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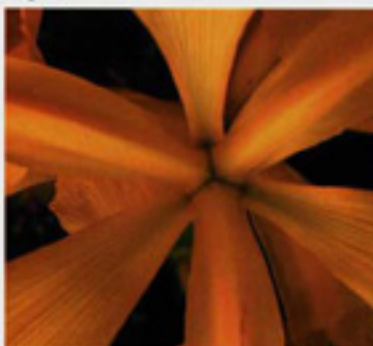
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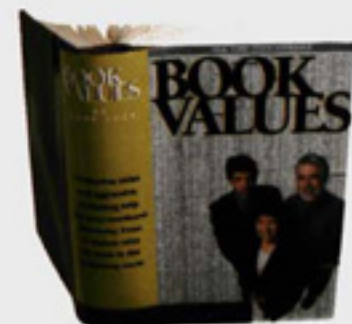
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Then they read the inscription on the 50-ton marble tomb: "Here rest in honored glory an American soldier known but to God."

The words did not register. Why is he known only to God? they asked. You mean there's more than one guy in there? From which wars? Why?

The tomb's symbolism eluded them. Maybe the morning was too muggy and they were too young, but they didn't get it.

The names on Arlington's endless rows of white markers they understood. But unnamed fallen soldiers, signifying the sacrifice of untold thousands, did not seem as real.

Grownups, too, need specifics. That is why our minds snapped to attention at the news this spring that remains from the Vietnam War in the national tomb were to be identified, allowing one more family to finally lay a son to rest, allowing one more story to finally be told.

And that is why the story of Loyd Meredith Willson, c'62, is so compelling. Willson, who died a hero in combat, was unknown to the University until last year. Through some inexplicable twist, his name had been left off KU's Vietnam Memorial when it was originally dedicat-

ed in 1986. After a fraternity brother noticed the glaring omission (and that another soldier listed as missing in action had indeed been found dead), he notified the University, which set about righting the wrongs.

On April 25, the memorial was rededicated: Maj. Larry Martin, b'62, was listed among the dead instead of the missing in action, and Capt. Loyd Meredith Willson's name took its rightful place alongside the names of other Jayhawks.

The University's tribute was finally complete; Willson's alma mater finally laid him to rest.

And his story could finally be told.

When Managing Editor Chris Lazzarino attended the ceremony, he first thought the event could be part of our Alumni Weekend coverage.

Then he saw Willson's widow, Kelly; his daughter, Wendy; and his 3-year-old grandson, Preston, pile out of the green truck from Texas. He listened as Kelly remembered their courtship on the Hill and their marriage, cut short by war. He heard the words of Charles Boyd, c'75, g'76, retired four-star Air Force general who returned to the Hill, once the scene of bitter anti-war protests, to honor Willson.

Then he came to me and described what he had witnessed. He said he had a cover story. I didn't argue.

To understand and honor those who sacrificed throughout our history, we need monuments, imposing edifices that command our respect and attention. We need powerful symbols to remind us of the past. We need names in stone.

We also need stories. They speak volumes, especially to those of us whose families thankfully have been spared such tragedy thus far.

When we stand before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, we sense the magnitude of war and its devastation.

But when we come to know a soldier like Loyd Meredith Willson, the picture of valor and loss becomes more distinct. A symbolic monument stands for more than something.

It stands for someone. —

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery remains unknown to my son and oldest daughter, even though they visited the monument last July.

Like countless children herded by well-meaning parents to shrines to see what they should see, they did as they were told:

They watched as the solemn tomb guard, resplendent in his dress uniform despite the steamy morning, marched 21 steps, turned to face the tomb for 21 seconds, then turned and crisply marched 21 steps back again.

They watched as, precisely on the half-hour, a new sentinel, gleaming from rifle to shoes and duly inspected by his superior officer, saluted his fellow guard and took his turn before the tomb.

They watched as their parents and other grownups stood in respectful silence, broken only by an occasional whisper or the clicks and hums of cameras.

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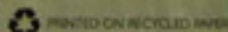
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## LIFT THE CHORUS

## Nike does just do it

It is apparent that Mr. Beebe ("Just don't do it," *Kansas Alumni*, No. 1, 1998) doesn't understand not only the full benefit of Nike's contribution to the University nor the issues regarding Nike's manufacturing and pricing.

As an 11-year employee of Nike, and a former cross country and track and field athlete at the University (who fortunately was able to wear Nike products due to our coach's association with Nike), I feel that I should say something regarding Mr. Beebe's comments.

Now, first and foremost, I should state the obvious: Nike is a public company, and with that, must return value to its shareholders; additionally, Nike has been and always will be a company dedicated to serving athletes. Nike has recognized the strength of the University's programs and because of that pursued and signed an all-school endorsement contract.

Nike is not entirely altruistic here: University of Kansas sports teams have a national following and national exposure which will help promote the Nike brand and products through its association.

What Mr. Beebe fails to realize is that by signing a contract with Nike, the University does not directly "endorse Nike."

The reality of the situation is that if you were to ask the athletes, coaches and trainers at the University, an overwhelming majority would say that they are supportive of the Nike contract and that they want to wear our footwear, apparel and equipment. Additionally, if you were to ask the non-revenue sports—such as track and field, cross country, soccer, baseball and tennis—about it, they are probably thrilled, for as costs come under ever increasing scrutiny, they are the ones that suffer the most.

By signing this contract, the University not only receives ever important funds for any number of uses (including academic), but also provides its student-athletes the best footwear, apparel and equipment products available.

Regarding the manufacturing concerns surrounding our Asian production: Mr.

Beebe has legitimate questions that have arisen due to all the publicity around this subject. To clarify a few things: Nike does not directly own any of the factories overseas. Within this contracted environment, Nike has implemented independent monitoring of the workplace, the first in our industry.

Nike hired Ernst & Young to check contractor compliance with age, wage and overtime laws. These auditors today back-up the daily in-factory oversight of more than 1,000 Nike production managers spread around the globe. In 1992, Nike wrote the sporting-goods industry's first Code of Conduct, spelling out Nike standards every one of our contractors must abide by. Additionally, Nike has gone further than any other manufacturer in the industry by implementing OSHA-certified American testing service to conduct tests.

In regards to the pay that workers receive in Nike contracted factories: Through Ernst & Young as well as other independent teams, Nike has conducted extensive research into this area. In the case of Indonesia and Vietnam, workers are paid well enough to provide for at least themselves and, in many cases, an extended family, and well enough to save 43 to 47 percent of their income.

These studies have been reinforced by information developed independently by the World Bank and the global development organization C.A.R.E. Wages may seem low by Western standards. But Vietnam is a country where the average person earns \$240 per year, whereas the salary of the average Nike contract worker is \$552. This far outstrips the average of many other Vietnamese professions, such as teachers, soldiers and peace officers.

Finally, to say that our products are overpriced, that many "average or low income people" cannot afford them and that the University should pressure Nike to lower its prices, is absurd. Using that logic, then the University should lobby all businesses that support it with grants to lower their prices.

I thought we lived in a market-driven economy where the consumer dictated what prices the market will support. (For

the record, Nike footwear retail prices start at around \$45 for adult models.)

In the past 25 years, Nike has provided unparalleled support for athletes, teams and universities by creating products that enhance performance as well as supporting numerous programs. Personally, it did my heart good to see the 'Hawks wearing the Swoosh!

Bruce Connelly, c'86  
Stockholm, Sweden

## Project needs your help

To be a great university we must be known as a great university. That means we have to find out how great we are and then get out the word. Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway has asked the Institute for Public Policy and Business Research to conduct a study to evaluate the impacts of the University on the state and national economies.

Part of that study will be to assess the economic, technological and commercial creative achievements of current and former KU students, faculty and staff. To this end, we seek to identify KU-related individuals who:

- have founded a business
- own a business
- have acquired a patent
- have licensed a technology
- have sold or licensed software
- own a major copyright (such as a published book, software product, or film).

We are employing a variety of search methods in our effort, but we would also welcome individuals contacting us directly. Individuals who would like to be included in our report should contact us and provide your name, contact information, years you were associated with KU, name and description of your business or creation, and whether we may contact you for further information.

The collective results of the study, as well as possible highlights (used only with permission of the individual), will be included as part of a larger, comprehensive report to the chancellor on the total economic impact of the University.

We anticipate the results of this study to be a source of great pride for the University and to Jayhawks everywhere. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. We look forward to your response.

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## A gaggle of Jayhawks?

Is there an official word to describe a group of Jayhawks? "Flock" doesn't seem appropriate. If there is a gaggle of geese, herd of cattle and pride of lions, surely there must be a "something" of Jayhawks.

Somehow, since the Jayhawk is mythical, it doesn't seem to me that the designations should be limited by whatever the appropriate word is for hawks. If such a word has already been decided upon, I am most curious as to what it is.

Allan A. Hazlett, b'65, l'67  
Topeka

*Editor's note: Although there is no official lexicon, we prefer "flock," which seems a bit more dignified than "gaggle." It might lack mythical aura, but it has served us well.*

Kansas Alumni welcomes letters to the editor. If you would like to comment on a story, please write us. Our address is **Kansas Alumni, 1266 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66044-3169.**

If you would like to respond via e-mail, the Alumni Association's address is **ksalumni@kuua.wpo.ukans.edu.**

Letters appearing in the magazine may be edited for space and clarity.

## Zen and the art of translation

**S**tanley Lombardo has always taken a unique view of things. The popular classics professor is perhaps best known for his translation of Homer's *Iliad*, a warmly received modern rendition of the classic Greek tale [Kansas Alumni, No. 5, 1997].

Now comes some explanation of Lombardo's one-of-a-kind vision: He was recently promoted within the teaching ranks of Zen Buddhism, receiving "dharma transmission" that makes him a "Soen Sa," or Zen master. The position puts Lombardo 79th in the line of succession of his school of Zen, beginning with Shakyamuni Budha.

"My work is largely as a poet translator, and it's very helpful as a translator to see things as they are," Lombardo says of his Zen meditation. "It's given a kind of sharpness and clarity, and a lack of sentimentality."

So what else does Lombardo get from practicing Zen?

"You don't get anything from practicing Zen," Lombardo says. "It sort of takes things away from you."

Unless, of course, you are one of Lombardo's students. Then the rewards are many.

## Vandals can't extinguish window's flame

**P**resuming Moses isn't throwing fastballs, vandals in early April heaved a rock through Smith Hall's burning bush stained-glass window.

The rock penetrated both the clear storm window and the leaden stained glass, landing in Smith Hall's lovely reading room.

"It could be somebody was mad at us," says Associate Professor Tim Miller, c'65, g'69, g'71, PhD'73, chairman of religious studies. "Or it could be a stupid, drunk prank. If that's the case, I guess you just have to ask, 'Why?'"

The window, scheduled for maintenance even before the damage, will be fixed by Lawrence's Phoenix

Gallery. And expenses will be covered by insurance since ownership of the building had not yet been formally transferred from Disciples of Christ

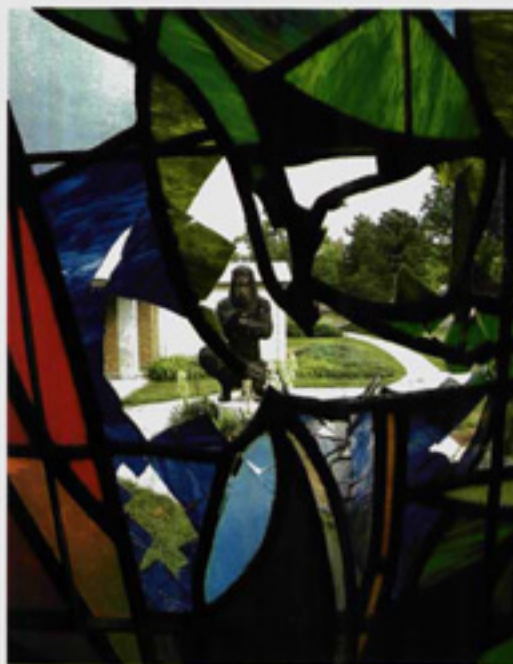
to the state, which is a self-insurer.

The other positive side of the incident is that anyone who decides to view the damage from the inside will also discover one of Mount Oread's loveliest nooks.

"It colors the whole room," Miller says of the window, damaged but still radiant. "In the day-

time, from inside the reading room, the burning bush is strikingly beautiful."

Which certainly lessens the pain of broken glass.



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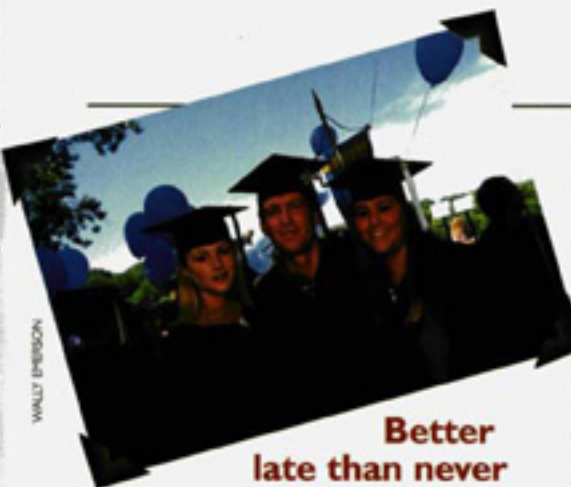
## Our sweethearts return

**O**n a campus blessed with the dramatic beauty of expansive vistas, smaller delights can get lost or, worse, disregarded. Was it so for the tulips that were Hoch Auditorium's annual spring rouge? Could we have been so inattentive as to fail to grieve the loss of something so lovely?

While abiding chainlink fences during the auditorium's dusty transformation into Budig Hall, did we perhaps forget how much we treasured Hoch's crimson array? If we did overlook our feelings, we ask forgiveness.

For the tulips, as ever the color of a kiss, returned this spring. So did the memories. We shall be inattentive no longer.





WALDY EPHSON

### Better late than never

**W**e've heard countless stories about the perpetual tardiness of college students, but 24 years?

After earning his pharmacy degree in 1974, Gale Brooks didn't participate in Commencement. His brother was graduating from high school the same day, and blood was thicker than walking. Brooks never thought much of it until his daughters, Neysa, b'97, g'98,

and Rochelle, d'98, called him early this year. "Dad, we want you to walk with us."

The pharmacist from Quinter resisted. His daughters raised the stakes: If you don't walk, we won't walk. Brooks finally caved, sending his cap and gown size to his daughters while secretly hoping they would forget about the whole thing.

They didn't, and Commencement was thrice as nice for the Brookses as they proudly marched down the Hill.

"It was an really an honor to be with my daughters," Brooks says. "They have worked really hard and I thank them for allowing me to walk with them."

A gift much better than a new briefcase.

### Heard by the Bird

**J**ust when we thought the University Daily Kansan's police blotter could not get any more bizarre, this item appeared April 6:

"A KU student's peace was disturbed between 11:11 a.m. September 1, 1997, and midnight March 1 in the 600 block of Gateway Street, Lawrence police said."

**I**t's usually not a stunning singing voice that gets you a part on the saucy show *Melrose Place*, but, hey, Kirsten Paludan, c'96, will take it. Paludan's rendition of "Your Daddy's Son" from the musical *Ragtime* won the FROTH Follies, a part talent contest, part variety show, part benefit for FRIends Of the (University) Theatre.

And to the victor come the spoils—mixing it up with the catty cast on the '90s version of *Peyton Place*. The role came courtesy of Rebecca Balding, c'70, an actress whose husband, James Conway, is executive vice-president of Spelling Entertainment, which produces *Melrose Place*.

Will Paludan get face to face with the sinister Amanda? How will Paludan tell Billy about Jeff? Who was behind the disappearance of Paludan's computer files?

These and other questions will be answered soon, in a very special episode of Jayhawk Walk.

### I love, I love, I love my calendar girl

**S**he's the one with the phone, the white stilettos, the painted-on bodice. The one who says of herself, "I'm the one with the part in the back."

George Petty's voluptuous betty, who now resides alongside other calendar and pinup girls in the Esquire collection at the Spencer Museum of Art, graced the nose of the famous *Memphis Belle*, a B-17 bomber that flew 25 missions over German-occupied territory during World War II. Featured in the 1943 William Wyler documentary *Memphis Belle* and a 1990 movie by the same name, the *Memphis Belle* was the first to complete 25 missions and return safely to the United States.

During those daring missions, not a crew member was killed—partially owing, the airmen believed, to the gorgeous gal watching over the plane.

With the help of a Spencer courier, Petty's illustration left Lawrence for a Memorial Day reunion of the surviving crew members in Memphis, Tenn.

Memories flew and fun was in the air at the reunion, though the one with the part hated parting with her equally stunning flyboy heroes.



SPENCER MUSEUM OF ART


**VISITOR  
INFORMED SOURCE**

Former Washington Post reporter **CARL BERNSTEIN** took aim at his own, chastising the media for its trashy nature, low standards and inaccurate reporting.

**WHEN:** April 25

**WHERE:** Budig Hall

**SPONSORS:** SUA and the School of Journalism

**BACKGROUND:** Bernstein was half of the famous duo that broke the Watergate scandal, which eventually led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon. He wrote two best-selling books—*All the President's Men* and *The Final Days*—with Bob Woodward, his partner on the Watergate series.

**ANECDOTE:** While Deep Throat remains unnamed, Bernstein says the biggest break in the Watergate case was finding in Nixon consultant E. Howard Hunt's notebooks an entry that included a phone number. This find led to the discovery of a Florida bank account that connected the burglars to Nixon contributors.

**QUOTE:** "One of the things that has always bothered me most about the press is our pretension of omniscience," Bernstein said. "It is time for the press to begin finding some humility, to recognize its immense power and the responsibilities that go with it."



# Scientific pursuits

Two KU students receive National Science Foundation graduate fellowships and decide to stay on Mount Oread

As a child, Scott Williamson played outside all the time. But his game wasn't kickball. Williamson's outdoors meant bird-watching, hiking through majestic Horse Thief Canyon near Kanopolis and wading through the wetlands of Cheyenne Bottoms.

Williamson, c'97, recently parlayed his lifelong affair with the wilderness into a prestigious National Science Foundation graduate fellowship, a three-year award that will provide \$24,500 annually toward his doctoral studies.

But Williamson wasn't the only Jayhawk chirping. Sarah Storms, c'97, a graduate student in civil engineering, also received the honor.

One type of NSF fellowship is given for general research assistance to students such as Williamson, who is entering graduate school. He has spent the last year doing bird research in New Hampshire and Australia.

The other type of fellowship is awarded to current graduate students like Storms who have zeroed in on specific projects. The University celebrates not only their honors, but also the fact that Williamson and Storms are staying on the Hill to pursue graduate degrees.

Williamson's undergraduate honors thesis on lekking (a breeding behavior in which males perform displays to attract mates) in greater prairie chickens combined his interest in his majors: math and systematics and ecology.

While unsure exactly what focus he will find when he starts graduate classes this fall, Williamson says he will study evolutionary biology.

"There are two sides to evolutionary theory, theoretical and experience-based," Williamson says. "Personally I want to be based in both, because they really do inform one another. The theory tells you

where to look, and the experiments tell you what theories are sound."

Normally, Williamson says, graduate students choose to pursue a doctorate at a school other than their alma maters in order to get different perspectives. But Williamson says the recent addition of three professors in biology will give him the variety that he needs in an environment he loves. The past year away from school also eased his decision.

"It would have been a bad idea for me to go right into graduate school," says Williamson, who is working in construction this summer. "It was important for me to get out and test the waters in different things."

Construction isn't far removed from Storms' research. She is examining how different types of reinforcements in concrete can bear loads. From bridges to buildings, her research should produce practical results. Storms will receive her



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master's degree next spring, before starting doctoral work, she wants to work in the private sector for two years.

"I need to get experience in an engineering firm," Storms says from Nashville, Tenn., where she is working this summer as a masonry inspector for a new National Football League stadium. "It is very advantageous to getting a teaching job down the road. To have real-life experience is really important."

Storms grew up in St. Louis and marveled as her engineer grandfather told her stories about working on the Gateway Arch, one of the modern marvels of engineering. As long as she can remember, Storms says, she wanted to build things—not necessarily design them like architects, but make them stand up.

With the help of the NSF fellowship, Storms will be doing more than testing loads; she, like Williamson, will be building a career. —

## Legislators approve budget boosts in pay, technology

After a legislative session that saw much wrangling over tax cuts, in part fueled by a healthy state economy that provided an unexpected boon to the state

treasury, the University emerged with much of what it wanted.

Gov. Bill Graves recommended the Legislature approve a 4 percent raise in salaries for unclassified employees (including faculty and students) at Kansas Board of Regents institutions, a proposal lawmakers approved.

The University had originally hoped Graves would endorse the Regents' recommendation of a 5 percent increase, but Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway said he was happy the Legislature approved Graves' plan to raise faculty salaries.

"In the final analysis," Hemenway told the University in an open letter, "a reasonable balance was achieved. Funding for higher education, though tempered by other considerations, was nonetheless positive."

Lawmakers also approved many of Graves' other recommendations, including:

- Full funding for fiscal 1999 for classified employees' longevity bonus program, and a 1.5 percent cost of living increase for classified employees;
- A 2 percent increase in Other Operating Expenditures, plus another half-percent increase to offset rising costs of library acquisitions;
- A critical, one-time \$5 million boost for technology improvements at Regents' institutions, of which KU will get about \$1.45 million. Regents had recommended a \$12 million technology payment, but Graves asked for and received \$5 million.

Lawmakers also endorsed an ongoing plan for technology and instructional equipment enhancements, to be funded with a \$1-per-credit-hour student fee and matched with \$2 per credit hour from the state. This is expected to result in \$1.8 million for the University in fiscal 1999.

• \$3 million to assist with construction of the Robert J. Dole Institute for Public Service and Public Policy on Campus West.

"On balance," Hemenway wrote in his open letter, "the outcome of the legislative session is positive. Although the Governor and the Legislature did not fund all aspects of the University budget proposal, the main elements of that budget were successfully achieved." —



## VISITOR LESSONS OF GENOCIDE

**ALEXANDER ROSNER**, one of *Schindler's Jews*, told of the horrors during—and after—confinement in German concentration camps.

**WHEN:** April 23

**WHERE:** Kansas Union

**SPONSORS:** Hillel

**BACKGROUND:** As a child, Rosner spent five horrific years in Nazi concentration camps, surviving on wits, hope and his musical talent with the accordion. His family was separated early in his imprisonment, only to be reunited in Munich in 1945, when the camps were liberated. The family then emigrated to the United States.

**ANECDOTE:** For Rosner, the real trouble started after the war. For more than 25 years he would not speak of his experiences and would leave a room if someone mentioned the Holocaust. "Not forgetting is one thing, remembering is another," he said. After Rosner appeared in the touching conclusion of Steven Spielberg's Oscar-winning *Schindler's List*, Rosner accepted a rabbi's invitation and began to speak to groups about his experience.

**QUOTE:** "I have learned about the differences in people: There are none,"

Rosner said. "Deep inside, humans are the same. If we do not take this lesson to heart there will be more holocausts, so those who did not learn will be forced to learn again."





## VISITOR DANCES WITH BEARS

A critter-loving, self-professed "geezer," **DOUG PEACOCK**, author and activist, brought a message of peace, love and understanding of species survival.

**WHEN:** April 22

**WHERE:** Kansas Union

**SPONSORS:** Environs

**BACKGROUND:** A former Green Beret, Peacock lived with bears in the wilderness for more than two decades, which he chronicled in the cult novel *The Grizzly Years*. Peacock was also the basis for the character Hayduke in Edward Abbey's environmental classic *The Monkey Wrench Gang*.

**ANECDOTE:** Before spending his time filming, studying and writing about grizzly bears, Peacock tried his hand as a park ranger. It didn't work out so well. "Anarchists make lousy law enforcement officials. The only citation I issued in three years was to a Winnebago for a parking violation."

**QUOTE:** "What a mess the world is in. The most cursory examination of the news will show that," Peacock said.

"We live in a world of politicians who fail to acknowledge we have messed up the Earth, the Earth's infrastructure and affected global weather patterns. It seems we have had a terrible time perceiving our own survival."



## ROCK CHALK REVIEW MILESTONES, MONEY AND OTHER MATTERS

• **LAST YEAR, 36 FACULTY MEMBERS** boarded a bus and set out on a six-day tour of Kansas. What they saw wasn't flatland, wheat and sunflowers, but a state steeped in tradition, lush landscapes and good people. The trip (*Kansas Alumni*, No. 4, 1997) was envisioned by Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway as an opportunity for faculty to better understand the state where they live. Because the trip was such a success, once again faculty members hopped a bus and crisscrossed the state from May 18 to 24. This year's participants got friendly with a herd of bison in Logan County, toured the Dwight D. Eisenhower Center in Abilene, wandered through Monument Rocks in Gove County and skipped into Sedan's annual Yellow Brick Road Festival.

Tour director Erin Spiridigliozzi, g'82, PhD'96, assistant dean of liberal arts and sciences, says the trip also wins raves from Kansans who meet the professors on their twisting tour. "We have received a number of highly enthusiastic responses from hundreds of persons touched in some way during the tour," she says. "In fact, one participant of last year's tour said in an evaluation, 'I never thought Kansas could be so much fun!'"

• **EIGHT FACULTY MEMBERS RECEIVED** Distinguished Teaching Awards for 1998—one posthumously—at the All-University Supper May 15 at the Adams Alumni Center. The winners also were part of the platform party at Commencement May 17. The Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Classroom Teacher is given to faculty members of the KU Medical Center. This year's winners were Virginia Cassmeyer, associate professor of nursing, who died last October; Janet D. Pierce, associate professor of nursing; Allen B. Rawitch, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology; and John G. Wood, assistant professor of molecular and integrative physiology.

Karen J. Nordheden, assistant professor of electrical engineering and computer science, won the H. Bernerd Fink Award for outstanding classroom teaching. The Archie and Nancy Dykes Award, which honors undergraduate teaching, was won by Paul L. Markham, associate professor of teaching and leadership.

Naomi Abigail Bolotin, assistant professor of linguistics, and Christopher M. Johnson, assistant professor of music and dance, won Ned N. Fleming Trust Awards, given to outstanding faculty members with distinguished records of teaching, scholarship and service.

• **WINNERS OF THE 42ND ANNUAL** Snyder Book Collecting Contest (*Kansas Alumni*, No. 2, 1997) were recently honored at a luncheon in the Kansas Union. In the graduate division, Bradley Carter, a doctoral student in American studies, won with his collection, "Memoirs of Military Chaplains." Gregg Walker, a doctoral student in English, placed second with his collection, "Modern American First Editions." Stephen Weller, a senior studying chemical engineering, won the undergraduate division for his entry, "Western Christian Thought in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," while Robert Feiring, a fifth-year pharmacy student, captured second with his collection, "Fiction of Rural and Small Town America." Winners receive cash prizes and gift certificates to the Mt. Oread Bookshop.

# Where the elite meet

An architecture professor's new book on the rise of country clubs examines societal forces that created new ways of leisurely life

While we all may not have had the pleasure of belonging to a country club (though I once crashed a golf cart at one), we do have an idea of what goes on there.

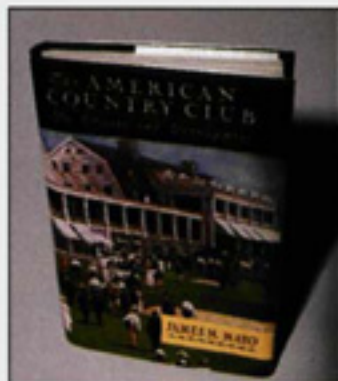
The well-tanned lounge by the club pool. The well-dressed trade groundstrokes and business cards. The well-manicured 18 holes welcome aces and duffers. The well-attended grill features chilly drinks, endless golf lies and games of hearts.

Why and how did these leisure playgrounds come to dot our country with rolling green acres, clubhouses and dreamy promises of social prestige?

James Mayo, professor of architecture and urban design, knows. In his new book, *The American Country Club: Its Origins and Development*, Mayo details how U.S. country clubs sprouted from a British tradition of city and university clubs, blooming into a multi-billion dollar industry that has become synonymous with class, in every conflicted sense of the word.

Mayo meanders gracefully through lush landscape and history, providing interesting information not only about how clubs' origins, but also about the forces—political, economic and social—that have shaped clubs in the past 120 years.

First, the rise of men's clubs in the early and middle 19th



**The American Country Club: Its Origins and Development** by James Mayo  
Rutgers University Press  
\$25

century provided the institutional architecture that would be integral to later development of country clubs. Here men gathered to indulge in food, drink, business and camaraderie. Here men devised intricate, elitist and unquestionably racist rules for acceptance into clubs.

With modernization and immigration making city life increasingly unattractive, the wealthy wanted to escape the rabble so they could pursue the finer things—croquet, equestrian activities, yachting and lawn tennis. The right summer resort, like the Newport Casino and Tennis Club, was indispensable for high society families and, Mayo argues, provided the emphasis on the outdoor activity that would come to characterize country clubs.

Although always striving for the rustic country life, the wealthy were city-bound

because there wasn't an effective way to get around. The development of roads, rail, trolley and eventually the automobile had perhaps the biggest impact on country clubs, simply because these better transportation options gave rise to what we now either love or loathe: the 'burbs.

With the first suburbs and the first country clubs came the ascendancy of golf (which didn't really take off in the United States until the 1890s), the practice of developing exclusive neighborhoods around the clubs, and more family activities.

Mayo culls excellent information from numerous club histories, giving small examples that repeatedly buttress his larger theme: the development of an elite subculture. But for all the book's sturdy, well-written history, urban planning, clubhouse and landscape architecture, there lies one large cultural stone that Mayo leaves mostly unturned—

country clubs' history of exclusionary membership practices, especially toward blacks and Jews.

While Mayo records these types of practices, he doesn't really examine the roots or the effects. Certainly it is not fair to criticize a book for something it doesn't claim to do; however, those types of discrimination echo with larger questions of political economy and the need for status, both crucial elements to Mayo's book.

Nevertheless, Mayo writes engagingly and *The American Country Club* does make a noteworthy and necessary addition to existing scholarship. Mayo's chapter on the first planned country club estates, which tells of J.C. Nichols' development of the Country Club district in Kansas City, Mo., is a fascinating mixture of history, land development and architecture.

Nice drive, professor. —

**FROM *The American Country Club: Its Origins and Development***

**"[J.C.] Nichols undoubtedly believed that membership in a country club depended on supply and demand. With the Kansas City Country Club exercising tight control over its membership, Nichols could not change the local hierarchy of social status. But he realized that the monopoly of belonging to a country club could be broken, especially when a sizable number of elites wanted to belong to one. His new country clubs fulfilled a market demand among elites who wanted a club membership, and they also benefited from Nichols' protecting their neighborhoods by adjoining them to club property."**

# Pomp on Parade

Commencement through the eyes of a newcomer helps us see the grandeur we too often take for granted

An hour before Commencement began, *Kansas Alumni* photographer Wally Emerson and I sat on the stone wall by the base of the Campanile, dangling our feet, biding our time, watching graduates. Bobby pins in mouths, two women were trying to pin each other's mortarboards in place. It was a classic scene.

"So, what's your angle?" Wally asked me, wondering how I planned to accomplish the same mission impossible he'd been assigned—a new slant, a fresh look, at graduation.

Now, Wally asked me this knowing he had way more experience in this endeavor than I. Wally has been shooting KU Commencements for about 10 years. He's shot wet Commencements and sweltering Commencements. He's seen graduates full of joy and pride and emotion and graduates full of champagne. He's shot every one of them looking for a new angle.

But last year the angle he chose itself became a story worth telling. The angle was, well, I'm not so up on geometry, but I'd say the angle was down.

Wally and his son, Evan, now a KU freshman, had obtained special permission to use the key to the bottom door of the Campanile. They climbed the 56-foot spiral staircase from the bottom of the tower to the straight ladder that (before the recent renovation) led 44 feet up through the ropes, past the bells, to a trap door that led to the roof.

Father and son climbed through that door and out onto the tiny concrete rooftop to breathe in a dazzling view—a clear day with black ribbons of gowned graduates unfurled before them. But the sound Wally and Evan heard as they began to take it all in was unsettling. Slam, the door locked behind them. The plot thickened beyond any hopes for a new angle.

They were locked out.

"I didn't want to make a scene in the middle of Commencement, so we didn't worry for a while," Wally said. "I just shot lots of pictures and we waited ... and we waited ... until the crowd cleared."

Then, like Bond, James Bond, Wally used a found piece of rubber tubing to weight a scribbled plea for help. He attached the key that fit the tower's bottom door to the tubing and the note. Hollering to get the attention of a KU police officer he spotted below, Wally tossed the bundle over the rail and watched it tumble to the ground.

The officer, startled, squinted skyward. He undoubtedly thought that now, at last, he'd seen it all, and responded appropriately. Wally and son soon completed their blushing, police-escorted descent to go merrily on their way in search of new angles.

This year, firmly grounded, Wally and I agreed there were photo ops on the level all around. To name a few, we saw ...

Graduates posing in front of peonies and war memorials and trash cans. Atop overlooks and beside roommates. Alone, smiling steady smiles. With Mom, with Dad, with little brother and little sister. With the fiancée.

Looking uncomfortable in hot, shiny gowns. Before flowering beds with new mulch. Wearing belted bottled water. Couples wondering, What next? Teva sandals and bare, hairy legs. Smiley faced balloons colored to match graduate hoods. Babies and grads, stuffed Jayhawks and grads, beer cans and grads. Parties apparent in their eyes.

Moms finishing triumphant, years past their class, holding grade-schoolers' hands. A bright teacher's apple wired atop a mortarboard. Pinwheels attached, spinning. Campanile bells with tear-jerking



tones. Swollen feet resting on, not in, dress shoes. Friends who know this is goodbye.

"Is that a good spot, Sam? Make sure you get him." Capturing it all on film as if capturing it were possible. Parents here from Indonesia. Indiana. Herald trumpets. Through the bell tower, all the way through, after years of observing the undergraduate code of entering and exiting the Campanile by the same entrance.

Cigars. Roses. Pastel garlands. A Cat in the Hat brushing away happy tears. Holding hands. Silent hugs. Pink feather boas and an Israeli flag. Serious grads in velvet pumps and hose. A corsage. A guy who served time for robbing a bank. A flasher. Duct-taped "Hi, Mom!" signs on robes. Echoing, jubilant shouts.

This is my first KU Commencement, and I am amazed at how important it is to be here. To be here and nowhere else, to make eye contact somehow across the crowd. They don't call names; they can't;



there's not time. Grads keep coming and coming, and their significant others are waving, all waving, hoping the grads will see them and know how much they care, being here, how proud and how long, they know, the road has been. And maybe how quick.

Grandparents, sitting in the sun, their children worried about sunstroke. Straw hats. Sunblock. Meaningful music played a second time. Then a third. They keep coming. A small plane flies over: Proud Parents of Bobby Crowder, the banner says. Look, the graduates are doing the wave.

"It is a marvelous day, marvelous weather," the speaker blares. "All you mothers and dads and brothers and sisters and uncles and aunts and husbands and wives have every reason to be proud. But graduates, this is your day ..."

Carefully planned, rich round words are spoken to inspire and incite. They do

the trick. I swallow hard. And the chancellor closes: "Yes, the truth is out there. And you are well equipped to find it. Bon Voyage." A pointed flock of 4,000 square, tasseled hats tossed in the air. Balloons lift to the sky.

Commencement '98 concludes. The angle is the same old same old.

An angle that never truly gets old.

—Dinsdale, a Lawrence writer, is a Baylor University alumna



**ZAC WEGNER, A JUNIOR**, will be the Jayhawks' starting quarterback in the home opener Sept. 5 against Oklahoma State, and, barring injury, throughout the 1998 season. No quarterback controversy this year.

The offensive line returns not only complete, but also bolstered with the addition of new recruits, including 280-pound guard John Oddonetto, a junior-college All-American at Eastern Arizona Community College.

Although the running game lost senior Eric Vann, it returns an exciting trio of Mitch Bowles, David Winbush and Julius Bruce. Receivers are young but, judging by glimpses shown last season, talented.

The problem is, all that experience comes from an offense that ranked last in the nation in 1997 with a per-game average of 241 yards.

But the abysmal national ranking—like most of the odd characteristics of Terry Allen's first Kansas team, which finished 5-6—can seem to fluctuate, depending on the context.

In their final three games, the Jayhawks averaged 353 yards and 27 points. Then again, those games included a 48-16 loss at Kansas State and a season-ending, 45-31 loss at Texas. The Jayhawks started the season 4-1 and riding high—then tumbled to Texas Tech, Colorado, Nebraska, K-State and Texas, with only a 10-point victory against Iowa State preventing a shutout after the first week of October.

If fortunes are going to change for Kansas this season, the change will be led by Wegner.

"Zac has really come along," Allen says. "The thing that's really impressed me most is how he's matured into a leader. He has shown a willingness and ability to take charge, and guys are looking to him. I think the fact that he was voted a team captain as a junior-to-be says a lot."

# Candy goes over bar

Determination and constant practice lead Candy Mason to a surprising third-place finish in the NCAA heptathlon

When Candy Mason walks around a track meet, you'd better get out of her way. Mason is an All-America heptathlete, which means she hauls an enormous bag stuffed with shoes and a passel of pointy throwing implements. She loves her shoes, but not as much as her javelins, which she adorably named The Red Baron, Green Machine and Silver Bullet.

When Mason walks down the street, you'd better get out of her way, too. For no apparent reason she leaps off curbs. While strolling to class she suddenly lifts her knees to other-worldly heights. In an airport she practices her javelin approach in a flowing summer dress.

Although drawing raised-eyebrows from passersby, such impromptu technical practice helped Mason to a stellar third-place finish in the heptathlon at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships June 3-6 in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mired in 10th place after a self-described "horrendous" first day, Mason blistered through the second day of the event, notching a personal best 5,637 points to capture the bronze, corral another All-America honor and break her own school record. Mason also placed 10th in the pole vault at the meet.

"I certainly wasn't expecting to be in

10th after the first day of the heptathlon," says Mason. "I took a scoring chart and figured out what I could do on the second day. I had predicted making 6th, but I did even better than I thought."

Mason attributes the bounce back to confidence, mental toughness and technique. A rail-thin 5 feet 8 inches, Mason doesn't

have the physical bulk to just heave the shot put and the javelin. She has to focus on the minutiae of arm movement, leg placement and follow-through.

"I am not supposed to be able to throw a javelin that far," Mason says of her personal best toss of 155 feet, 2 inches at this year's NCAA meet. "I am confident, though, with my form and technique. So much of the success in field events comes through being focused and constant visualization."

When Candace Mason blazed down streets and zipped through backyards as a youngster in Nevada, Mo., she never visualized track and field as a sport. Running was something to get her there faster.

Turns out she was getting places faster than most kids her age. Curious about a track meet in Warrensburg, she entered and won the 400 meters, beating the defending national champion in her age group.

National and state titles followed throughout Mason's adolescence. As early as junior high, Mason knew she wanted to be a heptathlete at KU, but as late as



**MULTI-TASK:** As a heptathlete, Mason must master the 100m hurdles, 200m dash, 800m run, javelin, discus, high jump and shot put.

WALLY ERIKSON



her senior year wasn't getting much attention from the KU coaching staff.

What better place to impress the staff than the 1994 Kansas Relays? And impress she did, winning gold medals in the high school 100-meter hurdles, the 300-meter intermediate hurdles, the long jump and high jump.

"By the end of the meet (former) coach Doug Hedrick had all the KU heptathletes and decathletes down watching me high jump," Mason says. "He was telling them, 'You've got to talk to her; you've got to talk to her.' He didn't know that I already wanted to come to here."

Mason has continued to impress, setting a league record in the heptathlon while winning this year's Big 12 outdoor meet, placing second in the pole vault at the NCAA Indoor Championship in March, winning the 1998 Big 12 Indoor Track Women's Performer of the Year award, and capturing All-America honors with a 10th place finish in the heptathlon at the 1997 NCAA Outdoor Championship.

"In multi-events I don't focus on other competitors. You are really competing against yourself, working hard so that you get better," Mason says. "It's all about getting more points."

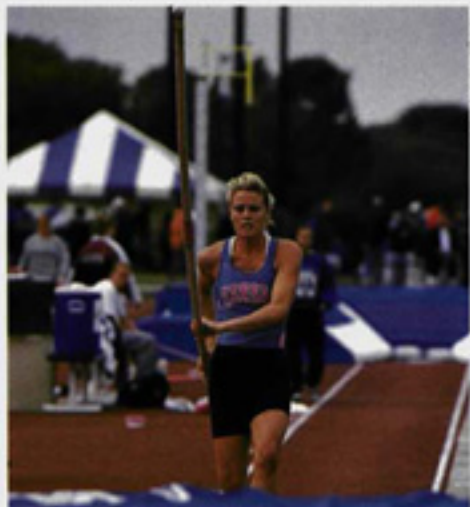
This season, Mason has also scored points in the pole vault, the most difficult field event and one Mason had never tried until last August. By spring, she placed second in the country.

Vertical jumps and multi-events coach Rick Attig, who has coached a fleet of All-America male vaulters, says Mason's pre-occupation with field form has carried over into the pole vault.

Last year, Attig worked with Mason on becoming more efficient in her running mechanics, which helps not only on the track, but also in her approaches on the high jump, long jump, javelin and the pole vault.

"Some of things you learn the first year, then it just becomes easier and easier," Attig says. "A lot of things we worked on last year are really starting to come together; they are becoming second nature for her."

Attig would like to have more time



**ONE MORE EVENT:** As if the grueling heptathlon weren't enough, this year Mason added the pole vault to her list of specialties. At the NCAA Championships in Buffalo, N.Y. (shown here) Mason placed 10th.

with Mason on the pole vault, but the heptathlon takes five-hour chunks of practice time. Even with limited vaults, Attig says Mason will only get better.

"She does some nice things on the bottom of the vault [when vaulters leave the ground]" Attig says. "I haven't had many athletes that do as well off that part as she does." This praise comes from a man who has coached seven KU men who vaulted over 17 feet. No other school in the country boasts as many high-flying vaulters.

Attig says Mason's unflappable personality will carry her to new heights in the pole vault, despite her lackluster 12-foot vault for 10th place in Buffalo last month. "Many athletes are quick to blame things other than themselves—the weather, the track, something the coach didn't tell them. Things like that never enter Candy's mind," Attig says. "If nothing is going right, her attitude is always, 'Well, watch this next one.'"

Jayhawk track fans will get to watch the next one, because Mason has one more year of outdoor eligibility left.

Her goal for next year is simple: win the heptathlon and the pole vault at the NCAA meet.

As she tosses imaginary javelins into the setting sun behind Memorial Stadium, whispering to herself '160 feet,' there is no reason to doubt Mason when she says, "I am confident. I know I can do it." —

"Are we on the verge of being a really good football team? That's a question mark," Allen says. "We have to have a lot of things come together for us. But we have a chance to be good because I think we did a good job of recruiting to our needs."

The KU football schedule has changed since the last issue of *Kansas Alumni*. Here is the revised slate:

Sept. 5	Oklahoma State	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Missouri	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Illinois State	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Alabama-Birmingham	TBA
Oct. 3	Texas A&M	1 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Baylor	6 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Nebraska	12:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Colorado (Homecoming)	TBA
Oct. 31	Kansas State	1 p.m.
Nov. 7	North Texas	TBA
Nov. 21	at Iowa State	1 p.m.

Times are subject to change. Call the ticket office at 1-800-344-2957 to confirm.



#### SENIOR ACE KYLIE HUNT

garnered All-America honors by reaching the round of 16 at the NCAA women's tennis tournament in South Bend, Ind., in May. Hunt, a two-time conference champion in No. 1 singles, earned All-America status in 1996 when she reached the NCAA singles final.

On the men's side of the net senior Enrique Abaroa and junior Luis Uribe advanced to the doubles quarterfinals at the men's NCAA Tennis Championship. The pair's finish matches the best NCAA finish by a Jayhawk doubles team, and earns them All-America honors. Abaroa will turn professional and Uribe will be the top returning player for Kansas' 1998-'99 season.

# Lest We Forget

ONE SOLDIER'S STORY FINALLY COMPLETE

DENNIS GERARD PUGH ★  
ARLEN DEL RICHARDSON  
DWIGHT GRAY RICKMAN ★  
HAROLD KENNETH RING  
LAWRENCE WALKER SCANLAN  
JOHN FRANCIS SEVICK  
DALE K. SHAMBAUGH  
RICHARD DEAN SHANNON  
JOHN STEPHEN SIMMONS  
TERRY LEE SMITH  
ROBERT LAURIN STANDERWICK JR. ★  
GEORGE DAVIDSON STONE

SON  
WILL  
AM JOSE  
JOHN MARK T  
CHARLES BUT  
PAUL EDWARD  
MICHAEL LUN  
LOYD MEREDI

★ MISSING IN ACTION  
★★ REMAINS RETURNED



After driving in from Texas, Capt. Willson's family provided the rededication with a strength of spirit admired by all in attendance. Tears welled during the playing of taps; otherwise, Kelly Willson Franks faced the

bittersweet ceremony with a determined, courageous and even cheerful presence. After the ceremony, Franks enjoyed an unexpected reunion with college friends Gary Osborn, b'62, and Jerry Palmer,

c'62, who were among four of Capt. Willson's Kappa Sigma pledge-class brothers—and many other Kappa Sigs of the era—who returned for the ceremony.

trunk of her car; Kelly knew to look there after the smoke bomb went off.

"He had a very soft side," Franks recalls. "But he was a paratrooper and a Ranger, so he had a tough side. He was a unique individual. You don't find many of those, do you?"

Doing his famous uncle justice, Meredith Willson was a member of the Marching Jayhawks. He didn't play one of 76 trombones, but he did play a pretty mean bassoon, as well as flute and piano. His uncle even dropped in on the Kappa Sig house one day, picking up Meredith in a long black limousine for a heady ride through campus.

Meredith Willson was a competitive fencer and an active member of Kappa Sigma. One year he created the musical score and arrangements for the Kappa Sigs' winning Rock Chalk Revue entry.

"He was an unusual mix," Green recalls. "He was an aggressive personality, obviously, with respect to his military training, military leadership tasks and fencing. At the same time, he was an accomplished musician, a man with a very creative musical and artistic personality."

But of all his University activities, what most captured Willson's attention was ROTC.

"That was a great deal of interest to him," Franks says. "He liked the discipline of the military, and decided pretty early on that it was the career he wanted."

Green, himself planning an Army career at the time, recalls the early 1960s as "the height of the Cold War," an era when military-studies courses trained future officers for counter-revolutionary warfare designed to halt the spread of communism. They thought they were training for an eventual showdown with the Soviet Union; instead they were destined for Southeast Asia.

"Vietnam was in the back of our minds," Green says, "but when we were in school, it was really all about the Cold War."

Kelly and Meredith married soon after leaving Mount Oread. Kelly, c'63, finished her degree in physical therapy and Meredith steadily moved through various Army training and service posts. He applied for the selective and demanding duty of Army intelligence. He was accepted and planned to begin his assignment when he returned from Vietnam.

"Before he left," Franks recalls, "Meredith said nothing was going to happen to him, because the world needs marriages like ours."

**K**elly Willson and her daughter, Wendy, were living in Dallas in February 1968. Kelly was working as a physical therapist in a Veterans Administration hospital. In mid-February, she threw a party for Wendy's fourth birthday.

Then came word that Capt. Willson was missing in action.

"That was during the Tet Offensive; things were very chaotic



# ES A CAMPUS MEMORIAL

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

Photographs by Wally Emerson





**F**EB. 22, 1968: IN THE THICK JUNGLES OF QUAN THU DUC PROVINCE, NORTH OF SAIGON, CAPT. LOYD MEREDITH WILLSON SACRIFICED HIMSELF IN COMBAT.

APRIL 25, 1998: UNDER A BRILLIANT SPRING SUN ON MOUNT OREAD, WILLSON'S NAME WAS FINALLY ADDED TO HIS ALMA MATER'S VIETNAM MEMORIAL. THE CEREMONY CAME THREE DECADES AFTER THE SWELTERING DAY VIET CONG SNIPERS ENDED HIS LIFE, AND, REGRETTABLY, MORE THAN A DECADE AFTER THE COLD AND GLOOMY 1986 DEDICATION THAT CAME ONE NAME TOO SOON.

Willson, c'62, 27-year-old nephew and namesake of the famous composer of the beloved musical *The Music Man*, was an infantry captain charged with commanding the men of Company A, proud wearers of the Big Red 1 shoulder patch symbolizing their famous 1st Infantry Division. The day Willson died, the men of Company A were doing what they perhaps did best and certainly liked least: search and destroy.

As the perilous patrol approached a nameless jungle river, Willson eyed the huts on the far side. He sensed danger, still unseen yet palpable, a mortal dread that no doubt raised the hairs on the back of his neck. Already a veteran of six months on the frontlines of the Vietnam War, Willson immediately considered the huts "suspicious," according to the Army's report.

He ordered his infantry company to halt, then dispatched two soldiers to ford the river. When the point men reached the far side, Viet Cong snipers were their welcoming party and hell broke loose in a hurry.

Barraged by heavy sniper fire, the first point man was seriously wounded. In combat, a sniper's goal is to maim, rather than kill, because one wounded man removes from battle at least two others who must tend his injuries. A bloodied and screaming soldier also serves another goal of the sniper: chaos.

Minutes later, the same leaden fate came to the second point man. The rest of the company scrambled for safety, but safety was in short supply.

Company A had been ambushed.

Knowing his men were in jeopardy, Capt. Willson, reared as a Kansan and educated as a Jayhawk, a career officer whose love

for the Army began during his decorated ROTC days on Mount Oread, immediately rushed forward and directed his second platoon to ford the river, "utilizing fire and maneuver to rescue the injured point men," the Army report describes.

It was an order to make a vulnerable river crossing amid fire from a hidden enemy. It was an order to face death in the name of duty. It was an order that Capt. Willson would not let others carry out unless he marched with them.

He moved his first and third platoons into position to provide covering fire, then moved into the river himself, "guiding his elements in their engagement with the well concealed enemy."

The battle intensified. Capt. Willson, loving husband and father to a little girl who one week earlier had turned 4 and would now have to grow up without knowing her daddy, "disregarded his personal safety and refused to seek cover." He placed himself directly in death's path "so he could better control his men." Willson's leadership defeated chaos, and the snipers could not defeat Company A.

"No sacrifice too great, no mission too difficult, duty first" is the motto of the 1st Infantry Division. Willson embraced it to his bitter end.

"Gallantry in action" was the Army's definition for his devotion to duty that day. The account continues with a phrase that captures "the finest traditions of military service," especially for a combat infantry officer: "His dauntless courage, determined efforts and exemplary leadership undoubtedly saved many friendly lives and contributed significantly to the ultimate rout of a large Viet Cong force."



For his "unquestionable valor in close combat against a numerically superior hostile force," for saving the lives of men placed in his trust, for saving the lives of unknown soldiers who eventually would have encountered that day's enemy had the enemy won, Capt. Loyd Meredith Willson got the gallant soldier's Silver Star and the fearless man's early grave.

In Vietnam he was a hero; on Mount Oread he was forgotten. He is forgotten no more.

Vietnam veteran Fred Green, c'63, a Kappa Sigma fraternity brother of Willson's, returned to the University in May 1997 to participate in the Army ROTC awards ceremony. While on campus, he also visited KU's Vietnam Memorial, inscribed with the names of 55 dead and missing alumni and students.

Green found the name of another Kappa Sig brother, Larry E. Martin, an Air Force major and co-pilot of an F101F Thunderchief shot down over Vietnam July 15, 1968. Martin's pilot was captured and held as a prisoner of war, but Martin's fate—at least at the time of the KU memorial's 1986 dedication—was unknown. A star by Martin's name indicated he was missing in action.

But Green, a retired Army colonel and former legal counsel to then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Colin Powell, had also served as special counsel to the official POW/MIA Task Force. He knew the remains of his friend Larry Martin had been identified and returned to the family for burial in 1989.

Another error spotted by Green was not so easily understandable. Capt. Loyd Meredith Willson, mortally wounded while serving his men and his country, had been overlooked, left off the wall on the Hill he loved.

"Initially it was just surprise, you know, 'How in the hell did they miss him?'" recalls Green, now director of continuing legal education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. "It's not as if he was a guy who had been at KU a semester then gone home and gotten drafted. He had been a senior officer in ROTC, a distinguished military graduate. So I guess it just dawned on me: 'Where in the hell is Meredith?'"

Green wrote to Jeff Weinberg, d'64, g'70, assistant to Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway. Green provided Pentagon documentation; Weinberg led KU's efforts; Jim Deister, POW-MIA chair of the Vietnam Veterans of America's Kansas council, offered the unwavering support of his veterans' group; ROTC cadets rallied to the cause.

Working together, Weinberg says, "we moved fairly quickly." KU funds were allocated to hire stone cutters, who carved changes in the wall in early February.

The efforts to right two wrongs culminated in a poignant ceremony April 25 during Alumni Weekend.

On that lush spring day, the University's Vietnam Memorial, thought to be the first such freestanding shrine on an American campus, was rededicated. A notation was added confirming that Maj. Larry E. Martin, b'62, had indeed been killed in action and his remains identified. And, finally, the name of Capt. Loyd Meredith Willson was added to the wall, last not by virtue of the alphabet but by the fate of timing.

With his name finally etched in hallowed stone, the spirit of a hero had at last come home.

He proposed to her on the little bridge down by Potter Lake.

Meredith Willson, one of Lola's favorite sons, met Kelly Harrison from Altamont the summer before she began her college career. Kelly attended music camp at the University and Meredith was dating her summer roommate.

That soon changed.

Meredith and Kelly's courtship lasted throughout college. In honor of what he called their "weekaversary," he gave her a rose every week. There was the time Willson grabbed the microphone from a campus kiosk and announced that "Kelly Harrison must get back here on the double" to receive her rose. "He embarrassed me tremendously," Kelly Willson Franks, remarried since 1971 and living in San Marcos, Texas, remembers with a soft laugh.

There was the time Meredith opted for the treasure hunt, hiding the rose in a bus-depot locker. Once he stashed the rose in the



The University's April 25 rededication of the Vietnam Memorial included (above) bagpiper Martha Robinson and ROTC cadets and officers at sharp attention. Charles G. Boyd (top right), a retired four-star Air Force general, flew in from Virginia for the ceremony. Fred Green (right), a retired Army colonel and fraternity brother of Capt. Meredith Wilson and Maj. Larry Martin, introduced Wilson's family members, who drove up from Texas: his grandson, Preston Boliver; widow, Kelly Wilson Franks; and

daughter, Wendy Wilson Boliver. Says Jeff Weinberg, assistant to the chancellor, "Rather than just fixing the wall and moving on, we thought it was appropriate to make this an important University event. The ROTC cadets really wanted to be involved. The three fine leaders of the ROTC services who worked with me to plan this ceremony were dedicated to making this an event people would remember."



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VIETNAM MEMORIAL  
1986



Using his mother's sunglasses as a prop, young Preston helped friends and family remember the same lively personality that defined the grandfather Preston lost in Vietnam. Flanked by his mother and Green, the boy was greeted by a retired four-star general, Charles Boyd.

and the information that was coming out wasn't accurate," Franks says. "I was notified he was missing, but not until I wrote his commanding officer several months later did I find out he really wasn't [missing]."

"His commanding officer told me he had been wounded, that he had a couple of men trapped across some water and he went across the water to get them out. That's when he was wounded. His commanding officer told me he came forward to relieve him of his command, and he was there as Meredith was being evacuated."

Capt. Willson did not survive the evacuation, and Kelly was now a young widow. Still, the horrible news from Meredith Willson's C.O. was better than no news at all.

"It was a great relief for me to know he was not missing," she recalls. "Every family member has a fear ... that your loved one has died alone. It was a relief to finally know what had happened, to know he did not die alone."

Willson's performance on Feb. 22, 1968, was obviously heroic; perhaps

most incredibly, it was, for that horrible war and others like it, nearly routine.

"It's what is expected of an infantry commander, to lead and be with your troops," Green explains. "That's why you lose infantry platoon leaders and infantry company commanders in high levels, because they are expected to lead from the front."

"The motto of the infantry is 'Follow Me.' He was leading from the front; it was a Follow Me operation and he got killed doing what he was supposed to be doing, trying to recover his dead or wounded."

Exactly how the name Loyd Meredith Willson got left off the University's Vietnam Memorial remains a mystery. When designing the memorial, the University searched relentlessly to avoid just such a mistake.

Those closest to the events guess Willson was overlooked because his family had moved to Texas, and somehow the Army missed his Kansas connections in making notifications. "But that shouldn't have mattered," says Lisa Ashner Adkins, c'84, l'87, a former student-body president who was one of the project's student leaders. "I don't know how he got left off. It must have been a combination of things, such as the computer technology available then and the fact that the names were being pulled together so many years after such a complicated time."

The search for why, however, is thankfully moot. What's important is that Maj. Larry Martin is no longer listed as missing in action and Capt. Meredith Willson's memory receives its proper respect with inclusion on the wall.



"I'm not sure how he got left off," Willson's widow says without a trace of bitterness. "I was a little surprised when I found out, but, you know, things happen."

As the date of the rededication neared, the unthinkable almost happened again: Kelly Willson Franks was not notified of the event. Nine days before the ceremony, the Lawrence Journal-World published a story announcing the Vietnam Memorial's rededication. It contained no current information about Capt. Willson's family, and neither did official releases sent out by the University.

But a high-school classmate of Kelly Franks' who now lives in Topeka saw the Journal-World article, then made some calls to Altamont to get Franks' current address.

"I received a letter in the mail from a high-school friend I hadn't heard from or seen in close to 30 years," Franks says. "She included the Journal-World article, and she said she thought it had to be about my first husband. Of course, it was. I received that letter on a Thursday. The ceremony was on that Saturday."

The story noted Green's employment at UMKC, so Franks used an Internet search to track down Green at work. They soon spoke by phone; Franks told Green she would like to attend but wasn't sure she could make it in time.

Unknown to anyone at the University, unknown even to Green, the family of Capt. Loyd Meredith Willson left Texas the next morning, headed for a long overdue visit to Lawrence.

Just minutes before the Saturday ceremony, as bagpiper Martha Robinson played mournful songs and uniformed ROTC cadets assembled in formation, Fred Green and Jeff Weinberg still weren't sure whether Willson's family would be there.

Then came a green truck with Texas plates.

It was the last vehicle to arrive on Memorial Drive. A smoked window rolled down and a woman spoke in a pleasantly soft Texas cadence, asking where she could park. Park anywhere you want, she was told.

The truck did a U-turn and parked on the shoulder of the narrow drive. The engine was cut, doors opened and out came Kelly Willson Franks, Meredith Willson's sweetheart and widow; his daughter, Wendy Willson Boliver, of Denton, Texas; and his grandson, Preston Boliver, a white-haired 3-year-old toting a stuffed bear.

The Campanile's bells tolled nine. The ceremony was underway.

Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway opened the rededication by saying Willson's "courage and determination are an inspiration to all, and today we honor him by including his name on the roll of honor of the University of Kansas Vietnam Memorial."

With all due respect to the chancellor, it seemed he got it backward. It is Willson and the 55 other fallen Jayhawks who honor the University, their names on the wall reminding us of what it means to follow through on pledges of service to country and devotion to duty.

"These men made sacrifices," Green told the crowd of about 100, silent except for stifled tears. "They taught us that freedom isn't free, and in those tough times, they did their duty."

Then came Charles G. Boyd, c'75, g'76, a man who knows something about tough times and doing his duty. While serving as an Air Force pilot, Boyd, a 1997 winner of the University and the Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Citation, was

shot down during his 106th combat mission. He endured seven years in a North Vietnamese prisoner of war camp, finally being released in February 1973. He enrolled at KU that fall, eager to complete an education begun a decade and a half earlier at Baylor University.

By the time of his retirement in 1995, Gen. Boyd had become one of only 10 Air Force officers wearing four stars.

He began his speech in a somber, sure voice: "Twenty-five years ago, I returned from Southeast Asia after having spent much of my life dedicated to a war that was indeed the most divisive issue in our country since the Civil War. And while I believed in what I was doing, and I had served my country in the way that I felt appropriate, I knew that my views were not shared by many, and much of the divisiveness had indeed taken place on campuses like this."

Campuses like this. Places like the University of Kansas indeed fueled many of the protests that engulfed stateside citizens while their fellow Americans were fighting and dying in Southeast Asia.

Boyd chose the occasion to lend his authority—and the authority of Capt. Willson and Maj. Martin—to declare the appropriateness of a Vietnam memorial on a campus that had seen so many protests.

"So I will tell you," Boyd continued, "that it was with much trepidation that I returned to this University [after the war]. But my experience here was one that will stay with me for the rest of my life. For I soon found that, irrespective of the views that students had about the war, they treated me with dignity and respect. While we may have disagreed on the issues, none, none—and I say none emphatically—ever indicated anything for me other than respect for the fact that I served in the way I believe correct.

"And so it's not surprising to me that a place such as this, and the students such as this University produces, would, on their own, build such a wonderful memorial to those who have given the full measure of their devotion."

Then came taps, played on two trumpets, one echoing the other. And then *Amazing Grace*, the bagpipe's sad voice floating across campus and descending the grassy Campanile hill.

If there was a dry eye at the ceremony, it probably belonged to 3-year-old Preston, who, when finally freed of his mother's arms, scrambled around the memorial as if it were his personal playground.

Then comes the notion: It is and always will be Preston Boliver's personal playground, bought and paid for by the grandfather he already resembles but will never know.

Follow me, Capt. Loyd Meredith Willson said with his actions that day in the jungle. Thirty years later, he still issues the same command, but now he speaks not just to the men of Company A, but to all who will listen.

Follow me.


"With his name being included on that memorial, I felt like he had finally come full circle," Kelly Willson Franks says, her strong voice refusing to waver. "He loved KU so very much. That's where we met, where we started. It gives us a feeling of closure, a feeling that Meredith is finally home."

Never to be forgotten again. —



Lynn Byczynski and her daughter, Laurel

F L O W E R

A photograph of a man and a woman, Richard and Nancy Smith, standing in a garden. The man is on the left, wearing a dark polo shirt and glasses, smiling. The woman is on the right, wearing a light purple sweater and glasses, also smiling. They are surrounded by various flowers and plants. In the foreground, there is a large woven basket filled with dark green foliage and small white flowers. To the left, a white ceramic pot holds a bouquet of white and red flowers. The background is a rustic wooden wall with some hanging plants and a trellis structure on the right.

Richard and Nancy Smith

# P O W E R

Two former reporters make their living plying some of the loveliest staples of life: words, soil and seeds.

By KATHERINE DINSDALE  
Photographs by Wally Emerson



Lynn Byczynski

**M**aybe you recognize this fantasy. Not the one with the winning lottery ticket and the fast red car. Not the one in which you're catching Jacque Vaughn's rocket pass for a dunk off the fast break. No. It's this one:

You've quit your day job, found an old farmhouse on rolling green Kansas acreage and you're standing, wearing a T-shirt and worn jeans, breathing air that smells like peat, misting a greenhouse full of tender young shoots. Flowers, herbs and vegetables grow thick in beds nearby. Beyond the enormous old barn are a few horses. You're growing your own fertilizer, you say, laughing. Later you'll brew some hot tea, crunch a few homemade scones, and write about the life you've come to love. Better yet, you'll get paid to do it.

Sound too good to be true? It's not. At least two KU grads have managed to bring to life their own versions of this bucolic paradise. Nancy Smith, c'69, g'75, and Lynn Byczynski, j'80, live the life that smacks of *Simple Abundance* on old farmsteads north and south of Lawrence. Their stories are similar in that they are both trained as writers and have spent time working for newspapers. They both publish newsletters about the growing they do on their farms. But each has carved out a unique niche, cleverly and profitably putting to work her love for words and soil and seeds.



Swamp Milkweed

Silver Sage

Madonna Lily

Iris

Trumpet Vine

**B**ack In Thyme Gardens, northeast of Lawrence, is primarily a laboratory, says co-owner Nancy Smith. She delights in planting by hand all the seeds grown there and in knowing the particulars about each one. Basil seeds turn neon blue when wet. Blueweed seeds look like tiny snake heads.

Smith, a former Lawrence Journal-World features editor and food writer, and her partner and husband, Richard, c'69, an accountant, use all they learn from the growing they do to publish their Back in Thyme newsletter and run Back in Thyme mail-order sales of heirloom seedlings.

All the plants grown in the gardens surrounding the Smith's 125-year old farmhouse are heirloom varieties; that is they are direct descendants of flowers, herbs and prairie plants that have been grown in this country for more than 50 years. The newsletter, with a subscription list of 500, is a fun read, full of the Smith's true-life experiences and stories of plants with a past. Nancy and other free-lance writers tell the tales of varieties planted and nursed by pioneers who carefully gathered and passed on their seeds and cuttings.

A recent issue told the tale of an old shrub rose, "Mom's Old Velvet Rose." In 1918, a day before his planned wedding, a young groom stopped by the home of his bride-to-be. He left to drive home along a country lane, but his trip was interrupted by a shotgun blast. He was shot and killed. The crime was never solved and his bride never married, but the story—and slips from the rose his beloved cherished—have been passed on for generations.

Among the seedlings the Smiths collect, package and mail to customers is a Lewis and Clark Collection of some of the same varieties as those gathered during the expedition begun in 1804. The Jefferson Collection includes the president's favorite hyacinth bean vine, heliotropes and flowering tobacco.

The living connection to the past is important to people who live hurried lives, Smith says: "We respond to history."

Growing numbers of folks seek solace in old-fashioned gardens. They know that, no matter how bad your day, there's joy to be had in knowing that the old day lilies are going to bloom again this year as they have since the turn of the century. Burpee, the seed company, has recently introduced an heirloom catalog, and membership in the Central Prairie Seed Exchange, of which the Smiths are presidents, has grown to more than 60.

But there are other less sentimental reasons to grow heirlooms. Preservation of older varieties is a concern of heirloom lovers, because many varieties have already been lost. Hundreds of daffodils, hyacinths and dahlias are no longer available, Smith says, because the older varieties were simply pushed off the shelves as the hybridized plants were introduced. Growers boast that the new plants resulting from artificial methods are more disease resistant and hardier than those grown through open pollination, but Nancy is skeptical. "If the old varieties were weak-kneed, they wouldn't be here at all," she says.

The muted, prettier colors and stronger, sweeter fragrances of



Nancy Smith

**People love rediscovering and possibly even remembering the scents from childhood when they see the old varieties. —Smith**



Geranium and Rosemary

heirlooms appeal to Nancy. Through years of hybridization, many plants and flowers completely lost their fragrance. "People love rediscovering and possibly even remembering the scents from childhood when they see the old varieties," she says.

The taste and textures of some herbs and edible plants also have been changed by growing methods. Old heirloom varieties of day lilies are tender and sweet, Smith says, but just try munching a standard nursery variety.

Some Back in Thyme newsletter subscribers are owners of old homes who, having dealt with restorations, are ready to take on the yard. Period plantings are an attractive idea. The Smiths can relate, because they tackled a renovation after inheriting their old farmhouse two years ago. After wrangling the flapping roof back in place and digging the kitchen out of the cistern, they

were ready to face the yard. They began their business working to recreate the period plantings of Richard's own family.

The fruit of their labor includes a big kitchen garden where, in precisely the same spot, the same varieties of sage, rosemary and thyme were planted by Richard's great-great-grandmother. Caroline Mackey, a Quaker widow, came to Kansas with her teen-age son in 1874 and built the farmhouse. Every generation of her family has lived in that house, farmed the land she homesteaded, and gardened where she gardened. As tribute, the Smiths offer the Caroline Mackey Culinary Collection.

Other plantings have been recreated around the house as well. In the Smiths' large heirloom display gardens, the past of Richard's family grows alongside the plants and herbs of many other families and times. A 12th-century rose from Turkey blooms near tiny snowdrops that date back to 1597. It is a place to daydream, surrounded by the color and fragrance of the past. But for the Smiths it's home, the pleasant result of a hectic two years of hard work.

**L**ynn Byczynski recognized her growing obsession was out of control in 1989. She had no time for anything else. She could have worked to bring balance back between her work as a reporter for the Kansas City Times and her hobby growing flowers, vegetables and herbs, but balance wasn't what she wanted.

So the garden was victorious. Byczynski and her husband, Dan Nagengast, bought the farm—so to speak—that same year. Nanengast, then working in education and fundraising for an overseas development organization, handed in his resignation about the same time his wife decided not to return to her job after maternity leave for the birth of their first child, Will, now 9. The couple joined the ranks of market gardeners, which, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics, have grown to 50,000 nationwide since 1989.

"It was not as scary as it should have been," Byczynski says. "But, boy, were we broke." They saw the potential livelihood and began selling at the Lawrence farmers' markets as well as markets in Topeka and Kansas City.

In 1992 they added a subscription program to their business. The first year, 80 families received a bag of produce a week. In 1994 that subscription program expanded to include eight farmers and became the Rolling Prairie Farmers' Alliance, which now

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Lavatera

Fern Leaf Yarrow



Lavender



Dr. W. Van Fleet rose



supplies fresh fruits and veggies to 350 subscribing families.

The industry of market gardeners has been around for as long as people have been buying and eating vegetables, but the local-farmers' trade declined in this country with the advent of faster and cheaper mass transportation. In the last 10 to 20 years, booming popularity of organic produce put market gardeners back in demand.

The business is profitable as never before. The couple currently grows two acres of vegetables and a half-acre of flowers. "You wouldn't believe how much you can crank out of two small acres. With vegetables we gross \$10,000 to \$20,000 per acre. Flowers can earn even more." Byczynski says her half-acre of 60 to 70 different varieties of flowers will gross \$15,000.

"We work for a succession of blooms," she says. "Everything is started from seed in mid-March and requires little greenhouse time. Our goal is to keep improving efficiency and volume with-

flowers could be considered just another commodity to produce and sell, like bathtub faucets or tape dispensers. I am convinced you must love flowers to grow them well. You must have empathy for them and be as attentive as a parent."

Being supermom to a half-acre of larkspur, zinnias and snapdragons as well as her own Will and Laurel, 5, has got to be exhausting. But Byczynski seems to have energy to spare. She almost casually notes that her family's lovely 1868 farmhouse is the second old farmhouse she and her husband have gutted and remodeled.

"There are times you wish you could just go out and sit on the porch," she says. "But it's affirming to have your income based on the amount of energy you expend. At the same time, there's no letup. Summer, sun up to sun down, we work.

"And it's hard work. But if it's what you love, it's a lot better than punching a clock or sitting behind a desk."



Nancy Smith

out losing our love for what we do."

Byczynski also finds time to use her writing skills to produce a practical, hands-on newsletter about marketing organically grown produce. *Growing for Market* has a subscription price of \$27 a year and currently has about 3,000 subscriptions. "We want to disseminate information to make it financially viable for the few who want to do it," she says. She has also written *The Flower Farmer: An Organic Grower's Guide to Raising and Selling Cut Flowers*, now in its second printing.

Byczynski tells the story in her book of the convention speaker who caused a roomful of commercial flower growers to gasp when he said their product was "just another widget."

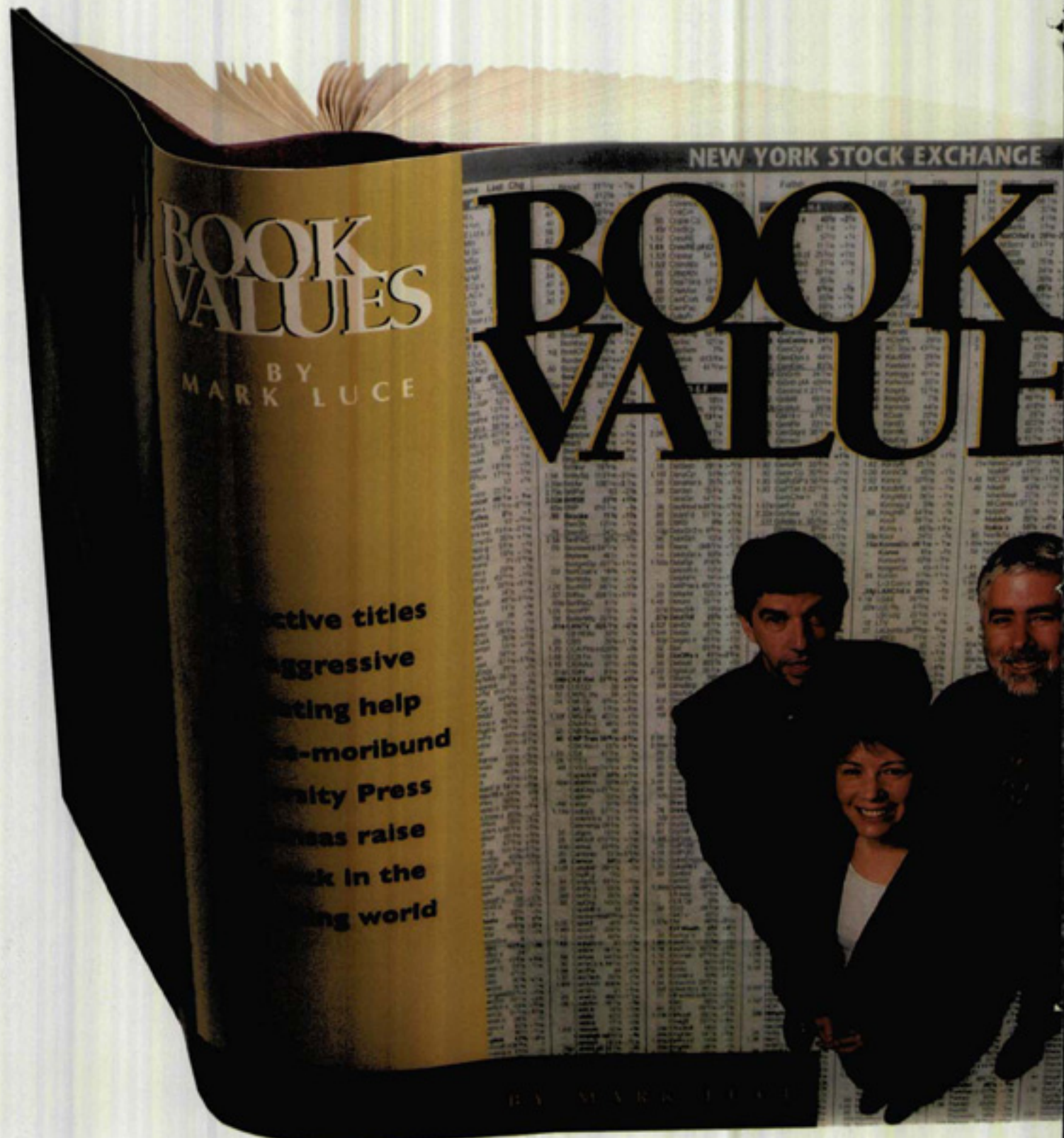
"I froze in my seat," she writes, "dismayed by the notion that

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**E**RNIE PYLE, AMERICA'S FAVORITE WORLD WAR II CORRESPONDENT, DIDN'T START OUT ON TOP. THE DIMINUTIVE, RUDDY-SKINNED HOOSIER STRUGGLED FOR YEARS TO COAX TINY CRUMBS OF RESPECT FROM ANYONE NOT CONSIDERED COMMON.

Even when millions of Americans read Pyle's heartfelt dispatches from the front, when he was smothered with bags of fan mail and received warm welcomes from soldiers in Europe and the Pacific, many of the social and cultural elite viewed Pyle with withering condescension. As *Time* magazine declared in 1944, "He stood in awe of professional war correspondents and firmly believes himself incompetent to become one." Pyle's writing was deemed "artless."

Ernie Pyle, at least according to the people who thought they mattered, was an average bumpkin who stumbled backward into success.

The University Press of Kansas, which recently published the paperback version of James Tobin's award-winning *Ernie Pyle's War*, didn't start out on top either. The diminutive, academic press, founded in 1946 to provide a publishing outlet for faculty research, struggled for years to corral respect. On the national radar of academic publishers, the University Press of Kansas barely registered a blip for nearly 40 years; when it did, it was nearly always for its esteemed series on the presidency.

In 1981, the press was flailing. Hamstrung by a tiny sentence in the state constitution that required the press to physically publish every book with the state printer, and since 1976 burdened by a confusing name change, Regents Press of Kansas, the press's title output dropped to an anemic eight. The press, while not yet deemed "artless," was veering close to death.

Enter a wiry Southerner, a man who told a search committee he wasn't the right man to lead the press. Even when offered the director's job, Fred Woodward balked. Luckily, his wife talked some sense into him, and, in November 1981, Woodward brought his family north to take a job he wasn't sure he could do.

Seventeen years later, Woodward considers himself a Kansan and the University Press of Kansas to be "pound-for-pound, the best university press in the country." He speaks softly (still with a slight drawl) and thoughtfully, and cares deeply about his craft. Under Woodward's guidance, the press, like Pyle, has ridden the competitive determination of an underdog to the top.

**S**EVENTEEN YEARS AGO, the following would never have happened:

Simon & Schuster late last summer published *Ernie Pyle's War* to solid reviews and decent attention.

Unsure it wanted to publish the paperback version, Simon & Schuster sent feelers to University Press of Kansas. Editor-in-chief Mike Briggs found himself engrossed in the story, so he passed the manuscript to assistant director and marketing manager Susan Schott, who quickly worked up some sales projections after she, too, found herself reading when she should be working. Enthused, they approached Woodward.

Woodward reads voraciously, but normally reads only sections of books, getting a feel for an author's argument and writing style. But he succumbed to *Ernie Pyle's War*. He spent an afternoon with the intrepid Pyle and Tobin's fascinating biography. He called Briggs and Schott. They all agreed. Green light.

Best yet for the press was that it didn't have to spend much for the paperback rights. After the contract was secure, the book gathered steam—the *New York Times* named it a Notable Book of 1997; it became a main selection for the History Book Club; in April, it won the National Book Critics Circle's Award for Biography. Before the actual books were even in the press's Campus West warehouse, 7,500 advance copies had been ordered, the largest advance ever shipped by the press. A second printing already has been ordered.

How did this happen? "It came to us because of the reputation of our list in modern war studies," Woodward says matter-of-factly.

The press's modern war studies series didn't even start until 1986.

When Woodward came to Lawrence, he knew the press needed to be rid of the costly, time-consuming requirement of working with the state printer. He also realized that, to cultivate a reputation, a press needed a crisp, easily identified name, so he worked to have it changed to The University Press of Kansas.

Most important, Woodward understood that merely throwing more titles at the market wouldn't do any good if the books weren't any good. In the volatile world of publishing, the press needed niches, places where more established, recognized competitors weren't dabbling.

In the mid-1980s, when university presses were jumping on the trendy bandwagon of social history and critical theory, Woodward chose to buck current fashion in favor of the decidedly unhip—modern war studies, law and constitutional history, political theory, and the American West.

Woodward calls it "contrarian list building." It worked.

The press now publishes 50 titles annually and sells more than \$1 million in books. If the prizes keep rolling in, the press also will need more mantel space. About 15 percent of its titles in the last two years have won important awards, including the prestigious Bancroft Prize, thus lending credence to Woodward's "pound-for-pound" boxing analogy.

"We have not overemphasized the number of titles we publish or the amount of sales as much as we have the necessity of growing qualitatively," he says. "My idea was to always publish books that would incrementally improve the reputation of the press, so that we are always moving up the food chain, book by book."

How high up? Listen to Bill Sisler, director of Harvard University Press. "In recent years the University Press of Kansas has become a much more visible, much more important player in the university press world and the trade world," Sisler says. "Their books are getting solid attention and reviews in the New York Times and other major media. Clearly, in areas where they choose to specialize—presidential studies, war studies, etc.—they are an important source for authors, researchers and general readers."

Kathleen McDermott, editorial director for the History Book Club, was more succinct when she said to a conference: "A lot of academic presses say what they are going to do. The University Press of Kansas is one that is actually doing it."

**S**EVENTEEN YEARS AGO this would never have happened:

Mike Briggs sits in an well-lit office in the press's headquarters on Campus West, a spacious building opened in 1991 and financed solely by book sales. Every once in a while, wildlife will meander up from the woods near Yankee Tank Creek and walk the grass along the building. On this day, six deer wander past. "The deer have surrounded the building!" Briggs exclaims.

His colleagues give him a hard time about his escalating military tone, but the good-humored Briggs, who has an on-going bad-pun war with Woodward, knows that when you work as the in-house editor of a modern war studies series, the jargon is contagious.

Briggs came to the press as an editor in 1986 (he became editor-in-chief in 1995), with a background in film and seven years in marketing at University of Illinois Press. He loved the overview of the publishing process he got at Illinois, but longed to be on the "frontline of the business," attending academic conferences, acquiring books and working with authors.

The face-to-face meetings and visibility over the years have resulted in a growing reputation among writers that the press is author-friendly.

"Because we are not a huge press we are able to offer more personalized service to our authors. They get greater attention and space publishing with us than if they were publishing at a bigger press," Briggs says. "One of things that has been successful for us is that we are good at human engagement. We care about the work we do, we care about the ideals so many of our authors produce. We are able to talk at a scholar's level without pretending to be scholars ourselves."

The mix works well according to Forrest McDonald, a frequent press author in its presidency series and American politi-

cal thought series. McDonald's 1985 book *Novus Ordo Seclorum* was a Pulitzer Prize finalist. "I just don't know what press in the country is this good," says McDonald, a history professor at the University of Alabama. "They publish in a broad range, continually find great authors, their editing is very good, their promotions are very good and their printing is very good. I think they are wonderful."

McDonald says the press's demonstrated its dedication in its decision to commission another book on Dwight Eisenhower when fresh material on Ike's tenure emerged. The book incorporated research that corrects the erroneous impression that Eisenhower was a laissez-faire leader. "Fred Woodward and the board consulted about it and said, 'We ought to get out a volume that reflects the modern scholarship,'" McDonald says. "To me, that reflects the press wants nothing but the best."

Briggs agrees and says that drive for perfection begins with Woodward's vision. "Fred has one foot in the business world and one foot in intellectual endeavors. Both matter a great deal to him, and as a press we need him to be concerned with both," Briggs says. "He has set an example for me in terms of his hard work, the quality of his thinking and his competitive drive."

In other words, success is surrounding the building.

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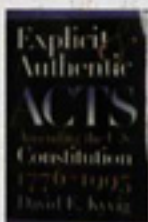
*Presidential War Power*, a University Press of Kansas book by Louis Fisher, made the May 7, 1995, cover of New York Times Book Review. Susan Schott was ecstatic. As marketing manager for the press, she works to make this kind of publicity rain.

"I thought I should retire afterward," she says laughing. "I didn't think this would ever happen in my lifetime, and there it was. It was an absolute thrill."

And a long way from the early 1970s, when Schott sat in a dark office, wrote jacket copy, tried to get a catalog out once a year and every so often made up fliers to use in a mail campaign. Savvy and marketing are not words that Schott would use to describe those lean years.

Now Schott sits with editors from the New York Times Book Review and goes over the press's fall list. She's loaded with pre-publication copies of the books, promotional materials, catalogs and enough knowledge about each title to say exactly why the book should be reviewed. On these biannual swings she will also meet with editors from the New York Review of Books, The Nation, National Review, New Republic and Washington Post Book World. Occasionally, she'll slide by Smithsonian as well.

Now Schott meets with the press's 24 sales agents (it used to



## Short Listed:

The strength of the University Press of Kansas lies in its attention to editorial quality, diverse selections and solid scholarship and writing. The judges for countless book competitions concur:

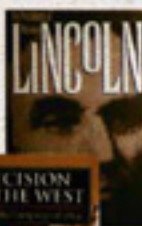
*Ernie Pyle's War*, by James Tobin, won the 1998 National Book Critics Circle award for biography.

*Explicit and Authentic Acts: Amending the U.S. Constitution, 1776-1995*, by David E. Kyvig, won the 1997 Bancroft Prize, arguably the most prestigious academic book award.

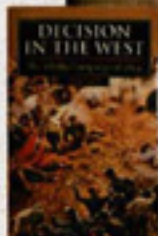
*The Union Soldier in Battle: Enduring the Ordeal of Combat*, by Earl Hess, was named the 1997 Book of the Year by the U.S. Civil War Center and the Military Book Club.



*Governing the White House: From Hoover through LBJ*, by Charles E. Walcott and Karen M. Hult, won the Richard E. Neustadt Award for the best book on the American presidency from the American Political Science Association.



*The Presidency of Abraham Lincoln*, by Phillip Paludan, KU professor of history, won the 1995 Lincoln Prize, a distinguished award given by the Lincoln and Soldiers Institute for the best book on Lincoln or the Civil War. The press's *Decision in the West: The Atlanta Campaign of 1864*, by Albert Castel, won the award in 1993.



*Davis and Lee at War*, by Steven Woodworth, won the 1995 Fletcher Pratt Award given by the Civil War Round Table of New York. Woodworth also won the award in 1990 for *Jefferson Davis and His Generals* (also a University Press of Kansas Book). Only two other authors: the esteemed Shelby Foote and Bruce Catton, have won the award twice.



## Meet the Press



Fred Woodward  
Director



Susan Schott  
Assistant Director and  
Marketing Manager



Mike Briggs  
Editor-in-chief

employ zero), taking them book-by-book through the lists, talking about sales handles and hooks, planned advertising, the authors and anything the representatives need to know to help sell the books.

Now Schott works a year in advance. Now she is aggressive.

The press's fall catalog has to be printed before May 1. She forecasts how specific books will perform, figures the most effective places to advertise, and encourages reviewers across the country to take a look, a serious look, at University Press of Kansas books.

"There is this mistaken notion that university presses engage in sleepy marketing practices," she says. "Because of our ambition to be a bigger and better press all the time and to have national coverage, and because of the competitive marketplace,

our marketing is anything but sleepy. We have to be out there all the time."

And Schott is out there all the time: attending industry shows, double-checking figures, drawing up marketing plans, meeting with jacket designers and visiting buyers for book superstores. Last month she was featured on C-SPAN's "Book Notes."

If you were in a Barnes & Noble last month, you might have seen the fruits of Schott's work: large displays of *Ernie Pyle's War*, which the chain thought would be perfect for Father's Day.

Seventeen years ago, this really would never have happened:

In May, Barnes & Noble's buyers ordered 1,500 more copies of the book, prompting a second printing. They said they already were running low. —

# Memories in bloom

Alumni Weekend sweetens spring for Gold Medal Club and the Class of 1948, including a solid sisterhood

After the lean war years on the Hill, the Class of 1948, 1,372 strong, signaled the beginning of a postwar enrollment surge. Soldiers had returned to college campuses in force and the University faced the painful yet promising dilemma of too many students and too little space.

Fifty years later, the Class of 1948 remains robust: 160 class members, the largest number in recent years, returned to receive their 50-year pins during a sunny, breezy Alumni Weekend April 25. The day also featured a special tour of the new Budig Hall: 150 alumni oohed and aahed as they saw how the old building known to them as Hoch Auditorium, site of breathtaking basketball and musical performances, stars in daily technological productions that enliven teaching.

The Class of 1948 pinning luncheon followed the annual meeting of the Gold Medal Club, which drew 105 alumni celebrating 50-plus graduation anniversaries. The eldest among them, Paul F. Pippitt, c'26, Harrisonville, Mo., epitomized the group's vigor: He announced to fellow Jayhawks his plans to marry in June, shortly after his 95th birthday.

One story from the weekend chronicles an exceptional alumnae bond in behalf of a classmate.

The women of Kappa Kappa Gamma's senior class of 1948 had been looking forward to Alumni Weekend for more than a year. They had planned a special reunion—not the first for an unusually close-knit group.

But the happy occasion took a sad turn Jan. 5, when Patty Glover Knupp, c'48, died in her Newton home. Knupp was more than a sorority sister. She was a most remarkable Jayhawk.

"She made me more courageous," says Martha Laffer Ziegler, c'48, of Healdsburg, Calif.

The Kappa women returned to the Adams Alumni Center for Alumni Weekend without Knupp, the sister who was, in the words of Alison Jones Guinotte, f'48, of Chanute, "the glue that

held our pledge class together."

In 1955, Knupp, then a geologist, contracted polio. She was living in Hawaii with her husband, Hal Knupp, c'49, and her life was forever altered. Since the day she contracted the dreaded disease during its last major outbreak, Knupp remained bedridden, paralyzed except for slight use of one hand and some neck muscles.

According to friends, doctors speculated that Knupp's 43 years of life in a bed is perhaps unmatched in modern medicine.

And Knupp did more than just survive



**SISTERHOOD:** Alumnae of Kappa Kappa Gamma's Class of 1948 remembered their remarkable pledge sister, Patty Glover Knupp, who died in January.



**SMILE:** Joan Rodgers Dietz, f'48, Topeka, had her camera ready for a tour of Budig Hall, a highlight of Alumni Weekend.



**HOCH OLD AND NEW:** Members of the Class of 1948 strolled through the new Budig Hall, which features Hoch's familiar arched windows and halls surrounding the new lecture auditoria that feature the latest in audio-visual wizardry.



**GARDEN PARTY:** A new tradition began May 17, when Chancellor Robert and Leah Hemerway hosted the Commencement Lunch for nearly 1,600 people, including 1998 graduates and their families. The lunch was coordinated by the Student Alumni Association and the Board of Class Officers.

four decades of confinement. She eventually learned to draw again, even producing and selling note cards with her pictures. With the help of personal aides and a special computer donated by friends and benefactors, she maintained an active correspondence with her friends.

The Kappa pledge class of 1944 had 20 members; 50 years later, 18 of the women gathered in Knupp's Newton home for the 50-year anniversary of their arrival at Kappa Kappa Gamma.

All of the women close enough to visit Knupp did so as often as possible, and all hoped to tell her about the 50-year class reunion she would have been unable to attend.

Instead, the Kappas supported one another while remembering their friend.

"Knowing Patty made your own troubles zero," says Nancy Slater Wittig, c'48, of Mission Hills. "When bad things happen, you always think of Patty and understand she has endured so much more."

When Knupp's husband died in 1975, Kappa Kappa Gamma came to her aid. The national sorority's Rose McGill Fund kept up a steady stream of contributions—\$800 a month—for Knupp's needs. Her sorority sisters banded together

and, over the past 20 years, raised more than \$350,000. Benefactors even included Doris Buffet, a Kappa from Nebraska and sister of millionaire investor Warren Buffet, who provided Knupp with a new air conditioner and a picture window so she could watch the birds in her yard.

"My wonderful Kappa sisters have demonstrated the true meaning of Kappa loyalty," Knupp told her sorority's magazine, *The Key*, in 1994. "They have cared enough to keep in touch and to share their good fortunes to help me pay expenses. Through the Rose McGill Fund and Holiday Sharing Program I have been shown the warmth of Kappa love."

When the sisters gathered in the Adams Alumni Center April 25, Mary Margaret Morris Boyd, c'48, Wichita, read reminiscences, based on the 13th chapter of I Corinthians.

"She was patient and kind. She was not boastful, rude or arrogant and did not insist on her own way," Boyd began. "She was not resentful. She was self-effacing. ... I can still see her gasping for breath and smiling between each breath. She looked for the best in things instead of the worst. ... She was able to receive without it

destroying her sense of worth and value.

"She was a gallant person who played out her role with dignity and grace. Even in such total inability, she produced beauty. She had courage in her life and perseverance. She finished well."

## Nominate humanitarians for KU's highest honor

If you know a Jayhawk or adopted Jayhawk who has soared above others in helping humanity, the Alumni Association asks your help in nominating him or her for the Distinguished Service Citation, KU's highest honor.

Since 1941 the DSC has recognized people who through their lives and careers have helped humanity. Alumni and friends of the University are eligible.

The deadline for nominations is Sept. 30. To nominate someone, please send a description of the candidate's accomplishments, along with supporting materials such as newspaper clippings.

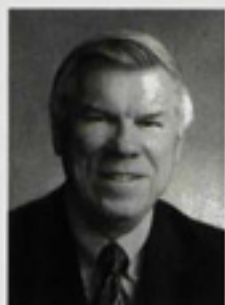
To renominate previous candidates, please submit their names and any new information that should be considered.

Send materials, including names and addresses for both the nominee and the nominator, to the President, Kansas Alumni Association, 1266 Oread Ave., Lawrence, KS 66044-3169.

## Board welcomes directors, elects 1998-'99 officers

Three new directors will join the Association's national Board at its fall meeting Oct. 2-3 in Lawrence. They are Sidney Ashton Garrett, Lawrence; Deloris Strickland Pinkard, Kansas City, Kan.; and David R. Rankin, Phillipsburg, all elected this spring by Association members. Election results were announced at the Board's spring meeting May 15-16. The new directors' five-year terms began July 1.

Also beginning their terms are new officers elected by the Board. Leading the Association as chairman for the 1998-'99 year is Paul J. "Jim" Adam, Overland Park, who served as executive vice chairman for



Adam



Ritchie

the 1997-'98 year. He succeeds Cordell D. Meeks Jr., Kansas City, Kan., as chairman. The new executive vice chairman is Carol Swanson Ritchie, Wichita.

The Board also elected Delano Lewis, Mesilla, N.M., to a one-year term as vice chairman.

Members elected to the Adams Alumni Center Board of Governors are Meeks, Garrett and Nancy Schnell Hambleton, Lawrence. They join returning members Jeffrey Aubé, Lawrence; Martha Selfridge Housholder, c'68, m'72, Wichita; Frank Pinet, b'42, g'47, PhD'55, Lawrence; Ritchie; Debbie Vignatelli, c'77, d'78, Topeka; and Larry Welch, c'58, l'61, Lawrence, who was named chair of the Board of Governors. New Association chairman Adam returns to the Board of Governors as an ex-officio member.

Alumni appointed to serve on the KU Athletics Corp. board are Dana K. Anderson, Los Angeles, and Laird G. Noller, Lawrence. They succeed members Mary Stauffer Brownback, b'80, l'83, Topeka, and William M. Hougland, b'52, Lawrence. Continuing to serve are R.A. Edwards III, b'67, g'73, Hutchinson; Tony Guy, c'82, Kansas City, Mo.; and H.W. Knapheide III, b'67, Quincy, Ill.

New to the Kansas Memorial Union Corp. Board is Rusty Leffel, Shawnee Mission. He succeeds George Gomez, c'81, l'85, Topeka. Leffel joins current representatives Donald W. Hatton, c'64, m'68, Lawrence; Eleanor Hawkinson Lowe, c'57, Mission Hills; Timothy F. Rogers, c'76, Salina; and Diane Worthington Simpson, c'57, l'83, Lawrence.

Garrett, c'68, d'70, is president and chief operating officer of Brown Cargo Van Inc.

Pinkard, g'80, EdD'75, is vice president for executive services at Kansas City, Kan.,

Community College.

Rankin, p'63, is owner and pharmacist of Rankin Drug Inc.

Adam, c'56, is chairman and chief executive officer of Black & Veatch Inc.

Ritchie, d'54, is a longtime community and University volunteer.

Lewis, c'60, recently retired as president and chief executive officer of National Public Radio.

Meeks, c'64, l'67, is a Wyandotte County district judge.

Hambleton, '50, is a longtime University volunteer and former Lawrence mayor.

Anderson, b'59, is vice chairman of the Macerich Co.

Noller, c'59, is president and chief executive officer of The Noller Cos.

Leffel, c'70, l'73, is an attorney.

Three members of the Association's Board concluded their five-year terms

June 30: Guy O. Mabry, b'50, Toledo, Ohio; Anne Burke Miller, c'78, l'81, Manhattan; and Ritchie (who now continues her service as executive vice chairman). Vice chairmen Malcolm W. Applegate, j'59, Indianapolis, and Michael J. Chun, c'66, PhD'70, Honolulu, retired after three one-year terms. Former chairman John H. Stauffer, j'49, Topeka, retired following a six-year term.

## Jennifer Mueller to link students with Association

The Association's revamped student program takes off in August with the guidance of Jennifer Mueller, new student programs coordinator.

Mueller, who joined the Association staff in 1996 as secretary for the external affairs and membership development department, is working on her master's degree in higher education administration. "I want to work in student affairs, so this is valuable experience in exactly the

field I want to pursue," she says.

Mueller first learned about higher education work at Kansas State University, where she earned a business degree in management. A stint in the K-State admissions office piqued her interest and, as a Lawrence native, she wants to settle in a college town.

"I'm a Lawrence girl at heart, and I'm excited to be putting a program in place at the Association," she says.

The new student membership offers special benefits for \$15 dues: a T-shirt, glass tumbler, the 'Hawk Talk program featuring alumni mentors, and a free dinner during finals. Mueller also will work with downtown merchants to offer discounts to student members and continue to build on the early success of the 'Hawk Talk program, which already has paired 150 alumni mentors with students.



Mueller

The Student Alumni Association (SAA), which began in 1987, will continue as the volunteer corps among student members. SAA membership is about 80; the new structure should boost involvement into the hundreds, says Cassie Roth Nielsen, c'97, who as coordinator for 1997-'98 proposed the idea, modeled after successful programs at the universities of Iowa, Wisconsin,

Michigan and other schools.

Nielsen moves next month to Baltimore, where her husband, Matt, c'98, begins medical school at Johns Hopkins University.

"SAA is a wonderful group of students who want to work at events," Nielsen says, "but we wanted to touch more students and give them a sense of Association membership and the benefits it can provide specifically for them."

For more information or to purchase a membership for a student, contact Mueller at 1-800-584-2957 or [jmueller@kuqa.wpo.ukans.edu](mailto:jmueller@kuqa.wpo.ukans.edu).

# Alumni Events

## Adams Alumni Center

Reservations are required for all special events.  
Call 785-864-4760

### July 11

- **Tasting Society:** Zinfandel, 7:30 p.m., \$25

### August 8

- **Tasting Society:** Wine dinner with Clos Du Bois Winery, 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner  
Special guest: Steven Ewing

### September 5

- **Football Buffet:** KU vs Oklahoma State

### 7

- **Closed for Labor Day**

### 12

- **Tasting Society:** Sauvignon Blanc and Fume Blanc, 7:30 p.m., \$20

### 19

- **Football buffet:** KU vs Illinois State

If no local contact is listed, call Kirk Cerny at 785-864-4760

## Chapters & Professional Societies

### July

#### 1

- **Kansas City Chapter:** Young Jayhawk Network (ages 35 and younger) Wednesday Work Wrap, 6 p.m., Johnny's Tavern in Overland Park. Contact Michon Quick, 913-248-8458

#### 8

- **Kansas City Chapter:** Annual Golf Classic, Sunflower Hills Golf Course, Kansas City, Kan. Contact Jon Hofer, 913-685-8721, or Rob Herwig, 913-897-0939

#### 16

- **Harvey County Hawks:** Newton KU Picnic
- **Minneapolis Chapter:** Thirsty Jayhawk Thursday, 6 p.m. at Dixies of Calhoun

#### 25

- **Chicago Chapter:** KU Night at the Chicago Cubs

### August

#### 5

- **Kansas City Chapter:** Young Jayhawk Network Wednesday Work Wrap at Johnny's Tavern, Overland Park. Contact Michon Quick, 913-248-8458

#### 6

- **Kansas City Chapter:** Young Jayhawk Network Football Kickoff Party at Mill Creek Brewery with Terry Allen. Contact Michon Quick, 913-248-8458

#### 9

- **Topeka Jayhawk Club:** Terry Allen Picnic

#### 20

- **Minneapolis Chapter:** Thirsty Jayhawk Thursday, 6 p.m. at Lord Fletcher's

#### 23

- **Kansas City Chapter:** Terry Allen Picnic, KC Gift Mart, Overland Park. Contact Alyce Mason, 913-648-4107, or Tom Gray, 913-681-0870

### September

#### 2

- **Kansas City Chapter:** Young Jayhawk Network Wednesday Work Wrap at Johnny's Tavern, Overland Park. Contact Michon Quick, 913-248-8458

#### 17

- **Minneapolis Chapter:** Minneapolis Chapter: Thirsty Jayhawk Thursday, 6 p.m. at The Loon Cafe

## Kansas Picnics



■ Kansas Picnics will be held throughout the state during the summer. For information on events in your area, contact the Association at 785-864-4760



## BECOME A RARE BIRD

To upgrade your membership to Jayhawk Society level today, call 785-864-4760.

**The Early Years**

**Arnstina Cissna Cress**, c'19, will celebrate her 101st birthday Aug. 12. She lives in Fort Scott.

**Pauline Rhodes Dauner**, c'21, continues to make her home in Dubuque, Iowa. She recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

**Josephine Braucher Fugate**, c'24, g'29, and her husband, **Justus**, c'26, f'30, live in Wichita. They celebrated their 67th anniversary in January.

**1930s**

**Jessamine Jackson Arnold**, c'34, works with Reading Is Fundamental in the Austin, Texas, public schools.

**Virgil Crook Barritt**, c'37, a retired speech/language pathologist clinician, lives in Roseburg, Ore., where she's active in volunteer work.

**Theno Graves**, c'35, recently received a plaque for 50 years as an agent with New York Life Insurance. He and his wife, Jo, live in Whittier, Calif., and will celebrate their 62nd anniversary in August.

**Jean McClure Hill**, c'32, makes her home in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

**Albert Taylor**, c'30, g'34, is a professor emeritus of chemistry and dean emeritus of the graduate school at Idaho State University. He lives in Pocatello and recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

**Robert Uplinger**, '34, recently received an award from the Lions Club International in honor of his work at the United Nations. Robert, who lives in Syracuse, N.Y., is a past international president of the Lions Club.

**1940**

**Burr Sifers**, c'40, is a senior consultant with the Center for Management Assistance in Kansas City. He lives in Shawnee Mission.

**1941**

**William Foster**, d'41, marching band director at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, recently was honored as a Great Floridian by the Florida History Associates.

**William Gray**, b'41, wrote *Experiment in Liberty: The First 500 Years of Freedom in America*, which was published recently by Sunflower University Press. He lives in Chanute.

**1942**

**Glenn Helmick**, c'42, a retired pathologist, makes his home in Saint Cloud, Fla.

**Franklin Murphy**, c'42, m'44, does consulting for Oroville Hospital in Oroville, Calif. He and **Virginia Cannon Murphy**, c'47, recently traveled to Scotland.

**James Wray**, c'42, m'49, continues to make his home in Wichita, where he's a retired physician.

**1944**

**Ralph May**, e'44, renovates houses and runs a lawn- and garden-care service for elderly clients. He lives in Fairfax, Va.

**Clifford**, b'44, and **Marjorie Vogel Reynolds**, '49, will celebrate their 51st anniversary July 13. They live in Ottawa.

**Melvin Jenkins Jr.**, c'44, m'46, a professor emeritus at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C., has been honored with a pediatrics lectureship named for him at the university. He lives in Rockville, Md.

**1945**

**Alberta White Cuthbertson**, f'45, g'49, a retired high-school art teacher, makes her home in Greensboro, N.C.

**Norma Ashlock Hardman**, c'45, and her husband, **Paul**, e'47, celebrated their 50th anniversary last April. They live in Newton, and Paul does part-time engineering consulting for Wilderness Tours LTD and LaChine Rapids Tours.

**Doris Brewster Swift**, c'45, is writing a book, *Life Beyond Mississippi Street*, based on a collection of her letters. She lives in Tulsa.

**1947**

**Max Miller**, c'47, m'49, practices anesthesiology for cataract surgery in Kansas City. He lives in Shawnee Mission.

**1948**

**Robert Doering**, m'48, practices internal medicine part time in Huntington, Conn.

**Keith Weltner**, g'48, is a KU distinguished professor emeritus. He lives in Salina.

**1949**

**Betty Sauder Coates**, c'49, divides her time between homes in Aspen, Colo., and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where she and her husband, Neligh, build and sell homes.

**Virgil Davis**, c'49, and his wife, Kathryn, enjoy traveling during retirement. They live in St. Joseph, Mo.

**Glendale Jones Raftery**, f'49, won Best of Show last fall in the Scottsdale Artist League with her oil painting of Monument Valley. She lives in Phoenix.

**1950**

**Leo**, d'50, and **Margo Pierce Smith**, d'50, live in Lawrence. They will celebrate their 50th anniversary Aug. 29.

**Albert Tyler**, c'50, and his wife, Bobbie, celebrated their 50th anniversary last year. He's president of A&B Oil & Gas in Dallas.

**Barbara Burnham Yakub**, c'50, and her husband, Steve, live in Pine Bush, N.Y., where they're active in church work.

**1952**

**Marcia Godding Alley**, d'52, and her husband, Richard, live in San Antonio. They are avid sailors.

**Bertha Nash Cole**, c'52, lives in Kansas City, where she's a retired education administrator.

**John Eisele**, c'52, f'55, practices law in Prairie Village.

**Inez Boyle Owens**, d'52, retired recently from her volunteer job as "Picture Lady" in two first-grade classes at Central Elementary School in Wamego. For the past 15 years, she has visited the classes each month to discuss a piece of art and its creator.

**Robert Pope**, e'52, g'58, is executive director emeritus of Theta Tau in St. Louis. He's now editor in chief of the professional engineering fraternity's magazine, *The Gear of Theta Tau*.

**1953**

**Constance Vance**, c'53, continues to live in Leawood, where she's retired.

**1954**

**George Bures**, g'54, m'57, practices obstetrics and gynecology in Amityville, N.Y. He lives in West Islip.

**William Ives**, g'54, keeps busy during retirement with volunteer work and traveling. He lives in Tulsa.

**1955**

**Alice Kitchen**, m'55, closed her private psychiatric practice last year. She continues to live in St. Louis, where she keeps busy volunteering and working as a reading tutor.

**William Nofsinger**, e'55, retired last year as president of Nofsinger Inc. in Kansas City.

**1956**

**Francis Bowers**, g'56, retired earlier this year from teaching math at Punahou School in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**William Butler**, EdD'56, retired last year as vice president of student affairs and a professor of education at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla.

**1957**

**Vincent Gillespie**, g'57, PhD'70, retired last year from Kansas State University. He and **Jean Revell Gillespie**, '50, live in Manhattan and celebrated their 50th anniversary last year.

**Norman Griswold**, c'57, was named a professor emeritus of chemistry last spring at his retirement from Nebraska Wesleyan University. He lives in Lincoln.

**William**, c'57, m'61, and **Mary Miller King**, d'59, spent 10 weeks in Pakistan last year as medical missionaries. They live in Great Bend.

**Galen Wahlmeier**, d'57, a retired teacher, lives in Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada.



**Herman Woodcock**, b'57, g'62, and his wife, Mary Ann, moved recently from St. Louis to Celebration, Fla., after Herman retired earlier this year.

### 1958

**Edmund Fording Jr.**, e'58, recently became president of the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association. He lives in Charlotte, N.C.

**Larry Meuli**, c'58, m'62, is administrator of the Cheyenne City-County Health Department and a member of the Wyoming State House of Representatives. His wife, **Vicki Parker Meuli**, d'59, teaches fourth grade and recently served as president of the Wyoming State Medical Society Alliance.

### 1959

**James Baker**, e'59, works part time as a senior engineer with Boeing North American in Huntsville, Ala. He lives in Owens Cross Road.

**Jack Francis**, b'59, and his wife, Anne, coordinate an Indian rock art survey for the National Park Service and the Albuquerque Archaeological Society at Petroglyph National Monument. They live in Albuquerque.

**Donald Harris**, e'59, retired earlier this year as field account manager at Hewlett Packard in San Diego.

**Roger Schiller**, g'59, keeps busy during retirement with hobbies of music and history. He lives in Harrisburg, Pa.

**Joan Stafford**, b'59, directs human resources for K&N Engineering in Riverside, Calif.

### 1960

**Paul Grizzle**, e'60, retired earlier this year as chief of electrical and mechanical design for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Kansas City district. He and **Jeanne Nottingham Grizzle**, d'63, live in Shawnee Mission, where she's a substitute teacher.

**Lloyd Spangler**, e'60, works part time as a civil engineer with the Gila River Indian Community. He lives in Phoenix.

### 1961

**Robert Fay**, PhD'61, is a geologist for the Oklahoma Geological Survey in Norman.

### 1962

**Scott Carder**, c'62, m'66, has a private psychoanalysis and psychiatry practice in Pasadena, Calif.

**Arle Siebert**, b'62, is director of the U.S. Department of Energy. He and his wife, Carolyn, live in Germantown, Md.

### 1963

**Roy Knapp**, e'63, g'69, g'73, recently was honored by the Russian Academy of Natural

Sciences for his work. He's a professor of petroleum engineering at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

### 1964

**Ellen Hassler Boles**, d'64, teaches music in Starkville, Miss., and is an adjunct faculty member at Mississippi State University, where her husband, David, is associate athletics director.

**Carol Newland Childers**, d'64, is assistant vice president of the transportation division of AIG Risk Management in New York City.

**Cordell Meeks Jr.**, c'64, f'67, was named the 1998 Most Influential African-American in Kansas by the Kansas City Globe. He lives in Kansas City and is a Wyandotte County District Court judge.

**Stanley Seidel**, d'64, is associate principal of Topeka West High School, and **Patricia**

**Camden Seidel**, '64, is a learning disabilities teacher at Robinson Middle School.

**Jin Sun Yoo**, PhD'64, is a business consultant with Samsung Chemical Group in Flossmoor, Ill.

### 1965

**Merle Bolton**, c'65, m'69, is chief of medicine at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif. He and his wife, Ruth, live in Palm Springs.

**Kenneth Clark**, e'65, recently was elected to the board of the American Society of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Engineers. He's a principal at Burns & McDonnell in Kansas City.

**Delbert Gerstenberger**, c'65, g'67, works in corporate compliance management at Menninger in Topeka.

**Dennis Klein**, d'65, g'67, recently returned from a Fulbright seminar in Columbia. He is a professor of Spanish at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, where he lives.

**Patricia Cowan Wyka**, c'65, g'67, is victim witness coordinator for the Colorado Springs police department.

### 1966

**Sharon Chapman**, c'66, manages software development for Lucent Technologies in Carrollton, Texas. She lives in Dallas.

**David Leddy**, PhD'66, lives in Houghton, Mich., where he's an associate professor at Michigan Tech University.

**Grant Maples**, g'66, is president of Maples Sales and Service in Denver. He lives in Golden.

### 1967

**George O'Donnell**, c'67, is vice president of Rubber-Craft Products in Kansas City.

**Carol Paul**, c'67, directs government affairs for Atlantic Health System in Florham Park, N.J. She lives in Maplewood.

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## CLASS NOTES

**Mark Scheel**, c'67, wrote *A Backward View*, a collection of stories and poems published recently by Leathers Publishing. Mark lives in Mission.

**Terry Wages**, b'67, is chief operating officer for Rim Industries in Topeka, where he and **Kay Reed Wages**, '66, make their home.

### 1968

**George Baldwin**, c'68, lives in Rydal, Pa., and is president of the Milk Industry Management Corp.

**William Daniels**, b'68, is vice president of corporate marketing for U.S. Engineering. He lives in Leawood.

**Kathie Phillips Dove**, d'68, g'71, directs computer services and is a senior vice president at PFC Inc. in San Francisco. She lives in Lafayette.

**Jo Anna Shipley Gorthy**, j'68, works as an administrative assistant at Cedar Creek Properties in Olathe. She lives in Overland Park.

**James Harris**, c'68, is vice president of the Bank of Oklahoma, and **Susan Elliott Harris**, c'70, is vice president of the Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of Commerce.

**Thomas Herrmann**, b'68, works for Royal Purple Transportation in Tulsa, Okla., where he and **Anna Steinmitz Herrmann**, '71, make their home.

**Robert Protzman**, m'68, is a surgeon with Orthopedic Specialty Associates in Fort Worth, Texas.

**Ora "Gretta" Nuttle Ross**, d'68, serves on the executive board of the K-State Research and Extension Council and as president of the Johnson County Family and Community Education Council. She and her husband, Albert, live in Mission and will celebrate their 50th anniversary in December.

**Richard Sambol**, j'68, works for the Kansas City Star. He lives in Merriam.

**William Sampson**, c'68, f'71, a partner in the Overland Park law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, recently was elected to the board of the Defense Research Institute, the nation's largest association of civil litigation defense lawyers. He lives in Lawrence.

### 1969

**Herbert Hodes**, m'69, practices obstetrics and gynecology at the Center for Women's Health in Overland Park.

**Gregory Thomas**, c'69, m'73, won the 1998 Exemplary Teacher Award earlier this year from the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians. He has a private practice in McPherson, where he lives, and is the medical education co-director of the KU Medical Center South Central Primary Care Network Site and a clinical assistant professor of family and community medicine at KUMC-Wichita.

**Allen Winchester**, j'69, s'77, recently began a sabbatical in Santa Fe, N.M., with his wife, Mary, and their children, Becky, 10, and Aaron, 8. Allen has been a clinical social worker in Rapid City, S.D., for the past 20 years.

### 1970

**Ronald Adams**, e'70, g'76, recently received the Presidents Medal Award from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. He works for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in Madison.

**Thomas Hyde**, c'70, g'82, has been named senior vice president of Raytheon, a technology company in Lexington, Mass. He lives in Acton.

**Shelley Bray Mayer**, j'70, manages advertising copy at Current Inc. in Colorado Springs.

**David Myers**, b'70, directs finance and marketing for the Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He lives in Norwalk.

**Larry Weeda Jr.**, j'70, a U.S. Navy captain, recently retired after 23 years of service. He lives in Cordova, Tenn.

**Anne Ellsworth Wigglesworth**, g'70, m'75, practices with Women's Health Group in Manhattan, where she's also medical education director for the Northeast Kansas Primary Care Physician Education Program.

### 1971

**Phyllis Thomas Barbe**, c'71, lives in Paris, France with her husband and two sons. She teaches English at the Sorbonne.

**Diane Morrison Gallagher**, d'71, works as an organist and a substitute music teacher in Englewood, Colo.

**Lawrence Haas**, e'71, g'72, is a department head with Lucent Technologies in Denver. He and his wife, Mary, live in Broomfield.

**Linda Bryant Jones**, c'71, and her husband, **Paul**, '71, are making plans for a yearlong cruise in their sailboat next summer. They live in Prairie Village and have two daughters, Jennifer and Libby.

**Eileen "Chip" Heath Van Kirk**, f'71, is a programmer analyst for American Century in Kansas City. She lives in Blue Springs, Mo.

**Charles Moore**, s'71, supervises a social work unit for the Hennepin County Developmental Disabilities Division. He and his wife, Ellen, live in Minneapolis, Minn.

### 1972

**Richard Beyer**, b'72, is group vice president and chief human resources officer for First Citizens Bank in Raleigh, N.C. He lives in Cary.

**John Hagood**, p'72, owns and manages Hibbard's Health Mart in Medicine Lodge and serves on the board of South Wind Hospice.

**John Neibling**, c'72, g'74, is vice president for

instruction at San Juan College in Farmington, N.M.

**Edward O'Brien**, c'72, chairs the psychology and counseling department at Marywood University in Scranton, Pa. He lives in Kingston and recently completed a National Science Foundation grant on integrating multimedia applications into research training in psychology.

**Greg**, b'72, and **Roberta Boehm Reynolds**, b'72, celebrated their 25th anniversary recently. They live in St. Louis, and Greg works for Missouri Pacific.

**Alan Silverberg**, m'72, has been promoted to a professor of internal medicine at St. Louis University. He lives in University City, Mo.

### 1973

**Lyle Davis**, b'73, works as an investment broker for A.G. Edwards & Sons in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**Warren Filley**, c'73, m'76, is president of the Oklahoma Allergy and Asthma Clinic and of the Oklahoma Horticultural Society. He and **Karen Pike Filley**, d'73, live in Edmond, where she's a trustee of the Edmond Educational Endowment.

**Philemon Gutierrez Jr.**, s'73, lives in Pleasanton, Calif., where he's retired regional assistant correctional programs administrator for the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

**Michael O'Neal**, c'73, f'76, practices law with Gilliland & Hayes in Hutchinson and chairs the Kansas House of Representatives' Education Committee.

**Daniel Strohmeier**, d'73, g'76, manages sales for QSP/Readers Digest. He lives in Manhattan.

**Ramona Bengtson Tjaden**, d'73, is an inclusion consultant for the Central Kansas Education Cooperative in Salina. She lives in Smolan.

### 1974

**Geary Gorup**, f'74, practices law with Render Kansas in Wichita.

**Patrick Oenbring**, e'74, is president and general manager of Occidental Petroleum of Qatar Lt. He lives in Doha, Qatar, and in Katy, Texas.

### 1975

**Barbara Cowling Cuite**, b'75, g'76, was named 1998 Oklahoma Accountant Advocate of the Year by the Small Business Administration. She lives in Tulsa.

**Ann Hartstein**, s'75, directs special projects for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs in Boston. She lives in Canton and was the 1997 recipient of the David B. Alper Community Service Award from West Suburban Elder Services.

**Gary Summers**, b'75, is president of Summers, Spencer & Cavanaugh, a CPA firm in Topeka and Lawrence. He and **Alice Retter Summers**, j'75, live in Topeka, where she's marketing director for the company.

**June Pettegrew Young**, '75, works as a customer account specialist for Ohio Casualty in Denver. She lives in Aurora.

**1976**

**Rita Burnett**, c'76, has a private family dentistry practice in Kansas City. She and her husband, Brett Ferguson, live in Overland Park.

**Rhoda Ankermler Ertel**, g'76, spent a month earlier this year in Capetown, South Africa, with Bridges of Hope, a volunteer missions group of the United Methodist Church. She lives in Raytown, Mo., where she serves on the mayor's Council on Aging and is on the board of the Shepherd's Center.

**Joseph Meyers**, EdD'76, directs special services for the Spring Hill School District. He and **Norina Bennett Meyers**, d'75, g'76, live in Overland Park.

**1977**

**Raymond Hauke**, g'77, recently was named vice president for administration and fiscal affairs at Emporia State University.

**Jeffrey Jordan**, c'77, g'79, is a broker associate with Frontier Better Homes and Gardens in Conifer, Colo. He lives in Littleton.

**Robert Nugent**, c'77, f'80, practices law with Morris, Laing, Evans, Brock & Kennedy in Wichita, where he's also president of the Wichita Bar Association.

**Terrance Wilson**, d'77, manages business development for Western Resources in Topeka. He lives in Lawrence.

**John Works**, c'77, is senior vice president and deputy head of ARN AMRO in London.

**BORN TO:**

**Stanley**, n'77, m'80, and **Vicki Wilson Sharp**, assoc., daughter, Courtney Lynnne Langford, Sept. 8 in Prairie Village, where she joins a brother, Jessie, and a sister, Sara.

**1978**

**Mohamed Abdelrazik**, e'78, g'81, PhD'84, is a staff engineer with Raytheon Systems in Greenville, Texas. He and his wife, Neveen, live in Rockwall with their children, Dina, 8, Reem, 6, and Omar, 4.

**Paul Bennett**, e'78, b'79, directs customer relations for Southwest Gas Corp. in Tucson, Ariz., where he and **Jennie Boedeker Bennett**, c'77, make their home.

**Xochitl Dennis Grant**, f'78, g'81, lives in Minneapolis, where she's a teaching specialist in English as a second language at the University of Minnesota.

**Robert Kraft**, b'78, recently became an account manager for Hallmark Computer Products. He lives in Fresno, Calif.

## RILEY'S BOOKSTORE SUCCESS IS NO MYSTERY

They adore her in Australia, dote on her in Dubai and clamor for her in Kurdistan. The fans aren't chanting for Barbra or Celine; they are screaming for Kathleen Riley, in particular novels from her Blackbird Mysteries, a one-stop independent online mystery bookshop ([www.blackbird-mysteries.com](http://www.blackbird-mysteries.com)).

Riley, s'78, says the international flavor brings excitement to her home in Keedysville, Md., which has served as Black Bird Mysteries' base for the past two years. "I have been developing pen pals all over the world since I started the business," says Riley, a former clinical social worker. "I have a wonderful customer in Australia and I have sent things as far as Malaysia, Spain and Japan."

But hold on. Hasn't opening an independent bookstore in the 1990s become the quickest road to bankruptcy, because of chain superstores like Borders and Barnes & Noble? That is exactly what Riley discovered as she was writing a business plan for her MBA. A childhood devotee of Nancy Drew, Riley had always wanted to own a bookstore dedicated to mysteries. But as she studied the logistics, she saw no way to make a profit. Her dream was temporarily dashed.

But a couple of years later her husband suggested that she sell books online and eliminate the overhead. Blackbird suddenly became a reality. Then the market threw another hurdle: the launch of Amazon.com, the online equivalent of book superstores.

"I immediately found that there was so much competition for new books," Riley says. "Places like Amazon buy in such bulk that they can offer discounts I simply can't match."

So she specialized even further, offering signed books, rare first editions, out-of-print books, book searches and some spectacular paperbacks from the 1950s, complete with campy, lurid covers. In addition, Riley's web site offers a section that lists author's serials in order, a must for die-hard fans. Riley also sends a monthly e-mail newsletter all over the



globe, charting new arrivals and upcoming releases along with reviews and recommendations. The niche marketing is working: Riley can actually see the business

growing in the cramped quarters of her attic.

"This past February was our best month ever, which is nice to know because February and March are typically horrible months," she says. "Knowing that makes us look forward to next Christmas."

All the pot-boilers, cozies and Agatha Christies, though, can't compare to the thrill Riley takes from her less-risky brand of sleuthing.

"Searching for out-of-print books especially appeals to me," she says. "It's detective work. I am tracking them down. In a way, I am living what I do."

And Riley always get her book. —

When she first opened her online bookstore, some of Riley's customers were a little leery of purchasing anything through the World Wide Web, even though the site features extraordinary consumer protection. "In a few more years customers will become a lot more comfortable buying things online," Riley says.

**Stephen**, a'78, and **Mary Anne Kiloh McDowell**, f'78, adopted a baby, Kiloh Stephen, last year. He turned 1 April 12.

**Rosemary O'Leary**, c'78, f'81, g'82, received the 1998 President's Award for Distinguished Teaching from Indiana University, where she's a professor of public and environmental affairs. She lives in Bloomington.

**Daniel Oliver**, c'78, g'81, recently won an Emmy award for co-producing "Central Xpress," a dramatic program for teen-agers. He and **Julie Hall Oliver**, d'81, live in Raleigh, N.C., where Dan's a producer for WRAL-TV.

**Michael Rupp**, p'78, was the 1998 recipient of the Jack L. Beal Postbaccalaureate Alumni Award from Ohio State University's college of pharmacy. He lives in West Lafayette, Ind., and is a professor of pharmacy administration at Purdue University.

## 1979

**Lynn Swift Anderson**, c'79, f'84, studies for a doctorate in French at Princeton University, where she also teaches French. She and her daughter, Kathleen, 8, live in West Lawn, Pa.

**Dennis**, '79, and **Karin Hampton Cernik**, b'81, g'85, live in Wichita with their children, Erin, 5, and Kelly, 1.

**Kim Dittmer Dyson**, j'79, recently retired as senior account executive at radio station WGCI in Chicago. She and her husband, Marv, live in Burr Ridge with their children, Danielle, 10, Jordan, 6, and Max, 5.

**James Groninger**, b'79, moved to Sacramento, Calif., recently for his job with Texaco. He and his wife, Margie, have a son, John Carl, who'll be 2 July 22.

**James McCarten**, b'79, practices law with Woolf, McClane, Bright, Allen & Carpenter in Knoxville, Tenn. He lives in Oak Ridge.

**Susan Spangler**, c'79, m'83, m'86, practices emergency medicine at Kaiser Santa Clara Medical Center and is on the clinical faculty at Stanford University Medical Center. She and her husband, David Shapiro, live in Palo Alto, Calif., with their son, Jack, 2.

**Jeffrey Tanner**, b'79, g'80, manages planning and economics for Amoco. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Houston.

**Oliver Udemba**, e'79, is senior project manager for Cumberland Farms. He lives in Boston.

**Diane Wigger**, j'79, lives in Chicago, where she's Midwest sales manager for Fitness magazine.

## 1980

**Michael Gunter**, c'80, is president of Midwest Pallet in Kansas City. He and **Jennifer Hurst Gunter**, d'80, live in Leawood with their children, Elise, 12, and David, 9.

**Robert Johnson**, b'80, a vice president for Charlton Manley in Overland Park, lives in Leawood.

**Mark Matese**, c'80, is a program manager for the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice in Washington, D.C. He lives in Manassas, Va.

**Bharrathi Prasardarao Sudarsanam**, PhD'80, teaches biology at Labette Community College in Parsons.

## BORN TO:

**Ester Gomez Moran**, c'80, and **Gregory**, c'83, m'87, son, Lucas Ignacio Gomez, Jan. 1 in Glendale, Calif. Greg is an assistant professor of medicine at UCLA.

## 1981

**Anne Pohlman Knorr**, a'81, a'82, and her husband, Bill, completed the New York City marathon last year. They live in Boulder, Colo.

**Thaine Shetter**, j'81, recently became publisher of Ravalli Republic, a daily newspaper in Hamilton, Mont.

**Catherine McKenna Walter**, f'81, recently became a part-time U.S. magistrate. She lives in Topeka.

## BORN TO:

**Anne Mischlich Pearson**, b'81, and Russell, son, Jacob Paul, April 4. They live in Eudora, and Anne is an accountant with General Growth Management in Kansas City. Russell works for Hallmark Cards in Lawrence.

## 1982

**James**, c'82, m'85, and **Melissa Eby Barada**, n'84, live in Delmar, N.Y., with their children, Connor, Andrew, Kathleen and Mary Grace.

**Edwin Brown**, b'82, works as chief information officer for PSF in Kansas City. He lives in Olathe.

**Chris Brungardt**, c'82, is a systems engineer with Textron Systems in Wilmington, Mass. He lives in Reading.

**Robert Cunningham**, c'82, works as a vice president of investment at Smith Barney. He and his wife, Lucy, live in Wichita with their daughters, Jennifer, 17, and Stephanie, 13.

**Michael Johnson**, e'82, recently joined the Rocket Development Co. as a senior project engineer. He and his wife, **Cherie Jones**, e'80, g'82, live in Westminster, Calif., with their children, David and Elaine.

**Suzanne Lemen**, c'82, lives in Orange Park, Fla., with her children, Katharine, 8; Stephanie, who's nearly 6; and Alex, 5. She's president of Dynamic Corporate Solutions.

**Jim Rowland**, d'82, is a senior actuary with Allstate Insurance in Northbrook, Ill. He and his wife, Jenny, live in Vernon Hills, Ill., with Krystal,

13; Christopher, 12; Michael, 11; Melanie, 6; and Stacy, 4.

**Cathy Ruhl**, n'82, directs the Illinois Masonic Nurse Midwifery Service in Chicago. Her son, Benjamin Blanchard, is 1.

## MARRIED

**Mary Clem**, g'82, to Ross Ray, Oct. 11 in Shawnee. They live in Winchester, and Mary is an operations research analyst for the Department of the Army at Fort Leavenworth.

## BORN TO:

**Thomas**, b'82, g'84, and **Nancy Bohannon Blackburn**, assoc., daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, Dec. 16 in Prairie Village, where she joins a brother, Patrick, 3.

## 1983

**Annette Dye**, b'83, manages accounting for Russell Stover Candies in Kansas City. She lives in Olathe with her husband, **Ramon Ramirez**, c'83.

**Allison Baker Hammond**, d'83, g'86, is writing a book about physical activities for parents and teachers of children with learning or behavior problems. She and her husband, Michael, live in Kalamazoo, Mich., with their son, George, who's almost 4.

**Ann Schmidt Lampe**, '83, works as an intake coordinator at UCLA Addiction Medicine Service in Los Angeles, where she and her husband, Stephen, make their home.

**Terri Reicher**, c'83, has been promoted to assistant general counsel for the National Association of Securities Dealers in Washington, D.C. She lives in Chevy Chase, Md.

**Stephen Southern**, e'83, and his wife, Jill, live in Wichita with their sons, Scott and Jeffrey.

## BORN TO:

**James**, c'83, and **Barbara Brainerd Barrett**, c'83, son, John Everett, Oct. 12 in Edmond, Okla. Jim went to Australia last spring as team physician for the U.S. Olympic field hockey team during its international competition.

**Paul**, c'83, g'89, and **Lauren Yoshinobu Buskirk**, g'88, daughter, Sierra Rae, Jan. 9. They live in Lawrence.

## 1984

**Devon Cadwell Bazata**, j'84, works as an editorial assistant for Princeton Packet. She lives in Skillman, N.J.

**Craig Stewart**, b'84, recently became a partner in the Denver law firm of Holland & Hart. He and **Maren Malecki Stewart**, j'89, live in Evergreen. Maren directs public affairs at Children's Hospital in Denver.

## BORN TO:

**Jason Engel**, b'84, and Tracy, daughter, Sarah

## CLASS NOTES

Grace, Nov. 19 in Aliso Viejo, Calif. Jason works in the legal department of Experian Information Solutions in Orange.

**Carla Funk Wittum**, c'84, and Thomas, daughter; Renna Rose, Oct. 14 in Hilliard, Ohio, where she joins a sister, Kelsi, who's almost 7, and a brother, Christopher, 5.

### 1985

**Jeffery**, f'85, and **Amanda Stout Jordan**, c'89, f'93, live in Wichita with their daughters, Emily, 2, and Rachael, who'll be 1 Aug. 7.

**Rosemary Row Stephens**, d'85, works as an art consultant in Kansas City. She and her husband, Michael, live in Lenexa with their daughter, Audrey, 1.

**Douglas Wells**, e'85, a'85, g'91, is an engineer with Wells & Associates in Kansas City.

### MARRIED

**Jay Craig**, b'85, g'87, to Shawn Alderton, Sept. 6 in La Jolla, Calif. They live in San Diego, where Jay's a development associate with JP1 Development Corp.

**Lori Wright**, j'85, and **Timothy Batchman**, '87, Dec. 20. They make their home in Lawrence.

### BORN TO:

**Julia Flynn Baumann**, b'85, and Roger, son, Alexander Raymond, Dec. 21 in New York City.

**Jan Eighmey Conard**, d'85, g'94, and **John**, e'86, g'95, son, Spencer James, Feb. 26 in Overland Park. They live in Lawrence, where Jan teaches at the Natural History Museum and John is a facility manager at FMC. Their family includes a daughter, Katherine, 3.

**Susan Pulhamus Hiebl**, d'85, g'96, and Rick, son, Shane Michael, Feb. 16 in Overland Park. They live in Lenexa, and Susan is an elementary school music teacher in Kansas City.

**Kelly Calvert Pfannenstiel**, c'85, and **Bruce**, g'87, daughter, Julia Stowe, Jan. 27 in Kansas City. They live in Lawrence, and their family includes Calvert, 5, and Matthew, 3.

### 1986

**John Ehler**, p'86, manages the pharmacy at Albertsons Food and Drug in Topeka. He lives in Berryton.

**F.R. Ferraro**, g'86, PhD'89, is an associate professor of psychology at the University of North Dakota-Grand Forks, where he researches memory in people older than 55.

**Richard Gier**, e'86, b'86, g'89, f'98, recently became an associate with the law firm of Swanson, Midgley, Gangwere, Kitchin & McLarney. He lives in Overland Park with **Cynthia Ong Gier**, e'87, and their children, Kathleen, 7; David, 5; and Brian, 3.

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**Patrick Hogan**, c'86, is an oceanographer for Naval Research Laboratory. He lives in Slidell, La.

**Mary Barthelmass Jacobi**, c'86, lives in Kansas City and works as a legislative liaison for Mid Americal Regional Council.

**Kevin Krause**, c'86, recently opened a dental office in Prairie Village, where he and his wife, Lana, live with their children, Grace, 6; Sam, 4;

and Margaret, who's nearly 2.

**Charles Loudon**, a'86, works as a senior architect for Burns & McDonnell in Kansas City, and **Kelly Clark Loudon**, e'86, is a product supplier specialist for Sprint North Supply. They live in Olathe with their sons, Zachary, 4, and Matthew, who'll be 1 Aug. 30.

**Bruce Minden**, c'86, is divisional dispatch

manager for Coca-Cola Bottling of Mid America in Lenexa. He lives in Olathe with his wife, Mary, and their children, Zeke, 11, and Ali, 8.

**Michael Snider**, j'86, recently covered the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, for USA Today in Arlington, Va., where he's a reporter.

**Todd Tilford**, j'86, is creative director and principal for Pyro Advertising in Dallas. He and **Tammy Wilson Tilford**, d'86, g'90, live in Plano with their daughters, Danielle, 5, and Cheyenne, 2.

### MARRIED

**Laurie Welch**, c'86, and **Brian Brown**, b'86, Dec. 20. Laurie is a trainer with Empower Consultants and Trainers, and Brian is an associate with Lathrop and Gage. They live in Overland Park.

### BORN TO:

**Sara Dickey Goodburn**, j'86, and Kelly, son, Corey Joseph, Oct. 28. They live in Roeland Park with their son, Kyle, 5.

**Craig**, '86, and **Caren Wallace Howes**, s'88, s'90, son, Carter Wallace, March 5 in Olathe. They live in Overland Park, and their family includes Dylan, 6, and Wyatt, 2. Craig is a sales trainer for Gateway, and Caren is a school social worker.

### 1987

**Amy Handelmann Bennett**, j'87, works as managing editor and senior writer for Cerner in Kansas City. She and her husband, Brad, live in Lenexa.

**Barbara Huninghake**, s'87, lives in Seneca and works as a foster care caseworker with the Kansas Children's Service League.

**Floyd Kozak**, c'87, is president of Evanston Paper Co. in Evanston, Ill.

**Kristina Knoll Martin**, e'87, works as an associate with the Engineering Enterprise in Alameda, Calif. She lives in Lafayette.

**Mark Pearson**, m'87, recently joined the staff of the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo. He and his wife, Angie, have five children, Joseph, 11; Abby, 9; Andrew, 8; Adam, 6; and Lydia, 3.

**Allison Coleman Smith**, c'87, and her husband, Donald, moved recently from Minneapolis, Minn., to Lawrence, where Allison is finishing her dissertation on Greek archaeology. She will teach a course this fall in KU's classics department.

**Thomas Strempeke**, e'87, is a modernization architect with the Fort Worth Housing Authority. He lives in Mansfield, Texas.

### BORN TO:

**Angela Greeson Arnold**, n'87, and Craig, son, Benjamin Joseph, Jan. 24 in Springdale, Ark., where Angela is the clinical coordinator for

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obstetrics/gynecology/pediatrics at Northwest Medical Center.

**Erik Hansen**, b'87, and Jill, son, Niels Austin, Marcy 30 in London, where Erik is a director for Enron Corp., an energy company.

**Keith Hayes**, e'87, and Julie, son, Keith Q. III, Nov. 29 in Bay City, Mich. Keith is a solid-liquid and liquid-liquid separations specialist at Dow Corning in Midland.

**Melissa Lance Meng**, j'87, and Michael, son, Lance Michael, Feb. 10 in Overland Park. They live in Prairie Village.

**Caryne Finlay Mount**, f'87, and George, daughter, Beatrice May, Feb. 25 in Redwood City, Calif., where she joins a sister, Eleanor, who'll be 2 in September. Caryne owns B. Caryne Design.

**William Munroe III**, c'87, and Sandra, son, John, Dec. 10 in Westford, Mass., where he joins a brother, William, 3. William's a channel program manager for Sybase in Concord.

**Tara Johnson Roberts**, h'87, and John, daughter, Tessa Laine, March 13 in Manhattan, where she joins a brother Dylan, 4. Tara is a traveling physical therapist for Beverly Health and Rehabilitation, and John is a land surveyor for Sloan & Meier.

**Kathy Pederson Ruoff**, b'87, and **Bryan**, a'93, son, Brandon Christopher, Nov. 2 in Kansas City, where he joins a sister, Kelsey, 5. Kathy supervises international accounting for Sprint, and Bryan is a senior associate with Wickham, Jarvi & Warman Architects.

**Carl Saxon**, b'87, and Laurie, son, Parker Vincent, Nov. 19 in Overland Park, where they live.

**Hugh Stanfield**, c'87, and Paris Watts-Stanfield, daughter, Jocelyn Gabrielle, March 30 in Cincinnati, where she joins a sister, Jacquelyn, 3.

## 1988

**Susan Dewell**, b'88, is associate director of finance for Procter & Gamble Austria-Switzerland. She lives in Vienna.

**Jennifer Goff-Shaw**, s'88, coordinates the Topeka YMCA Safe Visit program. She and her husband, Bret, have two children, Tyler, 7, and Marissa, who's almost 6.

**Joseph Nagy**, b'88, g'91, is regional sales manager for Kyrus in San Francisco, Calif.

## MARRIED

**Brian Hattaway**, e'88, g'90, and **Melissa Brookman**, b'95, Nov. 1. They live in Stanley. They both work for Andersen Consulting, where he manages the communications industry group and she's an analyst.

## BORN TO:

**Kelley Heck Ahrens**, j'88, and **Jeffrey**, assoc. son, Trevor, Jan. 27 in Fairway, where he joins a brother, Hunter, 3.

## DEARBORN CHANCELLOR RETURNS TO INSPIRE

He returned to Mount Oread in a dapper suit and tie, the very personification of leadership and responsibility. James C. Renick, g'72, chancellor of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, can hardly believe it himself.

"When I graduated here in '72," Renick says, "I had no idea I would be doing this." He describes himself and his fellow black campus leaders as "one of the more vocal groups on campus."

Perhaps his career isn't as surprising as Renick might like to believe. If he was a vocal member of the student body, he is certainly that as a top administrator. When he arrived in Dearborn in 1993, Renick immediately laid out a plan:

Emphasize interaction between a larger student population and Dearborn organizations, corporations and other educational institutions. Realization of this goal has included record undergraduate enrollment of 8,300, plus 3,200 continuing education students and 300 retirees in an innovative seniors program;

Increase student success with creation of 11 new degree programs, more diversity and accreditation of three schools;

Launch a capital campaign to boost financial support from the state and community;

Keep pace with technology, including installation of a fiber-optic system campuswide.

Renick has also made himself available to students with a monthly chancellor's chat, during which he'll tackle any question on any subject: "They can tell me what's on their mind," he says, "and they know I'll follow through." His successes at Michigan-Dearborn have not gone unnoticed, either. His campus visitors have included President Clinton.

"It's been one hell of a run," Renick says.

He returned to Mount Oread May 16 as the keynote speaker at the 22nd annual Minority Graduation Banquet. "When I left here," Renick says, "I really felt prepared to tackle my goals in life.



That's the reason I agreed to come back to do something like this. I owe something to this institution, and I feel that very deeply."

When he greets students, Renick wants them to understand that whatever fears they might about the post-graduation world, they aren't alone.

"You don't always have a good idea about what you're going to end up doing in life. I'm the perfect example," Renick says. "But what you do need to know is that education will open the doors. An education that helps you become creative, curious and engaging, with vision and vitality, is going to create opportunities.

"Life isn't fair. There are still some issues we have to deal with as a society. But education is the key, and that's why I've dedicated my life's work to it. That's why I can tell you that I really like what I'm doing."

Chancellor James Renick says interpersonal skills he learned at KU help him deal with employees and colleagues. "There's no substitute for hard work. But I find they work harder when they are treated with respect, and I think they would say that, too."

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**Brandon**, b'88, and **Wendy Ryan Bennett**, b'88, daughter, Kendall Erin, Jan. 21 in Wichita, where she joins a sister, Annie, 2. Brandon is an employment representative for Koch Industries.

**Mark Bugay**, c'88, g'90, and Judith, daughter, Annabelle Marshall, March 19 in Washington, D.C. Mark is serving as the second secretary at the U.S. Embassy in Sophia, Bulgaria.

**Jennifer Forker**, j'88, and her husband, Jim Clarke, daughter, Hope Jeanne Clarke, Oct. 23 in Anchorage. Jennifer is an editor at Alaska magazine, and Jim is a reporter and editor for the Associated Press.

**John**, j'88, g'91, and **Dia Noel Montgomery**, j'91, c'91, son, Benjamin Thomas, Jan. 8. They live in Ottawa, where John is editor and publisher of the Ottawa Herald. Their family includes a son, William, who'll be 3 in August.

### 1989

**Joseph Alburty**, c'89, is a programmer analyst for Midwest Research Institute in Kansas City.

**Lt. Marcia Edmiston**, c'89, recently completed a master's degree with distinction in information technology from the Naval Postgraduate School. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

**Laura Ellis**, g'89, g'91, chairs the music department at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas.

**Mary Galvin**, j'89, is market manager for Sprint in Overland Park. She lives in Lenexa.

**Robert Newth**, m'89, practices radiology at the Diagnostic Imaging Center in Overland Park, where he and his wife, Mary, live with their children, Connor, Hillary, Jentry, Delaney and Sydney.

**Randall Reeves**, c'89, g'91, is a senior marketing database analyst for American Century Investments, and **Carol Goering Reeves**, g'94, directs network development for Adesso Specialty Services. They live in San Jose, Calif.

**Jeffrey Suggs**, j'89, works as an account executive for AT&T Wireless Services in Visalia, Calif.

### BORN TO:

**Kevin Culp**, c'89, and Molly, daughter, Sophie Frances, Feb. 25 in St. Peters, Mo., where she joins a brother, Samuel, 2.

**Paul Essmyer**, '89, and his wife, **Elyse Ungashick**, d'90, son, Reid William, Oct. 22. Elyse is an occupational therapist at Carondelet Manor, a nursing home in Kansas City, and Paul is regional manager with Touch Net Information Systems. They live in Overland Park.

**Mark**, b'89, i'95, g'95, and **Monica Tovar-von Waaden**, i'94, son, Nicholas Mark, Oct. 12 in Austin, Texas.

### 1990

**Andrew Goldschmidt**, c'90, directs marketing for the National Association of Counties in Washington, D.C. He lives in Annandale, Va.

**Julie Hudson**, g'90, m'90, practices anesthesiology at Skaggs Community Health Center in Branson, Mo.

**Marc Roskin**, c'90, a production executive at Centropolis Entertainment, worked on the recently released movie *Godzilla* for Tristar Pictures. He lives in Los Angeles.

**Matthew Williams**, j'90, is a senior account representative for M&M/Mars, and **Patricia Landry Williams**, b'90, is a sales representative for the Koala Corp. They live in Parker, Colo., with their son, Reilee, 1.

**Joni Stoker Yates**, h'90, studies for a master's in public health at the KU Medical Center, where she's also a senior research therapist at the Center on Aging. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Mission and celebrated their first anniversary May 23.

### MARRIED

**Cooper Milledge**, b'90, to Valerie van Ogtrop, Sept. 13 in Wilmington, Del. They live in San Francisco, where Cooper is an investment broker with A.G. Edwards & sons.

### BORN TO:

**Jennifer Smith Channer**, n'90, and Luke, son, Luke Jordan, Dec. 16 in Hilliard, Ohio, where Jennifer's a women's health nurse practitioner.

**Jodi Breckenridge Petit**, d'90, g'93, PhD'98, and Brian, son, Shepard Todd, March 20 in Fort Carson, Colo.

**Gregory**, p'90, and **Denise Sharp Rockers**, g'94, daughter, Madison Grace, Feb. 21 in Wichita, where Greg directs the pharmacy at PharMerica and Denise is a teacher for USD 266.

**Jeffrey**, m'90, and **Julie Little Unruh**, d'90, n'92, daughter, Haley Marion, Dec. 9. They live in Lawrence.

**Debra Mehlinger Williams**, c'90, and Roger, daughter, Kayleigh Nicole, Jan. 2 in Overland Park. Debra is an executive assistant with Interim Personnel.

### 1991

**Brett Brenner**, c'91, j'91, i'94, works as an attorney adviser for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, D.C.

**William Colgan**, c'91, recently became a general partner in Tommyknocker Brewing of Arizona. He lives in Phoenix.

**Matthew Cooley**, c'91, has become an associate with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis in New York City. He lives in Brooklyn.

**Brian Culliss**, e'91, is a maintenance engineer with Danisco Ingredients USA in New Century. He lives in Olathe.

**Kent Kerbs**, b'91, manages financial services for Capital Guardian Trust Co. in Brea, Calif. He lives in Newport Coast.



**Bryan Ruby**, c'91, has been promoted to lead forecaster with the National Weather Service. He lives in Sioux Falls, S.D.

**Miriam "Molly" Reid Sinnett**, j'91, edits *Better Homes & Gardens* special interest publications in Des Moines, and her husband, **Kurt**, d'91, is a sales representative for Merck. Their family includes a son, Reid, 1.

### MARRIED

**Heather Best**, c'91, to John Salerno, Sept. 20 in New Canaan, Conn. They live in Stamford, and Heather is a client services specialist with FactSet Research Systems in Greenwich.

### BORN TO:

**Jeff**, b'91, and **Mindy Morrison Guedner**, c'94, twin daughters, Gracen Rebecca and Cameron Gayle, Jan. 20 in Overland Park. Jeff's a regional sales manager for Sony Wireless Telecommunications.

**Paul**, b'91, g'93, and **Elizabeth Joyner Hanna**, j'93, son, Jeffrey Alexander, Sept. 29 in Arlington, Texas.

**Rodney Holcomb**, e'91, g'93, and Brenda, daughter; Isabel Ann, Jan. 4 in Chicago, where she joins a sister, Samantha, 3.

**Bradley**, b'91, and **Theresa Petterson Larsen**, b'91, son, Brandon Alexander, Sept. 23 in Issaquah, Wash. Brad manages marketing for Eddie Bauer, and Theresa has been promoted to technical applications consultant with Sprint Wholesale Service Group.

### 1992

**Eric Alabanza**, c'92, is a legal assistant in the Attorney General's office in Honolulu, Hawaii, where **Martha Delaplain Alabanza**, f'93, works for Philpotts & Associates, an interior design firm.

**Carolyn Durkalski**, c'92, j'92, owns CareFreeMe, a firm that produces copy for advertising agencies and travel magazines. She lives in San Francisco.

**Wendy Glauser**, b'92, works as an accountant for Baird, Kurtz & Dobson in Kansas City. She lives in Wichita.

**Nichole Green**, c'92, is a flight attendant with Continental Airlines in Newark, N.J.

**Susan Lynch**, '92, directs sales for Special Expeditions in St. Louis.

**Amy Oeding Schwartz**, d'92, g'94, teaches third grade at St. Matthew's Catholic Elementary School in Topeka, where her husband, **John**, c'93, g'96, is a legislative assistant to the Senate minority leader at the Kansas State Capitol.

**Darrell Williams**, b'92, a U.S. Air Force captain and a financial analyst. He and **Lisa**

**Arnold Williams**, d'90, n'95, live in Navarre, Fla., with their son, Marcus, who'll be 1 Aug. 25. Lisa is a nurse at Baptist Hospital.

## DOCTOR CHOOSES THE WAVE LESS TRAVELED

**R**obert Rauktis reached his epiphany late in life. He was a self-described yuppie on a soulless treadmill, working in the fast-paced world of neuroradiology, when it hit. Rauktis, c'73, m'76, was diagnosed with a muscular disorder that left him half-paralyzed for six months. He was unsure what to do.

Then the wave crashed over him. A friend in Hawaii convinced Rauktis to climb on a surfboard. The water, Rauktis says, was the best physical therapy. The rest, as they say, is surfistry.

"I was 41 years old and I felt like Peter Pan," he says, checking out the unruly San Francisco waves from the lounge at the scenic Cliff House. "It was a magic carpet ride. They call it 'stoked,' and, wow, was it fun."

Now he even looks like a surfer who has hit the waves every other day for the past six years: tousled hair, floral print shirt and bronze skin. He's got the lingo, too, peppering the conversation with phrases such as man, simpatico, hang out and drag.

Unlike some of his "Hey, Dude" counterparts, Rauktis also uses words like clean water, communitarianism, organic farming and organization.

Spending time in the ocean close to his Santa Cruz, Calif., home, Rauktis found another passion besides the rolling waves: political and community activism. He became involved in environmental legislation. He wrote open letters to politicians in newspapers under the banner of his created organizations, The Boo Radley Association and the U.S. Bureau of Reckless Abandon. He gathered his surfer friends and sponsored the successful Clean Water Day, a water-side gala now in four California cities.

"Sometimes you have to put up the flag so people who agree with you know where to go," he says. "After the first celebration I sent pictures to various legislators. What is so great is that now we have politicians coming down to join us."

Rauktis doesn't limit his concern to the ocean. He holds court on the rise of cor-



porate farms, man-made reservoirs, and implores people to read essayist Wendell Berry and vote at the checkout counter by choosing organic crops.

"You can't protect the environment without protecting the community," he says. "I don't want everything to become USA Today, big and monotonous."

Earth science trumps political science, he says, warning others to remember that nature bats last. Rauktis wants nothing more than to protect that batter—not so he can continue to enjoy surfing, but so quality of life doesn't mean strip-mall homogenization and a luxury car in every garage.

"Until I had that sickness I never really had enough guts to pursue things that didn't necessarily have a predictable outcome," he says. "Maybe it was a midlife crisis. I always liked my career, but it didn't seem to be amounting to much."

"I know this isn't a straight path, but sometimes you have to learn to go sideways."

Just as Rauktis does on his surfboard.

**MARRIED**

**Michael Andrews**, j'92, to Brenna Prather, Nov. 8. They both work at DST Systems, and their home is in Fairway.

**Barry Reynolds**, b'92, to Karie Lingle, Sept. 6. They live in South Pasadena, Calif., and Barry is financial director for Epoch Records.

**Preston Rook**, d'92, to Shannon Doyle, March 7 in Clay Center, where they live.

**Stephen Smith**, b'92, and **Valeria Cordova**, e'98, March 14 in La Paz, Bolivia. They live in Bentonville, Ark.

**1993**

**Rob Calley**, c'93, owns Backridge Tree Service in Navarre, Fla.

**Amy Carmen**, j'93, has been promoted to account manager with TMP Worldwide in Chicago.

**Patresa Doherty Ebersole**, c'93, is a fitness specialist at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. She and her husband, Lowell, live in West Des Moines.

**Mark Frickey**, c'93, studies for a master's of divinity at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

**Stacy Farris Fulkerson**, n'93, coordinates liver transplants at the KU Medical Center in

Kansas City. She and her husband, **David**, d'96, live in Merriam.

**John Howard II**, c'93, began residency training recently in otolaryngology at the University of Rochester Medical Center, where his wife, Anne Sarbinowski, is a pediatrics resident. They live in Rochester, N.Y., and celebrated their first anniversary in March.

**Robyn Ellner Kisner**, g'93, lives in Raleigh, N.C., where she's a physical therapist at the Maria Parham Center for Rehabilitation.

**Laura Kopec**, c'93, j'93, recently joined the Houston Symphony as associate director of volunteer services.

**Bradley Krings**, b'93, was named North American sales representative of the year at Sensomatic Electronics in Olathe. He's also a member of the firm's Million Dollar Sales Club and recently received the President Circle Award.

**Michele Lubbers**, g'93, recently won the 1998 Langston Hughes Creative Writing Award. She commutes from Lawrence to Overland Park, where she's a technical writer for Electronic Data Services.

**Kent Rains**, c'93, is a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch. He lives in Lenexa.

**Kurt Rhoden**, c'93, owns Rhoden Properties in Leawood, where he and **Natalie West Rhoden**, d'95, make their home. She's a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines.

**Robert Rothman**, c'93, teaches social studies in Orleans Parish schools in New Orleans, where he makes his home.

**James Willbanks**, g'93, is an associate professor at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth.

**Jay Williams**, j'93, edits copy at the Corvallis Gazette-Times in Corvallis, Ore.

**Lorie Williams**, c'93, works as a project assistant in the tax department at Deloitte & Touche in San Francisco.

**BORN TO:**

**Bruce Jackson**, e'93, and Amy, son, Joshua, April 4 in Kenai, Alaska, where he joins a sister, Jordan, 3. Bruce is a rotating equipment engineer for Unocal.

**Russell**, g'93, and **Louise Watson Thompson**, '94, son, Russell III, Nov. 5 in Kansas City. Russell is an access planner with Sprint.

**1994**

**Elizabeth "Lee" Arcand**, j'94, manages

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logistics and public relations for FiveCom, a fiber-optic wholesaler in Waltham, Mass.

**Karolyn Kinsey**, c'94, is an archaeologist intern with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She lives in Utica.

**Michelle Stewart Reeck**, b'94, works for NationsBank in Dallas, where she and her husband, Jeff, live. They celebrated their first anniversary May 24.

**Kristine Strain**, j'94, c'94, recently became executive producer of news at WITI-TV in Milwaukee, Wis.

**Sarah Stuart**, n'94, works as an emergency room nurse at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. She lives in Radnor.

**Koal Tague**, e'94, recently relocated to New Orleans as a senior process engineer with Murphy Oil Co.

**Shannon Peters Talbott**, c'94, j'94, is program manager for Microsoft in Redmond, Wash. She lives in Seattle.

**Bradley Tice**, p'94, p'96, recently became an assistant professor of pharmacy at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

#### MARRIED

**Linda Nickell**, c'94, and **Ryan Niemann**,

b'94, Sept. 6 in Denver, where Linda is a speech language pathologist with Novacare and Ryan works for an oil company and studies for a master's in information systems at the University of Colorado.

#### BORN TO:

**Stacey Neff Watts**, d'94, and Terry son, George Robert, Jan. 29 in Olathe. They live in Ottawa.

#### 1995

**Bonnie Bost**, d'95, coordinates the diabetes education program for Tulsa Regional Medical Center.

**Jeffrey Engel**, a'95, works for Gaskin Hill Norcross Architects in Springfield, Mo. He and his wife, **Jacquelyn**, live in Fordland and will celebrate their first anniversary Aug. 9.

**Jay Koester**, j'95, has been promoted to assistant news editor at the Statesman Journal in Salem, Ore.

**Jeffrey Kolars**, c'95, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He's a U.S. Navy lieutenant junior grade and is stationed in Waipahu, Hawaii.

**Nathan Regier**, g'95, PhD'98, works as a psychologist in Newton.

**Cathleen Reitz**, c'95, graduated from Avila College earlier this year with a nursing degree. She's a staff nurse in the progressive care unit at St. Joseph Health Center in Kansas City.

#### MARRIED

**Justin Anderson**, b'95, and **Jean Pinne**, c'96, April 18 in Prairie Village. Jean coordinates communications for Hu-Friedy in Chicago, where they live.

**Krista Duke**, s'95, and **Jeremy Fort**, b'96, Sept. 13. They live in Prairie Village, and Jeremy works as a staff accountant for KPMG Peat Marwick in Kansas City.

#### BORN TO:

**Libbie Peterson Bodde**, b'95, and **Mark**, c'96, daughter, Amelia Anne, Dec. 3 in Yucca Valley, Calif. Mark recently was promoted to 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

#### 1996

**Michelle Bicknell**, b'96, supervises the Jackson Hewitt Tax Service office in Lawrence. She lives in Auburn.

**Branden Boyd**, e'96, is a project engineer for Payne & Brockway, a civil engineering and land surveying firm in Olathe. He lives in Eudora.

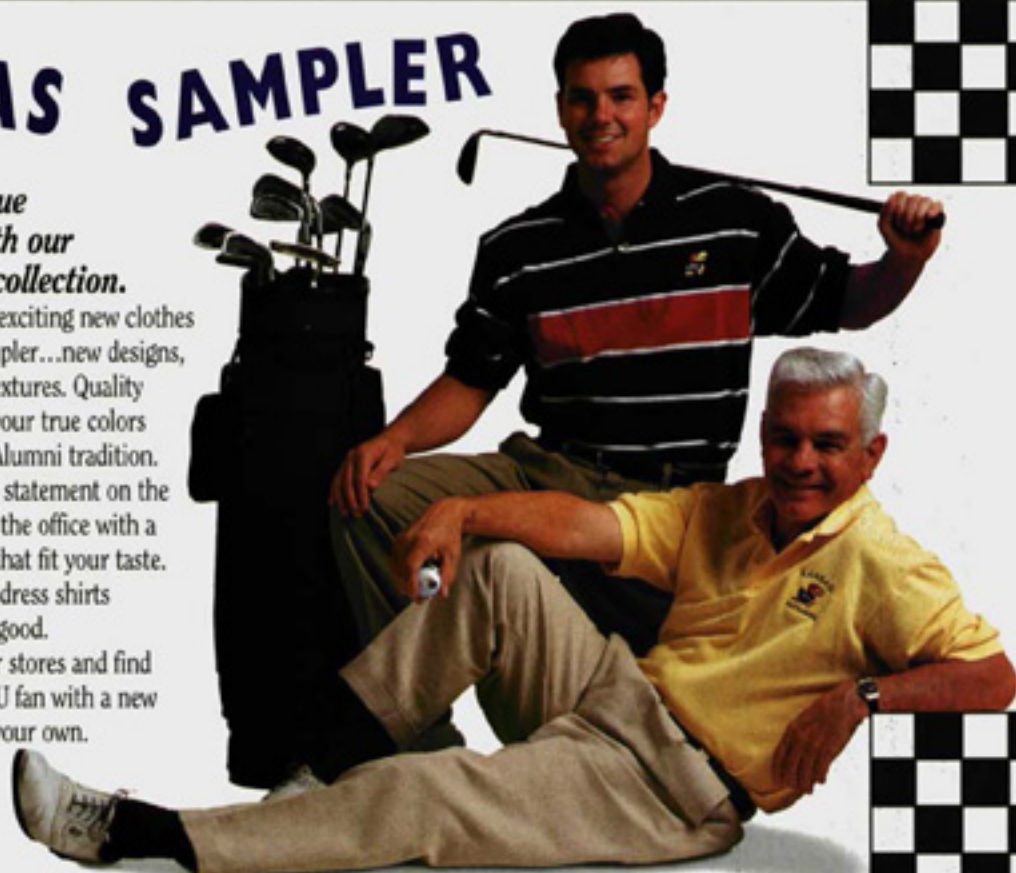
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**Eric**, j'96, and **Sami Randle Braddy**, f'98, make their home in Lakewood, Colo. They celebrated their first anniversary May 24.

**Jennifer Derryberry**, j'96, edits Super Floral magazine in Lenexa. She lives in Olathe.

**Amy Terrell Dominik**, c'96, is a territory business manager for Bristol-Myers Squibb. She and her husband, **Mark**, d'94, celebrated their first anniversary June 7. Mark is a pro scout for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

**Christoph Fuhrmans**, j'96, c'96, is a sports page planner and designer at the Savannah Morning News in Savannah, Ga.

**Jenny Harden**, c'96, directs political and public relations for the Raleigh/Wake County Board of Realtors in Raleigh, N.C.

**Jarrod Krug**, j'96, owns Fluidesign Group, a web design company in Chicago.

**Meredith Phillips**, d'96, teaches reading at Fairfax Elementary School in Kansas City. She lives in Overland Park.

**Amy Solt**, j'96, works as solution provider coordinator for Omega Research in Miami, Fla. She lives in Coconut Grove.

**Chad Ullom**, p'96, is a pharmacist at Walgreens in Topeka.

**Melanie Zack**, c'96, directs sales and marketing for two vacation properties in Arizona. She lives in Scottsdale.

## MARRIED

**Amy Valigura**, p'96, to Jay Bokelman, Sept. 20 in Topeka. Amy is a pharmacist with ProMark Pharmacy in San Antonio, Texas, and Jay is a pharmaceutical sales representative with Hoechst Marion Roussel.

## BORN TO:

**Alexander Blancarte**, c'96, and Stephanie, daughter, Adeline Marie, March 12 in Lincoln, Neb., where Alexander manages locomotive materials for General Electric and Stephanie is an early childhood and special education teacher.

## 1997

**Sarah Hall**, d'97, is a pharmaceutical representative for Roche. She lives in Fayetteville, Ark.

**Wade Jones**, c'97, is assistant manager at the Great Train Store in Alpharetta, Ga. He and **Amy Wolf Jones**, b'93, live in Marietta.

**Bradley Korell**, l'97, works as a tax attorney in the personal financial counseling division of Ernst & Young in Dallas.

**Gary Lazarus**, j'97, recently joined the Gatorade account marketing team at Trumpet Advertising in New Orleans. He lives in Metairie, La.

**Timothy Pankey**, g'97, recently joined HNTB in Kansas City as a civil engineer in the highway design department.

**Allen Reed**, g'97, is chief financial officer at Kaw Valley Home Sales in Lawrence.

**Wendy Reese**, j'97, c'98, coordinates accounts at JWT Specialized Communications in Kansas City.

**Matthew Ross**, e'97, recently was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He is stationed in South Korea.

**William Ruisinger**, b'97, g'97, is a staff accountant with Deloitte & Touche in Kansas City.

**Lindsay Sander**, c'97, works as a media analyst for Campbell Mithun Esty in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Mark Schlipman**, c'97, is a representative of Metropolitan Life in Quincy, Ill.

**Michael White**, b'97, works as an investment assistant with Commerce Bank Investment Management Group in Kansas City. He lives in Overland Park.

## MARRIED

**Christopher Bryant**, c'97, to Lindsee Marr, Dec. 12 in Topeka, where they live. Christopher's an order representative for Gear for Sports in Lenexa.

**Melissa Depperschmidt**, b'97, and **David Martin**, b'97, Sept. 27. They live in Denver, and David is an accountant with Levine, Hughes & Mithuen in Englewood.

**Jennifer Herzog**, h'97, to Matthew Krey, May 9. They live in Madison, Wis., and Jennifer is an occupational therapist with Columbia Health Care Center in Wyocena.

**John Whetstine**, b'97, to Dana Evans, Sept. 20. They live in Highland, where John owns and operates Whetstine Farms.

## 1998

**Christie Appelhanz**, j'98, is a business reporter for the Topeka Capital-Journal.

**Christopher Braun**, f'98, practices law with Wallace, Saunders, Austin, Brown & Enoch in Wichita.

**Michele Brown**, g'98, teaches gifted education for the Olathe public schools. She lives in Lenexa.

**Craig Hanson**, b'98, works as a property manager for Weigand-Omega Management in Wichita.

**Carolyn Heinen**, b'98, is a sales representative for Coca-Cola Enterprises in Lenexa. She lives in Mission.

**Kevin Huff**, c'98, works for Huff Inc. in Shawnee.

**Wenqing Jin**, g'98, is a software engineer for Nortel in Santa Clara, Calif.

**Amy Jumisko**, '98, works for the Lawrence Police Department.

**Christopher Myers**, '98, lives in Olathe and works as an administrator for Carroll Care Centers in Kansas City.

**Jill Nasman**, g'98, received a mini fellowship in three-dimensional visual arts recently from the

Kansas Arts Commission. She lives in Lawrence.

**Jennifer Novak**, '98, works as a nutritionist at Park College. She lives in Lenexa.

**Philip Perillo**, c'98, lives in Fairfax, Va., and works as a customer service representative for IKON Office Solutions in Washington, D.C.

**Chad Perry**, b'98, is a project analyst for UMB in Kansas City. He lives in Shawnee.

**Jason Purinton**, b'98, works as an investment associate with Paine Webber in Chicago.

**Mark Sims**, h'98, lives in Kansas City, where he's a clinical marketing specialist for Cerner.

**Pamela Graddy Smart**, g'98, works as an associate engineer for the Board of Public Utilities in Kansas City.

**Anthony Sollars**, b'98, is a sales representative for Veterinary Forum in Fairway. He lives in Mission.

**Gina Swift**, c'98, works as a speech pathologist assistant for the New Caney Independent School District. She lives in Sugarland, Texas.

## Associates

### BORN TO:

**John and Lauren Mattleman Hoopes**, son, Nathaniel, Dec. 26. They live in Lawrence, where John is an associate professor of anthropology and Lauren is associate director of gift planning for the Endowment Association. Their family includes a daughter, Alexandra, 4.

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l	School of Law
m	School of Medicine
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## GRANDMOTHER IS NOT THE RETIRING KIND

Early in their courtship, Rod Dyerly took Ruth Longwood on an unusual date. "He was on the rifle team at KU, and he wanted to show off, I think, so we went out shooting one afternoon," she recalls. "I outshot him.

"I thought, 'I guess I won't see that guy again.'"

But Dyerly withstood the loss, confident that his romantic aim was sure. After more than 40 years of marriage, he cheers his wife's accomplishments, boasting that she still outshoots him—and outflies and outskydives him.

Ruth, now a grandmother of six, has somersaulted and spun in a biplane, parachuted from dizzying heights, soared in hang gliders and flown a sailplane—all during the Dyerlys' so-called retirement years.

"I used to think I was afraid of heights," Ruth says, laughing. "I used to avoid stepladders and changing light bulbs, but my husband says that excuse won't work anymore."

As their children grew older, Rod, c'54, l'58, and Ruth, d'55, first sought adventure below sea level. Scuba diving became a family activity (one of their two daughters now is an instructor in Hawaii). After Rod retired from his law practice in 1990, he and Ruth traveled more often from their longtime home in Chesterton, Ind. Their first stops were in the Caribbean and Hawaii, diving to study coral and collect seashells.

Then they searched for unexplored waters that would yield unusual shells. They found their quarry in a remote marine preserve off Sulawesi, an island in Indonesia, and decided to publish a book on exotic shells.

Four trips and more than 1,000 dives later, Ruth's research is compiled in *Seashells of Sulawesi*, to be published by



COURTESY OF ROD DYERLY

Periplus Press in Singapore. Ruth also has formed a business, RD Adventures.

She now turns her attention skyward, visiting air shows and seeking every opportunity to fly high. Rod, who calls his wife an inspiration, remembers the first time a pilot held out a parachute and asked who would go first. "I took two steps backward," he says. "But Ruth stepped right up."

She wants to learn to pilot sailplanes, a feat that, along with her other airborne antics, drives her son crazy, she says. "He's a commercial pilot, and he hasn't done any of those things."

Ruth has no regrets about her new calling or her former career. After teaching school, she became a full-time mother to their three children. "When the children were here, I was the mom and I loved it," she says. "But I've never been one who wanted to go to bridge club and sit around and talk about the soaps; that just bored me to death."

Indeed, Ruth fears boredom more than her dangerous hobbies. "If you're retired, to me that's the time to get up and do the things you want to do," she says.

"And I've been doing them, I guess." —

## The Early Years

**M. Donald Brighton, '29**, 91, April 24 in Manhattan, where he owned Brighton Home Furnishings. He is survived by two sons; three daughters, two of whom are Mary Brighton Funk, '62, and Charlotte Brighton Herr; f'65; 10 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

**Margaret Walker Cool, c'24**, 94, Jan. 29 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. She is survived by a son; a daughter; Margaret Cool Kauffman, d'52; a sister; Elizabeth Walker Wyman, c'27; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

**Joe Dumm, c'29**, 90, March 26 in Emporia, where he owned J.C. Dumm Furniture and later worked at Memorial Lawn Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite, a son, a daughter and five grandchildren.

**Lucky Hostetter, c'21**, 101, March 19 in Ottawa. He owned and operated Hostetter Hardware in Wellsville and was a 1981 recipient of the Ottawa University Distinguished Service Award. A daughter; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren survive.

**Vernon Kauffman, c'28**, 94, April 17 in Eudora. He lived in Lawrence and was an agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance. A memorial has been established with the Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Eula Penwell Kauffman, c'29; a daughter; Nancy Kauffman Werner, d'62; a brother; Harold, c'24; two sisters; and two grandchildren.

**M.W. "Mo" Kraemer, c'28**, 92, Dec. 15 in Hays, where he owned ABC Drug Store and Fort Hays Pharmacy. He is survived by his wife, Helen Gordon Kraemer, assoc.; two sons, one of whom is Richard, '68; a brother; Melvin, c'28; and seven grandchildren.

**Aliene Carey Winchester Krueger, '26**, Feb. 3 in Evergreen, Colo., where she was a jeweler and a sculpter. Surviving are a daughter, Kirsten Krueger LaMontagne, c'62; a son; and two grandchildren.

**Imogene Hoyt Ramsey, '27**, 95, March 17 in Kansas City. A son, a daughter, a stepdaughter, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survive.

**Francis "Bud" Sterling, c'28**, 93, April 20 in Canton, where he owned the Canton Pilot and Sterling Press Inc. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and a sister; Marcella Sterling Williams, c'31.

**Robert Tonsing, c'26**, 95, March 15 in Wichita, where he was retired editor of the Wichita Eagle. A daughter; a brother; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survive.

## 1930s

**Robert Brink, c'35**, 84, March 19 in Kansas City, where he owned Tri-State Lumber. A memorial has been established with the Endowment Association. He is survived by his

wife, Mary Breed Brink, c'47; two daughters, one of whom is Martha Brink McCormick, c'79, g'83; two sisters, one of whom is Caroline Brink Van Cleave, c'36; and four grandchildren.

**Mary Louise Lonker Broadie, '32**, 88, March 22 in Ashland. She was a retired banker and is survived by a son; a daughter; Rosemary Broadie Goings, '59; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**Harold Brown, '38**, 85, Feb. 27 in Lenexa. He was an engineer and draftsman for Marley Cooling Tower and had helped with the construction of the statue of Moses that stands in front of KU's Smith Hall. He is survived by a son, four daughters, a sister and 11 grandchildren.

**Hearne Christopher Sr., '33**, 85, April 20 in Delray Beach, Fla., of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. He was former chair and chief executive officer of B.C. Christopher & Co. and president of the Kansas City Board of Trade. Surviving are his wife, Julia, a son, two daughters and three grandchildren.

**Maxine Earhart Dees, c'37**, 81, March 18 in Beatrice, Neb. She is survived by two daughters, Sherryl Dees Rohlf, c'60, and Gailyn Dees Holland, '61; a son; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

**M.W. "Swede" Everley, d'35**, 85, March 29 in Eudora. He taught school and coached and later founded Everley Roofing and Heating in Lawrence. He is survived by his wife, Louise Jarboe Everley, c'35; a daughter; Barbara Everley Eichhorn, d'59; two sons, one of whom is Phillip, b'63; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Jane Surface Foster, c'34**, 84, Dec. 12 in Staunton, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by her husband, Robert; a daughter; two sons; two brothers, James, c'42, g'48, and Edward, c'48; three grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

**Nadyne Barker Fowler, c'34**, 86, March 13 in Mission. A brother-in-law survives.

**Hunter Gilkeson, c'32**, 89, April 3 in Wichita, where he was board chairman of Lusco Brick & Stone. He is survived by his wife, Sue Ball Gilkeson, assoc.; two sons, Bruce, c'74, and James, c'90; a stepson; three stepdaughters, one of whom is Molly Mulloy, g'90; three grandchildren; and eight stepgrandchildren.

**Arvin Heichen, c'32**, 86, April 17 in Dodge City, where he had owned fabric and jewelry stores. He is survived by his wife, Ethel, a son, a daughter and three grandchildren.

**Lola Banta King, c'31**, 91, April 8 in Topeka. She was a retired teacher and is survived by a son; a daughter; Carolyn King Eland, d'58; a brother; a twin sister; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Jane Knisely, c'37**, 87, March 7 in Orlando, Fla., where she organized the first microbiology department at Orlando Regional Medical

Center and directed the laboratories at Orange County Medical Clinic. A son, two grandsons and a great-granddaughter survive.

**Stuart Landrum, c'37**, Sept. 18 in Farmington, Mo., where he owned Landrum Insurance. Among survivors are his wife, Becky, a daughter and two sons.

**Robert Lightstone, e'33**, 88, April 20 in Coffeyville. A niece and several nephews survive.

**Florence Edmonds McAllister, c'30**, 89, Dec. 3 in Manchester, N.H. She lived in White Plains, N.Y., for many years and volunteered with the Burke Foundation for Rehabilitation and the American Red Cross. She is survived by her husband, John; a son; three sisters, Barbara Edmonds Peterson, c'40, Josephine Edmonds Rankin, d'31, and Wanda Edmonds Chapman, f'34; a brother, Norman, b'40; and three grandchildren.

**James Postma, c'39, f'41**, 82, April 18 in Lawrence, where he was of counsel to the law firm of Riling, Burkhead & Nitcher. During the 1950s, he had been an adjunct professor of law and of business at KU. He is survived by his wife, Sally Fitzpatrick Postma, c'46; a daughter, Rosalea Postma Carttar, c'77; two brothers; and two granddaughters.

**Millard Schulz, p'39, m'45**, 86, April 7 in Albuquerque, N.M., where he was a retired physician. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Harwood Schulz, assoc.; three sons, two of whom are James, d'65, and George, j'77; a daughter; Janet Schulz Hamous, c'78; a brother; two sisters; and six grandchildren.

**Jean Pratt Ulmer, b'37**, 85, April 26 in Lenexa. She lived in Lawrence for many years and is survived by five daughters, Nancy Ulmer Spence, c'67, Janet Ulmer Koertge, c'71, Susan Ulmer Snyderman, '64, Judy Ulmer Leon, '73, and Becky Ulmer Pinzon, '69; a son, John, c'72; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Mildred Wismer Wilson, c'31**, 107, Feb. 17 in Edmonds, Wash. She taught school and had been an auditor for the Internal Revenue Service. Among survivors are a daughter; a sister, Amy Wismer Rose, c'27; and two brothers, Raymond, e'31, g'37, and Chester, '31.

**DeLoss Winkler, c'36, g'39, PhD'41**, 84, April 5 in Palo Alto, Calif. He lived in Walnut Creek and had been a polymer chemist with Shell Development and Beckman Instruments. He is survived by his wife, Evangeline Clark Winkler, c'36; a son; a daughter; a brother; Marion, e'31; a sister; and five grandsons.

## 1940s

**Vernon Bartram, b'40**, 81, March 23 in Topeka. He was a retired U.S. Marine Corps colonel and had been business manager at a Portland, Ore., law firm. Two daughters, a brother and two grandchildren survive.

**Hugo Becker, e'41**, Oct. 22 in Woodbury, N.J. He was a retired chemical engineer with Mobil Research Corp., and he is survived by his wife, Amelia; a son; a daughter; a sister; two brothers, one of whom is William, '43; and three grandchildren.

**Homer Bigham, g'43**, 89, March 16 in Beloit, where he was a retired teacher and school administrator. Two sons, four grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive.

**Mary Mathews Deay, c'48**, 70, March 11 in Shawnee Mission. She lived in Prairie Village and is survived by her husband, Dwight, c'49; two sons, Charles, c'82, m'86, and Robert, b'86; a daughter; two brothers, Robert Mathews, c'49, m'54, and William Mathews, e'43; and six grandchildren.

**Frank Neff Jr., c'48**, 77, March 25 in Topeka, where he was a retired district traffic superintendent for Southwestern Bell Telephone. A memorial has been established with the Endowment Association. He is survived by a son; three daughters, two of whom are Josephine Neff Taylor, '66, and Cathy Neff Callen, g'81; a brother; a sister; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Laurence Stanton, g'42**, 89, March 26 in Hays. He lived in Dodge City, where he taught and was a principal and superintendent of schools. He is survived by his wife, Thelma; two sons, one of whom is Steven, '71; two daughters; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Bernard "Buddy" Wolkow, b'48**, 74, April 6 in Kansas City, where he was a retired CPA and a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves. He is survived by his wife, Betty; three daughters, two of whom are Diane Wolkow Schaefer, j'77, and Julie Wolkow Wolfe, '94; and six grandchildren.

### 1950s

**Donald Benson, PhD'59**, 71, March 29 in Ames, where he had been a professor of English at Iowa State University. He is survived by his wife, Martha, three sons, two brothers, a sister and three grandchildren.

**John "Jack" Dickson, d'56, g'65**, 68, April 28 in Atchison, where he taught English at Atchison High School. He is survived by his mother; and two brothers, William, c'58, and Mark, c'76.

**Robert Elliott, c'51, m'55**, March 19 in Houston, where he was an anesthesiologist. Surviving are his wife, Betty Lomelino Elliott, c'52; four sons; a daughter; a brother; and six grandchildren.

**Norman Garrett, '50**, 72, March 31 in Raymore, Mo. He owned Metro Industries in Grandview and is survived by his wife, Jo Ann Spalding Garrett, '49; a daughter; a son; and five grandchildren.

**Alta Joyce Bryan Hawley, d'55, g'70**, 65, March 8 in Kansas City. She lived in Leavenworth and was a teacher. Surviving are her husband, Dale, '51; a daughter; a son; and two sisters, one of whom is Yvonne Bryan Parsons, '51.

**Kenneth Maxwell, '53**, 73, March 6 in Kansas City. He had been an engineering draftsman in Lawrence before moving to Kansas City. His wife, Josephine Merrill Maxwell, c'62, is among survivors.

**Thomas Milligan, a'51**, 70, March 13 in Kansas City, where he was principal in charge of construction services for Abend Singleton. Among survivors are his wife, Jane, assoc.; a son; two daughters; and a stepson.

### 1960s

**Kathleen Cortner Perry, '56**, 63, April 17 in Overland Park. She was a member of the Junior Women's Symphony Association and is survived by her husband, Robert, d'52; two daughters, one of whom is Rebecca Perry Specht, h'84; two sisters, one of whom is Carolyn Cortner Linnemeyer, d'52; and seven grandchildren.

**Rollin "Rick" Richter Jr., f'62**, 60, March 26 in Leawood. He owned Rollin Richter Design and is survived by his wife, Janice Pilley Richter, d'62; two sons, Dirk, b'94, and Brett, '98; and three brothers.

### 1970s

**Roger Grosser, g'71, g'72, PhD'77**, 53, April 15 in Safety Harbor, Fla. He lived in Lee's Summit, Mo., and was an archaeologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He is survived by his wife, Joy; two daughters, a son, his parents, a brother and a sister.

**Cassie Pangle Hagen, d'72**, 50, March 10 in Blue Springs, Mo. She is survived by her husband, William, e'79, g'83, PhD'87; a daughter, Chandra, '97; a son, Jason, '98; her mother; and a sister.

### 1980s

**Stephen Dolinar, '85**, 72, April 15 in Kansas City. He was a partner in the law firm of Buck and Dolinar and had published two novels, *Stratagen Rex* and *The Tree*. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Dolinar, '85; a daughter; a son; a brother; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

**Betty Larson Faler, '85**, 65, March 17 in Kansas City. She lived in McLouth and had owned Paradise Pets & Grooming and Orchard Hill Kennel. Surviving are her husband, George; a son; a daughter, Deborah Larson Lundmark, '72; two brothers; a sister, Linda Larson Holder, n'65; six grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

**Leland Kolsky, f'85**, 35, April 11 in Sedalia, Mo., of Lou Gehrig's disease. He managed a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant and is survived by his wife, Cristy, a daughter, his parents, a brother, two sisters and his grandmothers.

### 1990s

**William Tarpley, c'96**, 26, Feb. 28 in Kansas City of a brain tumor. He is survived by his wife, Sheila Zuschek Tarpley, c'91, j'95; his parents; his stepparents; two brothers; four sisters; and his grandparents.

### The University Community

**Richard Evans**, 63, Feb. 23 in Grand Cayman, British West Indies. He lived in Kansas City and was retired chair of radiation oncology at the KU Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Gaelen, a son, a daughter, a brother and a sister.

**Russel Sehon, d'49**, 79, April 11 in Olathe. He had been an assistant trainer for former KU trainer Dean Nesmith and was the KU baseball coach in 1947 and 1948. He later worked as a scout for several major-league teams. During the offseason, he worked for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance. Surviving are three sons; a sister; Elaine Sehon Taylor, '46; and four grandchildren.

### Associates

**Miriam Kroemer Baesel**, 73, March 23 in Kansas City. She is survived by her husband, Dean, assoc.; a son, Dean, c'72; and two grandchildren.

**Almeda Cory Church**, 84, March 29 in Kinsley. She lived in Greensburg and is survived by her husband, Steve, f'30; a son, Edward, c'68, f'70; two daughters, one of whom is Judy Church Marshall, '63; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

**George Clem**, 94, March 4 in Lawrence. He taught school, worked for Kansas Power and Light and later was senior vice president of Douglas County Bank. A memorial has been established with the Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Maude Carter Clem, assoc.; a son, Michael, b'63; a daughter, Patricia Clem Shepard, d'54; and four grandchildren.

**Arthur "Archie" DeVore**, 85, April 11 in El Dorado, where he was retired from Cities Service Oil Co. He is survived by his wife, Catharine Chaney DeVore, assoc.; two sons; a daughter; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Maxine Chuning VanBiber**, 76, April 4 in Independence, Mo. She is survived by her husband, James, m'44; four sons, three of whom are James, c'67, Joseph, m'85, and John, m'88; two daughters; a brother; two sisters; 13 grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters.

**Mary McDonald Wilson**, 82, Feb. 24 in Lawrence. She is survived by her husband, Joe, assoc.; two daughters, Cathy Wilson Imen, d'69, and Linda, '62; and two granddaughters.

# Beyond a great home-run call

NBC's Costas offers students a play-by-play on sports broadcasting

It takes something special to get students to show up in a Mount Oread classroom on Stop Day. For broadcasting majors, though, it doesn't get any more special than a guest lecture by Bob Costas, the lyrical voice of NBC Sports.

Costas was brought to campus by journalism lecturer Tom Hedrick, g'58, himself a veteran broadcaster who first heard Costas when the future superstar was a 24-year-old rookie working University of Missouri football games for St. Louis' famed radio station, KMOX.

"You can understand how special I thought he was from the first time I heard him call a game," Hedrick told the assembled students, "because it had to be that good for me to listen to an entire half of Missouri football."

Costas rescheduled his visit twice during the spring semester. His journey to Lawrence finally came during the middle of the NBA playoffs, which Costas was calling for NBC. Once he began his lecture, Costas wasted no time getting to the heart of what it means to be a good broadcaster.

"One of the things you try to do is capture the story line of an event," Costas told the assembled students. "If you can get to what would be in a well-written story, you've done your job well."

Providing game-day insights (rather than mundane statistical minutia) and relating a dramatic story line should be a broadcaster's highest aspirations, Costas said. As evidence, Costas told Hedrick's broadcasting students that the highly regarded baseball writer Roger Angell, writing two months after the Marlins beat the Indians in the 1997 World Series, offered *New Yorker* readers nothing that wasn't at least touched on by Costas during the live broadcasts.

"That, more than a good home-run call, is what I would be

most proud of," Costas said.

As for the World Series, Costas said it was a storyteller's delight. Along with many interesting players, there was also the issue of the expansion Florida Marlins facing the long-suffering Cleveland Indians.

"Setting up the story, you immediately see you have Cleveland vs. Miami," Costas said. "Cleveland has waited 50 years for this World Series. People in South Florida have waited since Tuesday. And here you are, playing in a crummy ballpark where you hit a home run off the Office Depot foul pole, where the owner is going to turn his club into a Triple-A franchise before they've even swept up the confetti. It almost isn't fair."

Costas also took some subtle swipes at the less-than-sincere aspects of his job, such as reading NBC promotional copy and hosting Olympics broadcasts filled with what Costas terms "hearts and flowers stories." Although both are demands of the job, Costas said he often uses a slight inflection in his voice or a raised eyebrow to give his viewers a hint that he understands how silly the moment might be.

"There's just a limit to how sincere a man can be when following John Tesh," Costas said, bemoaning numbingly bright features about Olympic athletes overcoming personal tragedies.

Costas also told the students he examined tapes of his own broadcasts, and his message was clear: If the best in the business takes self criticism seriously, so should neophytes.

"It's usually a question of pace," Costas said. "Usually I'm happy about what I said, but did I pace it right, and did I choose the right moment to say it? It's not an error, but it is about finding the most effective approach."—



**HE TALKS, HE SCORES:** During the fourth game of the NBA finals between the Utah Jazz and the Chicago Bulls, Costas referred to Dennis Rodman's "tired freak show," a perfect description for the creepy antics of the player who's worse than anyone ought to be.



**ALLIED HEALTH****Acting dean wins job, will do double duty**

Karen L. Miller, dean of nursing, was recently named dean of allied health, serving a rare dual deanship.

Miller, who came to KU from The Children's Hospital in Denver, where she had been vice president of nursing, has spent the past the past year as acting dean of allied health.

University officials emphasized both schools will retain their individual identities, and there are no plans to combine nursing and allied health.

During her year as acting dean of allied health, all physical therapy graduates successfully completed their licensure exams on first attempt; the intercampus speech-language pathology program was ranked seventh in the nation by U.S. News and World Report; and two elements of the Health Information Management program were identified as "best practice" for educators in a national benchmark study.

**ARCHITECTURE****Former phantom returns to old haunt for award**

Finding a specialization in architecture was simple for Frank Zilm—as a starving graduate student at the University of Michigan, he took a job at the planning office. Zilm found the work, which focused on healthcare building and planning, fascinating and became a designer of medical centers and research facilities.

For meeting the technical needs of hospitals and the needs of patients and families, Zilm, a'71, c'71, was named the School of Architecture and Urban Design's 1998 distinguished alumnus.

Zilm's firm, Frank Zilm & Associates Inc., in Kansas City, Mo., has completed more than 140 healthcare projects.

A former Hilltopper award winner, Zilm was the only student ever elected president KU's University Senate.

"I wish that I had been a more conscientious architecture student, but I think

it's fair to say I fully experienced this wonderful University," Zilm told graduates at a Commencement brunch.

"In fact, I experienced it so much I was nicknamed the Phantom of Marvin Hall."

**BUSINESS****Business minds put pencil to plan for prominence**

The School of Business got down to specifics at its April 10 Board of Advisors meeting; the result is a formal Plan for Excellence that, in short, dedicates faculty, staff, students and alumni to making the school one of the nation's top 10 public business schools.

Currently the undergraduate program is rated 29th among public schools, while the MBA program rates 40th.

"This is not just another academic exercise," Dean Tom Sarowski says. "The plan won't sit in someone's bookcase. It will be used every day to set the fenceposts that mark how far we've come."

Faculty have been assigned to each objective of the plan, including recruiting, education and technology, placement, learning environment, service, research and faculty recruitment and retention.

To jump-start the plan, Tim Crown, b'86, president of computer company Insight, endowed a fund with shares of Insight stock (with a cash value of \$530,000) to attract and retain top faculty.

**EDUCATION****Leadership, loyalty earn Sayers education accolade**

Gale Sayers, d'75, g'77, used to dodge tacklers as a standout running back for the Jayhawks and the Chicago Bears. Now the entrepreneur seeks a different impact as he serves on boards for several Chicago-area organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America.

For his work Sayers received the 1998 Apple Award for Distinguished Achievement in Education during the April 25 meeting of the School of Education's National

Advisory Board meeting.

"Gale has a long history of community service, particularly in education," says Karen Gallagher, dean of education. "Since 1994, he has helped the school raise more than \$45,000 for scholarships through the Gale Sayers Benefit Golf Tournament."

Sayers, who with his wife, Ardythe, founded Sayers Computer Source in 1982, was a two-time All-American at KU and was the youngest player ever inducted to NFL Hall of Fame.

**FINE ARTS****Winerock's students win golds for ivories talent**

University piano students dominated the recent Naftzger Auditions and Music Awards sponsored by the Wichita Symphony Orchestra and considered the premier music competition in the region.

Maxim Shagdarov, Moscow freshman, won the grand prize, including \$5,000. Shagdarov, who attended the Gnessin School for Gifted Students in Russia, came to KU with a scholarship to study with Jack H. Winerock, professor of piano. For the competition, Shagdarov performed works by fellow countrymen Sergei Rachmaninoff and Sergei Prokofiev, as well as Ludwig van Beethoven.

Roger McVey, Wichita doctoral student, won the piano division and \$2,000. McVey, who began his doctoral work last fall after completing a master's at Indiana University, played works by Beethoven, Prokofiev and Alexander Scriabin.

**GRADUATE****Dissertations are lauded in name of grad-school greats**

From 1940 to 1983, Dorothy Haglund, g'78, helped graduate students as director of admissions and records and later as assistant dean. To honor her, Marnie Hayes Argersinger, c'50, g'68, and

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# Out of Africa

Plastic surgeon returns from Benin with new thanks for plentiful U.S. healthcare

Before he left for a three-week medical mission in coastal West Africa, Ned Garrigues had never heard of Benin. But Garrigues, m'74, chief of plastic surgery at KU Medical Center's Sutherland Institute, didn't need a geography lesson to respond to human suffering.

"It isn't right to say those people don't have very much," Garrigues says. "They don't have anything."

What the people of Benin had this past spring—thanks to the arrival of the 522-foot *Anastasis*, a hospital ship operated by a missionary relief organization called Mercy Ships—was hope.

KU's involvement was spurred by Dwight Sutherland, '45, founder of Sutherland Lumber and a winner of the Distinguished Service Citation and Fred Ellsworth Medallion.

Sutherland and his family have long been principal benefactors of KU Medical Center's reconstructive surgery program. So when Sutherland was approached by two longtime friends—including Bill Kanaga, e'47, retired chairman of Ernst & Young and also a Distinguished Service Citation honoree—about participating in the Mercy Ships program, he quickly agreed.

With Sutherland's sponsorship, Garrigues, anesthesiologist Jack Bray, m'83, resident David Csikai and operating-room nurses Lisa Elm and Clara Meneses flew to Benin in late February to meet up with the *Anastasis*, already docked at the port city of Cotonou.

The KU doctors and nurses lived and worked on the *Anastasis* for nearly three weeks in stifling tropical heat. The ship's limited air conditioning was reserved for its dental clinic and three operating



**HEALING 'HAWKS:** (l to r above) Doctors Ned Garrigues, David Csikai and Jack Bray and nurses Lisa Elm and Clara Meneses brought the miracle of plastic surgery to Benin for three weeks; the hopeful face of a young boy, his cleft lip corrected, powerfully portrays "the reason we went," Garrigues says.

rooms, one of which was occupied by KU's plastic-surgery team.

Garrigues and his team treated cleft lips and palates, burn scars, large tumors and deformities caused by malnutrition and tropical diseases. Garrigues said many of the deformities they treated are not common in Africa, but the relatively few cases add up when there is not one plastic surgeon in all of Benin.

"There are 200 doctors in the entire



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country," Garrigues told a Medical Center audience assembled to hear a post-trip briefing. "What's that, the size of our med-school class? One class at one med school? That's how many they have in their entire country. That's pretty grim."

Garrigues said Benin's residents have a life expectancy of 48; 50 percent of the population is under 15; and the principal business is making coffins.

The hospital ship was staffed entirely by volunteers, and residents of the West African nation (located between Nigeria and Togo) began lining up as soon as medical services became available.

"It was a tough situation," Garrigues says. "People came from 400 and 500 miles around, selling everything for the chance to stand in line, where they had a one in 30 chance of getting surgery."

As he neared the end of his presentation, Garrigues showed his audience a slide of a wide-eyed little boy with severe cleft lip. Then he showed a photo taken after the surgery, with stitches, a small spot of clotted blood and a dandy blue Jayhawk cap the only clues that it was the same small child.

"You want to know why we went? There's the reason," Garrigues told his audience, fighting back a tear while gazing at the boy's photograph. "This trip taught me about all the things we take for granted. You just can't understand how fortunate we are until you go to a place like this. It was a difficult trip, but I'm glad we went to Benin. I'm glad we could help."—

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her late husband, William, established in 1979 the Dorothy Haglund Prize for an outstanding doctoral dissertation. In 1992, they created the Marnie and Bill Argersinger Award, another honor for excellence in doctoral dissertations. William Argersinger was vice chancellor for research and graduate studies and dean of the Graduate School.

This year's prizes were awarded May 16 at the graduate school's doctoral hooding.

Cynthia Ingham, Van Buren, Ark., history, won the Haglund prize for "With Great Liberty: Virginia's Denominational Character in the Late Eighteenth Century."

The Argersinger prizes went to Fred Besthorn, Topeka, social welfare, "Reconceptualizing Social Work's Person-in-Environment Perspective: Explorations in Radical Environmental Thought," and Tonya Dombroski, Cascade, Idaho, chemistry, for "The Identification and Isolation of Organic Contaminants in Ground Water at Rocky Mountain Arsenal: A Systematic Analytical Approach."

#### LAW

### Professor chooses the Hill over Washington's heights

Reginald L. Robinson, acting director of the Office for Victims of Crime with the U.S. Department of Justice, soon will return to the University as visiting professor of law and counselor to Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway.

Robinson, c'80, l'87, a member of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors, will rejoin the University Aug. 1.

Robinson first joined the law faculty in 1988 after spending a year as a clerk for Judge Deaneel Reece Tacha, c'68, of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. While teaching, he two times won the Frederick J. Moreau Award for Student Counseling and Advising and helped found the Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy.

Robinson left for Washington, D.C., as a White House Fellow in 1993, then served in various posts in the Department

of Justice, including deputy associate attorney general and special assistant to Attorney General Janet Reno.

Hemenway says he was especially pleased KU could lure a respected faculty member back from Washington.

"Often when people go off to Washington, D.C., they get Potomac fever and you never see them again," Hemenway says. "The fact that Reggie wanted to come back to Kansas makes us realize that the University can entice successful people to be a part of the state's future."

#### NURSING

### Sternier stuff the solution for intravenous fluids

A recent KU Medical Center study concluded that at least 25 percent of U.S. academic medical centers use excessive sugar in intravenous nutrition solutions.

The study was conducted by Jeanne Henning, n'91, the only Medical Center nurse (and one of three in Kansas City) who has earned the designation Certified Nutrition Support Nurse, and Paul Schloerb, professor of surgery and director of nutritional support service.

Response to the study was swift at the Medical Center, the first hospital in Kansas City (and one of the first in the country) to reduce its sugar content. Patients now receive 15 percent dextrose, down from 20 percent to 35 percent used in many other hospitals.

"Normal blood sugar levels are around 100, but most hospitals aren't too concerned if post-operative blood sugar levels get up to around 200," Schloerb says. "The problem is that at blood sugar levels of 220, the incidence of infection is increased fivefold."

#### PHARMACY

### Trained brains respond readily to Parkinson's drug

Searching for alternatives to drugs and surgery in the treatment of Parkinson's

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# Timeless fashion

## Graduation gown fits 77-year-old like a dream come true

It's stifling hot on the Wednesday before Commencement, but in his apartment on Lawrence's south side, Robert McDonough doesn't seem to notice.

Dressed to the nines on the sweltering day, McDonough wants to add another layer. His weathered hands pull the dark gown over his head and he imperceptibly shakes his body to set it right. Placing the mortar board on his head, adjusting it just so, McDonough tries—and fails—to contain his pleasure.

"Looks good, doesn't it?" he asks.

Yes, it does. And it looked even better on May 18, when he put on that cap and gown to participate in Commencement, earning a bachelor's degree in English at youthful age of 77.

"It's been such a long pull that I feel like I have really earned it," says McDonough, whose first formal studies ended in 1938.

McDonough's father ran a paint store in O'Neill, Neb. Even though he had worked there afternoons and summer since he was 6, McDonough had to make time for school, or at least basketball.

A standout forward on the basketball team at St. Mary's Academy, McDonough reveled in all things hoop-related. In addition to playing, McDonough coached the 7th- and 8th-grade boys' team to cover tuition at the private school. But family beckoned, and in 11th grade McDonough traded the hardwood and the books for brushes and paints.

He never looked back. For 18 years, McDonough worked as a paint salesman in Lincoln, peddling a new non-toxic paint to mark football fields. The job took him across the country, as did his next job, as an architectural consultant and industrial-maintenance manager for Gliddens Coatings and Resins.

McDonough, a lifelong bachelor, recalls the trips, the people he met and the big sales. "I traveled all over country, and whenever I went anywhere I always thought I was leaving my troubles behind."

Nearly 40 years in the business was enough to make McDonough a de-facto engineer (he belongs to the National Association of Corrosion

Engineers), but there was something missing.

After his retirement to Lenexa in 1984, McDonough quickly got his general equivalency diploma, then started taking classes at Johnson County Community College, where he earned an associate degree in 1987.

He started at KU slowly, knocking out classes like tennis, badminton and square and ball-room dancing to keep in shape as much as anything. He dabbled in voice classes and tested the water in linguistics, which he still deems his favorite. But McDonough settled on the one subject he "was never good at"—English.

Shakespeare and Melville danced through his head as he progressed toward his degree. But in 1991 McDonough was stricken by a kidney ailment that eventually led to a transplant. He curtailed studies during strenuous dialysis treatments, but he stayed the course and kept his sense of humor. "Well, yes, a thing like that can sidetrack you a little bit," he quips.

McDonough stands in his steamy apartment decked out in black, proudly checking his look in the mirror and joking about how after all the term papers and essays, when it comes to typing he's still "a hunt and peck man."

But a hunt and peck man who is a college graduate. —



**PAINT IT BLACK:** It's been a long haul for Robert McDonough, but at 77, the former paint salesman has earned his bachelor's degree in English. He says the subject was his worst when he dropped out of high school in 1938.

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disease, two University researchers say exercise might be a key.

Exercise of the mind, that is.

"Our studies hint that exercising your brain every day might be just as important as 20 minutes of physical exercise," says Richard E. Tessell, professor of pharmacology and toxicology.

In a study conducted with Stephen R. Schroeder, director of the KU Institute of Life Span Studies, Parkinson's disease was simulated in rats by killing brain cells that produce dopamine, a chemical messenger that serves as a relay between certain nerve cells and the brain.

Sets of Parkinson's rats and normal rats received mental training that forced them to push various levers to get food. Another group received no mental training.

When drugs were administered to both trained and untrained rats, the trained groups, including both normal and Parkinson's, behaved normally.

The KU research, published in the journal *Brain Research*, is another indicator that lifestyle can influence the progression of diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

#### SOCIAL WELFARE

### Social Work Day continues as Twente Hall rite of spring

A mixture of professional development and school reunion made the annual Social Work Day April 17 a memorable one for the 400 participants, says Carol Ramirez, '71, president of the Social Welfare Alumni Society.

"We had a great deal of positive feedback," Ramirez says. "The keynote speaker, Lawrence Shulman, was energetic, invigorating and very exciting."

Shulman, dean of social work at the State University of New York-Buffalo, spoke about 21st-century social work, highlighting lessons of the profession's first 100 years. In addition, 15 workshops which covered issues such as poverty, the elder boom, domestic violence and community development.

# Mayday, mayday

## KU engineer helps make Kansas highways safer

A family cruises along a deserted road in Western Kansas at night, when suddenly a deer appears. The driver yanks the wheel to avoid the animal, sending the car careening into a ditch. All the family can do in this desolate place is wait for help.

Five years ago, such an accident would be a recipe for injury and maybe even death, but with the help of a Eric Meyer, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, accident victims in Kansas might soon be able to get automatic, timely assistance.

Meyer wants the state to implement Mayday, a device that attaches to trucks and automobiles to alert the proper authorities after an accident. Although he didn't invent the technology that places an automatic cellular phone call when a car crashes, he is on a "crusade" to see the product become standard equipment in every car.

"Once I explain what it is, people are excited," he says. "The benefits of this type of system are obvious. Everyone has either been stuck or knows someone who has been severely or fatally injured in a rural crash. Part of the problem was that nobody knew there was a problem."

But Mayday alerts those who can

help. The device, which fits under the back seat, teams with a global positioning receiver on a car's roof or trunk. After a crash, equipment senses the impact and places a cellular call for help. The global positioning technology transmits the car's location to satellite that verify the location and send the data back to the car, which automatically calls a response center.

There, a computer answers the phone, receives the crash and location data and patches the call to a 911 dispatcher.

The cost for the device around \$1,000, Meyer says,

with monthly service fees of around \$20. But as the technology becomes more prevalent, the price should tumble to \$300-\$400.

In September Meyer will present a proposal to the Kansas Department of Transportation.

"It's really become a cause," Meyer says. "I could develop some important theory about traffic flow and I could be idolized by four or five graduate students."

"But with this I can look back in 10 years and say there have been 20 or 30 people who didn't die each year and I had a part to play in it. It's hard to compare that type of gratification." —



**ON THE ROAD:** In September Meyer will present a proposal to the state to implement Mayday, a car system that will automatically call authorities in case of an accident.

WALLY EPPERSON

# Objects of affection

Class donations bear varying degrees of distinction

It is one whale of a gift register, the list of class gifts. Evidence of nearly 125 years of love for alma mater is set in stone benches, sparkling fountains, bright and clear chimes.

It makes a stirring travelogue: Walk through the mighty trees in Marvin Grove grown from the gift of the Class of 1877. Pass through the gateways on Memorial Drive given by the Class of 1946. Imagine the fox-trots and dips on the dance floor by Potter Lake, a gift of the Class of 1943.

The list includes many intangible gifts, too, of course. Sometimes rather small amounts of money—just \$13.25 in 1910—were given by classes that scarcely had it to give. Seed money given to begin loan funds and scholarships and awards have now grown like the shade trees, large enough to encourage and enable many.

The variety of campus landmarks presented by the classes may surprise you:

## Class Gift Highlights

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| 1873 Engraving, "The Temple of Karnak"                        | 1950 Campus information booth on Jayhawk Boulevard                                      |
| 1874 Engraving, "Vue de L'île de Philoe"                      | 1956 Bronze statue of Jayhawk in front of Strong Hall                                   |
| 1875 Engraving, "The Roman Forum"                             | 1959 \$2,000 to create HOPE Award   |
| 1877 Trees in Marvin Grove                                    | 1966 Jayhawk mosaic tile wall in Robinson Natatorium                                    |
| 1890 Rare books   | 1968 Murphy Hall fountain court   |
| 1894 \$342.30 to start Loan Fund                              | 1972 \$2,500 for KU Medical Center Burn Unit  |
| 1895 \$18.25 to Loan Fund                                     | 1973 Oil portrait of Chancellor E. Laurence Chalmers                                    |
| 1899 \$33.40 to Loan Fund                                     | 1978 Silver punch bowl set for Spencer Art Museum                                       |
| 1910 \$13.25 to Loan Fund                                     | 1986 Bench at Potter Lake   |
| 1914 Stone bench  | 1990 Earth Day trees on Allen Field House lawn  |
| 1919 Memorial Tablet on Union                                 | 1993 Jayhawk in Kansas Union floor  |
| 1920 Base for Pioneer Statue                                  | 1995 \$10,000 gift to create Jayhawks for KU Libraries, honoring Chancellor Del Shankel |
| 1922 Chime clock in Union                                     | 1997 University seal in front of Budig Hall, formerly Hoch Auditorium                   |
| 1923 Fireplace in Union                                       | 1998 Plaque in Budig Hall, commemorating 100 years of Kansas basketball                 |
| 1925 \$145 to start Chimes Fund                               |   |
| 1929 Piano for Union ballroom                                 |   |
| 1932 Ten \$100 scholarships                                   |   |
| 1933 Eleven \$100 scholarships                                |   |
| 1943 Dance floor by Potter Lake                               |   |
| 1945 Crabapple trees  |   |
| 1946 Memorial Drive gateways                                  |   |
| 1948 Steps leading to Campanile, stage curtain in Fraser Hall |   |



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