan religious beliefs, as well as seasonal reminders about important holidays for Christians and Jews and a regular log of snowfall totals and notably heavy rains.

The Iranian hostage crisis. Congressional business, both explosive and mundane. Presidential speeches and an assassination attempt. Visits to Fort Leavenworth by U.S. Army generals. International Women's

Day. Postal rate increases for first-class stamps (featuring a bandana-clad bandit). Co-workers' retirement parties. Precise, ongoing accounting of vacation days and sick days. Soviet troops into Afghanistan in April 1981 and out of Afghanistan in February 1989.

"Even though we didn't have the internet, and we didn't have the constant news, the creator of these was really plugged in and was really good at processing events on a global scale, which I think is fascinating," says Beth Whittaker, c'92, g'94, director of the Spencer Research Library and KU Libraries' assistant dean for distinctive collections, who in July



BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

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—Beth Whittaker

2018 purchased the calendars for the Spencer's collections. "At the same time, this man was living his life. He was observing and processing and going about the work; not only his own professional work, but the work of being alive in that time and place with a sense of reflection."

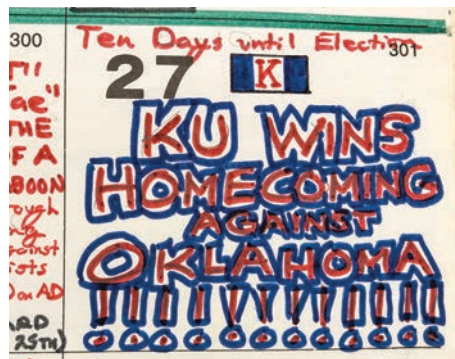
Now titled "Illustrated Cold War Calendars," these government issue desk calendars for 1981 through 1989—except, unfortunately, 1988—came to Whittaker's attention thanks to the creator's many KU basketball references and Jayhawk drawings, which were cited in an online catalog published last year by Boston Rare Maps.

When the online catalog of a respected dealer in antique maps also included these desk calendars—difficult to categorize, but certainly not maps, antique or otherwise—they intrigued The Paris Review and Atlas Obscura, both of which were charmed by the description provided by Boston Rare Maps as well as accompanying images.

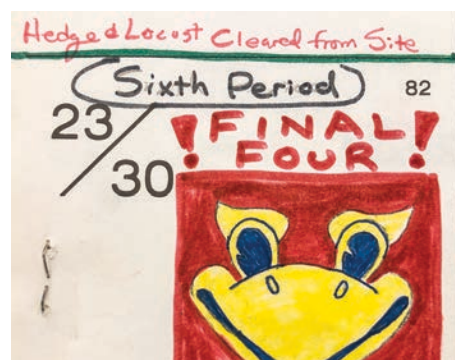
"On any given day," Ted Widmer wrote in the June 13, 2018, Paris Review, "the rare-book trade can cough up anything from an illuminated medieval manuscript to the pages of an unfinished novel. This week, an unusual offering caught my eye: an illuminated manuscript that was not medieval at all."

Citing the calendar's creator as "a nameless Cold Warrior," Widmer continued, "Like a monk, he labored over his document every day, adding carefully crafted letters and elaborate drawings to what became, over nine years, a remarkably full chronicle of the decade."

Both Widmer in The Paris Review and Sarah Laskow in the June 14, 2018, Atlas



October 27, 1984



March 23, 1986

Obscura noted the calendars' frequent celebrations of KU basketball; those references were seen by Jayhawks in Whittaker's social media circles, who gleefully passed along links.

Whittaker was intrigued. She promptly asked colleague Sherry Williams, who has since retired as curator of the Spencer's Kansas Collection, to contact Boston Rare Maps and place what's known in the trade as a "reserve," which essentially gives a potential buyer right of first refusal.

"I'm glad we did," Whittaker says, "because then it really took off. These were kind of a hot ticket."



Michael Buehler, the dealer, agreed to grant KU Libraries the reserve, but also asked a favor: Although items on reserve typically disappear from public view, he requested permission to display them at his booth in the dealers' room at an upcoming rare books and manuscripts conference in New Orleans.

"I didn't even get into the room," Whittaker recalls with a laugh, "before I had several of my professional colleagues

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28 REAGAN'S 13th NEWS CONFERENCE	29 RETURN OF USMC TO BEIRUT after compromise w/ Israel on Beirut pullout	FIRST MARINE DEAD	AMIN GAMAYEL BECOMES PRESIDENT	CONGRESS DROPS BALL ON FUNDING	2 ONE MONTH UNTIL ELECTION

coming up and pointing and saying, 'Have you seen that table that has the stuff with the Jayhawks?' I said, 'Yes, yes, yes,' but since we hadn't purchased them yet, I wasn't saying they're ours. So it was hard for me to keep quiet about it."

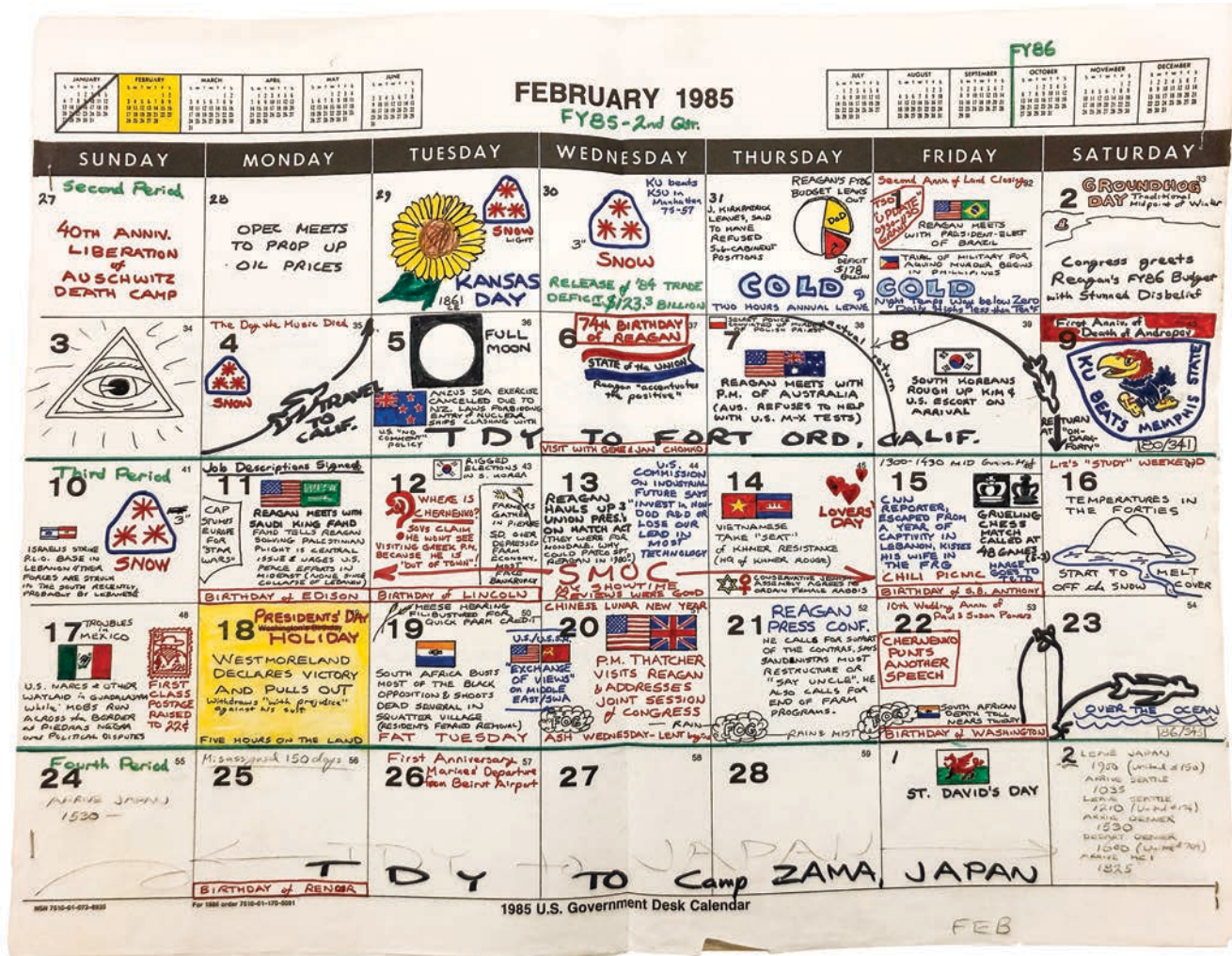
With the calendars available for her inspection at the conference, Whittaker was overwhelmed. The purchase was finalized within two weeks. "They were everything we had hoped;

even better than we had hoped," Whittaker says. "It was great. He got a lot of attention for his booth, KU got a lot of love, and we got these amazing calendars."

Spend time with these personal artifacts of the 1980s and a thought comes quickly to mind: They were desk calendars in name only. The heavily illustrated pages are virtually pristine.

There are no coffee cup rings or soup spills. If one also considers that the calendars contain details of the illustrator's private life and his political beliefs—he was *not* a fan of President Reagan, probably not a popular opinion around Fort Leavenworth at the time—it's almost certain that they weren't actually kept out on his desktop.

Stashed away inside a credenza, perhaps, or behind a bookcase?



Other uncertainties emerge. Were the entries created on or close to the day whose events they chronicle, or were separate notes kept and illustrated updates added, say, weekly? Some visible pencil lines indicate he might have first sketched some drawings before finishing with his office-supply felt-tipped pens, but others appear to be deftly freehand.

"I think it says something that, even for his creative work that he spent so much time and energy on, he used the tools he had available," Whittaker says. "He didn't go and buy a fancy notebook or special pens or anything like that. This is a government issue desk calendar that would have been what anyone else could have had, but what he made of it was something pretty extraordinary."

Aug. 18, 1981: *Country Club Week all week*

Jan. 8, 1984: *Beirut blows up again after some rumors of settlement* (With, as

"LIKE A MONK, HE LABORED OVER HIS DOCUMENT EVERY DAY, ADDING CAREFULLY CRAFTED LETTERS AND ELABORATE DRAWINGS TO WHAT BECAME, OVER NINE YEARS, A REMARKABLY FULL CHRONICLE OF THE DECADE." —Ted Widmer

repeated throughout, a drawing of the national flag of the country mentioned.)

Jan. 28, 1986: *Space Shuttle Challenger is lost with all hands*

Feb. 8, 1981: *Polish Union/Gov't talks collapse, strikes widespread*

March 24-25, 1989: *Huge oil spill in Alaska*

July 28, 1984: *A moving opening for the Olympics*

Jan. 29, 1986: *Kansas Day 125!*
 "They're an unusual window into one

person's life and the world as he saw it—a unique history of the 1980s, captured in pen, pencil, and felt-tip pen," Laskow wrote in *Atlas Obscura*. "Looking through the months is a bit like looking through a *Where's Waldo?* book, chock full of worldly details and small surprises. Go ahead—get lost in his world."

When Boston Rare Maps advertised the calendars, the dealer chose to identify the illustrator

as “a mid-level (GS-11/12) civilian planner and operations officer/analyst who worked for the Department of Defense at the U.S. Army’s Combined Arms Combat Development Activities (CACDA).” The listing goes on to surmise, “Apparently he retired after 1989, just before CACDA was downsized following the end of the Cold War.”

The online summary aptly describes the illustrations as “the sustained work of an able draftsman and cartoonist ... who was both a government insider and an outsider to mainstream American society.”

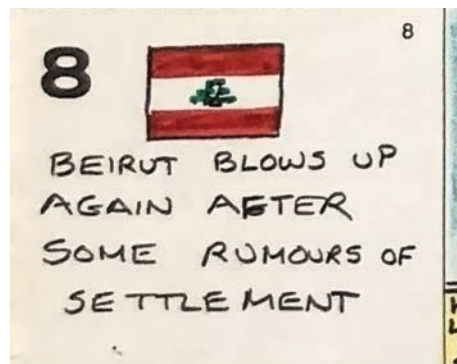
While noting an intriguing sampling



Aug. 18, 1981

Rare Maps chose to not publicize their names, instead emphasizing the Everyman aspect: Here’s a guy who worked for the government, obviously a patriot with a deep mistrust of that era’s political leadership, who harbors a love of family, alma mater, state and country, and fervently hopes for a world in which all can practice their political and spiritual beliefs in peace and harmony.

As academics and researchers obligated to describe the full content of their holdings, KU librarians included the illustrator’s name in the collection’s online catalog listing, so it is now public informa-

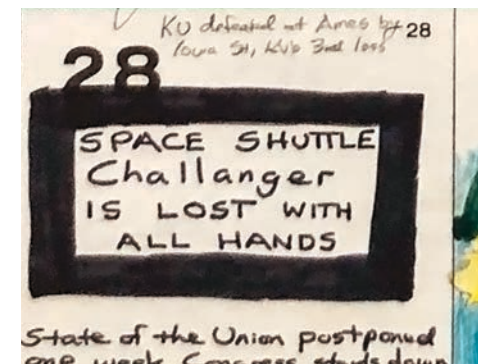


Jan. 8, 1984

hardworking Kansan deployed his talent for insight, observation and illustration to leave us with a dazzling collection that documents, in a beautifully unique voice, life here in the 1980s.

“The Kansas Collection,” Whittaker says, “documents the lives of everyday Kansans. That’s its mission.” She adds that while the Spencer Research Library boasts extensive Kansas-related holdings through the mid-20th century, the 1980s is “definitely a hole that these will fill.”

An unexpected joy of reading through a decade of personal desk calendars comes in the emergence of narrative storylines:



Jan. 28, 1986

of domestic and international affairs included on a decade’s worth of calendar pages, the description continues, “In aggregate the calendars appear to track an imminent global apocalypse, presided over by President Reagan. Indeed, his feelings about the Reagan presidency are clear.”

The collection also includes a small collection of newsletters and instructional materials from two “pagan networks” in rural Oregon, where the illustrator and his wife apparently moved after his retirement, and a sharply worded letter to the ABC television network—dated “May 14, 1991 ce / In the waxing moon”—decrying harmful stereotypes about witches promulgated in a proposed ABC program titled “The Craft.”

The illustrator and wife included their names on the document—identifying themselves as “Witches, Citizens, Consumers”—but their full names appear nowhere else in the collection. Boston

tion. After much discussion and consideration, however, *Kansas Alumni* chose to keep their names out of this article.

We can confirm that the illustrator is a 1975 College graduate, and his late wife, who died in 2001, earned her College degree in 1987. (Indeed, milestones in her academic journey are noted with pride throughout the calendars.)

Kansas Alumni did attempt to reach the illustrator, but our most recent official information about his whereabouts is out of date and Facebook Messenger queries generated no response. We can report that—if we did, in fact, find the correct Facebook page—he appears to be living a happy life in a lovely locale.

Lacking the opportunity to discuss these calendars with him, however, we chose to retain the anonymity of their initial public splash. The emotional and intellectual connections they inspire are not about the specifics of who, exactly, created these calendars, but rather that a sincere,

Poland’s Solidarity movement, supply-side economics, California’s Mediterranean fruit fly crisis, turmoil in the Middle East, anniversaries marking the creation of the Berlin Wall and, ultimately, its fall.

More powerful, though, are the personal journeys. His wife’s illness, through which she persevered and continued her KU education; detailed weather reports, including the June 19, 1981, tornado that “rips Lawrence / 1 dead”; summer and winter solstices; moon phases and first frosts; spring plantings and new homes; and, on most Dec. 28ths, birthday wishes for man’s best friend.

As the calendars began, so they end: Dec. 27, 1989: *Shunky the Dog is 15*

Shunkaha, “Hound of Hounds,” made it, even if the decade’s final entry misses Shunky’s celebration by one day. So concludes a long, delightful, colorful and sometimes strange journey through the 1980s, as lived by one Kansas Everyman.

Association



New dues options

Board approves new choices, including monthly payments

After nearly two years of study, the Association's national Board of Directors approved a revised membership structure at its fall meeting Sept. 6-7 at the Adams Alumni Center.

The simpler menu includes low-cost, monthly payment options, and the Recent Grad discount—formerly available for only one year after completion of a KU degree—is now a much broader Young Alumni & Friends category that includes all alumni and friends 35 and younger.

Memberships now are divided into four groups:

- Young Alumni & Friends
- Alumni & Friends
- Faculty/Staff (Current & Retired)
- KU Students

Both undergraduate and graduate students will continue to receive free Student Alumni Network memberships as gifts from the Association and KU Endowment.

The structure also eliminates all single/joint membership price distinctions. Jayhawks can add a “plus one” spouse or partner to their memberships at no charge.

Tegan Thornberry, d'05, g'10, the Alumni Association's director of membership, explains that the new “plus one” feature allows two people to take advantage of member benefits and discounts under one simplified rate. “It's an opportunity for us to engage more Jayhawks,” she says. “I think we have a lot of great offerings, including the Jayhawk Career Network. There are plenty of things we're doing across the country that more people can take advantage of.”

Perhaps most notable among the new dues options is the expansion of the Young Alumni & Friends category, which doubles the pool of potential members at the reduced rate.

“We had a hard time engaging young Jayhawks after they left the Hill,” says

Thornberry, explaining that Jayhawks typically delay becoming members until they reach their 30s or 40s. “We made the young alumni rate 35 and younger, to hopefully get them engaged at an earlier age through events and as paid members.”

In other changes, annual members must *opt out* of automatic renewal; previously members only opted in to automatic payments.

Here are the new options and prices:

Young Alumni & Friends Rates

(one or two names per membership):

- \$30 annual
- \$100 premium
- \$500 Life
- New monthly membership for \$2.99 per month

Alumni & Friends Rates

(one or two names per membership):

- \$60 annual
- \$100 premium
- \$1,000 Life
- New monthly membership for \$4.99 per month

Faculty & Staff Rates

(one or two names per membership):

- \$30 annual
- \$100 premium
- \$1,000 Life
- New monthly membership for \$2.99 per month

Heath Peterson, d'04, g'09, president of the Association, hopes this new membership structure will entice more Jayhawks to join. “The more members we have working together, the more the Association can strengthen the University through our work to develop the next generation of Jayhawks, help students and alumni make important career connections, and keep Jayhawks all over the world connected to KU and one another,” he says. “Our evolved membership model creates new, affordable and more relevant pathways for alumni, friends and fans to show their pride and strengthen KU.”

kualumni.org/join

Far Above the Golden Valley

Jayhawk spirit soars during 107th Homecoming

The University celebrated its 107th Homecoming Oct. 19-26 with the theme, “Far Above the Golden Valley.” The weeklong series of events included several student and alumni activities, including competitions, reunions and tailgates, all of which led up to the KU football victory over Texas Tech Oct. 26 in David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium.

The Homecoming parade was Friday, Oct. 25, on Massachusetts Street in downtown Lawrence and featured Chancellor Doug Girod as grand marshal.

Other parade participants included Warren, e’50, and Mary Crissman Corman, c’73, h’74, who received the Rich and Judy Billings Spirit of 1912 Award. The annual award recognizes Jayhawks who consistently display school spirit, pride and tradition, and honors Rich, c’57, and Judy Howard Billings, d’57, who in 2011 created an endowment to fund future editions of Homecoming.

During halftime of the Homecoming game, three KU seniors—Tiara Floyd of Junction City, Daphne Lin of Coffeyville and Jalynn Tann of Centennial, Colorado—were announced winners of the 29th annual Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership (Ex.C.E.L.) Awards, which provide annual \$250 scholarships to students. It was the first time in the awards’ history that three students, rather than two, were selected.

In addition, Julie Jorgensen, a junior from Cedar Falls, Iowa, received the Jennifer Alderdice Homecoming Award, which honors students who demonstrate outstanding loyalty and dedication. Alderdice, g’99, led the Association’s student programs from 1999 to 2009. The overall winners of Homecoming in the Greek life category were Triangle, Sigma Kappa and Alpha Delta Pi. The All Scholarship Hall Council took first place in the Student Life, Large Organization category, and Abbi Dougherty, a sophomore from Manhattan, was recognized as the Most Outstanding Homecoming Participant.

This year’s event was sponsored by Best Western Plus West Lawrence; Crown Toyota, Volkswagen; and the KU Bookstore.



Homecoming Kickoff



Spirit of 1912 Award, Warren and Mary Corman



Homecoming Parade, downtown Lawrence



Homecoming Parade, downtown Lawrence



Ex.C.E.L. finalists were recognized at halftime during the KU vs. Texas Tech game

Association

Leaders and Innovators Banquet



The biennial reunion of the Black Alumni Network featured a banquet to honor (l to r) Professor Kevin Willmott, Student Body President Tiara Floyd and alumni who were selected as the 2019 Mike and Joyce Shinn Leaders and Innovators: Jyarland Daniels, Eva McGhee, Bonita Gooch, Norma Norman and Ivory Nelson. A sixth honoree, Katherine Conway-Turner, could not attend. The Homecoming weekend activities also included a reception with Chancellor Doug Girod, the network's business meeting and a tailgate on the Hill.



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Life Members

The Association thanks these Jayhawks, who began their Life memberships Sept. 1 through Oct. 31. For information, visit kualumni.org or call 800-584-2957.

Ian G. Appling
Linda Sprengelmeyer Bumgarner
Roy & Susan L. Coleman
Tyler K. Collier & Julie M. Etzler
Kira M. Collins
Kelly M. Connelley
Gabriel A. & Christine Jones Cooley
David L. & Sarah Roecker Corliss

Tammy J. Dodderidge
Ethan B. Domke
Jeremiah Driessel
Jillian E. Dryden
Patrick J. Eslick
Hamzah Firman & Shakeerah Abdul Malik
William H. & Alisa Speckin Ford
Landon C. Hall
Jeffrey A. & Heather Plante Hawkins

Sarah E. Healy
Susan Schmidt Hustead
Michael D. & Rebecca Briney Isom
Bruce E. & Cynda A. Johnson
Judith Chilcoat Keller
Chad & Anna Cohen Landis
Charles W. Letcher
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Brandon L. & Lindsay Justin Massey
Ryan C. & Dana R. McCammon
Eva McGhee
Claire N. Meczkowski
Evaldo M. Miranda Jr.

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JAYHAWK

CAREER NETWORK

One Jayhawk connection can change your world.

The Jayhawk Career Network gives students and alumni access to career resources, jobs, programs, events and connections at every stage of their careers.

Whether you are a student who can benefit by gaining access to successful alumni through KU Mentoring and the Student Alumni Network or a Jayhawk who is looking to mentor, hire for jobs and internships or connect with other alumni, the powerful Jayhawk Career Network is the answer.

To learn more about the Jayhawk Career Network, visit kualumni.org/career



“KU helped my career take flight—and there is no doubt that I still highly value and lean on my KU network. I think the Jayhawk Career Network can replicate and expand upon my fortunate experience for lots of current and future Jayhawks. I’m pleased to lend a hand in its success. Rock Chalk!”

—Brad Garlinghouse, c'94, CEO of Ripple and donor to the Jayhawk Career Network



“The alumni whom I connected with showed me the possibilities that become open to you with a college degree. They not only taught me what to expect from the future, but also what I needed to do to maximize my campus experience.

—Justin Kim, c'18, former president, Student Alumni Leadership Board

2018-'19 Annual Report

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Dear Jayhawks,

Thank you for your loyalty and generous support, which helped the Association continue its vital work to advocate for the University of Kansas, communicate with Jayhawks in all media, recruit students and volunteers, serve students and alumni, and unite Jayhawks world-wide. Our success during fiscal year 2018-'19 would not have been possible without your participation. In addition to the information on the following pages and in our complete digital annual report, we are pleased to highlight innovations and progress in key programs:




- The Jayhawk Career Network launched the digital KU Mentoring platform that unites career services across KU. More than 5,000 alumni and students now participate, and more than 1,600 connections have been made. Since the semester began, participation has continued to grow.
- The Presidents Club reached a record 690 members, whose annual contributions of \$1,000 or more totaled \$835,000 in critical revenue to fund the continued growth of our programs for students and alumni. The Presidents Club also reached a record retention level of 94%.
- Last year we shifted staff duties, dedicating a two-member team to business development. As a result, our revenue from corporate partnerships topped \$300,000—an \$85,000 jump from the previous year. These win-win partnerships are important to our efforts to grow a vibrant association.
- Our Student Alumni Network became the largest student alumni membership organization in the Big 12. SAN provides opportunities for the strongest KU student leaders to converge in the Student Alumni Leadership Board. SAN hosted or co-hosted 90 events that drew more than 12,000 students.

We are proud of our creative and hardworking staff and our collaborations with KU leaders, academic partners, KU Endowment and Kansas Athletics. We have made great strides, and we look forward to even more progress in 2019-'20, thanks to our shared dedication and commitment to our beloved alma mater.

We believe Jayhawks are stronger together!


Heath Peterson, d'04, g'09
President


John Ballard III, b'73
2018-'19 National Chair



Visit kansasalumnimagazine.org to read the complete 2018-'19 annual report, featuring a list of Presidents Club donors and special profiles.

Presidents Club

690 Presidents Club members donated annual gifts of \$1,000 or more. **94%** retention. Since 2007, donor support at all levels has enabled the Association to dramatically expand its programs and events. **Thank you!**



Legacy Relations

4,560 Legacy Undergrads

Legacy undergrads as percentage of total undergraduate enrollment: **23.2%** (out of a total of 19,652 undergrad students)

Top five home states of legacy students are:

1. Kansas
2. Missouri
3. Texas
4. Illinois
5. Colorado

An individual outreach to a Legacy student might be a Jayhawk cookie along with an invitation to visit campus.





Digital Media

2,456 broadcast emails reached combined total recipients of **2,482,554**

32,908 downloaded the mobile Alumni app

App engagement metrics: Total users (**up 120%**) and repeat users (users with multiple opens, **up 200%**) year over year. Average time spent in the app is increasing (average 2 minutes, 40 seconds, **up 15%**). More than 100,000 sessions have been recorded this year—**up 200%** over last year.



Social Media

15,264 Facebook fans

23,841 LinkedIn members

15,388 Twitter followers

7,924 Instagram followers



Since 1983, the Adams Alumni Center has welcomed gatherings hosted by the Association, the University, alumni members and local or regional organizations. During fiscal year 2019, occasions included:

- 13** weddings: **923** guests
- 50** non-KU meetings & receptions: **3,296** guests
- 115** Student Alumni Network events: **7,457**
- 183** University events: **6,827** guests
- 425** Association meetings & receptions: **9,367** guests
- 453** Endacott Society retired faculty & staff events: **9,244** guests

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Association's national Board of Directors approved the following goals to guide the Association's work:

1 Enhance and build resources, creating future capacity to support programs and services that benefit the University and a growing KU community of students, alumni and friends.

2 Build the single best, most effective Student Alumni Network in the country to drive long-term loyalty to KU.

3 Implement new technology, programs and communications to engage, inform, mobilize and unite Jayhawks around the world and advance KU through lifelong involvement.

4 Modernize the Adams Alumni Center, creating an unrivaled experience for alumni and friends with relevant and welcoming space for students.

NETWORKS



KU Mentoring launched in September 2018:

- 3,681** alumni participants
- 1,443** students
- 2,140** messages sent; more than 1,600 connections
- 3,900+** opt-in recipients of the JCN Water Cooler e-newsletter; 33% open rate
- 11** career partners

Volunteers

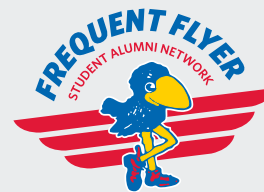
- 26** National Board of Directors
 - 40** Greater Kansas City Network
 - 45** Wichita Network
 - 130** Kansas Networks
 - 175** National Networks
 - 32** International Networks
 - 115** Kansas Honor Scholars Program
 - 53** Student Alumni Leadership Board
 - 8** Homecoming Steering Committee
 - 20** Gold Medal Club Reunion Committee
 - 42** Affinity Networks
 - 1,609** Jayhawks for Higher Education
- Total Alumni Association Volunteers: **2,295***

Student Alumni Network

SAN grew to over **5,800**, up from 1,400 just a couple of years ago. In January 2019, SAN became the largest student alumni organization in the Big 12.

Hosted or co-hosted **90** events this past year, connecting with over **12,000** KU students

Partnered with more than **40** campus offices and student organizations.



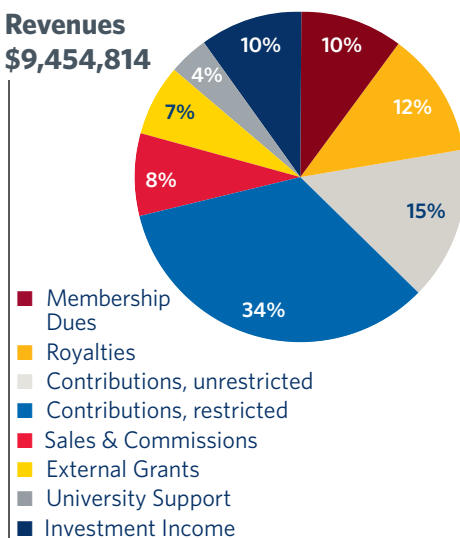
Launched the SAN Frequent Flyer Program: Members earn points every time they scan into an SAN event. More events = more points = better rewards.



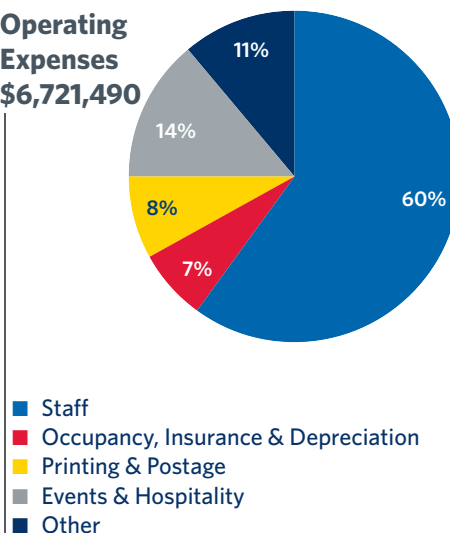
FINANCES

The KU Alumni Association is a careful steward of member and donor resources, with 81% of spending going directly to programs. Highly efficient charities spend 75% or more of expenses on programs. You can be confident that the Association puts your investment to good use.*

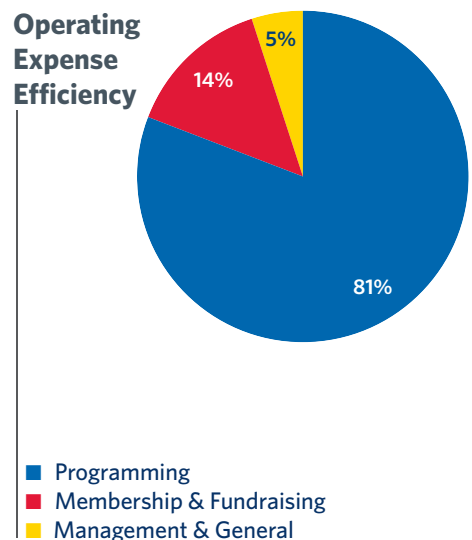
Revenues \$9,454,814



Operating Expenses \$6,721,490



Operating Expense Efficiency



*charitynavigator.org

MEMBERSHIP AND ALUMNI RECORDS

As of **June 30, 2019**, the Association included **45,069** members, with growing numbers of Life and Student memberships.

Members

8,729 Annual
2,024 Premium Annual
 (formerly Jayhawk Society)
21,619 Life
6,812 New Graduate
5,885 Student Alumni
 Network

Four Alumni Records staff members made more than **103,111** updates to constituent records during **FY 2019**.

Total degreed alumni
254,954
Total constituent database
 (including donors and friends)
465,088

Jayhawk License Plates

5,767 (in Kansas only; plates also are available in Texas and Maryland) The increase of **700** plates helped fund **\$20,000** in need-based scholarships for Kansas students.



Member APPreciation Month

479 New members in February
112% Goal

3,664 App downloads
100% Goal

5,453 Shirts distributed



Jayhawk Book Club

862 alumni, students and friends are members of the online Book Club, a partnership of the Association and KU Libraries. Members discuss a book throughout each semester, and a final campus reception and discussion is live-streamed for all members.



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Calling all bookworms!



JAYHAWK BOOK CLUB

The KU Alumni Association has partnered with KU Libraries to create the Jayhawk Book Club for alumni, students and friends.

Here's how it works

Each semester, KU Libraries staff will select a book and create discussion questions. The discussions will take place in a closed Facebook group, and you can participate as much or as little as you like.

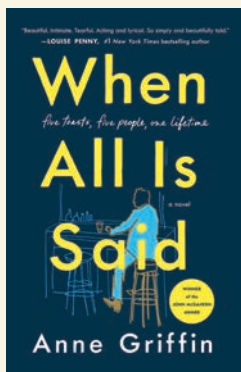
We'll hold a reception and discussion, led by KU Libraries staff, at the end of the semester. The discussion questions will be posted live for people to participate from anywhere.

Fall 2019 book

International bestseller *When All Is Said* by Anne Griffin.

How to join

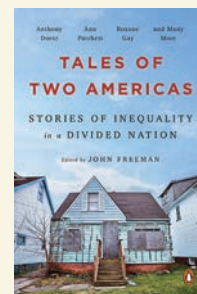
1. Visit kualumni.org/bookclub and fill out the form to join the Jayhawk Book Club and receive emails.
2. Join the Jayhawk Book Club Facebook group. Discussion questions will be posted in this group and emailed periodically to those not on Facebook.



Bonus Book

Every year, Jayhawks read a single book that speaks to the current moment and sparks campuswide conversations.

This year's Common Book is *Tales of Two Americas: Stories of Inequality in a Divided Nation*. Read our bonus book as a way to connect with what current students are reading. We will also post questions and content on the Facebook group for this book.



Questions?

Contact Michelle Lang, director of alumni programs, at michellem@kualumni.org or 785.864.9769 with questions or suggestions.



ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION

The University of Kansas

51 John Praeger, b'51, retired after more than 50 years practicing law in Seattle. He occasionally works as an arbitrator and also advises federal, state and local politicians.

Lois Walker, c'51, d'54, in July received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. She had a long career as an educator, visual artist and writer. Lois lives in Amityville, New York.

56 Forrest Hogle, e'56, CEO and chairman of SeaOne Holdings and a longtime executive in the oil industry, has patented a new method of transporting gas called compressed gas liquids, or CGL. He and **Sally Roney Hogle**, c'56, make their home in Dallas.

61 Franklin Barnett, m'61, was honored in July with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award. His career as an obstetrician and gynecologist spanned more than 30 years.

62 James Patterson, PhD'62, professor emeritus at the Florida Institute of Technology, wrote *Solid-State Physics: Introduction to the Theory*, which was recently published in its third edition.

64 John Danenbarger, c'64, wrote *Entanglement: Quantum + Otherwise*, which was published in August by Stormblock Publishing.

Franklin Theis, c'64, l'67, retired in July after 42 years as a district court judge in Topeka. He was the longest-serving judge in Shawnee County history.

66 Roy Guenther, d'66, f'68, in September celebrated his 50th anniversary as the organist and director of music at Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church in Arlington, Virginia, a milestone that was commemorated with a feature story in the Washington Post. Roy and **Eileen Morris Guenther**, c'70, f'70, professor of music at Wesley Theological Seminary, live in Vienna, Virginia.

67 Susan Kelso, g'67, g'70, PhD'80, g'88, serves on the board of directors of the Horseshoe Bay Cultural

Enrichment Society in Horseshoe Bay, Texas. She is retired professor and director of theatre at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

68 Sherry Hughey Wilson, d'68, lives in Lone Tree, Colorado, where she's a retired music instructor.

72 Linda Graham Bosse, d'72, a retired board certified music therapist whose career spanned over 45 years, served for decades on the Assembly of Delegates for the American Music Therapy Association. After completing her delegate service, she most recently served as parliamentarian for the Assembly. She received the AMTA Lifetime Achievement Award and Honorary Life Membership in 2017.

John Lattimer, g'72, in June retired as chief administrative officer for Marion County in Salem, Oregon.

Richard Woods, c'72, is of counsel at Kirkland Woods & Martinsen in Overland Park.

73 Mike Beiriger, j'73, recently published his seventh novel, the last in his *Scenes from the Siege of Doblina* series. He makes his home in Eagle, Idaho.

R.E. "Tuck" Duncan, j'73, an attorney in Topeka, recently donated to the KU Spencer Research Library papers from his service as chair of the Topeka Housing Authority. He previously donated documents from his time as a member of the Topeka Public Schools Board of Education.

74 Kay Crider, c'74, m'77, works part time as a physician at Cotton O'Neil Express Care in Topeka. She lives in Lawrence and enjoys spending time with her seven grandchildren.

Marsha Knapp Luginbuehl, c'74, is a school psychologist and president and CEO of Child Uplift, an organization that helps improve the universal sleep-screening process for children. In August she

received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award.

James Oswalt, b'74, is an attorney in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he lives with his wife, Jamie.

76 Stephen Cathey, a'76, e'76, g'77, owns TCF Services, an oilfield consulting company, in Casper, Wyoming. He recently was elected to the city council.

Ross Hollander, l'76, a partner at Joseph, Hollander & Craft, in August was named Wichita Lawyer of the Year in employment law management. He has practiced law for more than 40 years and is co-chair of the

School Codes Letters that follow names indicate the school from which alumni earned degrees. Numbers show their class years.

a	School of Architecture and Design
b	School of Business
c	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
d	School of Education
e	School of Engineering
f	School of Fine Arts
g	Master's Degree
h	School of Health Professions
j	School of Journalism
l	School of Law
m	School of Medicine
n	School of Nursing
p	School of Pharmacy
PharmD	School of Pharmacy
s	School of Social Welfare
u	School of Music
AUD	Doctor of Audiology
DE	Doctor of Engineering
DMA	Doctor of Musical Arts
DNAP	Doctor of Nursing Anaesthesia Practice
DNP	Doctor of Nursing Practice
DPT	Doctor of Physical Therapy
EdD	Doctor of Education
OTD	Doctor of Occupational Therapy
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
SJD	Doctor of Juridical Science
(no letter)	Former student
assoc	Associate member of the Alumni Association

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Sally Sedgwick, g'76, lives in Spring Lake, Minnesota, where she's editor of Woods Reader Magazine.

77 James Barker, c'77, m'80, is professor and director of clinical skills and simulation at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. He and his wife, Karen, live in Willis.

Mark Denison, c'77, m'80, is professor and director of the division of pediatric infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee.

Michele Kocour, j'77, wrote *Saving Lilly: Finding a Rescue Dog's Full and Purposeful Life*, which was published in 2018. She lives in Scottsdale, Arizona.

78 Vicki Enszt Schmidt, p'78, in April received the KU School of Pharmacy Distinguished Service Award. She was elected Kansas Insurance Commissioner in 2018.

80 John Jackson, c'80, retired after 37 years at IBM in Austin, Texas. He returned to work at Advanced Micro Devices.

Reggie Robinson, c'80, l'87, in September was named president and CEO of the Kansas Health Foundation in Wichita. He directed the KU School of Public Affairs and Administration from 2014 to '17 and most recently served as vice chancellor for public affairs. Reggie begins his new role in December.

81 Mark Elzea, b'81, manages procurement at Jet.com. He lives in Lawrence.

Jerry Pomeroy, h'81, retired this year after nearly four decades as a physical therapist in Newton and Hesston.

82 Susan Boresow, j'82, lives in Overland Park, where she's president of TITLE Boxing Club.

83 Linda Wilson Stokes, b'83, is the business administrator at Lenexa

United Methodist Church. She recently wrote *Methodism in Old Town Lenexa: The History of Lenexa United Methodist Church 1869-2019*.

Bob Turner, c'83, lives in Sorrento, Florida, where he's in real estate development at Dunkin' Brands.

84 Eddie Minor, j'84, d'87, teaches physical education and is a football coach in Kansas City, Kansas, public schools.

Ronald Ragan, p'84, g'97, PhD'98, in August began his tenure as dean of the KU School of Pharmacy. He comes to the Hill from High Point University in North Carolina, where he was founding dean of the Fred Wilson School of Pharmacy.

Conrad Thomas, e'84, is a senior electrical engineer at John Deere in Fargo, North Dakota, where he makes his home with his wife, Tabitha.

85 Cherie Esplund Boxberger, d'85, g'87, g'11, is regional vice president of the American Heart Association in



'Tis the Season FOR Membership

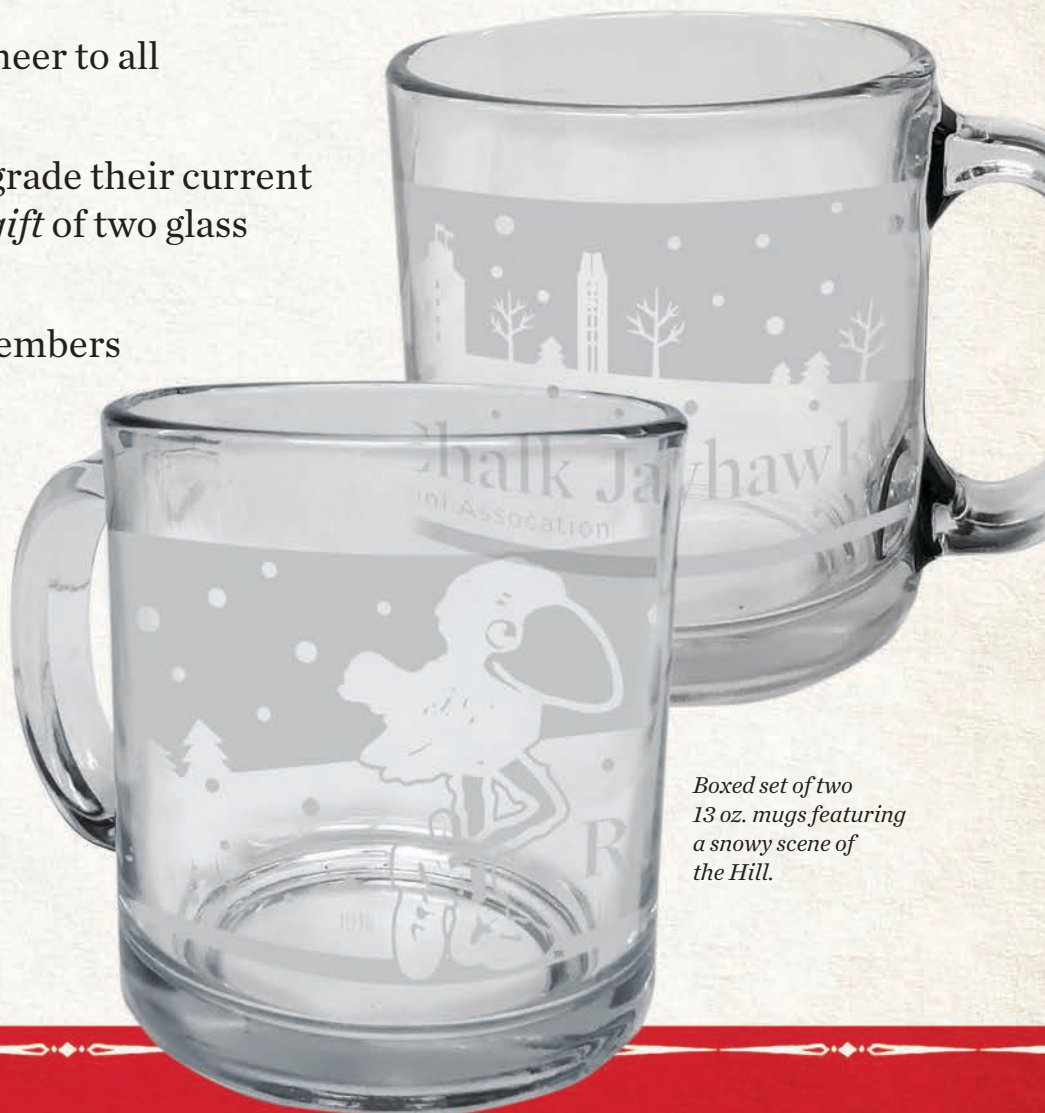
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Members who renew or upgrade their current
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Houston. She and **Randy**, b'82, g'83, live in Missouri City, Texas, and have two daughters, **Megan**, a'13, and Erin.

Richard Chambers, l'85, lives in Wichita, where he's a wealth management consultant at Commerce Trust Company.

Janine Woods, c'85, is CEO of the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania.

87 Douglas Anning, c'87, l'95, an attorney and shareholder at Polsinelli in Kansas City, was named to the Best Lawyers in America list.

Mark Russell, e'87, directs corporate strategy at Ingersoll Rand, an industrial manufacturing company in Davidson, North Carolina.

88 Henry Driskill, c'88, is chief technology officer at Blue Sky Studios, a computer animation film studio in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Jeff Foster, c'88, '00, is senior director of business development at Hy-Vee Arena in Kansas City.

Alison Young, j'88, an investigative reporter at USA Today, in May was

appointed the Curtis B. Hurley Chair in Public Affairs Reporting for the Missouri School of Journalism.

89 Amy Derks DiNunzio, b'89, is a project manager at UBS AG in Weehawken, New Jersey. She and her husband, Steven, live in Berkeley Heights.

Christopher Halsne, j'89, is the inaugural investigative broadcaster in residence at American University School of Communication in Washington, D.C.

Kraig Kohring, c'89, l'92, was named to the Best Lawyers of America list. He's an

PROFILE by Heather Biele

Journalist aims to bring local music to the masses

As a young girl growing up in the Middle East, Fally Afani's exposure to music was limited to the instruments her grandmother and mother played.

"We didn't have radio, and everything was censored," she recalls. "It was very hard to get music."

That all changed when Afani moved to Minneapolis, Kansas, with her family in the early 1990s. Though the rural Ottawa County community was hardly a hot spot for music, the neighboring town of Salina was home to a popular record store that Afani frequented. By the time she arrived on Mount Oread as a freshman in 2000, her appetite for music was insatiable.

Afani immersed herself in Lawrence's thriving music scene, joining the staff at KJHK, KU's student-run radio station, and attending live performances at legendary Oread neighborhood residences like the Pirate House and the Pink House, do-it-yourself venues that attracted hundreds of students for punk and rock shows in the 1990s and early 2000s.

Her love of music and the Lawrence community inspired Afani to create the blog "I Heart Local Music" as a way to document her live-music experiences with vivid photography and candid interviews and storytelling. The popular blog was

featured for several years on the Lawrence Journal-World's sister entertainment site, lawrence.com.

"The goal was to become a really good central location for music news that would grow our community and service our community," says Afani, j'04, who's pursuing her master's degree in digital content strategy at KU.

Afani launched her own I Heart Local Music website in 2011 and last summer introduced a companion quarterly magazine that bears the same name. She employs a diverse group of freelance photographers, writers, illustrators and designers to deliver compelling content about equally diverse musicians. With the release of each new issue, Afani hosts a free, all-ages show to further promote the artists featured in the magazine.

"We make it really easy to get to a show," Afani says. "Everything's about serving the community, no matter what background they are."

In addition to the magazine's signature events, Afani also organizes Lawrence's PRIDE for the Masses, a yearly celebration of the local LGBTQ community, as well as other shows and fundraisers. In spring



STEVE PUPPE

"People really like the stuff that's weird and wacky, because Lawrence is weird and wacky," says Fally Afani, creator of I Heart Local Music, which offers online and print coverage of local and touring musicians and live events.

2019, she received a \$6,000 Rocket Grant from Kansas City-based Charlotte Street Foundation and KU Spencer Museum of Art, which allows I Heart Local Music to continue supporting up-and-coming talent and connecting the Lawrence community with the latest music news and events.

"It's interesting, because I could have an interview on the website with someone who's very famous, but then if I put up coverage of a show with a band nobody's heard of, in a venue nobody goes to that often, with very bad lighting, that will get far more attention," Afani says with a laugh. "People are far more interested in the cool, unique, interesting and weird things in their town than they are for bigger things." 🐾

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attorney and shareholder at Polsinelli in Kansas City.

90 Laura Anderson, g'90, is assistant professor of art at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Illinois. She recently exhibited several mixed-media paintings in the college's James S. Murray Gallery.

Jack Del Rio, c'90, the former Jacksonville Jaguars and Oakland Raiders head coach, is an NFL analyst at ESPN. His career in the league as a player and coach has spanned more than three decades.

Carol Kruse, c'90, works in quality and food safety at DuPont. She lives in Olathe.

91 Donna Lowen, '91, lives in Huntsville, Alabama, where she works at McGriff Insurance Services.

James Obermaier, j'91, directs tax liability management for the Indiana Department of Revenue. He and **Sally Perkins**, g'88, PhD'91, make their home in Indianapolis and have two children.

92 Sal Intagliata, c'92, l'95, a shareholder at Monnat & Spurrier in Wichita, made the Best Lawyers of America list in the practice areas of criminal defense and white-collar and DUI/DWI defense. He has been honored by the publication for five consecutive years.

Gary Komar, c'92, is vice president of residential lending at Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp. in Chicago.

Mike Maddox, b'92, l'94, in August was inducted in the Putnam City Athletic Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. He led his high school basketball team to the state championship in 1987 and went on to play for the Jayhawks. Mike lives in Overland Park, where he's president and CEO at CrossFirst Bank.

Preston Rook, d'92, is a funeral director and owns Neill-Schwensen-Rook Funeral Home in Clay Center.

93 Jeff Cage, j'93, is regional senior vice president of programming at iHeartMedia in St. Louis and Des Moines.

Mary Jo Middleton, m'93, is a physiatrist at Cameron Regional Medical Center in Cameron, Missouri.

94 Donna Flemming Ewy, m'94, is a physician at Ascension Medical Group in Wichita.

Serena Klausner, c'94, lives in Shawnee, where she works for the Internal Revenue Service in account management ID theft.

Morgan Littell, j'94, is vice president of business aviation at Equity Bank in Wichita.

95 Josh Denlow, c'95, leads the Denlow Team at Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp. in Downers Grove, Illinois. He and his wife, Jess, live in Evanston.

William Forsythe, b'95, directs community banking at Saints Avenue Bank in St. Charles, Missouri, where he makes his home with his wife, Colleen.

Susan Hickman, g'95, PhD'98, directs the Indiana University Center for Aging Research at the Regenstrief

Institute. She's also a professor of nursing and medicine.

Joe Hornback, d'95, g'97, g'01, EdD'13, is principal of Prairie View High School in La Cygne. He and **Melissa**, g'00, live in Shawnee.

96 Lowell Buffington, b'96, is an accountant at KU.

Lynn Fisher, c'96, m'01, lives in Wichita, where he's a physician at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita.

Joseph Nyre, g'96, PhD'00, is president of Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. He and **Kelli McIntyre Nyre**, '94, have four children.

Sheahon Zenger, PhD'96, is director of athletics and recreation at the University of New Haven in West Haven, Connecticut. He directed athletics at KU from 2011 to 2018.

97 Robert Babst, e'97, lives in Wichita, where he's president of Metal Finishing Company.

Alex Drude, j'97, is a sports reporter at KGO-TV in San Francisco.

98 Krista Engelmann Dorgan, c'98, PharmD'02, is an information technology pharmacist at Northwestern Medicine Healthcare. She makes her home in Chicago with her husband, Chris, and their two children, Mackenzie and Charlie.

Brian Sieman, j'98, is the play-by-play TV broadcaster for the Los Angeles Clippers professional basketball team. He's been with the organization since 2007.

99 Sandra Rogers Barnes, PhD'99, lives in Natchez, Mississippi, where she's vice president of Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Molly Westering Hunter, b'99, l'02, is an attorney and partner at Gates Westering in Kansas City.

Bill Perkins, g'99, is senior manager of technical quality operations at AT&T in Litchfield Park, Arizona.

00 Michael Angeletti, c'00, is an audiovisual media preservationist at Stanford University. He lives in Palo Alto, California.

John Gates, l'00, practices law in Kansas

City, where he's partner at Gates Westering.

Tracey Flexter George, l'00, lives in Fairway, where she and her husband, Brett, are partners at Davis George Mook law firm.

Preston James, g'00, l'00, is executive director and founder of the Other Side of Sports. He also directs the sports management program at LaGrange College in LaGrange, Georgia.

Christopher Joseph, l'00, a partner at Joseph, Hollander & Craft law firm, was named Topeka Lawyer of the Year in criminal defense by Best Lawyers in America.

Irina Chuykova Rodriguez, g'00, wrote *My Soviet Youth: A Memoir of Ukrainian Life in the Final Years of Communism*, which was published in September by McFarland. She lives in Rockwall, Texas, with **Robert**, g'96, PhD'06, assistant professor of political science at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Brett Standard, b'00, is president of R.M. Standard Construction in Leawood.

Nathan Webb, l'00, is a patent and intellectual property attorney and partner at Hahn, Loeser & Parks in Cleveland. He and **Sanna Harjusola-Webb**, c'99, g'04, PhD'07, associate professor of special education at Kent State University, live in Hudson, Ohio.

01 Bimal Kadakia, c'01, is an implementation consultant at WellSky in Overland Park. He and his wife, Urvi, live in Lenexa.

Kelly Kearns Roth, d'01, g'02, is a TPA data operations analyst at Benefit Harbor Insurance Services in Olathe.

BORN TO:

Matthew Franzenburg, c'01, l'08, and his wife, Kelli, son, Braden, May 31 in Lenexa. Matthew is a deputy disciplinary administrator for the state of Kansas.

02 Timothy Burger, c'02, g'06, is a senior analyst on the small-cap team at Scout Investments in Kansas City.

Casey Jones, c'02, lives in Minneapolis, where he's a creative professional.

Stephanie Mendenhall Perry, l'02, is



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Patrick Pugh, b'02, l'05, is a judge on the 17th District Court in Colorado. He's also of counsel at Ballard Spahr in Denver.

Jared Rider, b'02, is a multiple-sclerosis strategic account manager at Novartis Pharmaceuticals. In February he received the company's first Values in Action Award for excellent performance.

Peter Schifferle, PhD'02, in August was appointed General J. Lawton Collins Chair

of Military Studies at the School of Advanced Military Studies in Fort Leavenworth. He's been a faculty member at the school since 1997.

David Waters, l'02, a real estate attorney and partner at Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City, was named one of 2019's "50 Kansans You Should Know" by Ingram's Magazine.

03 Aidan Dunleavy, b'03, c'03, directs institutional research and accreditation at Friends University in Wichita.

Donald Franklin, g'03, lives in San Francisco, where he's founder and manag-

ing principal at Cleantech Environmental.

Susan Shumaker Klusmeier, g'03, is interim vice provost for undergraduate studies at KU.

Shane McCall, c'03, g'05, l'10, is senior associate attorney at Koprince Law in Lawrence. He's also editor of SmallGov-Con.com, the firm's federal government contracting blog.

Melissa Stamer Peterson, c'03, g'06, PhD'10, a lecturer at the Applied English Center at KU, was selected to participate in the 2019 Research Sprints, a KU Libraries initiative that allows faculty and

PROFILE by Chris Lazzarino

Hoglund tackles his biggest oil and gas challenge yet

Venezuela, the Caribbean's largest fuel supplier, is crippled by volatile politics; state-owned power companies with reputations for missing payments scare off lenders that could help build infrastructure and fund contracts with U.S. oil and gas exporters; and the Caribbean's hydroelectric resources are uneven and unreliable.

A veteran oil and gas entrepreneur hopes to soon sail to the rescue.

"Ninety percent of their electricity is generated from oil products, and they pay two to three times what you do for electricity," says Forrest Hoglund, e'56. "It's impoverished, those islands. We're able to offer them half-priced energy, with fixed prices for an extended time period, even up to 20 years, saving billions and billions of dollars, and it's about a 60-percent reduction in emissions."

Hoglund, the 86-year-old chairman and CEO of SeaOne Holdings, says his company, which he formed in 2004, has perfected and patented a natural gas shipment method called CGL, or compressed gas liquids.

The traditional system, LNG, liquifies natural gas at about minus 260 degrees. First, however, the raw product must be

distilled down to methane, leaving behind valuable byproducts such as propane and butane. CGL, Hoglund says, forms a liquid at about minus 40 and includes the entire gas product, which the purchaser can distill and sell at the shipment's destination.

"We can make the product for 15 to 20 percent of what it takes to make LNG," says Hoglund, who, as he has for much of his career,

lives in Dallas with his wife, Sally, c'56, and works in Houston.

SeaOne plans to build ships and export and import facilities; for its first big contract, with Colombia, SeaOne won the right to purchase a large energy port and build a propane power plant, which will eventually switch to CGL.

"It's right on every single part of the equation," Hoglund says. "The economics, the social gains, the environmental gains."

Hoglund in the 1990s built EOG Resources from a \$400 million company into a crude oil producer worth \$4 billion; he left EOG the day after he engineered its separation from Enron, two years before



COURTESY FORREST HOGGLUND

"I've always been kind of a builder," Forrest Hoglund says.

"This one is so big and has taken longer and more money and all that, but it's just gigantic in its benefits."

the infamous collapse, and, under the leadership he put in place, EOG's value has since soared to \$70 billion.

Freed from corporate obligations, Hoglund in 2001 agreed to chair KU Endowment's KU First campaign; among the Hoglunds' numerous other gifts to the University is KU Medical Center's Hoglund Brain Imaging Center.

Recently described by the Wall Street Journal as "an oil-industry stalwart," Hoglund plans to remain at SeaOne's helm and guide the company to maturity.

"I just want to create the most value we can in the company and do the most good with it."

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Brian Reynolds, n’03, ’08, lives in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where he’s a registered nurse at Ascension Columbia-St. Mary’s Hospital Milwaukee.

Mark Simpson, c’03, l’08, in July was appointed judge of Douglas County District Court by Gov. Laura Kelly. He’s been a senior assistant district attorney for the past 11 years.

Jamie Hays Szalc, d’03, is associate athletics director for development at Kansas Athletics. She comes to KU from Colorado State University.

Sarah Scott Warner, c’03, is a judge on the Kansas Court of Appeals. She lives in Lenexa.

04 Kyle Binns, b’04, l’07, a member at Lewis Rice in Kansas City, specializes in real estate development. He has a daughter, Abigail, who just turned 1.

Aditya Burman, c’04, serves on the board of directors of Dabur India, his family’s consumer-goods company.

Micala Gingrich-Gaylord, ’04, coordinates projects at EmberHope Youthville, an organization that provides services for at-risk children and teens in Newton.

Erik Hiemstra, g’04, is vice president of exploration at Birch Resources in Houston. He and **Christina Pulliam Hiemstra**, c’01, g’03, live in Cypress, Texas.

Benaud Shirley, c’04, is head coach of track and field and cross-country at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He lives in Basehor with his wife, Carmen, and has four daughters.

05 Suzanne Adlof, g’05, PhD’10, is an associate professor of communication sciences and disorders in the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina. In July she received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor bestowed to outstanding scientists and engineers beginning their research careers.

Scott Aligo, d’05, directs player personnel for the University of Akron

football program in Akron, Ohio.

Jonathan Cline, c’05, g’09, l’09, makes his home in Houston, where he’s senior corporate counsel at Hines.

Tom Dang, c’05, is a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Spokane, Washington.

Mark Ernst, e’05, is a senior estimator at Schuff Steel in Mission.

Andrew Ledbetter, c’05, PhD’07, a professor and researcher at the Bob Schieffer College of Communication at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, received the Friend of Distinction Award in August from Pi Beta Phi. For the past 10 years he has helped the sorority create strategic plans.

Casey Meek, c’05, l’09, is an attorney at Joseph, Hollander & Craft in Lawrence. He was recognized by Best Lawyers in America in the area of criminal defense.

Aaron Miles, c’05, ’16, is a player development coach for the Golden State Warriors professional basketball team. The former point guard, who led the Jayhawks to the Final Four as a freshman, previously

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Katie Moore, c'05, is a reporter and covers crime and justice issues at the Kansas City Star.

Trevor Riddle, l'05, a shareholder at Monnat & Spurrier in Wichita, earned his third consecutive listing in Best Lawyers in America in the area of criminal defense.

Ivo Voynov, b'05, is executive director of corporate client banking at JPMorgan Chase & Company in New York City.

06 Mary McLamore Boyle, c'06, is a real estate agent at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices American Homes in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Jeremy Huls, c'06, is a U.S. Navy staff officer in Yorktown, Virginia, where he lives with his wife, **Cheyenne**, assoc., a Navy nurse.

Susan Gianaris Lunt, b'06, is vice president of relationship management at Wintrust Commercial Banking in Chicago.

Sara Jensen Weber, d'06, s'10, is a

bereavement coordinator at CHI Health at Home. She lives in Lincoln, Nebraska, and has two children, Kaylynn and Ben.

Matt Westering, b'06, l'08, is an attorney at Seyferth Blumenthal & Harris in Kansas City. He specializes in employment litigation and counseling.

07 Adam Davis, b'07, lives in Playa del Rey, California, where he works in business development at ENGIE Services.

Emily Hampton, c'07, g'17, is a grants associate at Assel Grant Services in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Evan Hengel, b'07, managing director at Berkeley Research Group in Emeryville, California, is chairman of the board of directors of Cherokee Global Brands.

Tiffany Hogan, PhD'07, directs the Speech and Language (SAiL) Literacy Lab and is professor of communication sciences and disorders at MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston. She recently was named a fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Amanda McQuin Kluener, b'07, is a tax senior manager at Deloitte in Cincinnati.

Danica Moore, d'07, g'13, lives in Lawrence, where she's the equity facilitator for Lawrence Public Schools.

Peter Montecucollo, g'07, l'14, is an attorney at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City.

Joe Vaughn, c'07, is head football coach at Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School in Spring Hill, Florida. The former KU offensive lineman spent the past seven seasons as assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Whitney Mathews Yadrich, j'07, a senior project manager at Intouch Solutions, recently was a contestant in a limerick contest on NPR's "Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!"

BORN TO:

Brian McTaggart, c'07, and his wife, Kari, son, Graeme, Aug. 27 in Chicago, where Brian is a surety account executive at Aon.



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08 Andrew Baker, j'08, is a senior communications specialist at Kansas City Power & Light.

Heather Mady Brittingham, f'08, a veterinary technician at the Oregon Zoo, participated last summer in Miami University's Earth Expeditions global field course in Namibia.

Monica Gerrek, PhD'08, assistant professor of bioethics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, received the 2019 J. Bruce Jackson MD Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring. She also co-directs the university's Center for Biomedical Ethics and the Institute of Burn Ethics at the MetroHealth System.

Megan Lewis Patterson, c'08, j'08, manages investor relations at ONEOK in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Drew Waldron, b'08, co-founder of Canvas Wealth Advisors, in August was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the Society of Financial Service Professionals. He lives in Overland Park.

Rick Wiedemann, g'08, is president at Tuthill Transfer Systems in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He's been with the company since 2015.

09 Blair Barr, c'09, manages business development at Scavuzzo's Food-service in Kansas City.

Stacey Kyndesen Blakeman, f'09, directs career services at KU School of Law. She lives in Lawrence.

The Rev. Gary Green, c'09, is assistant professor of pastoral theology and social transformation at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mila Ju, m'09, lives in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where she's a vascular surgeon at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Julie Larson, f'09, is supervising attorney for the Migrant Farmworkers Project and Anti-Human Trafficking Project at Legal Aid of Western Missouri in Kansas City.

Aude Negrete, c'09, '10, is executive director of the Kansas Hispanic and Latino American Affairs Commission in Topeka.

Jacob Schirmer, c'09, lives in New York City, where he's a real estate agent at Folk Realty.

Josh Schoenfelder, b'09, was promoted to vice president at Arbor Investments in Chicago.

Joseph Schremmer, c'09, j'09, g'13, f'13, is assistant professor and Judge Leon Karelitz Chair in Oil and Gas Law at the University of New Mexico School of Law. He makes his home in Albuquerque.

Matt Tornow, c'09, is general manager of Graymere Country Club in Columbia, Tennessee, where he lives with **Nicole Madril Tornow, '07**, who works remotely as a multi-line producer for an insurance agency in Lawrence.

Kristen Conway Wank, j'09, sells medical devices for Smith+Nephew in Lenexa.

10 Annie Frizzell Mills, c'10, is assistant director of undergraduate admissions at DePaul University in Chicago.

Brady Morningstar, c'10, is assistant men's basketball coach at Kansas City

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Kansas Community College. He was a guard at KU from 2006 to 2011.

BORN TO:

Brandon, b'10, m'14, and **Lauren Spurgeon Pope**, d'10, '11, son, Sterling, April 6 in Aurora, Colorado, where he joins a sister, Adelaide, 3.

11 Hilary Cook-Borg, a'11, c'12, is a graphic designer at KU. She commutes from Kansas City.

Meghan Macfadden, c'11, lives in Chicago, where she's a talent acquisition recruiter at Hill-Rom.

Matthew Petty, e'11, is starship product lead at SpaceX. He makes his home in Hermosa Beach, California.

Louis Rockford, b'11, is assistant director of residential education at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Thomas Wall, g'11, is an architect and owns Mitchell Wall Architecture & Design in St. Louis.

Caitlin Wise, b'11, makes her home in Washington, D.C., where she's associate

director of special events at American University.

MARRIED

Mason Heilman, c'11, d'11, to Charles Brown IV, Sept. 28 in Boston, where they make their home. Mason is a legislative aide in the Massachusetts General Court.

12 Rachel Bunner, c'12, g'16, lives in Arlington, Virginia, where she's a senior accountant at Evolent Health.

Andrew Fillmore, j'12, coordinates email and digital marketing at Movember Foundation in Culver City, California.

Mike Lavieri, j'12, is a senior public relations account executive at Proventus Consulting in Kansas City.

Nicole Lawson, c'12, f'16, is an attorney in the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Seattle, where she and **Adam Brazil**, c'07, PhD'19, make their home.

Francis Park, PhD'12, is a military historian at the Joint History Office at the Pentagon. He previously served as strategy division chief for the Joint Staff J-5

Directorate, where he was the principal author of the 2018 national military strategy and oversaw two revisions of the unified command plan.

Aubrey Rutledge, b'12, g'12, lives in Kansas City, where she's a senior process analyst of risk and controls at Target.

13 Philip Bennett, g'13, is a commercial project and strategies analyst at Commerce Bank. He lives in Overland Park.

John Coler, b'13, is a product owner at RFP360, a software company in Kansas City.

Bryan Erickson, c'13, is a geographic information systems specialist at East View Geopatial in Hopkins, Minnesota.

Alex Gold, j'13, hosts "The Gold Standard," a national sports talk show on SB Nation Radio. He lives in Houston.

Matthew Gorney, g'13, f'13, an associate attorney at Monnat & Spurrier in Wichita, was honored last year by Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers.

Nicholas Jacobson, c'13, manages



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accounts at Life Time Athletic. He lives in Osseo, Minnesota.

Brian Long, c'13, is a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

Tyler Rockers, d'13, is vice president of University National Bank in Lawrence.

Ryan Westhoff, m'13, is a palliative care physician at Centura Health in Lakewood, Colorado.

MARRIED

Ashley Dillon, l'13, and **Kevin Wempe**, l'14, May 3 in Sebastopol, California. They make their home in Kansas City.

14 Jean-Philip Darche, m'14, is a team doctor for the Kansas City Chiefs. He played nine seasons in the NFL, with the Seattle Seahawks and the Chiefs.

Craig Jackson, g'14, is senior director of development at the University of California Davis College of Engineering. He lives in Sacramento.

Jaehun Kim, c'14, who's also known as DJ Seoul Real, is a music producer and

professional DJ in the Kansas City area.

Brandon Kuzara, b'14, directs customer engagement at Service Management Group in Kansas City.

Samuel Mills, e'14, is assistant director of additive manufacturing for the department of mechanical engineering at the University of Colorado in Denver.

Nikki Wentling, j'14, was promoted to national reporter at Stars and Stripes in Washington, D.C.

15 Erin Christiansen, c'15, was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship for Germany.

Laura Fagen, c'15, j'15, g'18, manages digital communications at Land Trust Alliance in Washington, D.C.

Amanda Floerchinger, g'15, is associate manager of scientific insights at Hill's Pet Nutrition in Topeka. She commutes from Lawrence.

Ryan Johnson, c'15, manages creative services for the Radisson Hotel Group. He and his wife, Callissa, live in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Steven Rowe, l'15, is assistant county counselor of Jackson County in Kansas City.

Jennifer Salva, c'15, j'15, a student at Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, was named a 2018 Law School Student of the Year by National Jurist magazine.

Usman Wajid, b'15, is an application consultant at Command Alkon. He lives in Leawood.

16 Billy Barnes, d'16, manages entertainment and live event operations for the San Francisco 49ers.

Kaitlyn Brown, h'16, g'18, is a clinical assistant professor of health information management at KU Medical Center.

Karen Park, j'16, makes her home in Marietta, Georgia, where she directs communications and marketing at the Walker School.

17 Gage Brock, j'17, lives in Overland Park, where he's an account analyst at Service Management Group.

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Daniel Garcia, c'17, manages projects at BitBranding, a marketing agency in Allen, Texas.

Maddy Mikinski, c'17, j'17, is a freelance writer and editor in Linwood.

Kathleen Powers, j'17, is a research associate at Vote Smart in Ames, Iowa.

Michael Riedl, c'17, lives in Winston Salem, North Carolina, where he's a business analyst at Oak Service Corporation.

Dylan Sherwood, j'17, is a sports reporter at the Salina Journal.

Alison Peterson Tyler, j'17, was pro-

moted to marketing automation specialist at Red Robin. She makes her home in Denver.

18 Nicholas Bjornson, l'18, lives in Omaha, where he's an associate attorney at Koley Jessen.

Jessica Cooney, d'18, is an AmeriCorps member at Just Food in Lawrence.

Mariah Crystal, g'18, g'19, a doctoral student in women, gender and sexuality studies at KU, received a Fulbright Award and will spend the 2019-'20 academic year in Namibia.

Adam Henn, PharmD'18, is a pharmacist at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, where he makes his home with **Katherine Weaver Henn**, PharmD'16.

Melissa Minear, j'18, lives in Bloomington, Indiana, where she's a staff photographer at the University of Indiana.

Lauren Muth, a'18, is founder and brand strategist at Ryse Avenue. She lives in Roeland Park.

19 Brian Ammon, g'19, is head of finance at Alcon Inc. He lives in Gümüngen, Switzerland.

PROFILE by Steven Hill

Maize named Kansas City's first female fire chief

For most people, touting a "lifelong" association with a company, cause or college is a bit of poetic license, a harmless exaggeration meant to signify a connection that's long-standing and unshakable.

For Donna Maize, "lifelong" is actually a pretty accurate description of her kinship with the Kansas City Missouri Fire Department.

When she was appointed interim chief of the 1,300-member force in September, Maize, g'16, noted that "KCFD has been a part of my life since birth, when the selection of my first name was made by the firefighters that worked with my father."

John Curtis Lake retired from the department as a captain in 1995. When Maize was growing up, the example he and her mother set helped launch her course in public service.

Lake worked a house fire where an older man who lived alone was using a poorly ventilated wood stove for heat. "My dad organized a bunch of firefighters and vendors to put in a heating and cooling system for the man," says Maize, who pitched in with the rest of her family.

"Things like that instilled in me at an early age: Let's do the right thing to help others."

After earning an undergraduate degree

in public relations, she decided a 9-to-5 marketing job "didn't sound exciting anymore." She joined KCFD as a firefighter in 1992 and, except for an 18-month stint as assistant city manager for public safety, has been there ever since. Maize had her eye on the top job from the start.

"Early in my career, I was aware there had never been a woman fire chief here, so I really started thinking about what

would you need to know to become chief."

Using promotions and transfers to move around the department, Maize learned all aspects of the fire service, serving as a pumper captain, training new recruits, and overseeing hazardous materials, special operations and fleet services. In 2014, she became assistant fire chief while enrolled in KU's top-ranked MPA program.

Her appointment was hailed as a milestone for a department whose record on gender equity includes lawsuits and accusations of sexual harassment. Maize acknowledges the distinction of becoming the first woman to lead KCFD, but doesn't let it define her.



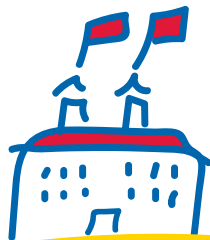
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"In every program I've been in, whether the KU MPA or executive fire officer training," Maize says, "it's about, 'How do you instill leadership, values and improve the culture of the place you work?'"

"I've always been a person who lets my body of work speak for me," she says. "I've never made it a male-female thing, but it is important. I have two daughters, and I was their Girl Scout leader, their 4-H leader, because it has always been important for me to set a great example for them."

Soon after being named interim, Maize said she would not pursue the permanent job. But now she's considering applying.

"It was my goal in life, and it's awesome to finally achieve that. For me, it was never about just being fire chief; it was being fire chief here in Kansas City, the department I grew up in. Now the work begins." —



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Kayleigh Anderson, c'19, was one of seven Jayhawks this year to receive a Fulbright Award. She will work with the gender studies graduate program at the University of Turku in Finland.

Corey Brown, g'19, is vice president of Burger & Brown Engineering in Grandview, Missouri.

Josh Carpenter, AUD'19, lives in Wichita, where he's an audiologist at Ascension Via Christi.

Sabrina Castillo, b'19, is assistant director of Partners Dance Studio in Columbus, Wisconsin.

Nathan Freehling, c'19, manages technical projects at Arcadia Solutions in Burlington, Massachusetts.

Mitch George, j'19, is a football communications intern for the Cincinnati Bengals.

Sarah Heitmeyer, d'19, teaches third grade in the Shawnee Mission School District. She lives in Kansas City.

Ashley Hirt, PhD'19, teaches Music in the Humanities at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington.

Jameson Huckaba, '19, lives in Lenexa, where he works in product and business development at Digital Aerolus.

Muhammad Khan, g'19, is an engineer in Merriam.

Lara Korte, c'19, j'19, lives in Austin, Texas, where she's the higher education reporter at the Austin American-Statesman.

Tiffany Lammon, c'19, is an office manager at the Hearing Group in Wichita.

Meghan McNamee, c'19, received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship for Germany.

Melinda Narro, g'19, is a McDermott Intern at the Dallas Museum of Art.

Bridget Rennard, c'19, is in Spain for the 2019-'20 academic year, where she's teaching English on a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship.

Ryan Reuwer, b'19, is an advisory consultant at Ernst & Young in New York City.

Jacob Roemer, c'19, lives in Denver, where he's a financial representative at Northwestern Mutual.

Laura Searcy, g'19, received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship for Uzbekistan.

Charlie Sides, j'19, is a video operations intern for the San Francisco 49ers.

Eric Snyder, PharmD'19, is a pharmacist at Rite Aid in Ashland, Oregon.

Elizabeth Spooner, c'19, j'19, is a recruiter at the Avitus Group in Denver.

Wesley Williams, l'19, lives in Arlington, Virginia, where he's a policy adviser for the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee.

ASSOCIATES

Jim Peters, assoc., retired in September after serving as director of the Osher Institute of Lifelong Learning at KU for nearly eight years. He began working for KU Professional and Continuing Education in 2005.



In Memory

30s **Glenn McCann, c'38, l'40**, 103, July 29 in Mission Woods. He was an attorney and senior partner at Knipmeyer, McCann, Fish & Smith. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. Several nieces and nephews survive.

40s **Margaret Penny Bruce, b'43**, 97, March 11 in Wichita, where she was an accountant at Kansas Gas & Electric. Survivors include three daughters, two of whom are April Bruce-Stewart, d'79, '09, and Penny Bruce Shuler, '82; a son; a brother, Charles Penny, e'50; a sister, Lois Penny Cowan, f'54; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Anderson Chandler, b'48, 93, Oct. 29 in Topeka. He was president and chairman of Fidelity State Bank and Trust Company and retired in 2018 after 60 years of service. He endowed the Anderson Chandler Business School lecture series and the Anderson Chandler Teaching Professorship in Business, and in 1998 he received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Business. For his service to the University, the Alumni Association awarded him the Fred Ellsworth Medallion in 1997 and the Distinguished Service Citation in 2010. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. Surviving are four daughters, Cathleen Chandler Stevenson, c'72, l'75, Cynthia, d'76, Corliss Chandler Miller, c'78, g'81, and Colette Chandler Gaches, d'83; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Forrest Cowell, e'48, 92, Aug. 4 in Topeka, where he retired as a civil engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation. He is survived by his wife, Eula Mae; two daughters, one of whom is Ellen Cowell Guthrie, '76; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Barbara Ewing Crews, c'48, 93, July 15 in Lawrence, where she was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Raymond "Chip," j'73, and Byron, f'83; two daughters,

Penny Crews Seay, d'75, g'76, and Jenny Crews Ruark, '80; a brother, Roger Ewing, b'50; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Vance Elder, e'49, 95, June 11 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He owned a plumbing and heating company. He is survived by his wife, Onita; two daughters, Cynthia Elder Pecarovich, '69, and Nancy Elder Schwan, '70; three sons; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Caroline Morriss Hines, d'47, g'59, 93, Aug. 9 in Topeka, where for more than 40 years she was a music teacher and supervisor. She retired as a music specialist. Surviving are her husband, Leo, e'49; a son, Martin, c'82, g'87; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Marjorie "Marge" Brown Holcombe, n'49, 92, Aug. 13 in Davenport, Iowa, where she was a nursing instructor and specialized in the field of psychiatry. She is survived by her husband, Walter; a daughter; a son; a brother, Darrell Brown, c'54, g'59; and a grandson.

Robert Marshall, c'48, EdD'61, 94, Aug. 15 in Warrensburg, Missouri, where he retired as dean of public services at the University of Central Missouri. Surviving are a daughter, a son, two grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Marilyn Schnackel Meek, c'48, 93, Aug. 27 in Kansas City, where for 35 years she worked for the Boy Scouts of America Heart of America Council. A son survives.

William Nelligan III, j'49, 92, July 23 in Rockville, Maryland, where he was retired executive vice president of the American College of Cardiology. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, three sons, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lorraine "Lorrie" Teeter Partridge, c'46, 94, July 24 in Greeley, Colorado. She was an elementary school teacher and a 76-year member of P.E.O. Sisterhood. Survivors include two daughters; a son; a brother, Howard Teeter, c'51; three grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Mary Johnson Sneegas, f'48, 93, July 17 in Lawrence, where she retired as an occupational therapist at Cottonwood. Surviving are three sons, one of whom is Stanley, e'72; three grandchildren; three step-granddaughters; three great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren.

Helen Russell Sparling, c'47, 92, July 4 in Topeka, where she was a teacher and volunteered at the Topeka Public Library. She is survived by her husband, Robert, d'48, g'51; a daughter, Rebecca Sparling Hinton, c'75; two sons; four granddaughters; and seven great-grandchildren.

50s **Floyd Baker, c'50, m'53**, 92, July 18 in San Antonio, where he was a physician and retired from the Army Medical Corps after 41 years of service, which included active duty during World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars. He is survived by his wife, Dolly; three daughters, one of whom is Linda, '73; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Paul Barber, e'57, 84, July 29 in Overland Park. He had a 35-year career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, during which time he led the Kansas City district and later became chief of engineering and directorate of civil works at the organization's headquarters in Washington, D.C. In 1997 he received the KU Distinguished Engineering Service Award. Surviving are his wife, Diane Mealy Barber, h'57; two sons, David, e'84, and Joseph, '87; three daughters, two of whom are Linda Barber Rozell, b'85, and Jennifer Barber Ruf, e'92, g'96; a sister; and nine grandchildren.

Chester Bare, m'56, 94, March 13 in Raytown, Missouri, where he was a pediatrician. He is survived by three sons, one of whom is Lance, c'79; two daughters, one of whom is Jane Bare Scott, m'88; a sister; and 10 grandchildren.

Helen Ghrist Barrington, '51, 90, Aug. 16 in Overland Park, where she was a member of Junior League and P.E.O. Sisterhood. Survivors include a stepdaughter, Katherine Barrington Bagby, d'74; a stepson, Douglas Barrington, j'78; a sister; four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Mary Cole Boatright, c'54, 90, July 6 in Wichita. She lived in Wellington for many years, where she worked at Boatright Accounting with her husband. She also was active in her community. Surviving are three daughters, two of whom are Brenda Boatright Sniezek, b'81, and Janet Boatright Shockley, b'84; a brother; two sisters; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Charles Broadwell, d'59, 82, Aug. 29 in Fairfield, California, where he was a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel and commanding officer of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. A sister survives.

Edwin Carper III, b'59, 85, July 6 in Overland Park. His career as an accountant at Ernst & Young spanned more than three decades. He is survived by his wife, Donna; two daughters, one of whom is Michelle Carper Flickinger, b'84; a son, Edwin IV, '97; a sister; and a granddaughter.

Lorraine Seibert Davis, c'50, 89, Feb. 11 in Edna. She taught biology for many years at Parsons High School. Survivors include three sons, one of whom is Lyndon, c'84, g'87; a sister; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Dolores Rock Field, g'57, g'80, 95, Jan. 1 in Topeka, where she was a retired elementary school teacher. Surviving are three daughters, Cynthia, '80, Debbie Field-Kresie, m'85, and Diane, f'87; a son, Dwight, '87; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Edmund Fording Jr., e'58, 82, July 8 in Charlottesville, Virginia. He was a chemical engineer and held leadership positions at several companies before becoming president of the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association in Washington, D.C. Survivors include his wife, Jean; a son, Jay, f'92; a daughter; a stepson; a stepdaughter; three sisters, one of whom is Nancy Fording Crews, g'71, '99; and eight grandchildren.

David Graves, c'59, g'61, 82, June 10 in Elmira, New York, where he was professor emeritus of mathematics at Elmira College. He is survived by a brother, Dean, e'56, g'63.

Thomas Hunt Jr., c'54, m'58, 86, July 7 in Kansas City, where he was a retired neurosurgeon. A son and four grandchildren survive.

Carl Kelley, d'59, 82, July 17 in Bloomington, Illinois. He had a 40-year career in data processing at Caterpillar Inc. Surviving are his wife, Barbara; four daughters; a sister, Mavis Kelley Clark, '59; and 11 grandchildren.

Dolores "Dody" Dolson Lee, e'52, 88, July 8 in Leawood. She had a 35-year career as an engineer and worked on the design of several airports, bridges, streets and highways. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. A son, a daughter, a sister and a grandson survive.

Harold Lowe, c'52, m'58, 88, Aug. 2 in Topeka. He was a physician and served for 30 years as chief of cardiology at Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento, California, before founding a nonprofit clinic in Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Diana Gustafson-Lowe, d'64, g'71; three sons; four daughters; a sister; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Sanford Markham, c'56, m'60, 84, July 25 in Coral Gables, Florida. He was an obstetrician and gynecologist and helped start the College of Medicine at Florida International University in Miami, where he served as the first dean of student affairs from 2007 to 2016. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Stensrud Markham, '58; a daughter; a son; and five grandchildren.

Joseph Meek Jr., c'54, m'57, 87, Jan. 30, 2019, in Wichita, where he was professor and chair of internal medicine at KU School of Medicine-Wichita and served as dean for 10 years. He received KU Medical Center's Distinguished Service Medallion in 2010. Surviving are his wife, Bette; two daughters, Nancy Meek Leonard, n'84, and Kathryn Meek Thompson, c'89; a son; a brother; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Jack Metz, b'56, 85, May 7 in Wichita, where he worked in pharmaceutical sales. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Cox Metz, '56; three daughters; a son; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Janet Severin Neff, c'58, 85, March 23 in Parkville, Missouri. She was a retired high school teacher. Two daughters, one of whom is Dana Andrew, '93, survive.

Mary Marhofer Nicklin, d'52, 89, Aug. 27 in Topeka, where she was a teacher and longtime volunteer at Stormont Vail Hospital. Surviving are a son, Steven, g'84; two daughters, one of whom is Nancee Nicklin Crider, '85; three sisters, one of whom is Marilyn Marhofer Segarini, d'54; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Jean Tallant North, d'52, 88, July 14 in Topeka, where she worked at the Topeka Public Library and was active in P.E.O. Sisterhood. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. Survivors include a daughter, Anne North Kidder, b'79; a son, Robert, j'82; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Donald Ochs, b'53, 87, March 4 in Hotchkiss, Colorado, where he owned several businesses. Surviving are a son; a daughter; a brother, Harlan, b'50; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Gordon Ott, b'57, 87, March 21 in Wichita, where he was a Navy veteran. He is survived by his wife, Ardith Abercrombie Ott, f'57; three sons, one of whom is Jeff, '85; a brother, Ron, c'59; and seven grandchildren.

Jane Bras Ott-Woehl, d'58, 82, Jan. 2, 2019, in Prairie Village, where she worked at Bruce Smith Drugs and Saks Fifth Avenue on the Country Club Plaza. She also was a member of P.E.O. Sisterhood. Surviving are two sons, one of whom is Keith Ott, b'87; a daughter; a sister; and two grandchildren.

Priscilla Barron Partridge, c'52, 88, May 5 in Wichita. She was a physical therapist. Survivors include five daughters, two of whom are Kim Partridge Ufford, '78, and Sarah Partridge Bommarito, f'79; a son; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

William Rives, p'56, 90, Aug. 21 in Lawrence. He was a longtime resident of Elkhart, where he was a pharmacist at Rives Drug. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. A sister survives.

In Memory

Leonard Sullivan, c'57, m'61, 83, July 23 in Wichita. He was a pediatrician and served in leadership roles at several local hospitals. Surviving are his wife, Betty Reichard Sullivan, n'58; a son; a daughter; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Faye Wilkinson Van Doren, c'51, 89, Dec. 9, 2018, in Glendale, California. She was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Max, l'57; two daughters, one of whom is Amy, '81; and a brother, John Wilkinson, b'53, l'58.

Marilyn Roberts Walsh, d'53, 87, July 23 in Wichita, where she was a retired elementary school teacher. Survivors include a daughter; a brother, Al Roberts, c'56; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Clara Childers Westphal, d'51, 90, Aug. 2 in Lawrence. She taught instrumental and vocal music for nearly 40 years. She is survived by two sons, Steve, '79, and Matt, '01; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

60s Lois French Armstrong, n'60, 80, Dec. 22, 2018, in Bozeman, Montana. She had a long career in nursing and retired as a geriatric psychotherapist at the Mental Health Center of Boulder County in Colorado. Surviving are her husband, John, c'62, m'66; and three sons.

Harold Beims, d'62, 80, Aug. 30 in Colby. He practiced law at Lewis, Lewis and Beims in Atwood and also served as the attorney for Rawlins County and the city of Atwood. He is survived by a daughter, Bobi Jo Beims Robles, d'93; a son; a sister; two brothers; two grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Alvin Burge, c'63, 79, July 5 in Kansas City, where he retired as a systems manager at Haldex. Survivors include his wife, Nancy; two sons, one of whom is Kevin Karlin, '90; a daughter, Diane Karlin Oden, c'92; and five grandchildren.

Richard Burke, b'65, 76, July 26 in Dodge City. He lived in Manhattan for several years, where he owned Burke's Shoes and the Shoe Center and also was professor of management and marketing at Kansas State University College of Business. He retired as president of Dodge

City Community College. Surviving are his wife, Georgia Scoggins Burke, n'74; a daughter, April Burke Bramini, '93; two sons, one of whom is Tyler, '08; two stepdaughters; five grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren.

Gene Larry Cottam, c'62, 78, June 30 in Richardson, Texas, where he retired as professor of biochemistry at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. He was one of the first scientists to study nuclear magnetic resonance, now known as MRI. Survivors include his wife, Melanie Poor Cottam, d'63; three daughters, two of whom are Janell, '87, and Melinda Cottam Gesuale, c'93; a sister, Judy Cottam Rhodes, d'66; and seven grandchildren.

Alan Deaver, e'61, 80, June 29 in Cape Coral, Florida. He spent most of his career constructing hyperbolic cooling towers and later became a zoning commissioner. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. He is survived by a son, Daniel, e'93; a daughter; and two grandchildren.

Wendell Kellogg, l'66, 77, Aug. 18, 2018, in Salina, where he was an attorney and founding partner at Marietta, Kellogg and Price. Survivors include his wife, Carol, two sons, three daughters, a brother, three sisters and seven grandchildren.

James Marshall, '64, 76, April 29 in Bennington, Nebraska, where he was a musician and played in several area bands. Surviving are his wife, Deanna, assoc.; two sons; and a sister.

John McCormick, c'64, 76, May 19 in Carbondale, Colorado, where he was a mental-health counselor. He is survived by his wife, Diane; two daughters; a brother, Mike, c'68; and two grandchildren.

Carol Anderson Moddrell, c'67, m'71, 73, July 13 in Kansas City. She lived in Lawrence, where for nearly 40 years she was a pathologist at Lawrence Memorial Hospital and held several leadership roles, including chief of medical staff. She also served as Douglas County coroner. Survivors include her husband, Michael, d'79; two sons, one of whom is Andrew, a'02; a daughter; a sister, Linda Anderson Del Greco, c'69, g'73, g'76, PhD'82; and three grandchildren.

Donald Racy, g'66, 80, April 5 in San Antonio. He taught mathematics at South Junior High School in Lawrence. Surviving are his wife, Ann Marshall Racy, '66; and a son, Geoffrey, c'18.

Richard Rodewald, e'60, b'62, 83, April 19 in Eudora. He was an engineer at General Motors and ran in the 1992 Republican primary for U.S. Senate. Survivors include a daughter, Erin Rodewald Allen, '01; a son, Mike, c'04; a sister, Sara Rodewald Lindsley, g'68; and four grandchildren.

Ronald Rubin, c'62, m'66, 82, June 2 in Newton Center, Massachusetts. He was chief of surgery at Franciscan Children's Hospital in Boston. His wife, Maxine, two sons, a daughter, a brother and five grandchildren survive.

Henry Russell, c'68, 73, May 20 in Johns Island, South Carolina, where he was a surgeon and served as executive medical director at VHA Central Atlantic. He is survived by his wife, Lynn; three sons; a sister, Patricia Russell Moffet, g'78; and five grandchildren.

Judith Watson Shireman, j'66, 75, July 24 in San Francisco. For 39 years she was a partner at Shireman & Shireman Research, a senior-level executive recruiting firm. Survivors include her husband, Richard, j'65; a son; two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

Elaine Johnson Tatham, g'60, EdD'71, Aug. 1 in Olathe. She was a faculty member at several universities before directing institutional research at Johnson County Community College. She later founded the ETC Institute, a market-research firm, in 1982. She is survived by a daughter, a son, a sister, two brothers, five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

James Williams, b'60, 82, Aug. 15 in Riverside, California. He was a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel and later became a flight test engineer. Surviving are his wife, Kathleen, two sons, a daughter, three stepchildren, six grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, two great-grandsons and a step-great-granddaughter.

70s Nancy Dean Boone, c'76, 65, July 18 in Long Branch, New Jersey,

where she was an executive assistant at AT&T and also worked for the U.S. Army. Survivors include her husband, Stephen; a stepdaughter; a stepson; a brother, Daniel Dean, j'77; a sister, Martha Dean Johnson, h'83; and three grandchildren.

Terry Borel, c'75, m'78, 65, May 24 in Johnson City, Tennessee, where he was a psychiatrist and medical director at Woodridge Hospital. Surviving are his wife, April; a son; his father; two brothers, Roger, b'74, and Timothy, '84; and a sister.

James Cox, b'79, 62, July 13 in Las Vegas. He was a CPA and tax partner at Ernst & Young in Kansas City and later owned a consulting practice. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. He is survived by his wife, Aime; three daughters, two of whom are Jennifer Cox Hamm, '04, and Jessica Cox Schultz, c'07, j'07; a son; a brother, Marvin, b'75; and two granddaughters.

Jeri Crowley, c'73, 67, Aug. 7 in Lucas, Texas, where she was a computer programmer. Her husband, Keith, two daughters and a son survive.

Elva Huslig Fellers, c'75, 65, Aug. 22 in Topeka, where for more than 40 years she was a microbiologist at St. Francis Health Center. Survivors include her husband, Dan, four sons, four daughters, her father, four brothers, a sister and 14 grandchildren.

Barbara Lerner Herzmark, g'76, 92, March 22 in San Pedro, California. She was a teacher and volunteered in her community. Surviving are three sons, two of whom are Michael, c'74, and Jay, c'76; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lawrence McLaughlin, a'77, 67, June 12 in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was an architect at Jacobs Engineering. He is survived by three brothers, one of whom is Dan, b'83, g'85; and a sister, Kathy McLaughlin Rathbun, '96.

Linda Robeson Powers, d'70, 71, Aug. 11 in Joplin, Missouri. She was an elementary school teacher in Houston and St. Joseph, Missouri, and was active in her local golf association. Survivors include her husband, Mark, b'70; two sons, one of whom is Brian, b'02; a sister, Sara Robeson, '76; and four grandchildren.

James Wall, c'71, 80, Nov. 14, 2018, in Topeka. He worked for several oil and gas exploration companies. Surviving are a daughter, Lisa Wall Talley, c'88; two sons; and three grandchildren.

80s Paul Payne, c'83, 57, April 23 in Wilmington, North Carolina, where he was a cardiologist. He is survived by his wife, Denise; a son; his parents, Robert, c'51, m'55, and Doris Kendall Payne, n'54; a sister, Ellen Payne Jensen, c'90, j'90; and a brother.

Carl Rempel, s'88, 57, June 19 in Wichita. He was a marriage and family therapist. Surviving are his wife, June Funk Rempel, g'97; two sons, one of whom is Ethan, c'12, g'16; a daughter; two sisters, one of whom is Michelle Rempel Roman, l'94; and his stepmother.

Georganne Gage Walters, c'82, b'84, 59, April 29 in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she retired after a 25-year career in accounting. Survivors include a brother, Hires Gage, '73; and a sister, Betse Gage, c'77, m'80.

90s Brad Farha, c'95, 47, July 29 in Overland Park, where he was a strategy director in enterprise development at Verizon. He is survived by his wife, Heather; two daughters; his parents, Norman, e'58, and Carol; and two brothers, one of whom is Cliff, g'94.

00s Kathleen Wheat Shannon, s'02, 69, April 7 in Treasure Island, Florida. She was a social worker and counseled students at Melrose Elementary School in St. Petersburg. Survivors include her husband, Michael, two daughters, a sister and four grandchildren.

10s Kayli Hrdlicka, g'17, 29, Dec. 16, 2018, in Tallahassee, Florida, where she directed sports nutrition at Florida State University. Surviving are her husband, Justin, her parents, three sisters, and her grandparents.

Benjamin Mugg, e'13, 30, Aug. 11 in Lone Tree, Colorado. He was a traffic and roadway design engineer in Denver. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. He is survived by his father,

Jerry, '01; his mother; two sisters; his grandparents; and a great-grandmother.

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William Conboy, c'49, g'51, 94, Aug. 27 in Lawrence. He was professor emeritus of communication studies. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. Surviving are two sons, Fred, c'77, and William "Andy" Jr., '83; a daughter, Connie, '96; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Coleen Lewis, 72, July 15 in Lawrence, where she was an administrative specialist at the Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute, a division of KU Professional and Continuing Education. She is survived by four daughters; two brothers, John Breithaupt, b'74, and Terry Breithaupt, b'74; and five grandchildren.

Charles "Chuck" Spellman, g'68, Edd'72, 79, Aug. 17 in Parsons, where he was senior research scientist emeritus at the Life Span Institute at Parsons and created the Assistive Technology for Kansans project. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. Surviving are his wife, Pamela Cress, g'80; two daughters, one of whom is Stacy Spellman Braman, d'86, g'96, '99; two sisters; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Lawrence Wrightsman, 87, July 28 in Lawrence, where he chaired the department of psychology and retired as professor. He was honored with several teaching awards during his career at KU.

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Imogene Hilton, assoc., 84, Aug. 13 in Wichita, where she was a homemaker. Her husband, Donald, b'58; four daughters; a brother; a sister; 16 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren survive.

Gary Joyce, assoc., 80, July 2 in St. Louis. He was an optometrist for 45 years. Survivors include two sons, Patrick, c'93, and Jeffrey, b'93; two daughters; two sisters; and four grandchildren.

Barbara Lyle, assoc., 82, Aug. 15 in Wichita, where she owned a travel agency. She is survived by a daughter, Pamela Swedlund, c'86; a stepson; a stepdaughter; and four grandchildren.

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Bode and Schrock

Role reversal

Can adults learn from kids when the topic is science?

When it comes to improving public understanding of climate science, a team of researchers is betting that art—specifically, youth art—may be the vehicle for learning.

Cool Science, a program that uses artwork from K-12 students to teach youths and adults about the science behind extreme weather, was started seven years ago by scientists in the University of Massachusetts system. The project used advertising spaces inside and outside buses and the main bus terminal in Lowell, Massachusetts, to display student art about climate change. The Cool Science pilot program received a Hatch award for creative excellence in advertising in 2014, and one of the researchers behind it won a “Champions of Change for Climate Education and Literacy” award from the White House in 2015.

“The hypothesis is that if the kids are telling you about something, you might listen and learn better,” says Bob Chen,

interim dean of the School for Environment at the University of Massachusetts Boston and lead researcher on the project. “And to engage the kids as empowered teachers gets them to learn better themselves.”

Now, thanks to a \$3 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), Cool Science is coming to Kansas, where researchers hope to explore the concept of intergenerational learning by determining how much adults can learn about extreme weather science by viewing youth art about the topic.

Steven Schrock, professor of civil, environmental & architectural engineering and director of the KU Transportation Center, and Claudia Bode, PhD’02, education director for the Center for Environmentally Beneficial Catalysis, will guide KU’s participation in the expanded project, which tests the intergenerational learning model in a state that’s different—geographically, meteorologically and politically—from Massachusetts.

“We’re trying to see if or what adults learn from viewing art created by children about science concepts,” Bode says. “Does it make viewers want to learn more, does it make them ask questions, or make them

more curious about the topic?”

While the project started with a focus on climate change, it has broadened to look more generally at extreme weather: tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, droughts, violent thunderstorms. And while gathering data on the intergenerational learning approach is the point of the NSF-funded study, Bode says the project has a larger goal of using informal learning—the learning that happens in non-classroom settings, like when someone is stuck on a bus, for example—to communicate science concepts.

“We want to have a positive impact on children and adults; we want people to become more curious about science, more interested, more inspired.”

The idea that kids learn better when art is integrated into science is “changing STEM into STEAM,” Bode says, alluding to the addition of art to the science, technology, engineering and math disciplines. The question Cool Science asks is, does the same apply to adults?

“What they’ve found is adults really do respond to that art, because it’s not created in an attempt to be persuasive like marketing materials would be,” Bode says. “It’s really just children drawing about the concepts as they know and see it. It’s a different viewpoint that might open the eyes of adults who may not have ever thought about it one way or the other.”

Twenty mentors are being trained to guide 200 students in creating art that is scientifically accurate. The grant provides curriculum, materials and a small stipend to conduct art and science workshops. Community partners are the Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka, the Kansas Children’s Discovery Center, Science City at Union Station, the YMCA of Greater Kansas City, the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority and the Topeka Metro.

Any K-12 student (not just those who attended the workshops) can enter the contest, which will be announced in November. Judges will choose six winning

artists, who will earn \$50 gift cards and have their art featured on buses in Kansas City and Topeka for a month. Bus posters will include an artist's statement and a QR code that can be used to download more information, and KU student evaluators will survey adults at bus stops before and after the campaign to see what they learned. Community exhibitions will celebrate the student artists, and those events will include a call for professional artists to apply for small grants to produce work that relates to extreme weather science. Contest rules and community event schedules will be available at coolscience.net.

—Steven Hill

Build brothers

Architect's furniture sideline draws on DIY skill and family ties

Josh Bender and his brother Matt, the founders of Blackhall Woodworks, a St. Louis startup that designs and builds sleek, sturdy, solid-wood furniture, didn't always get along as kids. But after college they realized they had a lot in common.

Both work in creative fields—Josh, a'09, at an architecture firm, and Matt at an ad agency. And both are dedicated do-it-yourselfers.

After graduating at the height of the Great Recession, when jobs were scarce, Josh Bender drew on his experience in KU's Studio 804 design-build class to work construction for more than a year before landing a job with M+H Architects.

"I started building things for myself here and there and slowly rehabbing my house," Bender says. His brother was doing the same, and making furniture—a bed frame, a baby crib, a dining table—for his growing family.

By then, childhood scraps had given way to weekly get-togethers.

"We decided, why don't we actually do something while we're hanging out," Bender says. "We're always thinking about designs on our own; why not actually build some of this stuff and see if anyone wants to buy it?"



Plenty did. When Blackhall Woodworks (named for the St. Louis street they grew up on) launched, in 2017, the Benders made their first sales within a couple of weeks. Growth has been steady ever since. They've at least doubled sales and revenue annually, and by this October sales on their website, blackhallwoodworks.com, were already five times their first-year total. The brothers also market their handmade pieces on Etsy and at pop-up markets around St. Louis.

Blackhall favors local wood and clear, natural stains that bring out the beauty of the grain without changing the wood's color. Their look is influenced by Danish Modern and Mid-Century Modern design.

"Minimalist, clean lines, not a lot of fluff," Bender describes their aesthetic. "Especially at the scale we're working at, not having anything that's frivolous in the design, I think, is strong."

Despite working in design professions, the brothers find their DIY approach to

furniture-making—they make every piece themselves in a 120-square-foot woodshop in Matt's basement—is fulfilling in ways their day jobs aren't. Being your own boss is nice. So is having the final say on what the finished product looks like. And there's the satisfaction of breaking away from the desk to work with your hands and breathe a little sawdust.

"We each have jobs where we're in front of a computer all day," Josh says, "and having something on the side where we get to work with our hands is something we both have a passion for."



—Steven Hill

Smoke screens

Research shows youth vulnerable to persuasive vaping ads

Yvonne Chen, associate professor in the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, is a marketing and messages expert, which is evident in the alluring title she chose for one of her popular courses: Mindfulness and Meditation in the Media.

"It sounds really interesting, and it is. I love the topic," Chen says. "It's about asking our youth to examine their media consumption more critically while incorporating mindfulness practices into their daily life. How can we stay more mindful despite emotions that we may be experiencing? How can we acknowledge those emotions without being dragged down the rabbit hole? How can we empty the trash in our mind so we can stay calm and be able to bring out the skills we have to face any difficult situation?"

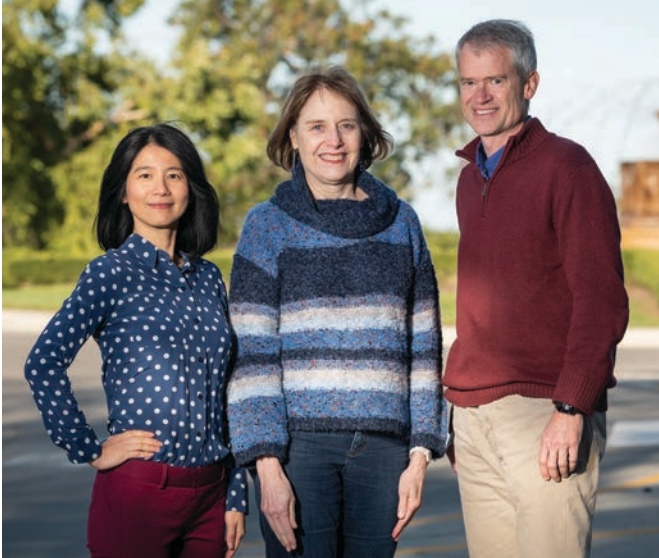
One difficult situation in particular has lately been a focus of Chen's research: e-cigarette marketing and advertising aimed at youths ages 11 to 17.

With Chris Tilden, c'86, g'92, research project manager at KU's Center for Public



Josh and Matt Bender

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Chen, Vernberg and Tilden

Partnerships & Research, and Dee Katherine Vernberg of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, Chen organized focus groups to better understand how youths perceive vaping ads and whether they view them critically.

“They are very aware,” Chen says of the study’s findings, “yet they are not critical of those ads. That would be the bullet point summary, and I think it’s a very dangerous thing.”

Funded by a Centers for Disease Control grant to the health department, the study was part of a community tobacco assessment that examined e-cigarette marketing’s inroads into youth culture. Recent reports of vaping-related deaths and illness have heightened awareness of e-cigarettes’ danger, and a leading manufacturer recently said it would halt online sales of its sweet and fruity flavored refill pods. Regardless, Chen warns, hopes for less youth demand should be tempered.

“I’m afraid that it may be a little bit too late,” she says of anything less than outright bans to prevent youths from accessing vaping products. “I don’t think the illnesses can truly scare off the adolescent who truly intends to use.”

Chen did uncover a hopeful message, however, in related research aimed at teaching young people to be more critical of commercials for sugary drinks. She says

the research showed, surprisingly, that as students learned to analyze hidden messages in those ads, they also gained awareness of misleading ads in other consumer categories, such as exercise equipment commercials.

“When you teach one group of participants about viewing ads more critically,” Chen says, “they are able to transfer that skill to a different context.”

Yet vaping ads remain stubbornly effective.

“Our work highlights adolescents’ trust for those ads without even questioning the content,” Chen says. “It really suggests that it is not only the persuasive power of vaping ads, but also the difficulty of doing tobacco prevention efforts.”

She describes “media literacy” as a complex process that goes far beyond the “just say no” concept of drug abuse prevention. It requires consumers to ask informed questions: Who is being targeted and who is doing the targeting? What information is missing? What are the persuasive tools being used?

Such skills need to be taught not only to adolescents but also to their parents and guardians. “We assume adults actually know a lot, but, to be honest, adults also need to be educated. Adults still need literacy training,” Chen says. “It’s not only important, it’s urgently needed.”

—Chris Lazzarino



Cuba Faces & Places

by Richard Gwin



RICHARD GWIN

Island life

Gwin shares Cuban travels

Richard Gwin’s tastes tend toward the genteel: old cars, cigars, country living, neighbors and neighborhoods, a cup of strong coffee shared with friends. So it is not surprising that Gwin—who for many years documented life in Lawrence and Douglas County as a photographer for the Lawrence Journal-World—fell hard for the people and lifestyle he found in Cuba.

Gwin, ’75, first journeyed to Cuba in 1992, and since then has made as many as three trips each year. He travels as a journalist, but never applies for press credentials. Instead he weaves his way across the country, avoiding politics in favor of getting to know people, building upon friendships now decades old.

He assembled highlights from nearly 30 years of photography and interviews for his self-published book, *Cuba Faces & Places*. Few, if any, American photographers can boast such a vast range of images documenting Cuba’s transformation since the fall of the Soviet Union, the end of Fidel Castro’s reign and a gradual warming to investment and tourism from wealthy Westerners.

But the soul of Gwin’s book remains the beating heart of any country: the people.

“We have lost our neighborhood communication. We don’t trust,” Gwin said in a feature story about his Cuba photographs in issue No. 4, 2008, of *Kansas Alumni*. “Down there you sit on the porch, and there’s neighbors talking to neighbors, neighbors sharing coffee, neighbors watching the children, neighbors watching each other’s homes, neighbors living their lives together.”

To purchase *Cuba Faces & Places*, contact Gwin directly at rgwin1949@gmail.com.

The insider

Athletics photographer digs into archive for tribute book

When he traveled to Eugene, Oregon, to photograph Jayhawk athletes competing in the 2018 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Jeff Jacobsen found a free evening to dine with his friend and former Topeka Capital-Journal colleague Carl Davaz, j'75, who had retired a few months earlier from a long career at the Eugene Register-Guard.

"How's retirement treating you?" Jacobsen asked Davaz, to which Davaz replied, "Oh, God, I'm bored. I need a project."

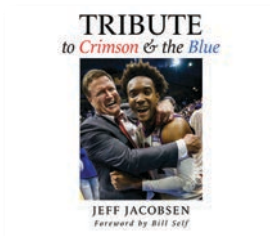
Turns out, Jacobsen, now in his 23rd year as Kansas Athletics photographer after a long career in Topeka, had a project in mind: *Tribute to Crimson & the Blue*, a sumptuous, 256-page coffee table book filled with Jacobsen's images of student-athletes from all 18 of KU's varsity sports.

"The word 'tribute' was chosen for a reason," Jacobsen says. "I wanted this to be a tribute to the student-athletes I've worked with. I've been through all kinds of ups and downs, and the student-athletes stay the same. They've kept me young. I'm 68 years old but I don't feel or act like 68."

He says *Tribute to Crimson & the Blue* came about in service to a personal dream of photographing local sports and athletes in all 105 Kansas counties, far from the spotlight of KU.

"So I got the idea that I needed a calling card," Jacobsen recalls, but when he began researching his publishing options, he was less than inspired by formulaic formats that were both "very limiting" and "incredibly expensive."

With Davaz signing on as the book's designer, Jacobsen began sorting through his massive archive of film and early digital photography. Startled by the difference in the images' technical quality, he decided to use nothing older than 2005.



Tribute to Crimson & the Blue
by Jeff Jacobsen



What makes *Tribute to Crimson & the Blue* unique is the access it represents. It is not a fan's homage to Allen Field House or other headline sports and star athletes. Rather, it is the memories of a photographer who carries all-access credentials wherever he roams.

Jacobson cites his images of swimmers on low carts using gloved hands to pull themselves up Memorial Stadium ramps during early morning dry-land training, and guard Sherron Collins, c'20, shooting a cellphone photo of KU's latest Big 12 championship trophy while seated on the locker room floor.

"The behind-the-scenes images, to me, make the book," Jacobsen says.

Shortly after he shot the annual photo of Bill Self surrounded by trophies and other tangible symbols of victory, in fall 2018, Jacobsen mentioned the project to the men's basketball coach.

"I no more than started to talk to him about the book," Jacobsen says, "when he said, 'I'm writing the foreword.'" Recalls Self, as he wrote in the book's foreword, "In less than three minutes of scanning these remarkable photos, I turned to him and told him I wanted to write the



foreword. ... I get a few requests to write forewords, but this may have been the first time I suggested doing it."

Tribute to Crimson & the Blue is available for \$49.95 at KU Bookstore, Rally House and online at Fanatics.com.

—Chris Lazzarino

Glorious to View Photograph by Dan Storey



Students showcased their artistic skills and highlighted this year's Homecoming theme, "Far Above the Golden Valley," by creating chalk murals at Chalk & Rock, a yearly Homecoming tradition on Wescoe Beach.

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