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the research of a slain student*

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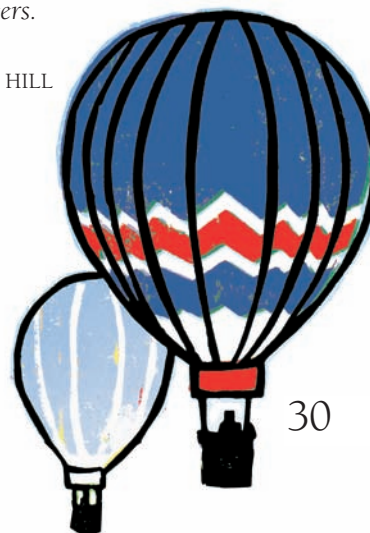
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# Lift the Chorus

## The Cairo connection

Kenton Keith is one of our most distinguished diplomats, a highly respected practitioner of public diplomacy and well deserving of the honor that KU is giving him ["Highest honors," announcing Distinguished Service Citation recipients, issue No. 3].



However, I would like to correct an omission in your story. Egypt was one of Kenton's assignments and a place where, like most of those in which he served, he is fondly remembered. Kenton was one of my predecessors in Cairo as head of the largest public diplomacy operation in the Near Eastern Bureau of the Department of State.

As a KU alumnus myself, I just wanted to set the record straight about the KU-Cairo relationship.

Rick Roberts, g'78, g'81, PhD'87  
Counselor for Public Affairs  
Embassy of the United States  
Cairo, Egypt

## Once and future kings

I'm still enjoying every word of the excellent (and nostalgic) piece you did on the '52 NCAA championship team ["Boys to Men," issue No. 2] and Steve Hill's fine article on Drew Gooden ["In like a lion," Sports, issue No. 2]. It's agreed that Drew would've won the Wooden trophy if KU hadn't lost to Maryland.

Well, wait 'till next year—again.

You people are putting out a fabulous magazine and deserve kudos galore for making us so proud of our alma mater. My cellmates here are all big Jayhawk fans and look forward as much as I do

to the arrival of each new issue. Which proves they ain't nuts yet!

William S. Koester, '41  
Anaheim, Calif.

## A walk that never was

It makes my heart heavy when I think of graduating in 1972. Unfortunately we weren't allowed to walk down the Hill for graduation. Just prior to graduation a tornado decided to loom over Lawrence and we were forced to

have graduation in Allen Field House.

Not only was it hotter than you can even believe, it was stuffy, and we even had to carry our own chairs.

I'm sure there are others who wish they had held off graduation so we could have the tradition of walking down the Hill, but we weren't given that opportunity.

No one ever mentions the class that didn't get to walk down the Hill. We were also the ones who survived the Union being burned, National Guardsmen on the corners, curfews, and spring semester being cut short because the semester ended early.

Just a note to remind everyone of the forgotten class that didn't get to follow tradition.

Kathy Pyke, d'72  
Hays

## Gimme a 'C'!

Please do more research. Your issue No. 3 claims that some book written by some people (who also probably do not play disc) is your 'ultimate' authority ["Ultimate judgment," Lift the Chorus, in response to "Good Sports," issue No. 2].

Do you know the difference between "Frisbee" and "frisbee"?

But who cares about Frisbees? Not us. We play Ultimate, and we use discs. D-i-s-c. Why? Because it's official; it's a

standard. The official disc of the UPA and the sport of Ultimate is made by Discraft. D-i-s-c-r-a-f-t.

They make 'discs,' and when you refer to any disk used for the sport of Ultimate please spell it with a 'c.'

As for disc(k?) golf ... who knows?

Thanks for your prints—I like to see Ultimate in media.

Brian Powell, Class of 2003  
Barnhart, Mo

## 'Pink and blue' stir memories

Your article "Racy colors end their run" [Jayhawk Walk, issue No. 2] and the 50th anniversary for the "pink and blue" bring to mind that my association with the Kansas Relays started in 1952, when, as a high school track athlete at Lawrence High, I was not good enough to compete at KU and started my officiating as a high-school javelin chaser.

With the year 2002 track season, I started my 51st year as an official and/or coach at some level of competition (elementary school to NCAA Div. 1 championships). These events could not take place without the many volunteer coaches and officials.

My association with the coaches, athletes, officials and fans has made it a great ride. Thank you all!

Jesse L. Carney, a'61  
Lawrence

## 'Nuf said

Pass along to Jennifer Sanner and the rest of the staff how much I enjoy the magazine. It must be the best alumni magazine in the country!

Rich Clarkson, j'55  
Denver

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*Smoke 'em if you got 'em*



**Shake  
your  
tail  
feathers**

# Jayhawk Jog

**A benefit for KU's Audio-Reader Program, a reading and information service for the blind and visually impaired**

**August 3, 2002 6 - 11 a.m.**

**Shawnee Mission Park, Shawnee, Kansas**

located off I-435 at 7900 Renner Road between 87th Street and Midland Drive

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| <b>6-7:30 a.m.</b> | Walk-in registration and race packet pick-up in the Beach Area                                      |
| <b>7:30 a.m.</b>   | Start of 5K and 10K Runs: 5K Walk follows with Dog-Guide Walk.<br>Post-race treats for participants |
| <b>9 a.m.</b>      | Free Tot Trot (for ages 3-10)   |
| <b>9:30 a.m.</b>   | Race results and awards.  |

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# First Word

BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

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One of Craig Martin's favorite days in Biology 100 is when he brings his mom and dad for show-and-tell. As their snapshot floats on a video screen in Budig Hall, Ronald and Beverly Martin make their surprise entrance. He usually wears a suit for the occasion, and she is "all duded up," their son says.

"Well, Dad, what's your blood type?" Martin asks.

"O," Dad dutifully answers into the microphone.

Q and A with Mom quickly reveals her blood type: A.

Their son's type? O, reports Craig Martin, Chancellors Club teaching professor, to the 800 assembled students.

Thus begins Martin's lecture on inher-

ited blood types. But "lecture" doesn't do his productions justice. He often plays bits of bizarre heavy-metal tunes culled from his collection of more than 3,000 CDs. For a class on the circulatory system, he treats his students to "Wild Heart" by the Laughing Hyenas. Then, from his trusty grab bag of props, he produces moth larvae. Projected on-screen, blood flows through the bugs for all the students to see.

They also see the passion that courses through their professor. "I guess everybody wants to share what they really know and what they're excited about," says the botanist and 21-year faculty veteran. "It's just whether or not you can enjoy standing in front of a hundred people—or a thousand."

Martin gladly stood before thousands in Memorial Stadium last November, when

he took part in what has become a cherished KU rite of autumn: the announcement of the HOPE Award. Then he heard his name echo through the stadium. He had won the HOPE from the Class of 2002. "I love that picture," he says of the news photo. "Look at that smile. I'm about busting my chops there. I thought, 'There's no way they couldn't get a good picture of me,' because I was just beaming. I was so thrilled and surprised."

The award whose acronym Martin adores came after a spring that tore his heart. One week before Commencement 2001, one of his most talented students, Shannon Martin, c'01, was fatally stabbed in Costa Rica, where she had traveled to collect plant specimens for a

study she and her professor hoped to publish. Her murder remains unsolved.

Chris Lazzarino tells the story of a professor and a student who heeded the same scholarly calling. It drives Craig Martin to teach, just as it drove Shannon Martin to make that trip only days before her graduation. Now it demands that he finish her research.

Such kindred spirits connect at the University. Young people test ideas and values, guided by scholars like Craig Martin, who so delight in their work that they are compelled to show and tell—and inspire.

David Ambler calls the process higher education's "magic." As you'll read in our profile, Ambler, who retires Aug. 2 as vice chancellor for student affairs, credits his alma mater—and a devoted mentor—for changing his life.

"I am here because there was public higher education that was low cost and accessible," says the Hoosier-turned-Jayhawk. "That's had a tremendous influence on me."

As Ambler leaves the Hill, the University's financial struggles have finally forced KU to raise its tuition, which in 2001 ranked 32nd among 34 institutions in the prestigious American Association of Universities. In our feature story, Steven Hill explains the funding dilemma that administrators, including Ambler, have wrestled for years.

Although he endorses the increase, Ambler also reminds the University—and the state whose assistance continues to dwindle—of an obligation that should remain dear. "The mission of public higher education is distinctly different from private higher education," he says. "Our responsibility is to make opportunities available to as wide a spectrum of the population as possible."

So the alchemy of learning can continue. So, even in tough or tragic times, the sublime can sustain us.



# On the Boulevard



## ■ Exhibitions

“Geometric Abstractions: Quilts 1870-1990,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Aug. 18

“Fresh Flowers & Flying Things: Nature at the Spencer Museum,” Spencer Museum of Art, July 20-Sept. 1

“Drawing Figures,” Spencer Museum of Art, Aug. 3-Oct. 20

“From Reservation to Corporate Office: Donations of Southwest Art,” Museum of Anthropology, through Aug. 18

“Early Us (and Them) in Africa,” Museum of Anthropology, through Aug. 25

“Lawrence Indian Arts Show: A Juried Competition,” Museum of Anthropology, Sept. 14-Oct. 20

## ■ University Theatre

### JULY

**12-14, 19-21** “Prairie Fire, Parts I and II: ‘Lift Off’ and ‘Flight & Denouement,’” by Professor John Gronbeck-Tedesco

## ■ Lied Center

### AUGUST

**23** Natalie MacMaster, free outdoor concert

### SEPTEMBER

**14** Robert Mirabal with RareTribalMob in Music from A Painted Cave Tour

■ The Class of 2002 was treated to a fine spring day for its May 19 Commencement celebration, which included, as always, smiling faces, silly glasses and balloons of every shape and size.



## ■ Hall Center events

### OCTOBER

**9** “Community Redefined: Has the Automobile Helped or Hindered,” Watkins Community Museum

**16** “Race Relations: Free State Ideals and Jim Crow Patterns,” Watkins Community Museum

**23** “Colliding Values: Berkeley on the Kaw,” Watkins Community Museum

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## ■ Alumni events



### JULY

- 14** Kansas City Chapter: Picnic with coach Mark Mangino
- 18** Salina Chapter: Golf tournament and dinner with coach Roy Williams
- 20** Dallas Chapter: Freshman sendoff
- 23** Great Bend Chapter: Reception with Chancellor Hemenway
- 27** Austin Chapter: Freshman/KU-student sendoff
- 28** Los Angeles Chapter: Freshman/KU-student sendoff

### AUGUST

- 3** Kansas City: Jayhawk Jog
- 3** Atlanta Chapter: Big 12 Day at the Atlanta Braves
- 15** Atlanta Chapter: Big 12 Happy Hour
- 15** Dodge City Chapter: Dinner with Al Bohl
- 19** Lawrence: Student Alumni Association Ice Cream Social
- 20** Emporia Chapter: Dinner with Al Bohl
- 21** Austin Chapter: Fall activity planning meeting

- 22** Kansas City Chapter: Millcreek football kickoff with Al Bohl
- 23** Valley of the Sun Chapter: Big 12 Diamondbacks outing

### SEPTEMBER

- 5-8** Las Vegas: KU vs. UNLV football tour
- 7** Las Vegas: KU vs. UNLV pregame rally
- 14** Lawrence: SAA Tradition Keepers pregame tailgate
- 19** Wichita: School of Journalism professional society
- 28** Tulsa: KU vs. Tulsa pregame rally



■ Bubbles and baubles, Commencement lunch at The Outlook, and a short, memorable walk that is years in the making: The Jayhawk rite of passage carries on.



## ■ Kansas Honors Program

### SEPTEMBER

- 11** McPherson: Mary Kornhaus, 620-241-2497
- 18** Wellington: David Carr, 620-326-3361
- 23** El Dorado: Michael Coash, 316-321-1140
- 25** Lawrence: Karen Van Blaricum, 785-843-4714
- 30** Sedgwick County: Nick and Naomi Ard, 316-722-9390

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Natural History Museum .....	864-4540
Hall Center for Humanities .....	864-4798
Kansas Union .....	864-4596
Adams Alumni Center .....	864-4760
KU main number .....	864-2700
Athletics .....	1-800-34-HAWKS



# Jayhawk Walk

BY HILL AND LAZZARINO



## Razing hell

It was just an abandoned stone church atop a grassy ridge, overlooking a country cemetery. But then the whispers started—some say it was an undergrad’s vivid short story, written decades ago, that launched the legend—and soon the dilapidated site west of Lawrence was transformed into a satanic landmark.

Because a warlock was buried in the Stull cemetery, the rural legend claimed, the church standing sentry must be one of the infamous seven portals to hell.

Which it was, for anybody who lived nearby, and for sheriff’s deputies who dedicated themselves to discouraging the sorcerer’s apprentices who mobbed the cemetery every Halloween and countless spooky nights in between.

If the church was, in fact, a portal to hell, sinners will now have to find another way home: Owner John Haase, b’68, g’69, bulldozed the teetering structure after an early-spring storm knocked down one of the long walls.

Good riddance. Maybe now the good people of Stull can rest in peace.

LARRY LEROY PEARSON

## Hail to the Chief

As the new student body president, senior Jonathan Ng of Leawood spent endless hours at the Statehouse, making the case for KU and his constituents. Problem was, the contentious state budget debate didn’t conclude until the second week of final exams.

“I had four finals and a paper, plus I had to finish another paper that was already late,” Ng said while catching a breather in his Student Senate office on the last day of classes. “My grades haven’t been appreciative of this week’s schedule, but that’s all part of the job.”

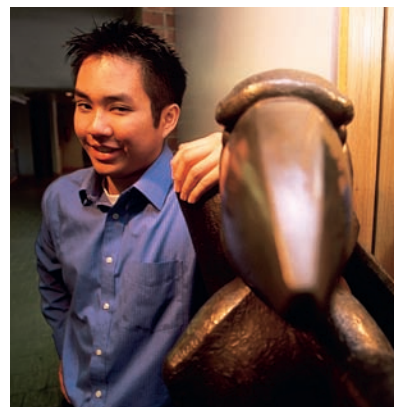
Ng, the first Asian-American elected to lead the student body, says he’ll focus on

minority issues, including recruitment, retention and involvement. He hopes to move the Multicultural Resource Center out of its “temporary” home of seven years, a small building hidden on the south slope, and construct a new home in the Kansas Union for the underused center.

The Union quarters could cost at least \$500,000, so Ng hopes a donor will step forward.

“We’re going to move away from ideology and focus on tangible results,” Ng says. “A new Multicultural Resource Center with enough room to strengthen the resource component would be a tangible result.”

Good leaders are nothing if not resourceful.



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Jonathan Ng



Dan Hughes

### Sock it to me

The call came at home, on a Saturday: “The package is here.”

Leonard Krishtalka, director of the Natural History Museum and Biodiversity Research Center, raced downtown to join eager onlookers watching Dan Hughes, c’93, open a long-awaited box. Out tumbled exotic specimens from distant lands—wet, muddy and simply reeking of history.

“There was an inner circle of people saying, ‘Wow, look at that, the mud of Paris-Roubaix,’” Hughes recalls. “And an outer circle chagrined that we were so excited by somebody’s dirty laundry.”

The contents—socks, shoe covers, a race number and cycling shorts—were from professional cyclist George Hincapie, who’d just finished what Krishtalka calls “the toughest one-day race in the world,” the grueling 167-mile Paris-Roubaix.

Hughes, owner of Sunflower Outdoor and Bike, wanted a memento to bolster the shop’s collection of cycling memorabilia, which includes a jersey signed by Lance Armstrong, three-time defending Tour de France champ and Hincapie’s U.S. Postal Service teammate. “I asked for his socks, because when I come back from a really nasty, epic ride, the socks tell a story.”

Nasty, epic ride perfectly describes Paris-Roubaix, a bone-rattling run on cob-

blestones that turn sloppy when it rains. This year it rained. After riding up front much of the race, Hincapie crashed with 20 kilometers left, finishing sixth. When his dirty duds arrived in Lawrence, the story they told was, well, nasty and epic.

“Everything was still wet and kind of stunk,” says Hughes. He dried the gear, then Krishtalka parked it in an ultra-cold freezer the museum uses to freeze tissues for DNA analysis and to decontaminate its 7 million plant and animal specimens.

Hincapie’s shorts shared space for a week at minus-103 degrees with Amazonian frogs, New Guinea birds and Ethiopian fish. True biodiversity—and a wholly fitting response, according to Krishtalka.

“Whether it’s the history of plants and animals on earth or the history of cycling, it’s natural to have a reverence for objects that represent that history. It’s like holding Michael Jordan’s gym shorts after game seven of the NBA finals.”

### Music fit for a queen

Queen Elizabeth II is only the fifth English monarch to have reigned for 50 years, and delighted subjects are putting on a big show for her Jubilee Tour. The music’s right, too, especially in Exeter, where Her Majesty and Her Husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, grooved to “New Wave, Same Shore,” composed by expatriate Julie Yount Morgan, f’91, who grew up in Kansas City and first sampled English life while participating in KU’s Study Abroad program.

“It was such a treat to sit within 5 feet of the queen while she listened to my work,” Morgan says of the May Day shindig in her adopted hometown, where she has lived for eight years and founded the Exeter Composers’ Group.

But even while having the time of her life, Morgan’s mind drifted to less glittery affairs: “I knew that a few hours later, I would be back in jeans and a T-shirt and down at the local grocers, doing my shopping for the week.”

Safe to guess that Morgan and Her Majesty didn’t share the same post-party plans.



### Which came first, the chicken or the piñata?

Cori Gilbert, g’02, a May graduate with plenty of pluck, got a leg up on her job-market competitors when she learned that the employer she coveted—The Roberts Group, a Houston public-relations agency—crows about Chick-fil-A.

The chicken-sandwich chain is near the top of the pecking order among The Roberts Group’s clients, so Gilbert, who earned a master’s degree in communications studies, hatched a plan: She spiced her cover letter with plenty of chicken references and made a special roost for her résumé: the inside of a chicken-shaped piñata.

“I knew the job market was really bad right now,” Gilbert explained, “so I had to find a way to stand out.”

That she did. The ploy egged The Roberts Group into offering Gilbert her dream job. She’ll soon fly the coop for Houston, where she’s sure to begin feathering her nest.



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# Hilltopics

BY HILL AND LAZZARINO

■ The peacemakers Sayeed studies don't claim to be more peace-loving because they're women, she says. "What they do emphasize is that watching the horror of violence is something that should unite us all."



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and international studies—and a Fulbright scholarship that will take her to Jerusalem to study the role women's peace movements might play in helping resolve the current Arab-Israeli conflict.

Sayeed, who transferred to KU in 1998 after a year at the University of Pittsburgh, could have finished her coursework in December. Instead she stayed on campus to work on a National Science Foundation research grant at the Center for International Political Analysis.

"The thing I really respect about Almas is that she's a really astute observer of politics on the ground," says Deborah Gerner, professor of political science/government and a co-investigator, along with Professor Philip Schrodt, on the NSF project. "She's very talented at sorting through all the minutiae and really honing in on the nub of an issue. I think that's also why she's been able to juggle her commitments to such a wide variety of issues with her class-work. She's very well organized."

Indeed, in a classic case of thinking globally and acting locally, Sayeed has found ample opportunity to apply her research interests—which focus on international women's issues—in the Lawrence community. Her extracurricular activities included a term as a board

## Global thinker

*After earning three degrees and a prestigious scholarship, recent graduate Almas Sayeed faces a new challenge: peace in the Middle East*

Many freshmen arrive on Mount Oread resolved to make the most of their time on the Hill, but few accomplish the task so thoroughly as Almas Sayeed.

The Wichita senior graduated in May with three degrees—in women's studies, philosophy

member for Women's Transitional Care Services, a domestic violence shelter in Lawrence. As co-coordinator of the Women's Empowerment Action Coalition, a campus women's group, she helped organize annual "Take Back the Night" rallies.

"From the beginning I thought, 'How can I

maximize my time and opportunity here?” Sayeed says. “Isn’t that what everyone should do, if you’re lucky enough to be at a higher education institution in the United States? A lot of the people I spent time with abroad don’t have that opportunity, and a lot of the people I work with at the Lawrence women’s shelter don’t have that privilege.”

Sayeed will begin her Fulbright studies this fall at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where she will be affiliated with the Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace. She will study six women’s peace groups founded before the second Intifada, the Palestinian uprising that began in September 2000.

It won’t be her first trip to the region: She studied abroad in the West Bank in 2000, seeing firsthand the disruptions caused by curfews, security checks and town closings that often kept Palestinian students from attending school.

“This time around I’d like to understand how the random acts of violence that are happening in Israel, such as the homicidal bombers, disrupt daily life in a way that is different,” she says. “I’d like to understand what it means to second-guess yourself about going to the store for milk, not because there is none or because there is a sniper on the roof who will shoot you for violating curfew, which is the issue in Palestine, but because you don’t know if your destination will be the target of the next random act of terror. Those are two very different patterns of violence.”

A Muslim who speaks Arabic but knows little Hebrew, Sayeed is not sure how much freedom she’ll have to move back and forth across the Green Line, the border that separates Israelis and Palestinians in this divided city.

“I would like to integrate into Israeli society as best as I can, but the larger project for me is to understand what the peace movement would have to do to convince people that violence begets violence,” she says. “It’s a much more difficult task than people here can appreciate, given that we live in relative safety.”

Sayeed says her parents, Indian immigrants who live in

Wichita, helped spur her ambition for a rich college experience.

“They have been awesome in highlighting the fact to me growing up that education is central to what we end up doing.” Laughing, she adds: “I kind of ran with that.”



## Once and future scholars

*Research projects on ancient history and tomorrow’s technology attract Self support*

A professor who is uncovering the history of evolution and one who is shaping the future of energy consumption are recipients of the third-annual Self Faculty Scholar Awards.

Bruce Lieberman, associate professor of geology and courtesy associate professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, and Trung Van Nguyen, associate professor of chemical and petroleum engineering, will each receive \$50,000 annually for three years to finance their research.

“This award comes in very handy because it provides seed money to explore new ideas.”



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■ Both Trung Van Nguyen and Bruce Lieberman will use portions of their \$50,000 Self awards to pursue their research abroad.

### NSF honors five from KU with fellowships

Five recent graduates have won prestigious National Science Foundation fellowships, worth a total of more than \$64,000 for three years of graduate study.

The new NSF fellows are Shawn Arellano, c'01, who will study marine biology at Oregon; Marvin Decker, c'00, who will study mathematics at Texas A&M; Laurelin Evanhoe, c'01, studying ecology at Cornell; Cheryl Hill, c'99, who is studying anthropology and biology at Penn State; and Michelle Gill, c'01, who studies biochemistry at Yale.

The Self award recognizes faculty members in engineering, business and the sciences who have demonstrated early in their careers a potential for significant scholarship in their fields. Funding is provided by Madison "Al," e'43, and Lila Self of Hinsdale, Ill.

Lieberman is studying the Cambrian Radiation Period, a time of intense geological and evolutionary change 530 million years ago, when nearly all the major animal groups appeared in the fossil record.

"Any ideas that we have about evolution, we have to square them with what happens in the fossil record," says Lieberman, who seeks to improve that record by visiting museums and field sites to build a computer database on Cambrian fossils. "I'm looking to map where species occur through time, and how fast they're changing in conjunction with the environment." The grant money will buy new computers and software to build the database, and it will fund travel to museums and sites outside the U.S.

"This grant makes a huge difference, because it gives me the opportunity to travel to Europe and Australia, which I wouldn't have been able to do otherwise," Lieberman says. "I'm very grateful to KU and the Self family."

Nguyen is working to develop more efficient fuel cells intended to someday replace the internal combustion engine. Prototype cars powered by fuel cells have generated excitement because they present a clean, renewable alternative to polluting gasoline and diesel engines.

"Fuel cells that use hydrogen are completely pollution free, because the only byproduct is water," says Nguyen. Among the biggest drawbacks to fuel cells is their high cost. "My goal is to improve the performance and lower the cost so this system will be competitive with current technologies."

Nguyen created a fuel cell that more efficiently feeds hydrogen into the system, doubling the output of previous systems. He's also looking at replacing the current reactant, platinum, with less expensive materials. He will use the grant to support graduate students working on the project and to finance international travel, which he deems essential.

"You need the international connection and exposure, because this is global now," Nguyen



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■ KU Med is improving patient care with a pair of building projects that will add nearly 40 beds and expand its cancer center.

says. "Countries like Japan and Germany that are more densely populated than the United States have a stronger motivation to adopt this technology. Even though the technology started here, other countries are taking the lead."

Nguyen and Lieberman say the Self award's support for experimental research is critical. While each has won National Science Foundation support for other projects, they say that attracting funding for research in a formative stage can be difficult.

"Some of this stuff is experimental research, and sometimes it's hard to get a chunk of money to start a new project," Lieberman says. "This grant helps because I'll be able to collect the preliminary data, get some publications out, and put in for that outside grant a few years from now."

Nguyen agrees: "It's hard for new ideas, because typically when you apply for a grant they want to see some preliminary data to show the idea is feasible," he says. "This award comes in very handy because it provides the seed money to explore those new ideas. Then I can go after major grants from government and other sources."

The Self award also recognizes faculty members for their willingness to mentor graduate students in the Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship program. Established in 1989, that program now supports 35 doctoral students.

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## Onward and upward

*KU Med will add floor and expand cancer treatment facility*

**K**U Med will tower a little higher in the Kansas City, Kan., skyline next year as the hospital bolsters patient care by adding a sixth floor and more than doubling the size of its cancer center.

The new floor will add 23 medical-surgical beds and 15 intensive-care beds, bringing total capacity to 485 beds. Remaining space on the 58,500-square-foot addition will be used for other programs as needed. The sixth floor roof will include a new helipad to provide easier access to helicopter ambulances.

Administrative offices will move to make room for the bigger cancer center. The 13,000-square-foot expansion will feature a new 4,000-square-foot treatment center for breast cancer equipped with the latest imaging technology, new waiting and reception areas, and additional treatment and examination rooms.

The building projects follow a significant increase in both patients and revenue at the medical center in the last two years.

"This expansion has been mandated by the growth in our patient volume," says Irene Cumming, president and chief executive officer at KU Med. "Our renewed emphasis on patient satisfaction and the expansion of our services have led to an 18-percent growth in admissions over the last two years. KU Med is investing in additional space, technology and people to respond to the needs of our patients."

Construction on the sixth floor began this spring and is expected to be completed by summer 2003. The estimated cost is \$16 million. The cancer center expansion begins this summer and should be done by spring 2003. Total cost is expected to be \$5 million.

During fiscal 2001, the center's net income jumped more than 75 percent, to \$9.4 million, and the hospital invested more than \$32 million in patient care expansion. Administrators hope to spend an additional \$170 million on capital expenditures in the next five years—about half to expand patient care areas at the hospital's main campus in Kansas City.

## Visitor

### *Galileo's biographer*

**B**est-selling author and science journalist Dava Sobel delivered the final lecture in the 2001-'02 Hall Center Humanities Lecture Series. Several hundred people turned out to hear "Galileo's Reconciliation: Science and Faith."

**WHEN:** April 25

**WHERE:** Kansas Union Ballroom

**BACKGROUND:** In her 30-year career as a science journalist, Sobel has written for the *New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *Audubon*, *Discover* and *Life*. *Longitude* became a surprise best seller in 1995, and *Galileo's Daughter* won the 1999 Los Angeles Times Book Prize for science and technology and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in biography.

**ANECDOTE:** While researching *Longitude*, which tells the story of English clockmaker John Harrison, who solved the greatest scientific problem of the 18th century by inventing an instrument to measure longitude at sea, Sobel read a letter from Galileo's daughter asking his help fixing a convent clock. "I had no idea he had a daughter," Sobel said. "In a moment I realized that everything I thought I knew about him was probably wrong. That inspired me."

**QUOTE:** "I think Galileo would be horrified to know that we consider him the point where science and religion went their separate ways," says Sobel, who argues that the great scientist who was censored by the Catholic church was also a man of great faith. "That was not at all what he intended."



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"Reconciling faith and science may seem like a problem today, but it was no problem for Galileo."

## ENGINEERING

### Alabama's Bell assumes deanship from retiring Locke

Stuart R. Bell, formerly head of mechanical engineering at the University of Alabama, on Aug. 1 will become KU's 11th dean of engineering. Bell replaces Carl E. Locke Jr., who will return to teaching chemical and petroleum engineering after 16 years of leading the school. Locke's tenure was the second-longest in engineering history, and was the longest term of service among KU's active deans.

Bell, 45, has taught at Alabama since 1986. In his seven years as department chairman, mechanical engineering research funding increased eightfold; he also founded Alabama's Advanced Vehicle Technologies Center in 1998.

Bell earned his bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering and his master's and PhD in mechanical engineering, all from Texas A&M University.

At KU, he takes over a school that is midway through an 80,000-square-foot, \$15 million renovation that represents the capstone to Locke's energetic tenure.

"Stuart Bell is inheriting a fine school, which Dean Locke has positioned for an even better future," says Provost David Shulenburg. "Stuart has accomplished great things at Alabama, and I am confident that under his leadership, the KU School of Engineering will continue to grow and thrive."

Growth was the first note Bell struck, as well.

"The undergraduate programs are very strong," he told the Lawrence Journal-World. "A lot has been invested in those on both the administration and faculty. Where I see the growth areas are the research and graduate areas."

## LAW

### Dean McAllister prevails in Supreme Court showdown

Oyez! Oyez! In the matter of McKune v. Lile ["Jayhawk v. Jayhawk," issue No. 1], the verdict is in.

Making good on Dean Stephen McAllister's prediction about the intriguing nature of the case he argued last November on behalf of the state of Kansas and Warden David McKune,



Wiltanger and McAllister

(with alumnus Matt Wiltanger, l'97, representing inmate Robert Lile), the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of Kansas. The June 10 decision denied Lile's claim that the state's sex-offender treatments violated constitutional protection against self-incrimination.

McKune v. Lile had become the Supreme Court's oldest undecided case, and the heated dissent was written by Justice John Paul Stevens. Because he wrote no majority opinions from that term, New York Times reporter Linda Greenhouse commented that one justice in the majority—probably Sandra Day O'Connor—had a rare change of heart during "a prolonged internal struggle."

McAllister agreed, noting that O'Connor probably switched after she read Stevens' first draft of what was at the time a majority opinion to side with Lile. Immediately after arguments Nov. 28, McAllister said the justices' vigorous participation was evidence that it was "a hard case ... and some of them were undecided what to do." The verdict apparently confirmed his analysis.

"I think it's pretty clear that Stevens started out with this case, and his five included O'Connor, and he lost her along the way and actually flipped the outcome of the case in my direction," McAllister said. "That we can be fairly confident of."

In an opinion that became the dissent after O'Connor's apparent switch, Stevens termed it "truly a watershed case," and he called the decision an "evisceration of a constitutional right."

Both Wiltanger and McAllister say their friendship remains strong, despite

## Update

## ku first

Two gifts worth more than \$1.5 million helped the University's public radio station break ground on a new home this May, just two months before its 50th anniversary.

Longtime listener and KU supporter Tensie Oldfather, '64, donated more than \$1 million in securities to help KANU-FM kick off the \$2.2 million project, which will erect a three-story home for the station adjacent to the Baehr Audio-Reader Center near Joseph R. Pearson Hall.

The Sunderland Foundation pledged \$500,000. The foundation's trustee and president, James P. Sunderland, is a member of the station's advisory board and retired chairman of Ash Grove Cement Company, which provided \$100,000 of the pledge.

The new facility will make it easier for KANU (which now bills itself as Kansas Public Radio) to share staff and resources with Audio-Reader, the University's radio reading service for the visually impaired.

"We are thrilled to have such generous donors for the project," said Janet Sommer Campbell, d'79, KANU general manager and director of Audio-Reader. "Soon we will have the space and combined resources to provide expanded programs for our listeners across the state, including more live performances."



Oldfather

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enduring a lot of teasing during the long wait for the court's verdict.

"I like Justice Stevens' dissent a lot, obviously," Wiltanger said. "They got all the points we were trying to make, which is reassuring. We just couldn't get enough of the justices to agree with us."

## LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

### Former chemistry chair honored for hiring practices

When Kristin Bowman-James came to KU in 1975, she was chemistry's only woman faculty member; now she is being honored by two professional societies for her role in encouraging the careers of women chemists.

How times have changed. A survey revealed that in 2000 and '01, KU was one of three universities where women accounted for more than 20 percent of chemistry faculty. When Bowman-James ended her six-year tenure as chemistry chair in 2001, six of the department's 24 faculty members were women, and she had recruited four.

Although delighted about the culture change, Bowman-James also cautions there is more to be done before women will achieve true equality in the sciences.

"Things are better than they were [in 1975]," she said in an interview last year, "but they're still not great."

Her latest honors include recognition from Iota Sigma Pi, a professional society that encourages women in chemistry, and the American Chemical Society.



Bowman-James

# Milestones, money and other matters

■ **THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE** passed a \$252-million tax increase in May, finally bringing the contentious, record-breaking 106-day session to a close. But the package—which raises the sales tax from 4.9 percent to 5.3 percent, increases cigarette taxes, expands inheritance taxes, and doubles corporate franchise fees while giving tax breaks to businesses and low-income taxpayers—will not prevent budget cuts at the University (see story p. 30). Increases in health insurance and other employer costs will drain \$3.8 million from KU's budget, which will be funded at the same level as last fiscal year.



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Kuhr

■ **PEGGY KUHR**, managing editor for content at the Spokane Spokesman-Review, became the Knight Chair in Journalism in June. Kuhr will teach, conduct research and perform service related to press leadership in communities. In 1990 KU became one of the first three schools to receive a Knight Chair, which is funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. John Ginn held the position until his death in 1999.

■ **ROGER MARTIN**, columnist and writer at the KU Center for Research, won a silver medal from the Circle of Excellence Awards program sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Martin's columns appear in Kansas newspapers and may be heard on Kansas Public Radio. (See p. 36 for more on the CASE Awards.)

■ **CURTIS KLAASSEN**, head of the toxicology section at KU Medical Center since 1977, in May became only the fourth faculty member honored as a University Distinguished Professor. The honor recognizes professors who make outstanding contributions in research, teaching and public service. Klaassen, who studies the adverse effects of cadmium in the environment, has been named a Highly Cited Researcher in pharmacology by the Institute for Scientific Information, a designation reserved for less than one-half of 1 percent of researchers.

■ **FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS** for study abroad were awarded to five graduating KU seniors this spring: Katherine Marchin, chemistry; Elizabeth Riggs, aerospace engineering and English; Almas Sayeed, philosophy, international studies and women's studies; Shawna Smith, political science, international studies, sociology and communications studies; and Holly Worthen, English and international studies. Mark Carper, a doctoral student in geography, also won a Fulbright for dissertation fieldwork.

■ **"THROUGH MY SIGHTS: A Gunner's View of World War II,"** a documentary featuring combat photographs by Glenn Kappelman, c'48, g'50, ("Candid Combat," issue No. 5, 2000) will soon reach more viewers. PBS stations in Boston, New York, Miami, Denver and St. Louis plan to broadcast the hourlong film made by Linda "Sam" Haskins, c'70, g'74, and Clay Kappelman, c'80. Broadcast rights were also purchased by KPTS, Hutchinson-Wichita; KOOD, Hays; KDCK, Dodge City; and KSWK, Garden City. KTWU in Topeka distributes the film.



# Sports

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

■ Double NCAA champion, Academic All-American, KU Scholar Athlete of the Year: Scott Russell creates another Mount Oread track and field legend.



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of me in the same sentence as Karl Salb, [discus All-American] Doug Knop and [NCAA and Olympics discus legend] Al Oerter,” Russell says.

Russell’s throws coach, Doug Reynolds, insists the comparisons are justified: “He’s as good as they come. He did something no one else in history has done by winning both the javelin and weight throw, and in impressive fashion in both.”

Reynolds notes that Russell is unique for combining size with “finite motor skills,” which allow for tiny adjustments in things such as foot and hand angles. “He’s extremely coordinated,” Reynolds says. “His [body] awareness is incredible.”

The weight throw, in Russell’s words, “is almost strictly a power event,” while the javelin requires “speed and technique.” As he pre-

## As good as it gets *Thrower Scott Russell caps his career with a championship year on and off the field*

Scott Russell’s place among the worldwide elite of track and field has yet to be determined; among the greats in the long history of track excellence at KU, his place is secure.

Russell, d’02, of Windsor, Ontario, won the NCAA javelin title with a throw of 261 feet, 11 1/2 inches. It was the best collegiate throw of the season, and the ninth-best in NCAA history. At the Big 12, Russell won the Big 12 javelin title with a throw of 249-3.

The NCAA title was his second of the year: He was undefeated in the weight throw during the indoor season, making him KU’s first double national champion in a single season since Karl Salb, a six-time NCAA title holder, ended his career in 1971.

“It’s pretty amazing to even have people speak

prepares for the Canadian championships and begins serious preparations for the 2004 Olympics, Russell will focus only on the javelin. He finished 13th in the javelin in the 2001 World Championships.

“I had my eyes opened at the World Championships,” he says. “As much I was behind the top guys in meters, I realized I do belong.”

No matter what he does from here, Russell has established himself as the most respected athlete on the Hill. Not only was he a two-time NCAA champion, he also was named first-team Academic All-American, KU Scholar-Athlete of the Year and the Big 12’s men’s outdoor performer of the year.

“He feels like he’s just another one of the guys,” Reynolds says. “The fact that he’s beating them doesn’t make him feel as if he’s

any better than anyone.”

Says teammate Charlie Gruber, a five-time middle-distance All-American, “All the stuff that’s not fun, he does, because that’s what it takes to be the best. To win one national championship is a huge deal; to do it twice is a real big deal. He’s definitely solidified a real strong spot in the KU track and field tradition.”

Track notes: Russell also won the hammer throw at the Big 12, giving him six outdoor conference titles, and the KU men finished fourth in the team standings. Junior Benaud Shirley won the Big 12 men’s triple jump and sophomore Leo Bookman won the 200-meter dash. For the women’s team, Brooklyn Hann, named the Big 12’s freshman outdoor performer of the year, won the triple jump. —



## Ready to help

*Coordinators vow wide-open offense, varied defenses; their boss promises effort*

Mark Mangino knows the value of good assistants. Since 1991, he was one. Now that he has his first collegiate head coaching job, Mangino, offensive coordinator at Oklahoma when the undefeated Sooners won the national title in 2000, took care to assemble a staff that would do as much to help him succeed at KU as he did for Bill Snyder at Kansas State and Bob Stoops at OU.

Mangino says he culled a pile of 700 applications by applying three criteria: His coaches must be good teachers, “be of good character,” and must want to be at KU—Mangino’s emphasis on “want” apparently disqualifying those who were searching for any job, anywhere. For his coordinators, he also wanted coaches who share his football philosophies.

“I hired them because I believe they are quality coaches and believe in the same things I do,” Mangino says. “I’m

“[Russell] is as good as they come. He did something no one else in history has done by winning both the javelin and weight throw, and in impressive fashion in both.”

going to have my hands in just about everything, but that doesn’t mean I’m going to micromanage them. They are going to do their jobs.”

Defensive coordinator Bill Young, a 32-year coaching veteran, has already logged 16 years as defensive coordinator at powerhouses such as USC, Ohio State and Oklahoma. Last season he was an assistant with the NFL’s Detroit Lions. Offensive coordinator Nick Quartaro served four years as assistant head coach and receivers coach at Iowa State, helping the Cyclones make bowl appearances the past two years. He also was Fordham’s head coach for four seasons, and spent five years at Kansas State (where he worked with Mangino).

Assistants helping Young and Quartaro include offensive line coach Ken Conatser, who has 25 years of college experience, and secondary coach Pat Henderson, d’75, who played at KU for coach Don Fambrough and has since accumulated 26 years of experience. Wide receivers coach Tyrone Dixon spent two years as assistant head coach at Cincinnati, both bowl seasons for the Bearcats, and has coached receivers for Houston and the San Diego Chargers.

Dave Doeren, who helped Montana win last year’s Div. 1-AA national championship, will coach linebackers, and Brandon Blaney, who spent four years at 1-AA powerhouse Youngstown State, coaches tight ends.

Two coaches remain from Terry Allen’s tenure: Clint Bowen, d’96, a former KU defensive back, will coach running backs and special teams; Travis Jones will coach defensive ends. Football’s new strength and conditioning coach is Mark Smith, who held the same position at Florida.

The coordinators also have position responsibilities: Quartaro will coach quarterbacks, and Young will coach

defensive tackles.

“We have a great wealth of knowledge shared among the staff,” Quartaro says. “I think we’ve really meshed well, and it’s happening rather quickly.”

Mangino says he and Quartaro are blending their offenses, and Quartaro confirms he and the boss won’t be satisfied with a conservative style.

“I don’t think there’s any doubt it’s going to be a wide-open offense,” Quartaro says. “We’ve got to make the defense defend the entire field and respect the deep ball while still maintaining the ability to run the football.”

Seniors who will anchor the defense include end Charlie Dennis, linebackers Leo Etienne and Greg Cole, and safety Jake Letourneau.



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■ Clint Bowen, a former safety who was KU’s leading tackler in 1993, is one of nine assistant coaches hired by coach Mark Mangino. Another Jayhawk football alumnus, Pat Henderson, who played defensive end for KU in 1973, will coach the defensive secondary.

■ A conference title and fundraising success generated by strong sales of team jerseys left KU cyclists Ben Coles, Stephen Schneller, Jessica Drees and Adam Mills smiling at the club's most successful season ever



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Jed Schneider, g'02, won his second consecutive national cyclocross championship, in Baltimore.

KU qualified for the road cycling nationals by winning the North Central Conference championship in Minneapolis, taking five of the top six spots during the two-day April event. Team captain Adam Mills and Rob Kelly finished first and second in the 43-mile road race, a grueling affair cut short by driving rain and 36-degree temperatures. Andy Phelps, Mills, and Stephen Schneller swept the top three spots in the criterium. Jessica Drees won the women's road race and placed third in the women's criterium.

At nationals, KU placed in the middle of the 50-team pack.

"It was an incredible atmosphere," says Mills, who finished 3 minutes behind the winner after tackling a brutal uphill finish that featured 14- to 20-percent grades over the last four miles. "The course was absolutely incredible, and the athletes were some of the brightest, most gifted in the United States. There were no cutthroat tactics like you see in some races; people were friendly but very, very intense." —

—Steven Hill

"We'll be a multiple defense with a lot of different looks," Young says. "The main thing is, we want to get lined up and look like a well-coached team."

As the Aug. 31 debut at Iowa State nears, Mangino emphasizes contrasting notions of patience and intensity.

"We have to understand that we're taking over a program that's been down a little bit, and it takes time to get everybody on the same page. Yet we believe we have good players in the program right now who we can be successful with. Nobody wants to sit around and wait five years to win.

"I believe we will be a team that the fans can really be proud of, because they'll play hard, play with pride and enthusiasm, and represent the University of Kansas very well." —

Coles and five other KU cyclists raced in the event, sponsored by the National Collegiate Cycling Association. Riders attacked a challenging 67-mile course that included two 10-mile climbs in the Green Mountains near Burlington, Vt.

The trip to nationals—the second ever for the club team—concluded a successful season for KU Cycling.

"This year we were represented at all three collegiate cycling events," says club president Ryan Lash. In October, KU competed at the Mountain Bike Nationals in Plattskill, N.Y. In December,

## Updates

Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway was recently named chair of the NCAA's Div. I governing board. As chair, he becomes one of five members of the committee that will help the NCAA select a new president. ... Bobby Randall resigned as baseball coach after a 22-29 season. His seven-year record at KU was 166-214. ... Cathy Burgess, head swim coach the past two seasons, resigned to return to teaching in her native North Carolina. ... Athletics Director Al Bohl chose not to renew Nicole Hollingsworth's appointment as women's golf coach. ... Senior thrower Andrea Bulat, who hails from the same Windsor, Ontario, high school as senior thrower Scott Russell, was named Scholar-Athlete of the Year, as was Russell. Bulat finished second in the Big 12 outdoor javelin, an event she won last year. ... With Drew Gooden's selection by the Memphis Grizzlies in the NBA draft, he becomes the eighth player coached by Roy Williams to be drafted in the first round. ... The men's basketball team will face Holy Cross Nov. 19 in Allen Field House in the first round of the Preseason National Invitational Tournament. The Jayhawks beat Holy Cross, 70-59, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last March.

## Long, hard road

*Club cyclists earn trip to nationals with conference win*

Just how difficult a course did the KU cyclists face during their trip to the National Road Cycling Championships in May? Ben Coles offers a local analogy.

"Think 11th Street over and over for 10 miles," Coles says. "Twice."

# Sports Calendar

## ■ Football

### AUGUST

**31** at Iowa State

### SEPTEMBER

**7** at UNLV

**14** Southwest Missouri State (Band Day)

**21** Bowling Green (Parents' Day)

**28** at Tulsa

### OCTOBER

**5** at Baylor

**12** Colorado (Homecoming)

**19** Texas A&M

**26** at Missouri

### NOVEMBER

**2** Kansas State

**9** at Nebraska

**16** Oklahoma State

## ■ Volleyball

### AUGUST

**31** at Creighton.

### SEPTEMBER

**6-7** at Hofstra Tournament

**10** at Wichita State

**13-14** Hampton Inn/Jayhawk Classic

**18** at Texas A&M

**21** Oklahoma

**25** at Colorado

**28** Texas Tech

## ■ Soccer

### AUGUST

**23** at Southwest Missouri State

**30** UNLV

### SEPTEMBER

**1** Boston University

**6** at Mississippi

**8** at Mississippi State

**13** at Arkansas

**15** at Tulsa

**19-21** at Evansville Tournament

**27** Colorado

**29** Nebraska



■ Charlie Gruber won the 800-meter Olympic development race at the Oracle U.S. Open. Scott Russell nailed his second NCAA championship with the best collegiate javelin throw of the season. Brooklyn Hann, the conference's freshman outdoor performer of the year, won the Big 12 triple jump.



RICH CLARRISON (3)

# Man in the

As mentor and mediator, Vice Chancellor David Ambler shaped the discourse between students and administrators

Dinner began at the fashionable hour of 11 p.m. Around midnight, the singing started, echoing until 3, when the out-of-town guests retired to rest their vocal cords.

Despite the pleadings of their awestruck college hosts, the cast of the Metropolitan Opera refused to endure an all-nighter.

One of the student hosts, David Ambler, appears almost starstruck as he recalls the party. As an officer in his residence hall at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ambler helped serve dinner the night the opera came to town. His cultural conversion took hold and, to this day, he remains a devout fan.

Ambler tells the tale not to show that he can hobnob with the highbrow set, but to testify to the power of the college experience. After 25 years as the University's vice chancellor for student affairs, the capstone of a career in higher education, Ambler is nothing less than a true believer, his ardor still simmering in this summer of his retirement.

"Higher education worked all its magic on me," he says.

Ambler, whose father and grandfather had given up on college when money ran out, began college determined to

■ To honor Ambler, who retires Aug. 2 as vice chancellor for student affairs, the University has established a leadership development fund in his name. Contributors thus far include several former student body leaders, former Chancellor Gene A. Budig and Robert Shaffer, former dean of students at Indiana University and Ambler's mentor.

# Middle

BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

earn a business degree, which he planned to parlay into a fortune. But doubt gnawed at his bravado. “Inside, I was scared to death I’d be found out as a fraud,” he says. “I was sure I’d gotten through high school because I was that ‘nice Ambler kid.’ ... I thought, ‘I’ve got this halo that’s going to disappear when I get to Bloomington.’”

Involvement in his residence hall and student government kept the doubt at bay, and soon he met a mentor who would change his life. Robert Shaffer, then dean of students at IU, “was one of those guys who, five minutes after you met him, acted like he had known you all your life,” Ambler says. “Every once in a while he would drop a letter to my parents, saying, ‘David’s doing well as a senator and we want you to know how much we appreciate his work.’”

Ambler’s halo stayed put. But he no longer wanted to succeed in business; he wanted to follow Shaffer into a young profession known as student affairs.

Ambler left Indiana with not one but three degrees and joined the student-affairs staff at Kent State University in Ohio, where on May 4, 1970, four students were killed by National Guard troops during an anti-war protest. Three months later, after he helped restore calm to the campus, Ambler was named Kent State’s vice president of student affairs at age 33.

In 1977, Ambler became the first vice chancellor for student affairs on Mount Oread, where wounds from the protest years had largely healed. “My first year, the big controversy was whether or not we should move the statue of Jimmy Green to new Green Hall,” he says. “I just thought, ‘After what I’ve been through, I think I can handle this.’”

“Beyond that, the change in environment from cynicism to a more upbeat, positive attitude in the institution and among the students was so reinforcing.”

Professor Emeritus Francis Heller,

who served as dean of faculties and vice chancellor for academic affairs from 1967 to 1972, agrees that the climate was right for Ambler’s arrival. “There’s no doubt that Dave came to us when we needed someone exactly like him,” Heller says. “There was a willingness to let him do things in his low-key way; he replaced the old structure and its dichotomy of the dean of men and the dean of women, and he handled matters in a way that made everyone comfortable.”

Ambler indeed created a new division of student affairs and, through his 25 years, created numerous new programs and services. But comfort has sometimes been in short supply. As the chief liaison between the administration and student government leaders, he has weathered countless controversies. During the 13 years he worked for Chancellor Gene A. Budig, such trying incidents often began with a phone call: “David, there is a problem with YOUR students,” Budig would utter in his oh-so-wry tone.

“It’s a delicate balance for people in student affairs,” Ambler says. “Being a student-centered institution means that the rights of citizenship for students include having an independent voice. In advising student body presidents, I view my role as not to disagree or agree with their goals, but to help them get an honest hearing for their ideas.

“That can run the borderline between ethical administrative behavior, which says we all get on the same page, and I believe in that. I feel morally, ethically bound to support that, while at the same time allowing the students the freedom to challenge the administration. Somehow I’ve managed not to get in trouble with my bosses too much.”

As he has toed the sometimes blurry line between administrator and adviser, Ambler has followed one principle: Leaders in higher education must be consistent models and


mentors for students.

Last April, his success gleamed at a reunion of 33 former student body presidents and vice presidents, now accomplished alumni, who returned to the Hill for a conference on leadership, a trait Ambler has long strived to instill. Calling the weekend his “Big Chill,” he repeatedly decreed the subject was leadership, but the alumni, who spanned eras from hippies to hip-hop, clearly came to honor a mentor more dear than any cause.

On Saturday night, Ambler and his wife, Mary Kate, hosted a dinner party that quickly became a succession of toasts (and roasts), lasting late into the evening. Among those who stood to honor Ambler was Jake White, c’90, who led KU students as president his senior year. White, now vice president of marketing for a communications firm in Los Angeles, recounted his Commencement morning, when his father and Ambler finally met. White prefaced the story by explaining that he transferred to KU sight unseen, joined a fraternity and became a student leader all over the protests of his father, who worried that his son’s education would suffer.

“That morning, Dr. Ambler took my dad aside and they spoke for several minutes. It was odd to see my father and my ‘father away from home’ in deep conversation, and I’m not sure what was said, but my father walked away with a completely different idea about my college experience,” White said. “As we were walking across the campus on my way to descend the Hill, my dad said he was very proud of me and my choices.”

Fighting tears, Ambler graciously accepted White’s praise. The party is another he’ll long remember, as will the believers who laughed and cried and didn’t want the night to end.

All bear witness to the works of the college experience—and a model mentor. 



# Beauty

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

**T**hey shared a name, and so much more. Craig Martin, one of KU's finest teachers of botany and biology, found in Shannon Martin a student who longed to learn, and longed to make his specialty her own.

He studies CAM, which stands for Crassulacean acid metabolism, but it's enough for the rest of us to know that it has to do with the physiology of certain plants that live in extremely hot and dry environments, such as desert cacti.

Exceptions are rare. Exceptions makes scientists thirst for the one thing they want more than anything else: knowledge of the unknown. That's what sent Shannon Martin on a return trip to Costa Rica in May 2001. The focus of her research was a fern with hints of CAM physiology. This fern lived not in the desert, but in rain-forest trees. She was

an undergraduate, yet her work on the odd fern was notable enough to perhaps be worthy of publication in a scientific journal.

She first journeyed to Golfito, on Costa Rica's Pacific coast, in spring 2000, as part of KU's Study Abroad program at the Institute of Tropical Studies. In that spring semester of her junior year, she was looking deeper into research started by another of Craig Martin's students, who had found "a glimmer of evidence" that a certain jungle fern had these CAM properties.

She found the fern, but discounted the earlier deductions. So she began examining a related fern, again looking for the odd physiology. "She had some intriguing data that looked promising," Craig Martin says. "We were finding some evidence of this unusual physiology in that group."

Shannon collected specimens, did her field work, sent some samples back to Lawrence and continued her research in Martin's lab. After a year of analysis, her work was exemplary. She gave presenta-



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tions on her research at the Undergraduate Research Symposium and for her biology honors thesis. She was close to graduation. All was well.

“But to publish ...”

Craig Martin speaks rapidly, with enthusiasm. Hardcore rock 'n' roll bands you've never heard of, his morning newspaper, Spanish moss. Now, for the first time in more than an hour, his cadence slows, his voice drops, his chin sinks toward his chest. He repeats the words, visibly collecting his thoughts and himself.

“... but to publish, we realized that the most intriguing part, where she found some evidence of this physiology in one of the main species, she had the weakest data on that one. So we talked about how we could get her back down there, to Costa Rica, to get more of that fern and bring it back where we could study it and, you know, *really* figure it out. We might have been able to publish even without that, but to really make a good study of it, I was more comfortable getting the fern.”





■ Craig Martin is as passionate about his morning newspaper as he is his laboratory work, because both offer insights into the world.

As was her way, Shannon flew into action. She found some stray funds in the department of biology and the College Honors Program that covered her airfare; she completed her final semester of schoolwork and crammed five finals into two frantic days and got A's on every one.

"If you could have seen her that last week of school, taking all of her finals early, struggling to get done in a couple of days what everyone else takes two weeks to do," recalls her boyfriend, Dave Schmitz, e'01. "She worked nonstop for the last couple of weeks to do that, and it illustrates how important it was to her to go out of her way to collect a few more samples. She did it because she loved it, and she respected Dr. Martin, and she wanted to finish it for him."

"Everyone else was out planning parties and doing as little as possible, but she made that extra effort to do something that was not required. Because she was serious."

In fact, Shannon, c'01, was also planning a graduation party, for herself and her younger sister, Sheri, c'01. Along with Dave, now a physics graduate student at Columbia University, all three would walk down the Hill three days after Shannon returned from this quick trip to Costa Rica, and the party would be memorable.

"I probably wouldn't have gone in the first place, but Shannon had ordered my cap and gown, and got on my case for

everything, and planned a party and everything ..."

Sheri Martin, who is pursuing a master's degree to teach English as a second language as well as another undergraduate degree, in Chinese, sways gently on her porch swing, overlooking Tennessee Street. She is remembering the sister who never came home, the sister whose last walk was not down the Hill, but along an empty, tree-lined Golfito access road leading from a crowded bar to her host family's home.

Somewhere between the two, Shannon Martin was murdered in the dark, and nobody came to her rescue. Not even the people who heard her screams.

**L**ike a race-car driver who schleps around in a Chevy, plant physiologist Craig Martin isn't much for surrounding himself with greenery. He keeps a few common varieties at home, and there's a potted cactus-looking-thing next to his desk in his eighth-floor office in Haworth Hall. It needs watering.

"A student gave it to me," he says. "She said it was one thing, and I don't really believe it. I think it's something else, but I'm not quite sure. It's a very strange family, not related to cacti at all."

The presence of this odd plant is completely appropriate. It's a gift from a student, indicating the affection and

respect Martin earns. And what, exactly, do you get a botanist who has everything? How about a plant even he can't identify—and even he won't water? The irony suits, because Craig Martin is all about a good laugh, a spot of humor, the funny take on everyday things.

He likes music. So he has 3,000 CDs, 90 percent of which he's certain nobody else has heard of, and he's right. Nope, don't know Mud Vein, Spine Shank, Tap Root or Dead Legs.

He reads *The Kansas City Star*. Every word of it. He starts before 6 a.m. and goes straight through until at least 7:30. When he goes away on research trips or vacation, he has his carrier save the papers, and he reads every page of those, too. "I really do like to know what's going on everywhere," Martin says. "I'm fascinated by all of these things. Most people think I'm really nuts."

The son of a U.S. Marine, he lived in Japan, the Philippines and California. He recalls Okinawa's coral coasts at low tide, teeming with bizarre sea life. Back in California, where he was a backpacker and camper, he became fascinated by diverse flora: alpine plants, desert cacti, redwood forests, shrubby chaparral.

Immediately after completing his PhD at Duke University, Martin joined the KU faculty. His speciality was, and remains, studying the adaptability of organisms under stress. He was 26 when he came to KU, and of his 21 years here, his worst year was also his finest.

In fall 2001, a few months after Shannon Martin's murder, Craig Martin was named a Chancellors Club teaching professor—an exclusive group with only six other members. One month later, he won the HOPE Award, after having been a finalist twice before.

"When I came here in 1980, right away I was aware of this HOPE Award," he says. "It sounds wonderful. Then you realize it's an acronym: Honor for the Outstanding Progressive Educator. I thought, man, someday it would be a trip to get that. To be considered that good, outstanding and progressive ... But you know, it was a pipe dream."

He's won awards before, and he notes them proudly. He was an Honors Faculty Fellow in 2001. In 1999, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences named him the outstanding adviser in

it was just ... *intense*."

His career path is unusual not just for its high arc, but also for its direction. He says he needed 15 years of experience and confidence to tackle Biology 100. When he felt ready, he requested the assignment; when classes resume in August, he'll begin his sixth year of teaching 800 underclassmen in their introductory biology course, and he couldn't be happier if he were twins.

"I specifically wanted to teach the non-majors. I wanted to teach a big section. Because I wanted to try and convey some



Mom was afraid Shannon would be left out of lunch-table conversations.

It seems Shannon might already have sensed that every minute is precious. Even if the thought wasn't formed that precisely, she lived as if it were.

"The destruction of the Earth is my greatest concern," she wrote in a high-school essay. "We are coming closer and closer to the end of life as we know it on this planet. And it may be too late, but I feel it is definitely worth trying to save. ... It is possible that I can help contribute to the fight to save our very existence."

She savored the light moments,

**"We talked about how we could get her back down there ... to get more of that fern and bring it back where we could study it and, you know, really figure it out."**

math and science. He won the prestigious H. Bernerd Fink Award for excellence in teaching in 1997. He was named a Kemper Fellow in 1996 and Mortar Board Outstanding Educator in 1984 and '92.

Clearly, no one appreciates the honors more than Martin. He is right when he says he puts energy into his teaching, and he's delighted to be recognized for it. Now he sometimes signs his name with the addendum, "Chancellors Club Teaching Professor." When he was named a HOPE finalist for the third time last fall, he made sure his father was in the stands, to appreciate the fact that KU seniors considered Ronald Martin's son one of the six best professors on the Hill.

"But I also told him, 'I'm not going to get this thing. I know I'm not.' I think he was fairly convinced, too. When they read my name over the loudspeakers,

of the excitement, some of the fascination that I have about these fascinating things in life, all aspects of life."

Shannon Martin's life ended when she was only 23. She would need years of dedicated work to match her adviser in academic expertise, but in one important aspect of life—exuberance—she was his equal.

Shannon was 5 or 6 when she announced to her family that they would be starting a vegetable garden; by the next year, Shannon was hauling out monster zucchinis. She was a sophomore at Shawnee Heights High School in Topeka when she marched home and berated her mother, Jeanette Stauffer, for ever having allowed her to watch TV. Never mind that Shannon was only allowed to watch two sitcoms a week, and even that much simply because

■ Shannon in the Golfito rain forest during her first trip to Costa Rica, as a Study Abroad student in spring 2000.

### Scholarship created in Martin's memory

At the one-year anniversary of her death in Costa Rica, the University announced a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Shannon Martin.

The Shannon Lucile Martin Scholarship for Study Abroad will be awarded annually, beginning in spring 2003, to a female student attending Golfito's Institute of Tropical Studies. Martin attended the institute during her study-abroad semester in spring 2000; she was slain while in Golfito for a one-week plant-collection trip in May 2001.

"The Golfito program has drawn exceptional students," Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway said when the scholarship was announced, "and none more promising than Shannon Martin."

—C.L.

## KU examines safety for overseas students

Along with standard orientations required of all Study Abroad students, those traveling to Costa Rica will now have additional sessions in Lawrence and with U.S. embassy staff upon arrival. Additionally, Shannon Martin's murder will be discussed with all students traveling to Costa Rica.

Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco, PhD'99, director of KU Study Abroad, and Professor Charles Stansifer, one of the world's leading experts on Costa Rica, both flew to Costa Rica after Martin's death to investigate all aspects of safety and to meet with embassy officials. As a result of their work, KU officials are satisfied that Golfito is safe for students.

"Besides this major incident, we never even have had minor incidents with students," says Oscar Quiros, g'85, PhD'93, director of the Institute of Tropical Studies in Golfito.

Martin's family has repeatedly expressed frustration and doubts.

"I'm shocked that every student [in Golfito] continued," says Sheri Martin, Shannon's younger sister. "They haven't caught the person, they don't have a motive, so I don't know why they think their students are safe."

Jeanette Stauffer says she wishes KU had at least threatened to pull out of Costa Rica if her daughter's homicide was not solved quickly. KU officials say that was never an option.

"If we were to stop offering a program for even a semester, it would destroy that program," Gronbeck-Tedesco says. "And the overriding concern was, given all the information that we had, this was a personal crime. It was, is, a safe place to offer academic programs."

Quiros says all 15 KU students in Golfito at the time of Martin's death were told they could leave immediately and finish finals in Lawrence; none did. The following fall, one student out of 20 chose not to travel to Golfito.

Says Stauffer: "I want to see the [Golfito] program succeed. Shannon would be very upset if I felt otherwise. But I think the University could have put a little pressure on [investigators] to make sure, in the beginning, that more was done. That's just my opinion. ... The University of Kansas is a wonderful place for students. Shannon really, thoroughly loved being a student here, and was very proud to be able to, had hoped to, walk down from the Campanile to obtain her degree."

Among increased safety efforts is an emphasis on the need for students to maintain normal safety precautions while traveling. And all Study Abroad students will be met at the destination airport by a program representative.

"Any of us going to another culture can misread the cues in our environment and feel safe when we're not safe," Gronbeck-Tedesco says. "We tell students to pay attention to their intuition. If it doesn't feel right, if something is bothering them, pay attention to that."

Before Martin, three KU students died, all accidentally, while studying overseas. Two drowned during a Study Abroad semester in Ireland in the 1970s, and a Study Abroad student in Spain was killed in 1995 when she crossed behind a bus that backed into her.

—C.L.



At an Ecumenical Christian Ministries memorial service for Shannon, Jeanette Stauffer shares photographs of her daughter.

too. One of her many lifelong friends recalls a girl who was capable of "spontaneous gymnastics at random times." She quitted. She played competitive soccer and made close friends and hiked in the woods behind her house, gathering flowers or foliage to decorate the dinner table.

She loved animals so much that she started helping out around a veterinary clinic in fourth grade; when she discovered that there are people in the world who abuse their pets, she stopped working in a place where she had to see it. She posted a "No Hunting" sign in the rear window of her first car. When the family dog died of old age, Shannon found her mother on the front porch, snuggled up close and said, "Mom, you're my best friend, and Max was my second-best friend." Recalls Stauffer: "I'm sure I would have been second if I weren't sitting there."

At the next Christmas, Santa delivered a precious German shepherd pup. Shannon named him Brutus, and they grew up together. She trained him and loved him, and Brutie moved with her when Shannon left Topeka to attend KU in Lawrence.

Brutus is now 13, old for a German shepherd. Stauffer brings him back to Lawrence for treatment on his failing hind legs; during one recent trip, she swung by Sheri's house. To get there she drove down Tennessee Street, which also was the way to Shannon's.

"Still, after all this time, Brutus knows that street and he thinks Shannon is going to be there," Stauffer says. "I feel so disappointed for him. He's such a good dog. Those two were bonded at the hip. Brutus was probably the most important thing in her world."

At KU, Shannon bicycled to class and brown-bagged her lunch to save the money she earned at Sunrise Garden Center. If she wasn't eating her homemade lunches, she ate at Ecumenical Christian Ministries, where she helped start weekly vegetarian lunches that have since become a campus tradition. She got to know her neighbors, and listened to their stories and their songs. She lis-

tened and learned, and did things in her own way. She cut the pockets out of all of her pants. She was late. She was romantic.

When she was about 8, Shannon told her mother that she wanted to go to the store and buy marigold seeds. They would plant flowers for Mother's Day.

"So every Mother's Day after that, that's what we did. We planted flowers."

Until last year. Shannon left the crowded Golfito bar in the earliest hours of May 13, 2001, heading back to her host family's house to get a few hours of sleep. She was scheduled to join a local parks guide, a friend she had met during her semester in Golfito the year before, sometime around daybreak. Together, they were to venture into the rain forest, searching for her fern.

Even so, marigolds would probably have been on her mind. It was Mother's Day.

In the wake of his student's murder, Craig Martin became the very thing he had spent his life studying: an organism under stress. He adapted by purchasing a plane ticket and flying to Golfito to finish the work left undone.

A year later, he is still amazed at what he found.

"I had no clue how involved it was to go to this spot. I couldn't believe my eyes. I just couldn't believe how remote it was. It was several miles outside of town, so you basically needed a vehicle on basically a nonexistent pseudo-road, and then you had to hike deep within the rain forest, wading through a stream and everything ... It was insane. And also quite fascinating."

As Shannon's friend guided him to the spot where he would find the fern, Martin got a bad feeling. It was pure rain forest; Martin's beloved CAM plants, remember, are specialists in extreme, dry heat. CAM had been found before in ferns, but this was pushing it.

"It was the last place on earth you'd expect to find this CAM stuff," he says. "There's just no way. And when I saw the fern, I just said, 'All of her data must

■ Shannon included her beloved Brutus in her high-school portrait.

be no good, because there's no way this thing's a CAM plant.' It was just too dark, too wet."

Martin collected it anyway. Back in the laboratory: "We confirmed some of her findings. There is, indeed, something unusual going on with that plant."

Martin is continuing the slow process of research, awaiting a final report from another laboratory out of state. He also decided to make Shannon's original work broader, bringing in some of his related work from Taiwan. When the paper is done, it will be published.

"All I can say," Martin says, "is that she will be the first author on the whole study."

There has been one arrest, but the case has not yet been broken. Costa Rican police hope the woman they've had in custody since November will talk, but she hasn't yet. The murder is still unsolved; even motive remains a mystery.

The wait has been agonizing. Jeanette Stauffer and her husband, Brad, journeyed in May to Golfito. They saw the road Shannon walked. They saw how close she was to the bar, to her host family's house, to other homes in the area. A cab driver returning home from work that night says he heard a scream; so did another neighbor. Both said they thought it was just partying from the bar and did nothing. And the bar was so close, no more than a couple of dozen yards away, that somebody there might have heard something, too, but nobody knows for sure who was there that night.

The family hopes a new reward offer of \$50,000 will help find the killers, but, in the end, there's little else to do but



wait and endure. Even the little cross erected by O'dette Porras, Shannon's host mother in Golfito, was ordered removed by the owner of the property on which Shannon was killed.

When she delivered her undergraduate thesis days before departing for Costa Rica, Shannon invited her family. "Mom," she said, "you got to see me do something well. I got to show you how good I could do." But there are regrets. Jeanette Stauffer had left her camera in the car. Shannon told her mom to forget about it. They would get pictures at Commencement.

"No," Jeanette Stauffer says softly, shaking her head at the memory. "Don't ever leave it undone."

Had Shannon Martin lived one week longer, she would have walked down the Hill with her sister and her boyfriend on a glorious May afternoon. The young woman who hoped to save the world earned her diploma; she just never got to hold it. The world let her down.

Three days after her death, Sheri Martin and Dave Schmitz donned their caps and gowns and walked down the Hill. The walk was for accomplishment; the party awaits justice. —

A man with glasses and a red sweater is holding a massive, multi-layered burger on a white plate. The burger is so large it nearly obscures his face. In the foreground, a map of Kansas is spread out on a table, and a yellow mustard bottle is visible on the left. The background consists of vertical wood paneling.

# HOLY COW!

Bill Bunyan's  
drive through Kansas  
is a (medium) rare feat

**T**he way Bill Bunyan sees it, he eats his cheeseburgers in paradise. In Ulysses, at Iris' Country Café. Or at the Utica Community Café, where the tempter of the day was a memorable sausage burger. Or Lizard Lips Grill and Deli, near Toronto, population 320, in Woodson County, where the open-faced chili cheeseburger was worth enduring Susan's concerns about sitting too close to her burgermeister husband as they headed up the road for a basketball game in Allen Field House.

"I've been told the best hamburger is in Glade," Bunyan, c'61, says excitedly from his home in Dodge City, and here's the whole point of Bunyan's retirement quest to eat a hamburger in all 105 Kansas counties: When somebody tells him the most DeLuxe of all Kansas burgers is on the grill in Glade, at the regionally famous Triple C, Bunyan starts planning.

To savor the single Triple C, dive into the double Triple C or—heaven (and cardiologists) forbid—test the triple Triple C, you first must know where Glade is. So Bunyan consults the laminated wall map of his beloved home state.

"That's in Phillips County," he says. In fact, the Glade burger joint is a roadside haunt on U.S. 183, at the intersection of Main and Central streets, where Phillips County locals and tourists visiting the Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge and Reservoir converge in a beef feast.

"I don't eat in chains," Bunyan says emphatically. "Only down-home-type cafes. And I can tell you I have eaten in places my wife said she'd wished I hadn't gone into."

He says he is on a "great burger quest." Does "great" qualify the burgers or the quest? Both. And neither.

The quest is about Kansas, and burgers are only part of the journey.

Explains Bunyan: "It's a fun way to

see what our state has to offer."

The retired fifth-grade teacher's Jayhawk sentiments are legend in the KU family. He and his wife, Susan, are longtime volunteers for the Kansas Honors Program in Dodge City as well as hosts of annual sendoff parties for KU freshmen. A former member of the Alumni Association national board, he has received the Association's Fred Ellsworth Medallion and Mildred Clodfelter Award for service to the University and his hometown. Bunyan is virtually the heart of KU support in southwestern Kansas.

But when it comes to Kansas, Bunyan is about more than the University of. From Mount Oread in the east to Mount Sunflower in the west, Bill Bunyan wants to explore and promote, meet and greet, buy and buy some more. That's why he and Susan are active in the Kansas Explorers Club, a branch of the Kansas Sampler Foundation, organized by Marci Penner, c'79, of Inman.

"People often think Kansas is dull, flat and boring," says Penner, the foundation's executive director and sole employee. "If we can do things in a fun manner, that helps everybody lighten up a little bit and enjoy what we have. The whole thing is about exploring and having fun."

Penner says Bunyan's fellow Explorers are always eager for updates on his burger quest; she also says there are places in Kansas where the price of a burger basket and a tall glass of tea is not inconsequential.

"Bill goes out and eats his burgers," Penner says, "and in a small town, it makes a difference when one additional person comes in for a visit and spends money."

While Bunyan has found a focus for

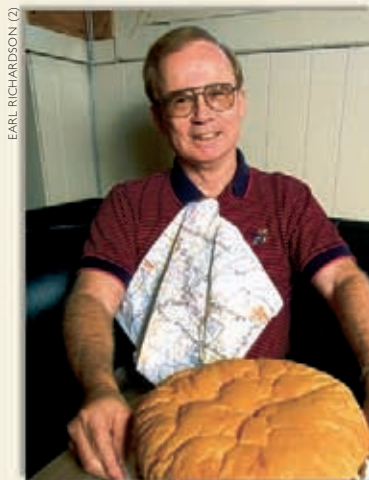
his journeys, the goal for all Explorers is identical: Find new Kansas places, make new Kansas friends and spread the Kansas wealth. When he met Larry "The Bowler" Woydziak and heard of the Lawrence man's quest to bowl a game in all 79 Kansas counties with a bowling alley, Bunyan figured he needed a quest of his own.

"I want to get it done in three years," Bunyan says, "so we're trying to average three a month. I should finish right before I turn 65, if cholesterol doesn't get me first."

As for the report we've all been waiting for: Two years into his quest, Bunyan says two of the best burgers in the state can be found in his own hometown, at the Cowtown Club and Peppercorn's. He also favors the Seabrook Bar & Grill at 21st and Gage in Topeka, where he tried gamely to boat the 3-pounder.

"It was a great burger," he says.

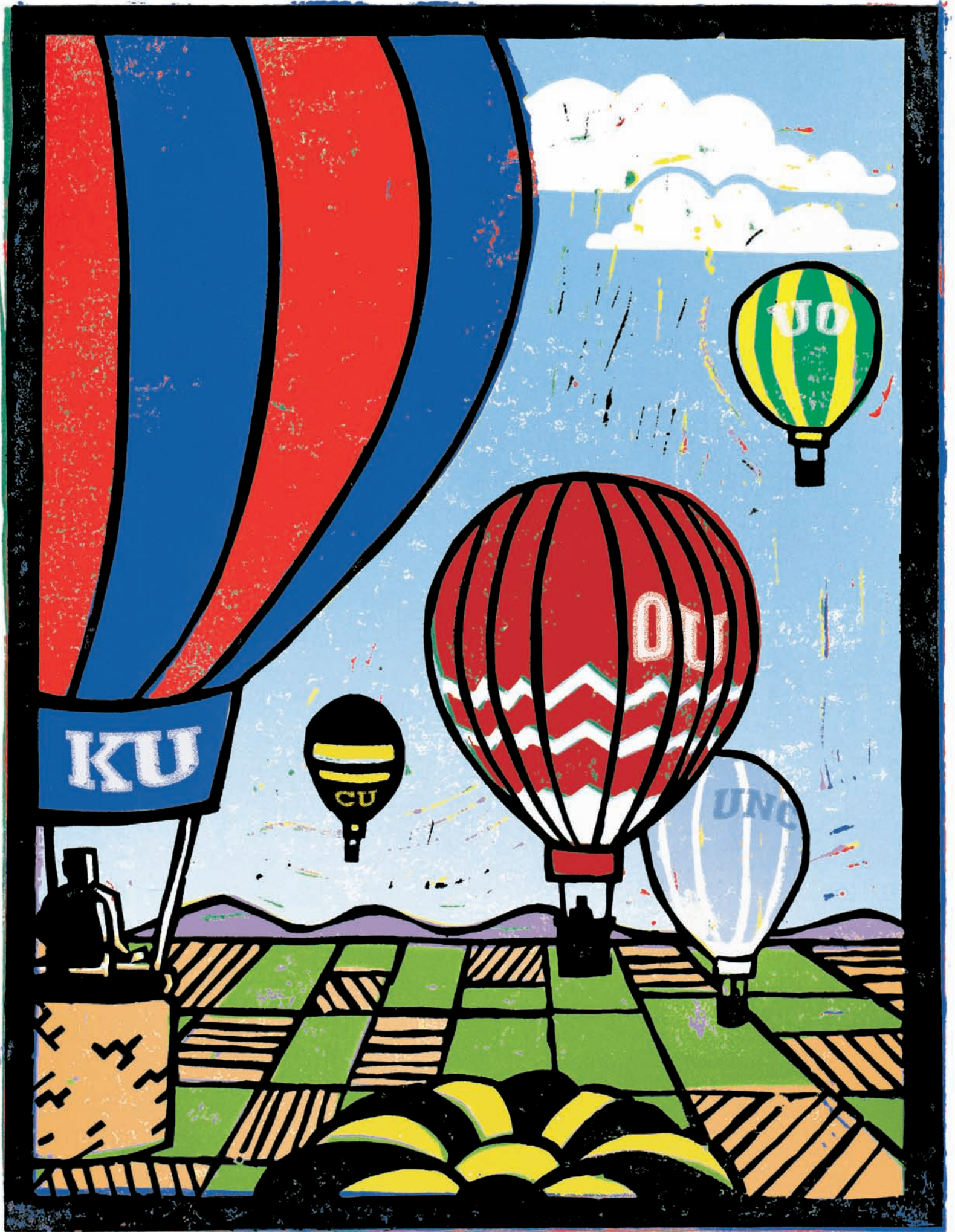
"But I gave up." 



■ Two years into his three-year quest to eat a hamburger in every Kansas county, Bill Bunyan rates the impossible-to-finish 3-pounder at Topeka's Seabrook Bar & Grill one of the best.

**F**or more information

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# The Price of Success

## IF KU'S NATIONAL RANKING IS TO RISE, SO MUST TUITION

BY STEVEN HILL

**T**he University will raise tuition 25 percent this fall, the largest increase since 1970 and the first of five annual hikes designed to bring KU's overall funding in line with that of its peer schools.

The tuition plan, presented in May as the Legislature scratched its way to the longest (and by many accounts the most contentious) session on record, was approved by the Kansas Board of Regents June 27. The change will cost in-state undergraduates an extra \$600 over the coming academic year; nonresident undergrads will pay an additional \$876. If the increases continue over five years, as projected, the plan would double tuition while raising about \$50 million for a broad range of improvements intended chiefly to benefit students.

Twenty percent of this year's increase will be set aside for financial aid, mostly in the form of KU Tuition Grants designed to help offset most of the increase for the neediest students. (See box.)

The proposal, requested by the Kansas Board of Regents, marks a historic departure for an institution that has traditionally been bound by a draconian funding scheme that discouraged the state's six Regents universities from charting their own financial courses. Only recent fundamental changes in

that scheme—namely tuition ownership, which allows the University to keep any tuition money it raises—have made possible such a plan, the most ambitious proposal yet for raising KU's funding to a level approaching that of its peers.

It's a new approach to an old problem.

In 1976, the Board of Regents began comparing each of the schools under its governance with similar schools in other states. To serve as KU's peer institutions the Regents chose five schools with research and education missions similar to KU's, located in states with similar per capita incomes, population patterns and public support for higher education. Ever since, the University on the Hill has consistently found itself on the short end of the measuring stick when the subject is money.

In 1978, KU received about 90 percent of the funding enjoyed on average by its peers, the universities of Colorado, Iowa, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Oregon. Now the disparity is even greater: KU gets by on 80 percent of the average funding of its equals.

It's not just adolescents who feel peer pressure; institutions of higher learning feel it, too.

"All of the resources we buy, all the people we hire are paid for in a national market," says Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost David Shulenburg. "When you have 80 cents to compete with

everyone else's dollar, you simply can't do as well."

And yet higher tuition alone won't fix the problem, because lagging tuition is only one of two things driving this downward trend: The other is declining state support.

Since 1985, state funding for higher education at KU has dropped from \$6,469 to \$5,329 per student. During that time, KU and the other Regents universities approved only modest tuition increases because the state effectively punished schools for tuition hikes by reducing state funding an equal amount.

As other schools across the nation raised their tuitions, KU became a relative bargain, earning the University recognition in the college guides as a bona fide "best buy," but creating a fiscal problem that defied quick fixes.

Now, some of today's students feel that the scramble to catch up has them paying yesterday's bills.

"I do think we need a tuition increase," says Jonathan Ng, Leawood senior and newly elected student body president. "Honestly, I think we should



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have been increasing it incrementally over the past five or 10 years, so we wouldn't have the situation we have now. A 25-percent increase is probably necessary, but not all at once."

The bigger issue, says Ng, is how the money will be used. "As a student you're going to say, 'OK, I paid more. What did I get this year that was different?'"

## FINANCIAL AID

**R**oughly \$2.2 million of the tuition increase will be set aside for financial aid, nearly doubling the University's state-funded, need-based aid. Students with additional unmet need after all other gift aid has been awarded will be eligible for KU Tuition Grants. The maximum grant per semester will be:

- Full-time undergraduate: \$250
- Half-time undergraduate: \$125
- Full-time graduate: \$200
- Half-time graduate: \$100

**C**ompared with tuition and fees at major universities in Kansas and nearby states, a KU education is still a bargain, even with a 25-percent tuition increase.

During the coming academic year, full-time resident undergraduates at the University of Missouri will pay \$5,282 in tuition in fees, an increase of \$395 from the previous year. University of Iowa students will pay \$4,191, up \$669. At the University of Nebraska the total is \$4,095, an increase of \$335.

KU undergraduates will pay \$3,484 in tuition and fees. That ranks eighth among the 11 public universities in the Big 12, and is nearly identical to tuition and fees at Kansas State University, which will run \$3,444 after its own 25-percent hike.

"In-state students pay about 25 percent of the cost of their education right now," Shulenburg says. "If we were raising tuition above the cost of that education, that would be a different matter. There is still a lot of subsidy involved."

But students might argue that, while they've been paying relatively low

tuition, they've also been suffering the effects of relatively low funding. Consider the lack of online enrollment, a feature at the top of Ng's wish list.

"That needs to be happening right now," he says. "If we're going to become a top-25 university, we're going to have to start thinking like one. It's ridiculous that we don't have online enrollment."

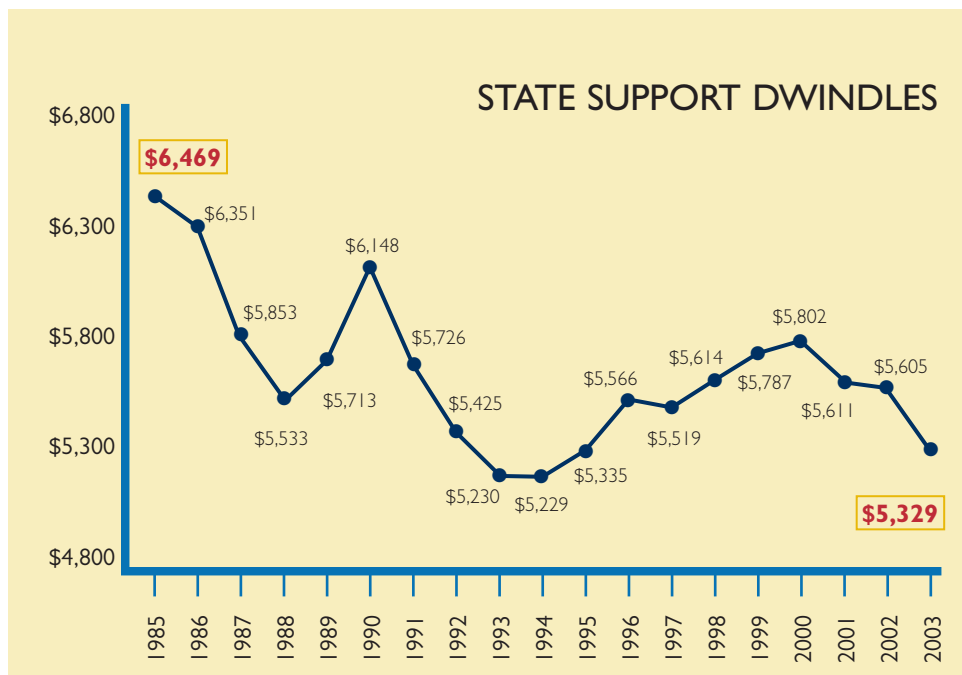
The president also wants to see a new home for the Multicultural Resource Center, now in its seventh year in temporary quarters; better programs for minority recruitment and retention; classroom improvements and salary increases for graduate teaching assistants.

Tuition accountability, that old buzzword that preceded tuition ownership to explain the concept that the state's schools should keep the money they raise from their students' tuition, has come to mean something else now: Accountability to the people who pay tuition.

"We want to work with the administration to create a committee of students to provide input and advice on how the tuition dollars are spent," says Ng. "We'll have our goals, and obviously the administration will have their goals. We'll just try to work together on how we can obtain that happy balance."

Those goals are not drastically different. The Ad Hoc Committee on University Funding, a group of students, faculty and staff from the Lawrence and Medical Center campuses, helped put together the tuition proposal submitted by the University to the Board of Regents. Their report recommends that the money raised from the tuition increase—expected to range between \$10 and \$11 million this year—should fund enhancements designed to increase student wages, classroom and lab equipment, and student services. The overall guiding principle of the increase, according to the committee's report, is that "the increased tuition money should be spent on items that directly improve the quality of the educational experience for students."

Ng agrees: "We're asking for more money from students, so it's only right



■ State appropriations per KU student have declined since 1985 when adjusted for inflation.

Source: Office of Institutional Research and Planning

that the money be spent on students.”

The devil, of course, is in the details.

“It’s going to be really important to specify exactly what the money will be spent on,” Ng says. “When you mention technological improvements, when you mention minority retention efforts, what exactly does that mean?”

There are certainly no shortage of worthwhile projects; the University has had to economize in so many areas for so long that it’s hard pinpoint just one area for improvement, Shulenburg says. A modern enrollment system, a stronger student placement office, and up-to-date classroom and lab technology are needed. But there’s an even more fundamental concern, one that illustrates how the most basic service the University offers—the physical space in which to gather and reflect—has been hurt by years of belt-tightening.

“As I did the tuition presentations, I was in a lot of different classrooms around the University,” Shulenburg says. “The shape some of those classrooms are in is not very good. With our current budget, we’re doing the best we can, but clearly we need to put a lot more money into our classrooms. Making those classrooms more presentable, more comfortable for students, is something I’d love to have in place by fall when students return.”

That raises another question on the minds of students, especially the upperclassmen: Just how much of their extra tuition will they see in action in the short time they have left on the Hill?

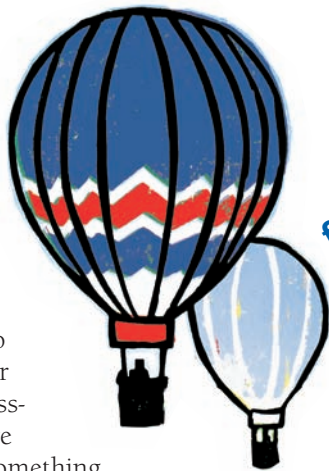
“They will see some immediate benefits. We’ll put some technology in; we’ll be able to hire a few more people to teach classes,” Shulenburg says. “The full benefits probably won’t accrue until the entire program is in place, so they won’t see them all. But on the other hand, they will have paid a very cheap rate for three years of education, and that fourth year will cost just

25 percent more.”

Says Ng: “Upperclassmen, like myself, are going to have to understand that a lot of this money will probably be for the long-term benefit of the University as a whole, not their specific education. But we should expect to see some short-term benefits as well.”

The long-term benefits will not be totally lost to those who walk down the Hill next May, Shulenburg notes. “When you mention where you went to school, if that school is on the tips of people’s tongues because of its accomplishments, its ranking, that benefits you as a holder of a degree from that institution. That benefit exists for students who attend now and those who graduated five years ago.”

Indeed, the decades-long decline relative to peer funding—not the recent state



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fiscal crisis—necessitates the tuition hike, Shulenburg says. Similarly, the five-year plan is intended to be more than just a quick fix to the current budget bind: It is a critical component in realizing Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway’s goal of making KU a top-25 public research university by 2010.

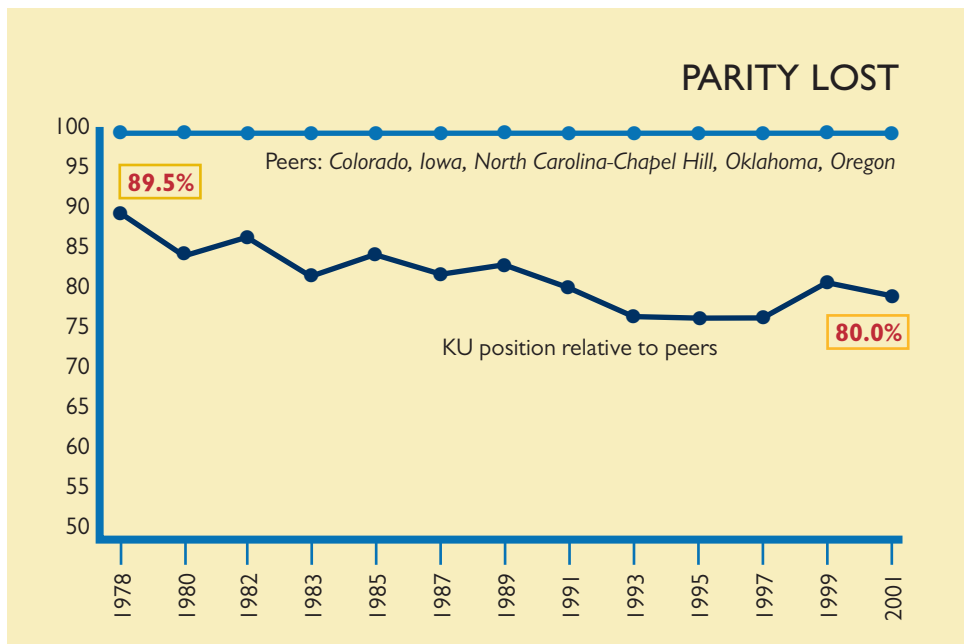
“No one ever wants a tuition increase, but KU is seriously underfunded relative to our peer universities and relative to any other benchmark for universities with a teaching and research mission,” Hemenway says. “Our students, and the people of the state of Kansas, can’t afford for that to continue. They deserve a first-rate University at KU.”



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Shulenburg

**B**eginning just after Thanksgiving, Hemenway, Shulenburg, Executive Vice Chancellor Janet Murguia, KU Medical Center Executive Vice Chancellor Donald Hagen and the University’s academic deans conducted more than 50 forums to gather input on how to address the five-year-tuition proposal requested by the Board of Regents. More than 1,500 students, faculty and staff attended. As these sessions continued into the spring, they took place against a backdrop of legislative wrangling and a deteriorating financial outlook for the state. Dropping tax revenues created a budget gap that quickly grew to more than \$700 million.



■ Over the last quarter-century KU has lost ground to its so-called equals. In 1978 KU was funded at nearly 90 percent of the average funding of its five peer schools; by 2001 that number had dropped to 80 percent. Source: Office of Institutional Research and Planning

Participants in the tuition debate needed only look to Topeka to see the advantage of the University's taking control of its financial future. Through much of the 106-day session, lawmakers balked at raising taxes to close the budget shortfall, finally settling on a \$252-million tax hike that fell short of closing the budget gap. KU's budget for fiscal 2003 remained the same as last fiscal year, causing an effective 3-percent cut. As a result, the University in June announced job and program cuts, including closing public exhibitions at the Museum of Anthropology. (See box.) Meanwhile, the state budget picture worsened again, making the prospect of further cuts this summer very real.

The question on everyone's mind: Does the University's newfound ability to generate more revenue by raising tuition effectively let state lawmakers off the hook when it comes to supporting higher education?

Shulenburg says he saw "no hint" of that happening at the Statehouse this year. Yet he sees the potential danger.

"I think the perspective legislators

need to take on this—and that students and their parents need to impress on their legislators—is that paying higher tuition is done in order to get a better education, to make a better KU," he says. "As voters we should let our lawmakers know that it's completely unacceptable to reduce contributions to higher education at a time when we're asking students to pay more." To do so, he says, amounts to "simply taxing students to support education."

The University will continue to press for better state support for higher education, says Shulenburg, even as he allows that "it hasn't been a very good year for us in that regard."

"We hope to get the state to step forward long term," on higher education funding he says, "but the thing we can work on now is the tuition side."

For now it remains a work in progress: Although the Board of Regents requested a five-year proposal from the schools under its umbrella, the board only approves tuition increases one year at a time. KU's plan calls for a steady \$16.50 increase per credit hour, plus an

increase in the base tuition determined by the Higher Education Price Index. That usually runs in the range of 3 to 5 percent a year. The bottom line is that, if all goes according to plan, KU's tuition would double in five years. But that plan is open to change.

"The objective isn't to raise tuition; the objective is to get the University's funding up to the level it ought to be," Shulenburg says. "If the state were to step forward and really pick up the state funding, smaller tuition increases would be needed."

State support, in fact, is crucial.

"Our objective at the end of five years is to get to 100 percent of peer funding; the tuition increases we've outlined by themselves won't do that."

And, no surprise, it's the Legislature that once again holds the cards.

## BUDGET CUTS

"The state's failure to fund real, ongoing costs will result in real, ongoing cuts," Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway wrote in a June memo to faculty and staff, as the University announced strategic cutbacks to absorb a 3-percent, \$7.1 million reduction in its state-funded budget for fiscal 2003. The new cuts, which follow layoffs in March at the KU Medical Center and the School of Medicine-Wichita, will:

- Eliminate 32 vacant positions and 22 filled positions
- Phase out the Kansas Geological Survey's statistical research unit
- Close the Museum of Anthropology's public exhibitions
- Eliminate state funding for the Paleontological Institute
- Institute a voluntary leave-without-pay program for the summer
- Preclude salary raises for faculty and staff

# Association



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## Volunteer leaders

*Association's new directors, officers begin their terms July 1*

Three alumni will begin five-year terms on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors July 1. They were elected by dues-paying members during the annual spring elections. The three are Con Keating, Lincoln, Neb.; Joe Morris, Leawood; and Allyn Risley, Bartlesville, Okla.

Leading the Association in the 2002-03 year will be new officers elected at the spring meeting May 17-18. Robert L. Driscoll, Mission Woods, will chair the organization after serving in the 2001-02 year as executive vice chair. Driscoll succeeds Janet Martin McKinney, Port Ludlow, Wash. The new executive vice chair is Linda Duston Warren, Hanover.

The Board also named three new vice chairs to join vice chair Tim S. Dibble, Issaquah, Wash., who will serve his third term in 2002-03. The three are Larry J. Borden, Colorado Springs, Colo.; John P. Hanna, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Delano E. Lewis, Mesilla, N.M.

Three alumni were named to the Intercollegiate Athletics Corp. board and the Kansas Memorial Union Corp. board. Michael J. Maddox, Lawrence, and Gil M. Reich, Barrington, Ill., will begin their terms on the athletics board July 1. Bradley E. Scafe, Overland Park, will serve on the Union board.

Keating, c'63, has been a trial lawyer for 35 years. He is a shareholder in the law firm of Keating, O'Gara, Davis & Nedved.

Morris, b'61, is chair of The Capital Corp. after more than 30 years in banking.

Risley, e'72, is president of Worldwide Liquefied Natural Gas for Phillips Petroleum Co.

Driscoll, c'61, l'64, a partner and former chair of the Stinson, Morrison, Hecker firm of Kansas City, Mo.

McKinney, c'74, retired as president of Martin Tractor Co. in Topeka.

Warren, c'66, m'70, is a family physician.

Dibble, d'74, is manager of SHEA Computing Services for The Boeing Co.

Borden, b'62, g'67, is vice president of Winslow Motors Inc.

Hanna, c'65, d'66, g'67, PhD'73, has had a long career in higher education and financial services.

Lewis, c'60, was the U.S. ambassador to South Africa during the Clinton administration.

Maddox, b'92, l'94, is community bank president of INTRUST in Lawrence. Reich, e'54, retired as chair and CEO of Equicor. Maddox succeeds Laird Noller, '59, Lawrence; Reich succeeds Dana K. Anderson, b'59, Los Angeles.

Scafe, c'80, is vice president of INTRUST in Overland Park. Scafe succeeds Donald Hatton, c'64, m'68, Lawrence. —

■ Bob Driscoll steps up as national chair, succeeding Janet Martin McKinney (center). Serving with Driscoll will be Executive Vice Chair Linda Duston Warren.

Association members elected new directors during annual spring balloting for the national Board of Directors. Board members named new officers May 17.

## Gold galore

Kansas Alumni, SAA take top prizes among their peers



**K**ansas Alumni received one of four 2002 Grand Gold Medals from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for Best Article of

the Year. Chris Lazzarino, j'86, managing editor, wrote the winning story, "Hail Fellow," which profiled Matthew Haug, c'00, c'00, winner of the three prestigious graduate fellowships. The cover story appeared in No. 4, 2001. Lazzarino accepted the award July 8 in Chicago.

Other top winners in the Best Article category were Johns Hopkins University, Middlebury College and Stanford University. The four were selected by The Chronicle of Higher Education from 30 finalists, chosen by national CASE juries from nearly 450 entries.

Although *Kansas Alumni* has won several national CASE medals in recent years, this is the magazine's first Grand Gold since 1990, when it received the last of six Grand Golds for best alumni tabloid in the nation. The Alumni Association that year replaced the tabloid with the bimonthly magazine.

Another program also has received honors. The Student Alumni Association was named Outstanding Organization in District 5 of the Association of Student Advancement Programs. Adviser Jennifer Mueller, g'99, director of student programs, and SAA president Marcie Rohleder of Plainville accepted the award in Sault Sainte Marie, Mich. Other recent SAA honors include Outstanding Program, for the Ice Cream Social in 2000; Outstanding Student Leader for Kendall Day, c'99; and Outstanding Adviser for Mueller, both in 1999.



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# Class Notes

## 1920s

**Josephine Braucher Fugate**, c'24, g'29, continues to make her home in Wichita.

## 1930s

**Ralph**, c'37, l'47, and **Ethel Wristen Hoke**, c'41, celebrated their 60th anniversary in March. They live in Prairie Village.

**Mary Hart Hukle**, c'32, will celebrate her 93rd birthday in August. She lives in Lenexa.

**David Prager**, c'39, l'42, recently received the Kansas Supreme Court's Justice Award in recognition of his contributions to the improvement of justice. He lives in Topeka, where he's retired chief justice of the state Supreme Court.

## 1940

**Jo Davis White**, c'40, a retired teacher, makes her home in Long Beach, Calif.

## 1941

**Roscoe Born**, '41, and his wife, Dorothy, moved recently to a retirement community in Sykesville, Md.

**Robert Wright**, b'41, a retired partner in Deloitte & Touche, makes his home in Sanford, N.C.

## 1942

**Curtis Alloway**, b'42, recently traveled to Cuba with the Flying Jayhawks. He lives in Kansas City.

**Peggy Smith Huggins**, c'42, continues to make her home in Olathe.

**Mary Jane Griggs Lear**, n'42, and her husband, **Homer**, assoc., celebrated their 60th anniversary last spring. They live in San Antonio.

## 1943

**Betty King Ball**, n'43, is retired in Orlando, Fla., where she and her husband, George, make their home.

## 1945

**Daniel Chase**, e'45, b'48, lives in Bella Vista, Ark., with **Jane Woestemeyer Chase**, c'47.

## 1946

**Harold Smith**, g'46, is librarian and archivist emeritus at Park University in Parkville, Mo.

## 1947

**Donald Milligan**, c'47, is retired in Coronado, Calif.

**James Mordy**, c'47, lives in Kansas City, where he's a retired partner in Morrison & Hecker.

**Grace Metcalf Muilenburg**, j'47, is retired in Manhattan.

## 1948

**Charles Chouteau**, c'48, g'55, is a retired professor at West Virginia State College. He lives in Nitro.

**Jack Daily**, e'48, a retired senior partner in Lutz, Daily & Brain, makes his home in Prairie Village.

**Robert Elbel**, c'48, g'50, is a research professor in the biology department at the University of Utah-Salt Lake City.

## 1949

**Bill**, e'49, and **Evelyn Hoffman Hamilton**, f'49, will celebrate their 51st anniversary in July. They live in Pocono Summit, Pa.

**Arthur Moore**, f'49, lives in Pompano Beach, Fla., where he's retired from Snorkel Co.

## 1950

**Henry Remple**, PhD'50, wrote *From Bolshevik Russia to America: A Mennonite Family Story*, which was published earlier this year. He lives in Lawrence.

**Jim Stinson**, e'50, is retired in Madisonville, Ky.

**Walter**, e'50, and **Jacquelyn Leedy Williams**, f'51, celebrated their 51st

anniversary in June. Their home is in Lake Waukomis, Mo.

## 1951

**Richard Bennett**, d'51, traveled last year to Austria and Germany. He and his wife, Vickie, live in Phoenix.

**John Corporon**, j'51, g'53, is vice president of the Overseas Press Club Foundation. He lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Mary Carter Gosney-Lancaster**, c'51, c'53, traveled to Spain and Portugal last year. She lives in Seal Beach, Calif.

**Charles**, b'51, and **Helen Persson Hall**, '53, will celebrate their 50th anniversary this year. They live in North Palm Beach, Fla.

**Lois Walker**, c'51, d'54, had two solo shows of her paintings last spring and also displayed paintings at the Karpeles Museum in Charleston, S.C. She lives in Amityville, N.Y.

## 1952

**James**, '52, and **Emelie Trickett Davidson**, '52, will celebrate their 50th anniversary Aug. 30. They live in Leawood.

**Carolyn Cortner Linnemeyer**, d'52, is organist emeritus at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Junction, Colo.

**Gordon Maxwell**, c'52, m'55, recently received a Distinguished Service Award from Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, where he was an obstetrician and gynecologist for many years.

## 1953

**Edwin Bowen**, b'53, recently celebrated his 70th birthday. He lives in Stockton, Calif.

**William Hawes**, p'53, a retired pharmacist, makes his home in Smith Center.

**Charles Malone**, g'53, EdD'60, recently served as interim principal at Highlands School in Shawnee Mission. He's a retired professor at Arizona State University, and he lives in Prescott.

## Class Notes

### 1954

**Kenneth Stevenson**, e'54, g'57, lives in Bella Vista, Ark., where he's retired.

**John Towner**, d'54, g'61, makes his home in Shawnee.

### 1955

**Sachiko Sugawa Kushiro**, g'55, is a professor emeritus at Kyoto Women's University in Kyoto, Japan.

### 1956

**Carl Blair**, f'56, recently gave a one-man exhibition of his paintings at the Columbia Museum of Art in Columbia, S.C. He lives in Greenville.

### 1957

**Ruth Harder Scott**, c'57, makes her home in Leawood.

### 1958

**Robert Peterson**, c'58, m'62, medical director of Medevac MidAmerica Ambulance Service in Topeka, recently received the Bal Jeffrey Award from the Stormont Vail Foundation.

### 1959

**Richard Chatelain**, d'59, is retired in Prairie Village.

**Nicholas Classen**, e'59, plays bagpipes in Austin, Texas, where he's a retired engineer.

**Richard Davis**, e'59, is retired in Tulsa, Okla.

**Robert Howard**, l'59, received an honorary doctorate of humane letters earlier this year from Sterling College. He lives in Wichita, and is retired senior partner and chairman of Foulston & Siefkin.

**Robert Rowe**, e'59, makes his home in Topeka, where he's retired.

### 1960

**Robert Chiang**, g'60, is a professor emeritus at Virginia Tech. He lives in Blacksburg, Va.

**Richard Hill**, '60, serves as a councilman in Tupelo, Miss.

**Linda Compton Ross**, d'60, EdD'72, is retired as administrator of the Kansas State School for the Blind. She lives in Mission.



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**Cecil Williams**, l'60, serves as county judge in Grand County, Colo. He and **Martha Ormsby Williams**, '61, live in Fraser.

### 1961

**Katherine Haughey Loo**, c'61, lives in Colorado Springs. A recording of her musical composition, *Leda and the Swan*,

was released earlier this year.

**Robert McLean**, c'61, is a senior business analyst and project leader at American Tool Companies in Lincoln, Neb.

### 1962

**Charles Kulier**, PhD'62, works for Pfizer in Holland, Mich.



**Patricia Glendening Renze**, d'62, directs program services for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Kansas. She lives in Wichita.

**John Ruf**, e'62, g'66, makes his home in Lee's Summit, Mo., where he's retired.

**Kelly Smith Tunney**, j'62, recently was named vice president of the Associated Press. She lives in New York City.

**John Wolf**, c'62, g'66, is assistant dean of continuing education at KU. He lives in Lawrence.

## 1963

**Terry Bloskey**, '63, and **June Ann Meschke Bloskey**, d'62, divide their time between homes in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Scottsdale, Ariz.

**Pack St. Clair**, d'63, recently was inducted into the Kansas Business Hall of Fame. He lives in Neodesha, where he's president and CEO of Cobalt Boats.

**Susan Suhler**, j'63, is assistant program manager at the KU Center for Research. She lives in Lawrence.

## 1964

**Ronald Arnold**, b'64, is executive vice president of City Bank and Trust in Moberly, Mo.

**Frank Kirk**, b'64, l'67, works as managing director and branch manager of Wachovia Securities. He lives in Leawood.

**Marilyn Blackman Pearl**, c'64, retired recently from the Park Hill School District, where she had worked for 21 years. She lives in Parkville, Mo.

## 1965

**David Jones**, g'65, is retired in Wellsville, N.Y.

**Joan Fowler Kessler**, c'65, lives in Milwaukee, where she's a partner in the law firm of Foley & Lardner.

**Larry Raney**, b'65, works as a controller at Intelligent Marketing Solutions in Grandview, Mo. He lives in Overland Park.

**Philip Schmidt**, g'65, PhD'74, a professor of history at Southwestern College in Winfield, recently received the college's United Methodist Exemplary Teacher Award.

## 1966

**Raena Reiss Borth**, d'66, teaches third grade at Trailwood Elementary School in Overland Park. Her husband, **Ray**, d'65, is a senior partner in the law firm of Short & Borth. They live in Leawood.

**Elizabeth Wienecke Fisher**, d'66, works as a flight attendant for American Airlines. She lives in Tulsa, Okla.

**Ronald Horwege**, c'66, serves as president of the Virginia chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German. He's a professor at Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, Va.

**Jerald Takesono**, c'66, practices dentistry in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

## 1967

**Julia Conaway Bondanella**, g'67, serves as assistant chairman for programs at the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C. She's on leave from the French and Italian department at Indiana University in Bloomington.

**Cleveland Harrison**, PhD'67, wrote *Unsung Valor: A GI's Story of World War II*, which recently was published by University Press of Mississippi. He is a professor emeritus of theater at Auburn University in Auburn, Ala.

**Beatrice Osgood Krauss**, g'67, is executive director of the Hunter College Center on AIDS, Drugs and Community Health. He lives in Newburgh, N.Y.

**Raymond Reichenborn**, a'67, recently became a principal associate at Wilson & Co. in Wichita.

**Vicki Secrest**, d'67, is executive director of the Camp Arcadia Scholarship Foundation and assistant director of Camp Arcadia in Darien, Conn.

**Donna Allen Taylor**, f'67, lives in Los Altos, Calif., and is vice president of Nuance Communications in Menlo Park.

**Terry Wages**, b'67, is executive vice president of Freedom Family in Topeka.

**Carol Sullivan Wohlford**, c'67, recently joined Great Plains Earth Institute as a co-coordinator of community outreach. She lives in Wichita.

**Edward Wolcott**, e'67, manages insulation design engineering at Alliant Tech Systems in Magna, Utah.

## 1968

**Kathryn Moen Braeman**, g'68, serves as administrative judge of the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals. She lives in Washington, D.C.

**Linda Wulfskuhle Cecchini**, c'68, retired last year as periodicals librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

**Steve Johns**, b'68, g'73, l'73, recently joined O'Keefe & O'Malley as a merger acquisition specialist. He lives in Leawood.

**Thomas King**, d'68, is a professor of music at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn.

**Ming Sai Lai**, g'68, retired recently as an engineering manager at Goodrich Aerospace in San Diego.

**Dorothy Purdy Norman**, d'68, is retired in Ava, Mo.

**Tim Weeks**, d'68, lives in Kansas City, where he's president of Power Equipment Sales.

## 1969

**Russell Bromby**, f'69, retired recently from the Colorado Division of Wildlife, where he was chief of communications. He lives in Lakewood.

**Paul Broome**, b'69, is president of Broome Chevrolet-Oldsmobile-Cadillac in Independence, Mo. He lives in Grain Valley.

**Candice Davis**, s'69, s'96, has a private counseling practice, Cottage Hill Counseling, in Lawrence.

**Heiko Juette**, '69, works for the Employers Association in Saarbruecken, Germany.

**William Lupton**, c'69, l'73, directs development and major gifts for the Washburn University Endowment Association in Topeka. He lives in Overland Park.

**James McAnerney**, d'69, serves as mayor of Wathena.

**Michael Morley**, j'69, owns Morley Builders. He lives in Lawrence.

**Nancy Hardin Rogers**, s'69, is dean of law at Ohio State University in Columbus. She recently received the D'Alemberte/Raven Award from the American Bar Association for her work in dispute resolution.

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**Roseann O'Reilly Runte**, c'69, g'71, PhD'74, president of Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., recently was named to the Order of Canada for her contributions to education.

**Linda Akin Warning**, c'69, is executive director of Habitat for Humanity Kansas City. She lives in Fairway.

### 1970

**Arthur "Jack" Aenchbacher**, b'70, has become executive director of the Cooper Institute in Dallas.

**Mark Bedner**, c'70, g'75, has been elected to the board of commissioners representing Sea Island and St. Simons Island. He lives in Sea Island, Ga.

**Donna Strohwitz Fowler**, c'70, is a loan agent for Capitol Federal Savings in Topeka.

**Ralph Haller**, e'70, is president of Fox Ridge Communications in Gettysburg, Pa.

**James Kring**, e'70, lives in Topeka, where he's executive vice president of Bartlett & West Engineers.

**William "Spike" Lynch**, b'70, l'73, recently joined the Kansas City law office of Husch & Eppenberger.

**John Tilton**, c'70, has a dental practice in Wichita.

**Cecil Walker**, '70, is president and CEO of CW Construction Services in Longwood, Fla.

### 1971

**Pamela Hooper Feinstein**, c'71, l'73, lives in Bellevue, Wash., and is executive director of Eastside Legal Assistance Program in Redmond.

**Jon Indall**, c'71, l'74, is a partner in the Santa Fe, N.M., law firm of Comeau, Maldegen, Templeman & Indall.

**Bruce Larson**, PhD'71, retired recently as professor of history at Minnesota State University in Mankato.

**Daniel Vargas**, f'71, is president of Vargas Fine Furniture in Topeka.

### 1972

**Sheryl Whiteside Bloomfield**, d'72, teaches in Fort Scott.

**Linda Bosse**, d'72, recently received the Presidential Service Award from the

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American Music Association. She lives in Naugatuck, Conn., and supervises rehabilitation therapy at Connecticut Valley Hospital in Middletown.

**Katherine Boyer Harris**, c'72, received a doctorate in history earlier this year from Stanford University. She's an assistant professor of history at California State University in Stanislaus.

**Robert Haunschild**, b'72, is senior vice president and chief financial officer at PNC Financial Services in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Beth Coble Simon**, f'72, works as a graphic designer for MacBeth Graphic Design. She lives in Dublin, Ohio.

**Henry Wassenberg**, c'72, owns Wassco in Lincoln, Neb., where he and his wife, Yelena, live with their children, Anna, 4, and Alex, 1.

**Patrick Williams**, c'72, founded and is president of the Institute for Life Coach Training in Fort Collins, Colo.

### BORN TO:

**David**, c'72, b'73, g'77, and **Jennifer Dulny**, g'99, son, Zachary David, Feb. 3 in Shawnee. David directs financial services at Providence Medical Center.

### 1973

**Phyllis Bock**, c'73, l'78, works for Montana State University's Associates Student Legal Services. She lives in Bozeman.

**Clair Claiborne**, c'73, is principal consulting research and development scientist for ABB Inc. in Raleigh, N.C.

**Carolyn Parks Duncan**, d'73, works as a supervising consultant for BKD in Kansas City. Her home is in Weston, Mo.

**Lewis "Pete" Heaven**, c'73, l'77, recently joined the Overland Park law office of Lathrop and Gage.

**Glenn Meyer**, c'73, is a principal engineer for Raytheon at NASA's Ames research Center in Mountain View, Calif.

**Kenneth Peters**, s'73, does consulting and training for the California Department of Health Services in Sacramento.

**Douglas Reynolds**, b'73, is associate director of administration for Parks and Recreation of Topeka.

**Tonda Rush**, j'73, l'79, lives in Arlington, Va., and is president of American Press Works.

**John Smoyer**, c'73, works as a consult-

ant for Smoyer Human Resources Associates. He lives in Mesa, Ariz.

**Dale Winetroub**, b'73, owns Lee's Furniture in Leavenworth.

## 1974

**Gary Ditty**, e'74, commutes from Linwood to Lawrence, where he's senior project engineer and a partner in Landplan Engineering.

**Patricia Johnson Handeland**, j'74, is

executive director of the San Francisco Opera Guild.

**Martha Hodgesmith**, c'74, l'78, recently received the Kansas Bar Association's first Distinguished Government Service Award. She's deputy Kansas attorney general in Topeka.

**Michael McGowan**, c'74, g'78, directs Pfizer in Groton, Conn.

**Susan Lominska Mills**, c'74, an emergency room nurse at San Antonio

## Profile

BY MARK LUCE

### Newton pursues his goals with NBA's minor league

**M**ilt Newton, director of player personnel for the fledgling National Basketball Development League, knows



his league lacks the glamour, pizzazz and fan base of its NBA big brother. He also understands that the road to the pros takes patience, dedication and, most of

all, practice. He's there to help the players hone their games, help the coaches know what players are available, and help the league grow in stature, prestige and quality of play.

His job also means endless scouting, long road trips, hours of breaking down game film and written evaluation after written evaluation.

Newton, d'89, g'92, played an integral role in KU's NCAA championship run in 1988, then kicked around in the CBA for a couple of years before finding work as a scout for the Denver Nuggets. That led to a five-year stint as assistant director at USA Basketball, where he scouted college players for traveling summer teams.

Toss in a couple more years scouting for the Philadelphia 76ers, and Newton has watched more college basketball (not to mention summer-league games and pre-draft camps) than is probably healthy and knows the book on nearly every college player of the past decade—including strengths, weaknesses, tendencies and professional potential.

"I don't watch a game; I critique it," Newton says. "It's work. I am constantly breaking down a player's game—how they play off the ball, set picks, box out, the little things."

All that to find "that diamond in the rough" who, with a little seasoning, might be ready for NBA Prime Time. There are never any promises and, as in any minor league, there is often heartbreak, especially when players routinely overestimate their talents and underestimate the effort required to play big-time professional basketball.

As the NBDL readied for its inaugural season, Newton built an enormous database of players fresh out of college, those back from playing overseas and some guys who may have

had a year in the NBA and were looking to get back.

Newton pared the list and the NBDL invited 175 players to battle for 88 spots. Coaches often relied on Newton's evaluations to cement their decisions on whom to draft. (Former Jayhawk Billy Thomas, '99, was the league's playoff scoring leader at 24 points a game for the Greenville, S.C., Groove.)

It will take a few years to build the fan base, Newton says, but teams played exciting basketball in the league's first season, and eight players were called up by NBA teams.

The development in "developmental league" isn't just for players. It's also for referees, coaches and administrators, who gain professional basketball experience—something Newton hopes will one day take him to the NBA.

"One day I would like to be an NBA general manager," he says. "I think I will get there. This job is very good for me and helps me get better at learning the business of basketball."

—Luce, c'92, g'98, is a free-lance writer who lives in Kansas City, Mo.



■ **Milt Newton**, the second-leading scorer on KU's 1988 NCAA championship team, takes to the air against Duke in the first game of the '88 Final Four at Kemper Arena.

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Community Hospital in Upland, Calif., participated in disaster relief last fall in New York City, where she was part of a team assisting workers at Ground Zero.

**Marilyn Parsons**, c'74, is associate director of the Seattle Biomedical Research Institute in Seattle.

**Chester Schmitendorf**, f'74, g'80, won a Kansas Arts Commission Mini Fellowship Award in Crafts earlier this year. He lives in Lawrence.

### 1975

**Linda Boxberger**, c'75, g'81, wrote *On the Edge of Empire*, which was published earlier this year. She lives in Austin, Texas.

**Kay Steeples Keck**, g'75, recently became vice president of student services and program support at Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Ariz.

**Devra Davis Lerner**, n'75, leads the musical group, Yachad. She and her husband, **Bruce**, m'74, live in Prairie Village.

**Eugene Schmidt**, '75, recently preached at Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany. He lives in Topeka.

**Addison Spears**, g'75, a retired teacher, makes his home in Butler, Mo.

### MARRIED

**William Towns**, c'75, g'95, and **Nancy Baker**, c'92, g'95, May 16 in Topeka. They live in Lawrence, where they are both studying for doctorates at KU.

### 1976

**Ingrid Nyberg Busch**, j'76, recently became a marketing consultant for Right Management Consultants in Kansas City.

**Susan Harris**, c'76, g'78, lives in Broomfield, Conn., where she's retired.

**John McDonald**, f'76, makes his home in Kansas City, where he's president of Boulevard Brewing. He's also honorary chairman of the Mid America chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**William Noonan**, g'76, is president of Noonan & Associates.

**Mark Phillips**, b'76, lives in Kansas City, where he's premium director of

H&R Block.

**Rhoads Stevens**, c'76, and his wife, Mary, visited New Zealand earlier this year. He's an ophthalmologist in Honolulu.

**Deborah Vickers**, c'76, is executive producer of the Tonight Show With Jay Leno. She lives in Burbank, Calif.

**Michael Wallace**, d'76, l'80, practices law in Fairway.

**Nicholas Zecy**, c'76, directs technology services for the Center for Management Assistance in Kansas City.

**David Zornes**, g'76, manages reservoir research for Phillips Petroleum in Bartlesville, Okla.

### 1977

**Larry Bonura**, j'77, works as a technical writer for MultiGen-Paradigm in Addison, Texas. He lives in Richardson.

**Robert Burk**, c'77, wrote *Much More Than A Game*, a labor history of professional baseball. He's a professor of his-

tory at Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio.

**Rhonda Davis**, n'77, recently completed a post-master's nurse practitioner program at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

**John Hestand**, c'77, g'79, has been promoted to associate professor of international communication and culture at Toita Women's College in Tokyo, Japan.

**Jess Plummer**, c'77, owns a dental practice in El Dorado. He lives in Towanda.

**Marcia Rasmussen**, s'77, works as a counselor at Prairie Middle School in Aurora, Colo.

**David Wiker**, e'77, manages civil structural engineering at Bibbs & Associates in Lenexa. He lives in Olathe.

### BORN TO:

**Marvin**, c'77, l'80, g'81, and **Susan Nordin Motley**, j'83, son, Matthew Robert, April 30 in Leawood, where he



joins a brother, Marcus, 5, and a sister, Hannah, 3. Marvin is assistant vice president of human resources for Sprint.

## 1978

**Michael Goldenberg**, f'78, owns the Gobe Group, an advertising firm in Waco, Texas, where he also owns Goldie's Goodies, a catering business.

**Stephen McDowell**, a'78, recently became a fellow in the American Institute of Architects. He's a partner in BNIM Architects in Kansas City.

**Anne Burke Miller**, c'78, l'81, is a partner in the Manhattan law firm of Seaton, Miller, Bell & Seaton.

**Michael Seck**, b'78, l'82, g'82, lives in Shawnee and is a partner in Fisher, Patterson, Saylor & Smith in Overland Park.

**James Spence**, EdD'78, is assistant superintendent of Hanford Junior High School in Hanford, Calif.

**Kris Sperry**, m'78, Georgia chief medical examiner, lives in Stone Mountain. He led the recent forensic investigation at Tri-State Crematory outside Noble.

## 1979

**Barbara Cunningham Alcantar**, c'79, recently joined the state advisory committee of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. She lives in Topeka and also manages human resources at Jostens.

**Thomas Carter**, j'79, teaches art at Jonas Clarke Middle School. He and **Phyllis Brinkley Carter**, c'79, live in Melrose, Mass., with their children, Madeline, 4, and Thomas, 1.

**John Plummer**, l'79, g'79, directs administrative services at Mercer University's law school in Macon, Ga.

## 1980

**Michael Fein**, c'80, coordinates library services at Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg.

**Maria Jianto**, c'80, is a business analyst for Sun Microsystems in Newark, Calif. She lives in San Jose.

**Valerie Wood Rainman**, c'80, serves as president of the Kansas School Nurses Organization. She lives in Garden City.

**David Winkler**, e'80, directs engineering and manufacturing technology at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Greensboro, N.C.

## 1981

**Herchel Crainer**, s'81, serves as president of the Kansas Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He lives in Hutchinson.

**Allan Gardner**, c'81, is first vice president of investments at Prudential Financial in Chesterfield, Mo.

**Amy Wasmuth Parent**, c'81, lives in Overland Park, where she's director of applications development at Sprint.

## 1982

**Edward Rose**, g'82, owns Insight Solutions in Louisville, Ky.

**Mark Schneider**, b'82, is president of Plan Professionals in Topeka. He lives in Lawrence.

**Jon Stutz**, p'82, works as a pharmacist at Sonora Community Hospital in Sonora, Calif.

## MARRIED

**Paul Baraban**, p'82, and Liliane Abranof, assoc., Feb. 24. They live in Leawood.

**Timothy Hanson**, '82, and Rachel Flood, j'87, May 25. They live in Frisco, Colo. He's a freelance writer, and she's an accountant for Virgin Island Ski Rental.

## BORN TO:

**Richard Dechant**, a'82 a'83, and Melinda, daughter, Aubrey Sophia, Jan. 30 in Leawood. She joins a brother, Richard Cody. Richard is a project architect for SRG Architectural Services.

## 1983

**Steven Collins**, f'83, is a graphic designer at Ameristar Casinos in Kansas City.

**Scott Dold**, c'83, l'91, recently was appointed commander of the Kansas Civil Support Team. He lives in Lawrence and serves in the Kansas Air National Guard.

**Melissa McIntyre Wolcott**, j'83, and

## Then Again

The streaking craze that struck KU in the spring of 1974 offered students an up-close and personal look at their fellow Jayhawks.



**Steven**, c'86, g'91, live in Dayton, Ohio, with Christopher, 19, Zachary, 7, Mackenzie, 2, and Nicholas, 1.

## 1984

**Brad Carr**, e'84, works for USAID in El Salvador.

## 1985

**Karmel Crampton Carothers**, c'85, m'89, practices medicine at the Independence Medical Group, and her husband, **Michael**, j'85, is a producer for the Royals TV Network and for Fox Sports Midwest. They live in Leawood.

**Karen Nichols McAbee**, e'85, a'85, recently was promoted to manager of systems planning and project management at Sprint. She and her husband, Terry, live in Olathe with their sons, Michael, 9, and Christopher, 5.

**Christopher Morrison**, c'85, practices law with Dooley and Drake in Sarasota, Fla.

**Devin Scillian**, j'85, wrote a children's book, *A is for America*, which was pub-

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lished recently by Sleeping Bear Press. Devin anchors the news at WDIV-TV in Detroit, and he and **Corey Stanesic Scillian**, d'85, g'86, make their home in Grosse Pointe.

### BORN TO:

**Tom**, '85, and **Margaret McShane Rowe**, b'87, l'90, son, Nicholas Thomas, Jan. 11 in Leawood, where he joins a brother, Alex, 4.

### 1986

**Aaron Amey**, c'86, is service manager for Cintas in Orange, Calif.

**Richard Arnoldy**, b'86, works as a financial analyst for Smartworks in Miamisburg, Ohio.

**Andrew Bettis**, c'86, is a regional manager for Symon Communications. He lives in Overland Park.

**Christine Davis**, b'86, g'87, lives in Holland, Ohio, and is a partner in the

Toledo firm of Ernst & Young.

**Richard Ferraro**, g'86, PhD'89, is an associate professor of psychology at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

**Curtis Gilbert**, c'86, lives in Alexandria, Va., with his wife, Robyn, and their son, Carter, 1.

**Marilyn Jenkins**, c'86, serves as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. Her home is in Bellevue, Neb.

## Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

### Engineer's slam dunk lives on in Nike Air plastics

**M**ichael Jordan made Nike Air famous; Paul Mitchell made it possible. Mitchell, e'62, was the plastics engineer who solved a riddle in development of the cushioning technology that launched a brand and led to Nike Air shoes being instantly coveted by superstar athletes and playground heroes.

In 1980, Mitchell helped his employer, Tetra Plastics of St. Louis, win a contract to supply Nike with materials for its new concept in athletic-shoe cushioning. Tetra became the sole supplier of raw materials for Nike's first Air systems, and in the mid-1980s, Nike approached Mitchell with its latest insight: Make the cushioning visible through a window in the sole of each Air shoe.

This required a new formula for the raw materials, but neither of two existing options worked properly. Scrambling "at the 11th hour," Mitchell told Nike he would try combining the two formulas and hope for the best.

Mitchell's buzzer-beater won for Nike the ultimate marketing championship.

"Unknowingly, I created a totally new material," he says. "It had unique properties of its own, which solved the problem. That material is still used today."

Mitchell and Tetra fashioned similar upgrades for the new Air Max line in the early 1990s, at which time Nike, acknowledging its perilous reliance on a single vendor, purchased the St. Louis company. Nike insisted as part of the deal that Mitchell, by then Tetra's president and a minority owner, stay on.

Another huge challenge soon arose: the 1993 flood of the Missouri River, which swamped the plant under 7 feet of water. Relying on problem-solving skills learned in KU ROTC and two years as an army officer, Mitchell rallied his troops with daring solutions. They modified a tractor-trailer rig (rented with an \$18,000 damage check) to run through water as deep as the tractor bed, and deployed huge helicopters to haul pieces of the manufacturing line through a hole in the factory roof.

A new plant across the river was churning out Air plastics 27 days later.

"There were 450,000 people around the world making Nike products who were depending on us," he says. "It could have been devastating, but Nike never lost a single sale of a pair of shoes as a result of the flood."

Again facing its dependence on a single plant for its Air-system plastic, Nike transferred Mitchell to headquarters in Beaverton, Ore., to supervise construction of a second plastics plant. He eventually became vice president for



■ At his November retirement party, Nike Air innovator Paul Mitchell received a set of irons months before they hit the market and custom shoes made with the same gold material used for track spikes worn by sprinter Michael Johnson in the 1996 Olympics.

advanced research and development for global footwear, a post he held until his Nov. 2 semi-retirement. He now works quarter-time from his Florida home as vice president for special projects.

"It was tremendously exciting to be part of this movement inside Nike," he says, "from the original Air shoe to what Air is today." —

**Ann Lasley McNary**, c'86, is vice president of risk management at NCRIC in Washington, D.C.

**Thomas Rodenberg**, c'86, m'90, lives in Plant City, Fla. He's chief of anesthesia at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in Lakeland.

**Pamela Swedlund**, c'86, moved recently from Prairie Village to Wichita, where she's a human-resource generalist with Koch Industries.

**Lennox**, c'86, and **Carla Glesmann Taulbee**, e'86, live in Leawood with their children, Lauren, 11; Austin, 8; Lindsey, 4; and Chase, who's nearly 1. Lennox directs corporate accounts for Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems.

**Evan Wooton**, b'86, president of Premier Pet Products, lives in Richmond, Va.

#### BORN TO:

**Andres Carvallo**, e'86, and Angela, son, Austin Theodore, March 14 in Austin, Texas, where he joins a sister, Alexandra, 8, and a brother, Andres, 5. Andres is chairman and CEO of Hillcast Technologies.

**Robert**, j'86, and **Jamee Riggio Heelan**, h'88, son, Anthony Joseph LeClair, Jan. 14 in Mundelein, Ill., where he joins Dominic, 9, Grant, 7, and Gianna, 6.

**Douglas**, c'86, and **Katheryn Spalding McWard**, c'89, daughter, Katheryn Rose, Jan. 17 in St. Louis. Douglas is senior manager at Deloitte & Touche.

**Jane Farha Mosley**, d'86, n'88, and Mark, son, John Mark, Dec. 17 in Wichita, where he joins two brothers, Benjamin, 6, and Joseph, 4.

**Russell Schweikhard**, c'86, g'87, and Tracy, daughter, Mackenzie Carol, Sept. 10 in Waipahu, Hawaii.

#### 1987

**Jeffrey Buchanan**, c'87, j'87, is regional manager for Sanborn. He lives in Prairie Village, and he has a daughter, Corrie, 5.

**Scott Flanagan**, e'87, recently became vice president of Jones Lang LaSalle. He lives in Woodland Hills, Calif.

**William Rehm**, b'87, directs category footwear for Nike in Beaverton, Ore.

**John Sennentz**, c'87, does computer consulting for the Alliance of Computer Professionals in Minneapolis, Minn., where he and his wife, Christine, live with their son, Zachary, 1.

#### MARRIED

**Kim Winkley**, b'87, to Joel Nitz, Oct. 13. They live in Chicago, where Kim is

an association executive with Smith, Bucklin & Associates.

#### BORN TO:

**John Miller**, b'87, l'90, and **Loraine Reesor**, PhD'95, daughter, Sarah Alice Miller, Dec. 18 in Overland Park. John is assistant city attorney for Olathe, and Lori is an assistant dean at UMKC.

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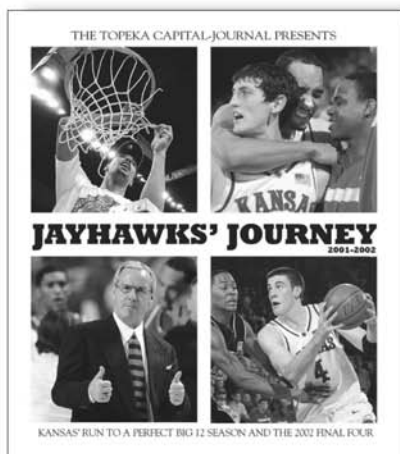
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## 1988

**Gina Galan**, c'88, directs international sales for Thermo Electron in Franklin, Mass.

**Michael Gillespie**, l'88, practices law with Husch & Eppenberger in Wichita.

**Daniel Lingel**, c'88, directs debate at Jesuit College Prep in Dallas.

**Kenneth Seise**, e'88, recently joined the engineering department at Essex Cryogenics in St. Louis.

**Sue Wilkie Snyder**, g'88, has been promoted to associate professor and director of fine arts at Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C.

## BORN TO:

**Melissa Larson-Lewis**, c'88, m'94, and her husband, Jeffrey Lewis, son, Jack Robert Walfred Lewis, March 4 in Denver. Melissa is a partner in Colorado Anesthesia Consultants in Denver. The family lives in Golden.

**Todd Vogel**, b'88, and Jennifer, son, Collin Joseph, Feb. 9 in Overland Park, where Todd manages sales for Chase Manhattan Mortgage.

## 1989

**John Acheson**, d'89, g'93, teaches school in Shawnee Mission. He and **Stephanie Williams Acheson**, '92, have a daughter, Addison, 1.

**Kimberly Hurley Benson**, j'89, was publisher of the fourth reprinting of *Newton, Kansas: #1 Santa Fe Rail Hub, 1871-1971*, which was written by her father. She lives in Newton and is associate editor at Associated Advertising Agency in Wichita.

**Catherine McKernan Hull**, n'89, works as a pediatric flight nurse for Meducare in Charleston, S.C., where she lives with her husband, Deven, and their daughter, Mallory, 1.

**Roger Larson**, g'89, is a shareholder in BWBR Architects in St. Paul, Minn.

**Patrick Ludwikoski**, b'89, owns Mountain States Mortgage in St. Paul, Minn.

**Susan Beck Richart**, f'89, is a probation officer for U.S. District Court in Kansas City, where she and her husband, Scott, live with their children,

Jordan, 6; Donovan, 4; and Brenna, 1.

**Anita Roschitz Smith**, j'89, coordinates marketing and special events at KU's St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center. She lives in Overland Park.

**Maren Malecki Stewart**, j'89, has been promoted to vice president of public relations and government affairs at the Children's Hospital in Denver. She lives in Evergreen.

**Mark von Waaden**, b'89, l'95, g'95, is chairman and CEO of Rolling Dough Ltd. in Austin, Texas.

## BORN TO:

**Wendy Lenz Andrew**, c'89, and John David, son, Ryan David, April 9 in Olathe, where he joins two sisters, Megan, 7, and Katie, 2.

**John**, c'89, m'94, and **Tara Tarwater Gatti**, d'89, g'93, son, Ryan Juliano, Feb. 1 in Overland Park, where he joins twin sisters, Caroline and Marissa, 5. John is an associate professor of urology at KU Medical Center.

**Ellen Stohr Hall**, j'89, and James, daughter, Claire Elizabeth, Feb. 15 in Lawrence, where she joins a brother, Benjamin, 2.

**Daniel**, b'89, and **Deborah Curtis Ramberg**, b'90, triplets, Emma, Robert and William, Dec. 9 in Topeka. Daniel is a CPA at Ramberg & Associates.

**Lori Ingram Stussie**, d'89, g'92, and Lawrence, c'90, son, Noah Donald, March 4 in Lawrence, where he joins two brothers, Andrew, 8, and Cameron, 3. Lori teaches school in Lawrence, and Larry coordinates member retention for the Golf Course Superintendents Association.

## 1990

**Jennifer Tiller Burgoyne**, c'90, practices ophthalmology at the Wichita Clinic.

**Amy Frerker Craig**, d'90, and her husband, **Timothy**, c'91, live in O'Fallon, Mo., with their children, Allison, 6, Adam, 4, and Audrey, 1.

**David Folkers**, m'90, practices surgery in Smithville, Texas. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Austin with their sons, Brian, 3, and Kyle, 1.



**Scott Gorsuch**, e'90, manages projects for Bucher Willis & Ratliff. He lives in Overland Park.

**Alan Morgan**, j'90, works as vice president of government relations for the National Rural Health Association. He and his wife, Katherine, live in Stafford, Va., with their sons, Robert, 7, Chandler, 6, and Preston, 1.

**Meaghan McDermott Newton**, c'90, directs admissions for Regina Dominican

High School in Wilmette, Ill. She and her husband, Robert, live in Chicago with their son, Riley, 1.

**Joel Riggs**, b'90, l'93, practices law with Wallace, Saunders, Austin, Brown & Enochs in Wichita. He lives in Andover.

**Charles Rotblut**, j'90, directs financial content at INVESTools in Provo, Utah.

**Matthew Williams**, j'90, is director of sales operations at Genesys

Conferencing. He lives in Elizabeth, Colo.

**Timothy Woodard**, e'90, works as a senior research engineer at Kraft Foods North America in Glenview, Ill.

## 1991

**Stacey Empson**, c'91, l'94, g'99, is executive vice president of Healthlink. She lives in Kansas City.

**William Fox**, p'91, works as a staff

## Profile

BY SARA ECKEL

### Tasheff draws on student role as VP and volunteer

Petra “Tedde” Tasheff’s résumé tells the story of a powerful woman. The first female student body president in KU history, Tasheff, c'78, has forged an impressive legal career, working as an attorney for the Kansas City law firm Morrison & Hecker from 1982 to 1993, then serving four years as a senior trial counsel for the Securities and Exchange Commission in New York City. In 1997, she moved to Citicorp (now Citigroup), where she heads global consumer litigation, advising Citigroup lawyers around the world when consumers file lawsuits against the company. In her spare time, she has worked to help free political refugees detained in the United States.

But it's hard to remember all this when you meet Tasheff. When the elevator opens at her corner office in midtown Manhattan, no receptionist awaits: Only Tasheff, a slim, blonde woman in a modest blue suit, stands ready with a handshake and an offer to fetch coffee or bottled water. Her title means little, she insists: “At a certain level, everyone here is a vice president; we have hundreds of vice presidents.” Explaining why she began assisting political refugees, she gives no misty-eyed speech about “want-

ing to give back,” but simply says she joined a group from her church visiting the Elizabeth Detention Center in Elizabeth, N.J.

There Tasheff met Liliane Njindangam, a young woman from Cameroon. She helped free Njindangam from detention, and learned that a third-world refugee had plenty to teach a corporate executive about leadership.

“Liliane opened me up to a whole new world,” says Tasheff, whose inspirational account of Njindangam’s role in rallying fellow detainees shows her deep empathy for the plight of political refugees in America. “These people have no access to the outside world—no family, no friends, no right to an attorney. Although our country supposedly welcomes political-asylum seekers, in many ways they are treated worse than criminals.”

Such passion for her work and her causes, rather than for self-promotion, is the key to Tasheff’s success, believes David Ambler, vice chancellor for student affairs. He says she fought passionately for issues she believed in at KU, including the allocation of student fees and the consolidation of the men’s and women’s dean offices. “Tedde showed a lot of courage when she stepped forward on these issues, and I never heard her talk about a topic she wasn’t thoroughly versed in.” This, he says, is how



THAD ALLENDER

■ In 1976, Petra “Tedde” Tasheff became the University’s first female student body president. Now she heads global consumer litigation at Citigroup.

Tasheff beat the odds to become student body president without Greek affiliation. “To achieve that post without the support of a sorority, you had to be good.”

Tasheff says student leadership trained her well for the corporate world. “It helped me fight my apathy. Once you serve in a quasi-public post you understand the need for individuals to step in and organize—to take responsibility and take the heat. After all, what’s the worst that could happen—they write something negative about me in the paper?”

—Eckel is a Brooklyn free-lance writer.



pharmacist at Kmart in Manhattan. He and **Sandy Crawford Fox**, assoc., live in Clay Center with their sons, Garrett, 7, and Tanner, 5.

**Audrey Curtis Hane**, c'91, g'93, PhD'96, is an assistant professor at Newman University in Wichita, where she and her husband, **Scott**, m'96, live with their sons, Jack, 4, and Benjamin, 1.

**Herb Johnston**, c'91, works in the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market. He lives in Alicante, Spain.

**Charles Macheers**, j'91, practices law with Sprint and is a director of the National Health Foundation. He lives in Shawnee.

**Jeffrey Shewey**, c'91, is an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton in McLean, Va.

**Janie Hartwig Smith**, j'91, makes her home in Shawnee with her husband, **Jeff**, f'94. He's a senior designer and quality manager with Kendal King Graphics in Kansas City.

#### BORN TO:

**Kristie Strong Basalyga**, c'91, and Mike, daughter, Jordan Taylor, Nov. 27 in Schwenksville, Pa.

**Jamie Elmore**, b'91, and his wife, **Kelly Crone**, assoc., daughter, Taylor Christine, Jan. 29 in North Richland Hill, Texas. Jamie manages regional service for Bank of America.

**Rodney**, c'91, and **Carolyn Taylor Foster**, c'96, daughter, Molly, March 22 in Overland Park, where she joins Branden, 6, and Madison, 3. Rodney is a district manager for McBee.

**Scott Mastenbrook**, c'91, and Deborah, son, Trevor Adam, Sept. 6 in Olathe, where he joins a brother, Mitchell, 6. Scott is senior business sales manager for Cingular Wireless.

**Tracie Reinwald Miller**, d'91, and Quinn, son, Benjamin Adrian, Dec. 13 in Lawrence, where he joins a brother, Alexander, 2.

**Leigh Ellis Powers**, n'91, and James, son, Bevin Quinn, Jan. 30 in Parkville, Mo.

**Heather Best Salerno**, c'91, and John, daughter, Claire Marie, Jan. 4 in Stamford, Conn. Heather coordinates training for FactSet Research Systems in Greenwich.

**Susan Hills Vaughn**, d'91, g'98, and Richard, daughter, Mary Abigail "Abby," Jan. 31 in Edwardsville, where she joins a brother, Aaron, 2.

#### 1992

**John Barnes**, g'92, teaches at Tonganoxie High School. He lives in Leavenworth.

**Ron Dock**, b'92, is vice president of Wachovia Securities in Charlotte, N.C.

**William**, c'92, and **Susan Kindred Early**, c'92, f'97, live in Overland Park with their sons, Joseph, 3, and Mark, 1. William is vice president of First Commercial Real Estate.

**Joe Kuckelman**, c'92, is a software engineer for Bridge Information Systems in Overland Park. He and **Deborah Tauscher Kuckelman**, g'00, live in Lenexa with their son, Alex, who's nearly 1.

**Kevin Long**, n'92, serves as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy in Irving, Texas.

**Jeffrey Messerly**, e'91, serves as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. His home is in Coronado, Calif.

**Stacy Sabraw**, j'92, lives in New York City, where she's a free-lance copy editor.

**Jennifer Snyder**, g'92, PhD'98, coordinates marketing for the International Association of Exhibition Management. She lives in Durham, N.C.

**Joseph Stark**, c'92, is president of Initech in Marina Del Rey, Calif.

**Jane Young Stoneback**, PhD'92, chairs the accounting department at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain.

#### MARRIED

**Kimberly Clements**, c'92, to John Mitchell, Nov. 23. They live in Mission, and Kimberly is office manager for Pretech.

## Then Again

**B**etween 1911 and 1927, taking a dip in Potter Lake was a popular pastime during the humid summer months. The Acacia fraternity dog joined the fun in this 1914 photograph, though even doggie paddling in the reservoir was forbidden after a University decree banned swimming in the lake.



**Rodney Eisenhauer**, e'92, l'96, to Jodi Lyn Mason, Feb. 2 in Overland Park. He is a partner in the Kansas City law firm of Seigfreid, Bingham, Levy, Selzen & Gee, and she has a private psychology practice in Prairie Village. They live in Leawood.

### BORN TO:

**Kimberly Cochran Boyette**, j'92, and Richard, son, Luke Cochran, March 8 in Ballwin, Mo.

**Theodore Contag**, c'92, and Karen, son, Henry Maxwell, Nov. 11 in Edina, Minn. Theodore is an agency specialist for the Aid Association for Lutherans in Hopkins.

**Julie Howard Crain**, g'92, and **Vance**, n'95, h'01, daughter, Anna Blaire, March 10 in Prairie Village. Vance is an anesthesia instructor at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City.

**Heather Gage Jackson**, j'92, and Justin, twin sons, Evan Gage and Nolan Elliott, Jan. 31 in Summerville, S.C.

**Kenneth**, c'92, l'96, and **Susan Beaver McRae**, d'99, daughter, Rachel Erin, April 4 in Lawrence. Ken practices law with Petefish, Immel, Heeb & McRae, and Susan is a customer service representative at Central National Bank.

**Melanie Mans Potts**, c'92, and Michael, son, Major Nathaniel, April 19 in Dallas, where Melanie is assistant

principal at Stonewall Jackson Elementary.

**Jon**, c'92, c'97, and **Sarah Blacketer Rossillon**, d'95, g'00, daughter, Julia Marie, Feb. 1 in Lawrence, where she joins a brother, James, 2. Jon manages hazardous materials for KU's department of environment, health and safety, and Sarah teaches at Sylvan Learning Center.

### 1993

**Kim Dehoff Bogart**, f'93, teaches art at Corinth Elementary School, and her husband, **Justin**, d'94, teaches English and coaches basketball at Mill Valley High School. They live in Shawnee with their daughters, Margaret, 3, and Anne, who'll be 1 in August.

**Mary Hall**, c'93, owns Jamaica Tan in Lawrence.

**Marcus Maloney**, c'93, is a writer in Carmichael, Calif., and his wife,

**Aondrea Leigh Bartoo**, c'96, is a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Scott Zeligson**, b'93, is a CPA with Sartain Fischbein & Co. in Tulsa, Okla.

### BORN TO:

**Cindy Cagle Fager**, p'93, and Billy, son, Robert Ralph Anthony, Jan. 24 in Erie, where he joins three sisters, Lauren, 5; Sereta, 4; and Catrina, 2. Cindy is a


relief pharmacist at Richey's Rexall Drug.

**Bryan**, b'93, and **Laura Penny Hedges**, c'94, l'97, daughter, Faith Lauryn, Feb. 21 in Lawrence. Bryan is president of Hedges Realty Executives, where Laura is vice president.


**Heather Gray Hoy**, c'93, g'00, and **Matthew**, b'94, g'97, l'97, son, Keaton Barringer, Jan. 30 in Lawrence, where he joins a brother, Jackson, who's nearly 2. Heather is program manager at KU's continuing education department, and Matthew practices law with Stevens & Brand.

**Kurt**, c'93, and **Natalie West Rhoden**, d'95, daughter, Paige Elise, March 23 in Platte City, Mo. Kurt owns Rhoden Properties, and Natalie is an advertising representative for Primedia.

**Lauren Wagner Weiser**, c'93, and Josh, son, Zachary, May 3 in West Bloomfield, Mich. Lauren is an assistant store manager for Lord and Taylor.



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## Class Notes

### 1994

**Julie Stephanchick Chaney**, b'94, studies for an MBA and works as an online training specialist at the University of Phoenix. She lives in Gilbert.

**Daniel Drake**, b'94, g'98, is a principal at Liberty Asset Management in Wichita.

**Timothy McMullen**, c'94, owns McMullen Chiropractic Center in

Liberty, Mo., where he and his wife, Michelle, live with their daughter, Kendall, 1.

**James Schulhof**, c'94, owns Schulhof Property Management in Milwaukee, where he and his wife, Fran, live with their daughter, Sarah.

### BORN TO:

**Bryan Bolin**, a'94, and Tammy, daughter, Tassilyn Makenna, Oct. 29 in

Willard, Mo., where she joins a sister, Brooklyn. Bryan is an architect with Jack Ball & Associates in Springfield.

**Aaron Kropf**, p'94, and Lori, son, Evan Michael, July 9 in Sedalia, Mo., where he joins two brothers, Kyle, 3, and Derek, 2. Aaron manages the pharmacy at Osco Drug.

### 1995

**Brent Bowen**, j'95, works for Sprint in

## Profile

BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

### Dam trades teaching law for fighting terrorism

Thoughts of retirement merely amuse Kenneth Dam, who turns 70 in August. "My goal is to retire gracefully," he says slyly, "at the end of the day."

Dam, b'54, boasts a professional history replete with posts that individually would serve as climax to most careers: law professor and former provost at the University of Chicago, deputy secretary of state for President Reagan, vice president of IBM, president and CEO of the United Way.

Yet he still has work to do. For starters, he wants to win the war on terrorism and simplify the tax code.

As deputy treasury secretary under President Bush, Dam thrives in his current role, which is his third stint in a U.S. presidential administration.

He worked for President Nixon in 1971 as assistant director of the Office of Management and Budget, where his colleagues included Paul O'Neill, now his boss and treasury secretary, and George Shultz, his boss and secretary of state under Reagan. In the mid-'70s, he returned to teaching law at Chicago, where he had joined the faculty in 1960 after earning his law degree in 1957.

Throughout his career, Dam has heeded his dual callings. "In a university you

drive your own agenda," says Dam, whose teaching and research focus on international economics, intellectual property and patent law. "It's harder to set your own course in government. The daily issues, the morning newspaper and world events drive your schedule."

That was never more true than on Sept. 11. Since the attacks, Dam has led an interagency team to freeze terrorists' finances. As of February, 147 countries had blocked \$104 million, but the task has grown difficult because terrorists have moved money into untraceable assets such as gold and diamonds. "The terrorists realize that putting money into bank accounts, particularly in the United States and western Europe, is not a very good way to make sure it's available when you want it," Dam told *The Washington Post* in June.

Nevertheless, he still works to convince nations to join the financial war.

Diplomacy and mediation are Dam's strong suits, says former University of Chicago dean of law Douglas Baird. "Ken is the ultimate wise counselor," Baird says. "He's thoughtful, decisive and engaging."

Dam's skill at smoothing thorny issues landed him a surprise assignment in 1992, when a late-night phone call summoned him from his job as vice president for law and external relations at IBM. The next morning he was ready



■ Dam received the Distinguished Service Citation, KU's highest honor, in 1985, following his service as deputy secretary of state. Now he is deputy treasury secretary.

to help the United Way recover from a financial scandal. "I've been in a lot of number two positions, but this was one where ... I was going to save it or not."

And save it he did, through restructuring and a policy of openness with the press and United Way agencies. In three months, he visited agencies in 34 cities; three months later, his task finished, he returned to academe.

Looking back, Dam says the timing of the United Way call was ideal. He craved the challenge and, at age 60, he had reached IBM's retirement age. A life of leisure was not in his plan, however.

Kenneth Dam had much more to accomplish. —

Westwood. He lives in Shawnee Mission.

**Laura Pickard Carter**, f'95, is a graphic designer for the Baltimore Orioles. She lives in Baltimore.

**Kerilyn Ramsay Griffin**, '95, and her husband, **Bennett**, c'93, live in Lawrence with their children, Alycia, 9; Devon, 12; and Cora, who's nearly 1.

**Scott Murdock**, b'95, manages operational accounts for Midland Loan Services in Kansas City.

**Jenny Wohletz Pelner**, e'95, works as a senior software engineer with Intel in Chandler, Ariz.

**Charles Stillian**, c'95, teaches social studies at Richard Warren Middle School in Leavenworth.

#### **BORN TO:**

**Laura Nelson Carpenter**, e'95, and William, daughter, Makenna Lauren, March 21 in Gilbert, Ariz.

**Tamara Johnson Jespersen**, d'95, and **Robert**, '98, son, Joseph Robert, Feb. 2 in Lenexa, where he joins a brother, Gabriel, 1. Robert is a nurse anesthetist at Westport Anesthesia Services in Kansas City.

**Bryan**, a'95, and **Michele Smith Rusch**, '97, daughter, Megan Renee, March 17 in Roeland Park. Bryan is a project architect for the Hollis & Miller Group in Overland Park, and Michele is a nurse at Children's Mercy Hospital South.

#### **1996**

**Reuben Anderson**, c'96, is a biological science lab technician at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. He lives in Laurel, Md.

**John Keller**, c'96, is a hydrogeologist for Arcadis Geraghty & Miller in Milwaukee. He lives in New Berlin.

**Gabriela Gonzalez Sagel**, b'96, is regional marketing finance manager for British American Tobacco Central America. She lives in Miami.

**Blake Vande Garde**, c'96, l'01, practices law with Fisher, Patterson, Sayler & Smith in Topeka. He lives in Merriam.

**Roxanne Perucca**, g'96, serves as president of the Infusion Nurses Society. She lives in Overland Park.



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**Thomas Westerman**, g'96, manages projects for HNTB Architects Engineers Planners in Kansas City.

#### **BORN TO:**

**Kristen Carlson Widen**, h'96, and Monte, daughter, Rosemary Claire, Jan. 25 in Eudora. Kristen is a medical technologist at Great Plains Laboratory in Lenexa.

**Elizabeth Scanlon Yohon**, c'96, and **Curtis**, b'97, daughter, Emily Jordan, Feb. 21 in Olathe, where she joins two brothers, Connor, 4, and Trevor, 2. Curtis is a financial planner with C.A. Yohon & Associates.

#### **1997**

**Amy Garcia**, c'97, recently joined Exploration Place in Wichita, where

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**Kristen Riccardi**, c'97, g'98, works as a feature producer for the New England Sports Network in Boston. She won a regional Emmy award last year for her earlier compilation of feature stories with WDAF-TV in Kansas City.

**Scott Ritter**, '97, owns Mr. Goodcents Subs & Pastas in Lincoln, Neb.

**Suzanne Jager Roth**, j'97, owns Alpenglow Creative in Colorado Springs.

#### BORN TO:

**Joel**, d'97, and **Christiane Watkins Branstrom**, d'97, g'02, daughter, Jaiden Hannah, April 16 in Lawrence.

**John**, '97, and **Tiffany Buffum Pratt**, d'97, daughter, Katherine Makenna, Sept. 13 in Lacey, Wash.

#### 1998

**Amy Beecher Mirecki**, c'98, is assistant to the dean for advancement in KU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**Ann Scarlett**, l'98, practices law with Stinson, Morrison, Hecker in Kansas City.

**Mark Sims**, h'98, is a data architect at Sprint in Overland Park. He lives in Lee's Summit, Mo.

#### MARRIED

**Theron Chaulk**, n'98, and **Melanie Studebaker**, n'99, Dec. 12 in Fiji. He works for the Johnson County Sheriff's Department and she's a nurse at Olathe Medical Center.

#### 1999

**John Katzer**, b'99, g'00, is a staff auditor for Deloitte & Touche in Kansas City.

**Erica VanRoss**, c'99, works in KU's Office of Admissions and Scholarships. She commutes to Lawrence from Kansas City.

**Rachel Wiese**, c'99, and her husband, Randy Dorwart, will celebrate their first anniversary Aug. 11. They live in Princeton, N.J., where Rachel's a copy editor for Bloomberg.

#### BORN TO:

**Kayla Knaup**, c'99, son, Gabe

Anthony, Feb. 11 in Frontenac. Kayla studies nursing at Pittsburg State University.

#### 2000

**Anna Basso**, c'00, manages the sales office of Yano's Nursery in Omaha, Neb.

**Thomas Ference**, PhD'00, is a psychologist with Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare in Cleveland.

**Janet Gordon**, g'00, works as a senior financial analyst for Everest Connections in Kansas City.

**Michael Morgan**, h'00, is a paramedic in Prairie Village, where he and his wife, Sherri, live with their daughter, Michaela, who's nearly 1.

**Monica Gorbandt Smith**, g'00, serves as a U.S. Army physician stationed in Enterprise, Ala.

**Joe Streich**, g'00, is a physical therapist at Regeneration Physical Therapy in Oklahoma City.

**Mary Leitel Taylor**, j'00, and **Colin**, g'02, live in Carlsbad, Calif. They celebrated their first anniversary in March.

**Charles Wedge**, c'00, works as a promotions specialist for National Tour in Rancho Santa Marga, Calif.

**Brad Westerbeck**, d'00, is an athletic trainer for Advance Rehabilitation in Rome, Ga.

#### MARRIED

**Sarah Drees**, b'00, to Chad Liebl, Nov. 24. They live in Hutchinson, where she's a staff accountant for Pierce, Faris & Co.

**Jennifer Knopp**, j'00, to Dan Leeper, Sept. 22. She coordinates marketing for Kansas City Water Services, and he works for Burns and McDonnell. They live in Kansas City.

#### BORN TO:

**Frederick Patton**, l'00, and Kimberly, son, Andrew Michael, April 11 in Topeka, where he joins a brother, Zachary, 2.

#### 2001

**Kenneth Morris**, c'01, manages customer service for Office Depot in Topeka.

**Greta Schmidt**, j'01, coordinates accounts for CMF&Z in Des Moines, Iowa.

#### MARRIED

**Benjamin Schmidt**, c'01, to Jessica Schmidt, Feb. 16 in Moundridge. He works for KONE in Knoxville, Tenn., where they live.

#### BORN TO:

**Matthew Gardner**, j'01, and Aimee, son, Cole Ryne, Feb. 17 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., where he joins a brother, Alec, who's nearly 3. Matthew is assistant editor and rankings coordinator for ATP Tour Inc.

#### 2002

**Kylie Colgan**, j'02, manages client services for a law office in Overland Park.

**Travis McAtee**, l'02, works as an accountant for Arthur Andersen in Kansas City.

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

<b>a</b>	School of Architecture and Urban Design
<b>b</b>	School of Business
<b>c</b>	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
<b>d</b>	School of Education
<b>e</b>	School of Engineering
<b>f</b>	School of Fine Arts
<b>g</b>	Master's Degree
<b>h</b>	School of Allied Health
<b>j</b>	School of Journalism
<b>l</b>	School of Law
<b>m</b>	School of Medicine
<b>n</b>	School of Nursing
<b>p</b>	School of Pharmacy
<b>s</b>	School of Social Welfare
<b>DE</b>	Doctor of Engineering
<b>DMA</b>	Doctor of Musical Arts
<b>EdD</b>	Doctor of Education
<b>PhD</b>	Doctor of Philosophy
<b>(no letter)</b>	Former student
<b>assoc.</b>	Associate member of the Alumni Association



# In Memory

## 1920s

**Allan Harmon, '25**, 101, April 15 in Oklahoma City, where he had founded Harmon Construction Company. He is survived by a daughter, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Mary Liz Kennedy Montgomery, c'29**, 93, March 10 in Junction City, where she had written a column for the Daily Union for more than 30 years. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by a son, John, assoc.; and three grandchildren.

**William Staplin, l'23**, May 2 in Summit, N.J., where he was retired president of Reid and Priest. Two daughters and three grandchildren survive.

## 1930s

**Clarice Sloan Belden, f'35, f'40**, 88, April 4 in Topeka, where she taught piano and gave voice lessons. She is survived by a son, David, a'85; a daughter, Barbara Belden Field, c'70; two brothers, Eldon Sloan, c'31, and Gordon Sloan, c'33; and three grandchildren.

**Donal Bell, c'34**, 89, March 13 in Kansas City, where he had worked for Lederle Laboratory and for American Cyanamid. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Vette Bell, d'36, and a daughter.

**Rose Riblet Beller, c'38**, 85, March 23 in Topeka. She is survived by her husband, Willis, c'37, m'41; two sons, one of whom is Thomas, c'69, m'74; a daughter; and four grandchildren.

**Bertram Caruthers, c'33, g'35**, April 27 in Kansas City, where he was a school administrator for many years. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Orme Caruthers, c'35; a daughter, Patricia, c'61; a son, Bertram Jr., c'67; and a sister.

**Kathryn Moore Coen, c'31**, 92, March 11 in Kansas City. She is survived by two sons, Thomas, c'60, and Richard, c'56; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Virginia Shive Gorham, d'33**, Feb. 12 in Carmichael, Calif. She taught school and did volunteer work in Denver.

Surviving are a son; a daughter, Judy Gorham Shearer, d'63; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

**C. Kermit Phelps, c'34, g'49, PhD'53**, 93, May 14 in Kansas City. He had been chief of psychological services and associate chief of staff for education at Veterans Administration and was a recipient of KU's Distinguished Service Citation. Surviving are his wife, Lucille Mallory Phelps, assoc.; two daughters; and three grandchildren.

**Charles Rickart, c'37, g'38**, 88, April 17 in New Haven, Conn. He was former chair of mathematics at Yale University. Surviving are his wife, Ann; three sons, one of whom is Eric, c'74, g'76; a sister; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

**Maxine Laughlin Swinehart, d'38**, 85, March 8 in Hilton Head, S.C. She is survived by her husband, Keith, c'38; a son, Keith, b'64; a daughter, Dinah, c'72; and two granddaughters.

**George Varnes, p'39**, 92, April 3 in Indianapolis, where he was retired group vice president of domestic subsidiaries at Eli Lilly & Co. He had received KU's Distinguished Service Citation. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Surviving are his wife, Martha Ann Moberly Varnes, assoc.; two daughters; a stepdaughter; two stepsons; seven grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

## 1940s

**Agnes Ruskin Barnhill, f'41**, 89, April 12 in Lawrence, where she was assistant registrar at KU for many years. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Ann Barnhill Brien, d'67; a son, Robert, c'61; a brother,

Robert Ruskin; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Donald Blair, b'43**, 80, March 6 in Lawrence. He was retired funeral director at Blair Mortuary in Emporia. Survivors include his wife, Alice; a daughter, Karen, c'76, g'82; a son, Jeffrey, d'74; and two grandchildren.

**Fred Darville, c'49**, 78, Feb. 13 in North Little Rock, Ark., where he was retired from PPG Industries. He is survived by his wife, Emma Masterson Darville, '51; two sons; a sister; and four grandchildren.

**Shirley McGinnis Havener, '47**, 77, March 27 in Kansas City. Her husband, Darrell, c'49, l'50, died March 7. She is survived by a daughter, Cathy Havener Greer, l'76; a son; a sister, June McGinnis Stearns, '35; and three grandchildren.

**C.B. "Buzz" Francisco, c'49, m'54**, 74, May 8 in Shawnee Mission. He was a neurologist at Children's Mercy Hospital and is survived by a sister, Jean Francisco Cook, c'48, g'54; and a brother, David, c'41, m'44.

**Martha Thompson Healy, '44**, 79, March 13 in Wichita, where she founded Gallery XII. She is survived by two sons, Edward, l'79, g'79, and Justin, c'72, g'74; a daughter; two brothers, Dwight Thompson, '50, and Willard Thompson, b'51, l'58; a sister, Jane Thompson Spines, '40; and eight grandchildren.

**Morris Hopkins, c'49, m'53**, 78, March 8 in Scott City, where he practiced medicine. He is survived by his wife, Marvel Scott Hopkins, assoc.; a son; a sister; and a grandson.

**Mary Sullivan Larson, f'43**, 80, April 4 in Hays, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by her husband, Burt, e'43; two daughters, Jane Larson Lee, j'66, and Nancy Larson Allen, j'71; a sister, Jane Sullivan Hursh, c'52, d'56, g'79; and two granddaughters.



**Marjorie Cooper Laybourn, f'46**, Feb. 19 in Tucson, Ariz. She is survived by her husband, Ross, assoc.; two daughters; one of whom is Lauren Laybourn Drenner, c'78; and a son.

**Walter Loudon, c'43**, March 26 in Leawood. He taught dentistry at UMKC and is survived by three daughters, Linda Loudon Longino, d'78, g'94, Karen, d'80, h'85, g'87, and Janice, h'82, g'84; a son, Charles, a'86, g'99; and four grandchildren.

**Lawrence Smith III, b'42**, 82, April 6 in Kansas City, where he chaired Smith Grieves Printing/Western Envelope Manufacturing. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; three sons, one of whom is Gregory, c'73; two sisters; and seven grandchildren.

**Samuel Zweifel, c'46, m'49**, Feb. 28 in Phoenix. He was a medical officer for the U.S. Department of State and is survived by his wife, Jeanne Harris Zweifel, c'45; two sons, Samuel, c'74, g'79, and Scott, b'81; two daughters, Sabra Zweifel Wagoner, b'76, and Sarah Zweifel Sillman, d'87; two sisters; and five grandchildren.

## 1950s

**Joan Elliott Franklin, n'56**, 69, March 6 in Orange, Calif., where she worked at the Orange County Health Department. Surviving are her husband, Donald, d'55; four sons; a daughter; a stepbrother; and seven grandsons.

**Frank Holefelder, c'52**, 75, March 30 in Wellington, where he was an insurance agent. He is survived by his wife, Mary Haines Holefelder, '55; a son, Mark, j'77; four daughters, Cristen Holefelder McKain, j'92, Sharon Holefelder Short, d'77, Mary Holefelder Ford, d'81, and Lisa Holefelder McNearney, d'84; a brother; a sister; and 12 grandchildren.

**Richard Maag, f'56**, 67, Feb. 26 in Greenville, S.C., where he was a professor of music at Furman University. He is survived by his wife, two sons, two stepdaughters, two stepsons and 10 grandchildren.

## 1960s

**Susan Duggins Channell, d'69, g'71**, 54, April 25 in Klamath Falls, Ore. She was a special education teacher and is survived by her husband, Wes, b'69, g'72, PhD'74; a daughter; a brother; and three sisters, one of whom is Patricia Duggins Patterson, c'71.

**Jack Deeter, '64**, 64, March 21 in Denver, where he co-owned Nautilus. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; a son, Scott, c'86; two daughters, Sonya, d'82, and Danna Deeter Haverty, d'84; three sisters; and six grandchildren.

**Loren Hedrich, PhD'69**, 72, Feb. 17 in Kingwood, Texas, where he was retired from Chevron Chemical. He is survived by his wife, Helen, assoc.; two daughters, one of whom is Kathy Hedrich Minor, d'80; and a son.

**Robin Huggins, d'67**, 44, Feb. 2 in Springfield, Va. He was a professor of speech and dramatic arts at Prince George's College in Largo, Md., and worked for the National Endowment for the Arts. His mother, Peggy Smith Huggins, c'42, survives.

**John "Jack" Kearney, c'67**, 56, April 15 in Plano, Texas, where he worked for Electronic Data Systems. He is survived by his wife, Mary Dutton Kearney, '66; two sons; three brothers, William, c'70, Robert, j'70, and Thomas, d'74; three sisters, one of whom is Janet, d'77; and four grandchildren.

**Ronald Popham, c'64**, 59, Dec. 5 in Cape Girardeau, where he chaired the chemistry department at Southeast Missouri State University. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Ives Popham, d'64; two sons, one of whom is Doug, p'93; his parents; three sisters; and a brother.

**Richard Schwartz, j'67**, 57, March 22 in Daphne, Ala., where he was in the furniture business. He is survived by his wife, Jamie; five sons, two of whom are James, c'97, and Joel, c'97; two daughters, one of whom is Leigh, c'02; three brothers, Larry, b'59, David, j'71, and William, g'99; two sisters, Jan Schwartz Peakes, c'69, l'87, and Jean Schwartz Barlow, c'74; and a granddaughter.

## 1970s

**Kurt Kessinger, '75**, 62, March 2 in Osage City, where he published the Osage County Chronicle. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; a son; his mother; a brother, Jan, j'73; and three sisters, two of whom are Kristin Kessinger Benjamin, d'70, and Lisa Kessinger Divel, d'78.

## 1990s

**Jamie Maugans, '99**, 27, April 15 near Kandahar, Afghanistan. He was a U.S. Army ordnance disposal specialist stationed in San Diego. Surviving are his mother and stepfather; his father, Bryce, e'84, and stepmother, Mary Aunins Maugans, p'81; a brother; and four sisters.

## The University Community

**Donald Baer**, 70, April 29 in Lawrence, where he was the Roy A. Roberts distinguished professor of human development and family life. He is survived by his wife, Elsie Pinkston, c'69, g'71, PhD'74; and three daughters, Ruth, c'80, Miriam, c'81, and Deborah, j'84.

**Doris Geitgey**, 81, May 12 in Leawood. She was dean of nursing from 1975 until 1988. Several nieces and nephews survive.

**Alex Lazzarino**, assoc., 67, April 22 in Lawrence, where he was director of independent study in continuing education from 1967 to 1974. He is survived by his wife, Diane Larson Lazzarino, g'69; a son, Chris, j'86; a daughter, Evie, j'80; a brother; and a sister.

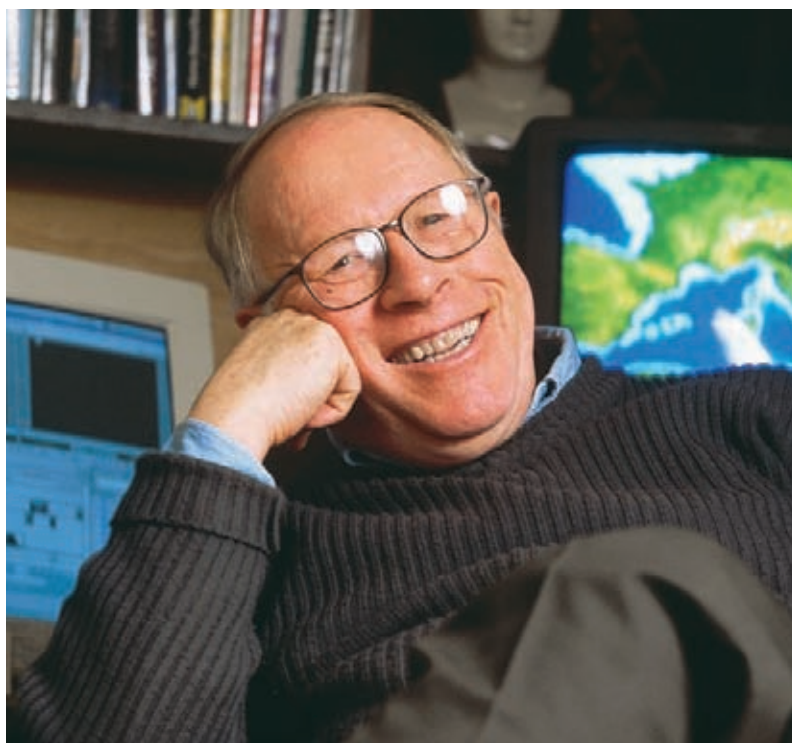
**Ellen Schaeffler Roose, f'50**, 84, May 4 in Kansas City, where she had been director of occupational therapy at the KU Medical Center. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Her sister, Freda Schaeffler Sass, c'36, survives.

**Richard Sheridan, g'47**, 84, April 30 in Lawrence, where he taught economics from 1952 until 1988. He is survived by his wife, Audrey Porter Sheridan, d'54, g'74; a son, Richard, c'85, g'88; and a daughter, Margaret, c'91, e'96.



# Rock Chalk Review

■ “If you are interested in human beings, there are many approaches to thinking about what they do and how they do it,” says James Taylor. The former professor of social welfare is producing a series of travel videos exploring European culture.



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that’s not really the case. The old assumption that you don’t start new things or take risks is being questioned more and more.”

For his first show, “Canal Boat through Burgundy,” which aired on Topeka’s KTWU in November, Taylor rented a boat with his wife and another couple and traveled down the Nivernais canal in France’s Burgundy region. Future episodes will explore London during the off-season, the undertraveled Northumbria region of northern England and southern Scotland, and farmhouse living in the south of France.

“Each show has a couple of themes,” Taylor says. “First, here’s an experience I’d cheerfully recommend to good friends, but don’t see many Americans having. Second, I focus on the experience of traveling itself, the richness and depth of it.”

KTWU will broadcast the half-hour shows, then make them available for use by PBS stations nationwide. Taylor is also selling an hourlong tape that includes an additional 30-minute Q&A designed to help travelers plan a similar trip.

Taylor “got the bug a little bit” while doing documentary film work during the 1960s.

He built on that experience by producing instructional videos for KU’s School of Social Welfare. There he learned scriptwriting, filming and editing from graduate students before deciding to go it alone.

Being a “one-man band” allows Taylor to produce a thoughtful, companionable travelogue

## Roads less traveled

*Unexplored European destinations brighten retiring professor’s TV travel itinerary*

**A**fter 26 years as a KU professor, James Taylor knows exactly what he wants from retirement. Lights. Camera. And, most of all, action.

Taylor, who retired from the School of Social Welfare in May, is using the video production skills he honed at KU to make a series of travel videos for broadcast on PBS. Called “Undiscovered Europe,” the peripatetic professor’s series aims to help viewers experience Europe as Europeans do.

“I have a huge quarrel with the assumption that life slows down as you grow older,” says the 71-year-old Taylor, who handles all production duties himself, serving as scriptwriter, cameraman, editor, narrator and distributor. “I think



that focuses on the pleasures of travel and the unique textures of European life.

"It's a luxury, because if I had to coordinate and pay for a full camera crew, I'd absolutely have to have everything planned before I went," he says. Instead, he lets the experience guide him, reversing standard procedure by writing a script to fit the footage. The result is a pleasantly charming tour steeped in local customs and history.

"It's a very nice way to travel," Taylor says. "Instead of, 'If it's Paris, it must be Tuesday,' this allows you to get into things a little more and cover aspects of travel that most tourists never see."

To order "Canal Boat through Burgundy," contact Sea Roads Productions at 800-510-5017 or [www.searoads.com](http://www.searoads.com).

—Steven Hill

## OREAD READER

### Rich in Little Wealths

*Exhaustively researched biography revisits the Belle of Amherst*

The smallest and most common residents of 19th-century Amherst—sparrows, daisies and bees—make the greatest number of appearances in the poems of Emily Dickinson. But when pressed into her sprung rhythms, familiar creatures and plants convey startling visions of death, immortality and passion.

In a similar way, Alfred Habegger constructs a remarkably sanguine vision of the poet from the dry factual bones we have of her life in *My Wars Are Laid Away in Books: The Life of Emily Dickinson*. Habegger—a University of Kansas



■ *My Wars Are Laid Away in Books: The Life of Emily Dickinson*  
By Alfred Habegger  
Random House,  
\$35

English professor from 1966 to 1996 and author of a biography of Henry James Sr.—takes his title from a late poem, which he calls a “definitive work of retrospection.”

For this thoroughly documented 764-page book, Habegger sifts through

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## Doctor delivers hopeful prognosis for rheumatoid arthritis drug

A research study led by Frederick Wolfe, professor of internal medicine at the School of Medicine-Wichita, has provided the first evidence that methotrexate can help people with rheumatoid arthritis live longer.

Rheumatoid arthritis affects about 1 percent of adults, causing immune systems to

attack the joints and resulting in severe inflammation and crippling pain.

Originally a cancer drug, methotrexate has been used to treat rheumatoid arthritis for the past 15 years because it helps control the underlying inflammation, affording patients some relief from pain and swelling. But the longevity of the disease, which

usually sets in during middle age and lessens life expectancy by 10 years on average, has made the effectiveness of the therapies used to treat it hard to judge.

Wolfe's study, published in *The Lancet* medical journal in April, is the first to show that the drug may help patients live longer.

"What we attempted to do was to see if people who had been treated over a 20-year period had a different survival rate than people who weren't treated," Wolfe says.

"Our evidence shows this medicine has an important effect: It increases survival."

The study also showed that the drug is more effective if given early, rather than waiting until a patient's condition deteriorates. Some physicians are reluctant to prescribe methotrexate because of the potential for severe side effects.

Wolfe based his research on 1,240 patient records gathered between 1981 and 1999 at the Arthritis Research Center Foundation in Wichita. He now maintains a database of more than 10,000 patients across the nation.

"What we did here was what I think all doctors should be doing," Wolfe says. "We collected data from the actual care we give to patients. Instead of throwing away that information, we have something come out of it. If we did that more often, we'd know more about a wide range of illnesses."

—Steven Hill



Wolfe

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Dickinson's poems and hundreds of her letters—some partially erased by family members. He also draws on the little known pre-press manuscripts of her first collection, the letters of her contemporaries and even marginalia in books from her home.

Since the posthumous discovery of her 1,775 poems, Dickinson's arresting language and vision have stunned readers. The mystery of her life also fascinates: How could such a famously circumscribed writer produce such passionate poetry? How can so little be known about a woman who spent her life almost entirely in the same village, nearly in the same house?

Habegger's work joins fine company, notably Richard Sewall's 1974 two-volume biography. But new information has added to the record, including R. W. Franklin's 1998 variorum collection that redated many documents, as well as what may be a second image of the poet discovered on eBay in 2000. Modern scholars have also pursued new lines of thinking, questioning the poet's sanity, sexual orientation, feminist awareness and eating habits.

Habegger addresses most of these questions as he updates. He aims to submit all conjecture to "gimlet-eyed scrutiny and an insistence on plausible evidence."

He traces Dickinson's family history (devoting the first four chapters to her grandparents and parents), highlighting the irony that father Edward Dickinson published college articles disparaging overeducated women and calling upon all ladies to "stay at home."

Most of the reclusive poet's relationships were maintained through correspondence, though Dickinson's intensity overwhelmed many. Her poems and letters repeatedly complain of neglect. Writing Thomas Wentworth Higginson, a Boston literary critic and one of the few people she sent her poems to, she worried, "Did I displease you? But won't you tell me how?"

Habegger's boldest argument is that

the object of the plaintive, romantic "Master" poems was the Rev. Charles Wadsworth, a married poet-turned-minister who preached in Philadelphia and San Francisco. Though this possibility has been raised before, Habegger uses the new Dickinson photograph and the Franklin collection to support his case. Always careful, he still cautions that "the evidence remains ... circumstantial and conjectural."

This reasonable tone carries the book. Habegger makes a number of his own corrections, identifying and adjusting many dates. His thoughtful and informed approach leads to delightful close readings of her work. Analyzing "God gave a Loaf to every Bird," Habegger says Dickinson "converted deprivation into a state of wealth that makes her 'Sovereign of them all.'"

Habegger's book is more scholarly than popular; some readers will get impatient with his thoroughness. But this detailed portrait of the poet adds up to the kind of riches she claimed for herself as "a millionaire/in little wealths."

—Lisa Taggart

Taggart is a travel writer at *Sunset Magazine* in California.



## Baby step

*Researchers convince formula makers to rewrite their recipes*

**W**e are what we eat. And infants will be what they eat. So say professors John Colombo and Susan Carlson, whose research has helped convince two leading baby-food manufacturers and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that fatty acids critical to central-nervous system development—



John Colombo



Susan Carlson

whose shorthand names are DHA and ARA—should be added to infant formulas. And potential problems extend beyond bottle-fed infants.

Carlson, the Midwest Dairy Council professor of nutrition at KU Medical Center, says that because many Americans have diets low in fish and eggs, American mothers generally have lower levels of DHA than do

women from other countries. To that foods list, Colombo, professor of psychology and associate dean of the Graduate School, adds leafy greens.

"We lay the foundation in infancy for a lot of chronic illnesses,"

Carlson says. "We want to have good nutrition in the first year of life. Numerous studies are now showing that the



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health of an infant is highly related to health through life.”

Colombo is a leading authority on baby, toddler and infant development. More than 10 years ago he discovered that a researcher at the University of Tennessee—Susan Carlson—was working on similar research about infant attention and recognition, but attacking the problem from a nutrition angle.

They quickly began discussing the overlap in their research projects; when Carlson agreed in 1997 to join the KU faculty, they wrote a grant proposal for joint research into DHA's impact on cognitive abilities in infants.

“She was working in an area where she needed some help in the assessment, which is what we had done here for years and years,” Colombo says. “We had developed tests and implemented measures of early cognitive function, so what people are interested in doing is using those measures to evaluate early interventions.”

Colombo and Carlson are now focusing on what Carlson terms “the next frontier.” Among their current research questions are: What is the best level for DHA supplementation, and when and how should it be given? How will it influence the baby if it is delivered prenatally? How does DHA supplementation affect babies born prematurely, and how does it affect those carried to full term? How widespread are the effects of these compounds in the nervous system?

Until more answers are found, both Colombo and Carlson say, their recommendations for infant-formula supplements are “conservative.”

“The kind of things that are happening when they are infants are not the sort of things that parents would easily observe,” Carlson says. “We believe that what we're doing is putting in the building blocks for good central nervous system development, and, in fact, for whole-child development.”

—Chris Lazzarino

## Stokstad's career makes history in art history

Looking back on one of the most distinguished faculty careers in KU's modern era, Marilyn Stokstad admits that the job of her dreams never really was her dream to begin with.

“I was never one who planned a career. If an opportunity appeared and it struck me as being worthwhile, then I pursued it,” she says. “But I never dreamed of all of this. Never. Never. I've always done what I enjoyed doing at the moment.”

Stokstad, Judith Harris Murphy distinguished professor emerita of art history, retired at the end of the spring semester. During her 44 years here, she established art history as an independent discipline in the humanities, conceived and implemented the art-history graduate program, served as director of the art museum and associate dean of liberal arts and sciences, and in 1997 received the Chancellors Club Career Teaching Award.

In his letter supporting that award, Charles C. Eldredge, Hall distinguished professor of American art, noted that every art-history faculty member had joined KU because of Stokstad's reputation and presence. Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway recently said, “She represented the best of us.”

Beloved for countless jobs done exceedingly well on the Hill, Stokstad gained wider fame and adoration as the author of *Art History*, published in 1995. Her huge textbook helped correct the many inexcusable oversights that had lasted too long in the field.

Contrary to the education she received in the 1950s, women create great art. So do modernists, photographers, decorative artists, Native Americans and foreign artists who live and work outside of Western Europe.

“It's a totally different field since I began,” she says. “It was a man's field and very much a coastal field. Women were just not part of that, but I just decided this

is what I love and I took my chances and stuck with it. Now there are more women than men in the field, which from my day would have been unheard of.”

Stokstad last year published a second edition of her textbook, and is now working on second editions of *Art: A Brief History* and *Medieval Art*, and will soon begin writing a high-school textbook on castles. While she will keep her Lawrence home, she also plans to make regular and longer visits to her sister in Virginia and to Europe as a lecturer for the Smithsonian Institution.

“When you get to travel and see these things for yourself, you discover that they really exist,” she says. “Buildings are not just pictures, but have backs and sides and you can walk into them. On my first trip to Europe, the sculptor Donatello just overwhelmed me with his genius, his variety, his sensitivity.

“It's so much fun to teach these things, and it's particularly fun to introduce people to something that you personally feel is absolutely wonderful and almost life-changing.”

—Chris Lazzarino



■ Before the portrait of her patron, Marilyn Stokstad cradles the product of her career.



# Oread Encore

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO



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■ 1923 graduates June Judy Langworthy (left) and Elizabeth Dunkel MacCurdy (right) and two unnamed friends with their Commencement peace pipes.

## Token gestures *'Peace pipes' once signaled unity for new graduates*

*"It means all campus cliques are dissolved at the smoking of the pipe, and all students are as one, all alumni of KU."*

*—Henry Werner, dean of student affairs, 1946*

These buoyant graduates of 1923 struck jaunty poses, as if auditioning for roles in the dandy world blossoming all around them. Bemused by the gaiety of the moment and the perfectness of their generation, these Daisy Buchanans were eager to prove, from this moment forward, that their cosmopolitan

crew was the most sophisticated yet.


That unceasing rush to modernity eventually doomed a ceremony that began before the 1890s. We know little of the peace-pipe tradition's end and even less of its beginning

History professor Frank Melvin, c'06, g'09, told a reporter in 1946 that he did not know why or when the Commencement calumets took hold; neither did the Alumni Association's executive secretary, Fred Ellsworth, c'22.

Paul Lawson, dean of liberal arts and sciences, proffered journalism professor Leon Flint, c'1897. "And if Flint doesn't know," Lawson said, "you'll have to ask God Himself."

No, Flint didn't know, and no higher authority was cited.

But it really wasn't necessary.

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