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19 Philadelphia Chapter: Thirsty Third Thursday

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BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

First Word

■ Mary Jo McNair and Fred S. Jackson, May 1957

day on the lawn with her fiancé, my dad, as her future father-in-law snapped the photo. For my dad, the moment came as no surprise; college graduations were a tradition in his family. But for my mom and the McNairs, the achievement broke new ground. Mom admonishes me to “keep it brief and don’t be maudlin,” so here’s her story:

She grew up without her father, who died when she was 7. Her mother had left school and her rural Texas home at 15 and moved to Topeka, where she lied about her age to get a job as an office clerk for the Santa Fe Railroad Co. She sent money home to her parents and four sisters, who eventually followed Grandma to Topeka.

Grandma married John McNair, an auditor for the Santa Fe; after his death, Grandma worked for the railroad until she retired.

As a young widow, the only luxury she could give my mother was the train travel she enjoyed through a Santa Fe system pass. College was an extra she could not afford. So my mom paid her way through school with a Panhellenic scholarship and by working as a legal secretary. She also was a young landlord, collecting \$50 monthly rent on a tiny house she had inherited from an aunt. She later sold the house for \$3,000 to pay for her senior year and her August wedding.


Regardless of the era, eking out a college education, both in economic and emotional terms, remains a stretch for countless families, especially those whose children are the first to take on the challenge. To help such students cope, KU continues to expand its offerings in new-student orientation, advising

and multicultural programs. To help families afford the increasing costs of tuition and fees, KU next fall will invest \$5.16 million in tuition grants for undergraduate and graduate students. During the 2003-'04 academic year, nearly 4,100 students received tuition grants.

Such numbers might help ease the pain of an 18-percent jump in KU tuition for fall 2004, but the sting remains. In the third year of a five-year plan, the Kansas Board of Regents approved hikes at all state institutions; KU’s tuition and fees will climb from \$2,050 to \$2,368 per semester for full-time resident undergraduates enrolled in 15 hours.

Yes, KU is still one of the nation’s “best buys,” and its prices remain lower than those at the universities of Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. In addition to tuition grants, money from the increase will fund new faculty positions, salary raises, technology improvements and library support. But, as editorial page editor Patrick S. Kelley wrote last month in the Emporia Gazette, the Regents “thought they did not have any choice” but to continue the five-year plan. Because the Legislature failed to adequately increase the higher education budget, he wrote, “the Regents had to get the money from the students. Now the students will have to get the money—somewhere.”

Many will work more, borrow more and take fewer classes. A few will forgo or delay college, and their losses, Kelley says, will reverberate. Reminding readers that great prosperity in our nation’s history has resulted from access to higher education, Kelley wrote, “Students will be paying for lawmakers’ inaction this fall, but we’ll all be paying for it in the future.”

The potential price would be immeasurable. College graduation days are milestones that more families, not fewer, should share. 



When I saw the triumphant faces of first-generation college graduates in our cover story, I suddenly remembered a 1957 black-and-white snapshot from my family’s scrapbook. The scene in my grandparents’ front yard admittedly lacks the artistry of the Earl Richardson photographs that begin on page 22 of this issue. But the achievement it celebrates gleams as brightly as those described by Chris Lazzarino, who tells the stories behind photos from the University’s 132nd Commencement.

My mother, Mary Jo McNair Jackson, was the first in her family to earn a college diploma. Recalling her Washburn University graduation day, she says, “I was so incredibly happy. That degree stands out in my life as something special. My mother thought I should quit after two years, but there was just something inside me that said no.”

Mom got her way, so she stood that



Jayhawk Walk

BY HILL AND LAZZARINO

Their stock is up

Business students in “Applied Portfolio Management” class won first prize at the Global Student Investment Strategy Symposium in April. Their portfolio rose 122 percent in 2003, besting competitors from 100 colleges—and every single stock-market index.

The secret to such eye-popping results? “We’re willing to take risks,” says Allen Ford, Larry D. Horner/KPMG professor of accounting and one of three professors who taught the class last semester. “If you’re looking for a big return, you have to take more risks.”

Results suggest the strategy is a winner.

The class started in 1993 with a \$250,000 gift from Kent McCarthy, b’80, g’81, and savvy market moves

have upped the pot to nearly \$700,000. That’s after regular gifts to campus scholarships.

This year, \$50,000 will fund athletic scholarships.

Doing good while doing well: Always a sound investment in our book.



LARRY LEROY PEARSON

Culture collection

In the realm of genetics research, the Fungal Genetics Stock Center is a one-stop shop for all things fungal, the Spores-R-Us of the research set. At KU Medical Center, where it has been since 1985, the center grows thousands of fungus strains and sends them to scientists around the world. In 2003 it shipped materials to researchers in nearly every state and 38 countries.

But starting July 1, the outgoing boxes of molds and mushrooms have a new return address: The center now maintains its strains crosstown, at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The fungus is no longer among us.

“There is a certain amount of visibility and recognition that goes with having an

international research source such as this,” says curator Ken McCluskey, weighing KU’s loss. “But mostly we fly under the radar. I don’t think you could find an administrator who knows the name.”

With 16,000 fungal isolates, 50,000 genome clones and the odd pathogen requiring special handling—plus a passel of refrigerators and super-cold freezers to store them—moving day presented certain logistical problems.

“It’s a little more complicated than renting a U-Haul,” McCluskey says. Few movers want to fuss with all that fungus, though their fears are misplaced. “Like I tell people, there’s more risk of bringing a contaminant into the lab with my lunch than taking something home.”

Then again, it’s pretty much like moving day anywhere: The job’s not done until you clean the mold out of the refrigerator.

Good thing they run a lot

Danny Manning's "famous cheese dip" starts with two pounds of Velveeta, and includes a pound of ground beef and half a pound of sausage. Nick Collison's beef and noodles needs only that, plus a can of mushroom soup, and football lineman Danny Lewis offers a grilled-cheese recipe that calls for bread, cheese and a toaster.

OK, so some current and former athletes who submitted their recipes (using the term loosely) to *Rock Chalk Recipes* (\$15, www.kustore.com), a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society organized by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, might not sign any pro contracts with the Food Channel.



But there are some lovely entries, too, including Lynette Woodard's shrimp creole, a "peanut sauce delight" by softball coach Tracy Bunge, and international recipes from

Guam and the Caribbean.

As for how to make energy bars taste good, we'll follow Manning's lead and smother them in Velveeta, which is apparently the snack of champions.

First Family

Barbara Ballard, longtime adviser to the Board of Class Officers, says few student posts are more important—or less appreciated—than senior-class president. The class leader administers numerous awards, including the HOPE; creates a class banner and designates a class gift; and keeps the job for life, eventually helping the Alumni Association organize class reunions.

In Ballard's opinion, few have fared any better as "keepers of all that KU tradition" than Roarke and Genevieve Gordon, Wichita siblings who concluded their unprecedented run of consecutive terms with Genevieve's May graduation.

"They have different styles," Ballard says, "and they're both pretty special. This is a big deal for the Jayhawk family."

Roarke, b'03, now a Washburn law student, says his sister had it tougher: "She spent a year fixing the stuff I messed up." But Genevieve, b'04, who is off to Colorado to work at a fishing camp, insists she was never her brother's keeper.

"He made it very easy for me," she says. "He did a great job."

Whatever happened to sibling rivalry?

■ Professor Vince Gnojek and musicians (l to r) Dustin Bauerle, Danny Loental, Elaine Fukunaga and Kevin Gosa won a second-consecutive saxophone championship.

The group, directed by saxophone professor Vince Gnojek, also won the prestigious magazine's chamber-music award in 1994 and '96, giving it four championships in a decade. Gnojek notes that the saxophone is considered a lesser classical instrument than those used by other competing groups, including string quartets, woodwind and brass quintets and trombone choirs.

The award "demonstrates the high quality of our saxophone studio," Gnojek says, "and of our entire music program in the department of music and dance."

This year's championship roster included graduate student Kevin Gosa, f'02, on soprano saxophone; senior Danny Loental on alto; junior Elaine Fukunaga, a piano-performance major, on tenor saxophone; and senior Dustin Bauerle on baritone.

Talk about great sax

On a campus that cherishes championships, few student groups have done more for KU pride than the Saxophone Quartet I, which was recently named Best Classical Instrument Chamber Music group for the second year in a row by *Down Beat Magazine*.





Hilltopics

BY STEVEN HILL

■ Bob Dole introduced former President Bill Clinton in Allen Field House, where 12,000 people gathered to hear both men speak. Afterward, the former senator gave Clinton a tour of the Dole Institute of Politics on West Campus.



At least they got seats. An estimated 3,000 people lined up in the rain-drenched Lied Center lot, but only about 350 left with a pair of tickets. The first 1,200 seats had been reserved for local V.I.P.s. Responding to protests from students, faculty members and the Lawrence community, Dole Institute officials worked to move the lecture to Allen Field House. After the change in venue, the University community snapped up 5,000 tickets in half a day. Another 5,000 went as quickly to the general public. And when campers started queuing at the field house around midnight on May 20, Reid and friends were near the front of the line. When the doors opened, they sprinted to general admission seats nearest the stage.

Never mind that none of the four were old enough to vote for Clinton during his two presidential campaigns: They clearly relished the chance to hear him speak.

Clinton/Dole 2004

Former senator hosts one-time rival to urge bipartisanship in politics

Not once. Zilch. Zero. That's how many times in their KU careers that Lawrence senior Sarah Colteryahn, Liberal graduate student Jimmie Manning, Columbus freshman Jonathan Pryor and Lawrence freshman Shannon Reid have camped for basketball tickets. But when the four friends learned that former President Bill Clinton would deliver the Dole Institute of Politics' inaugural Dole Lecture May 21 at the Lied Center, they immediately made plans to spend the night at the West Campus performance hall to make sure they got the best seats available.

Shortly after box office employees started handing out free tickets, the campers discovered that their hard-won seats were general admission. And immediately made plans to camp again.



"I really do think that he was my generation's president," Reid said. "He made a lot of positive changes. It's exciting to see in person someone who did so much for our country."

The Dole Lecture will bring prominent speakers to campus each spring to address important topics in politics or diplomacy. It is to be a signature event for the institute, "an antidote to soundbite politics" in Dole's words. Given the institute's stated mission to engage more young people in the political process, the choice of Clinton—the youngest president since John F. Kennedy—seems apt. Introducing his friend and former rival in the sweltering field house, Dole, '45, credited former institute director Richard Norton Smith for the idea.

"It was Rick who said, 'Wouldn't it be great if we could launch the series with President

PHOTOGRAPHS BY EARL RICHARDSON

Clinton,” Dole said. “Who better to dramatize the possibilities of partnership over partisanship. And that’s what today is all about.”

In the spirit of the day, Clinton largely avoided the temptation to take shots at the Bush administration. He called for Democrats and Republicans to work together and for the United States to work with the rest of the world. “You cannot kill, occupy or imprison all of your potential adversaries,” he said. “You have to make a deal. That’s what politics is. That’s why compromise is honorable, not dishonorable.”

Clinton said the nation needs a strategy for making more friends and fewer enemies. Among the best ways to do that, he said, is to keep making America better. “A lot of our influence in the world comes not from the size of our military ... but from the power of our example.”

The crowd was enthusiastic—a few spectators chanted “four more years” as the former president ascended the stage a half-step behind Dole—and Clinton jokingly thanked his host. “How kind and generous Bob Dole is to arrange for 90 percent of my total vote in Kansas to come here and listen to me speak today,” he said. But when his comments on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq prompted applause, Clinton quieted the crowd. “This is thinking time, not cheering time,” he said. “You can cheer later if you want.”

Afterward, during a brief period to answer questions submitted in advance by students, Clinton was asked what could be done to engage young people in politics. He cited the Internet and “modern entertainment” as areas that both Democrats and Republicans can use to convince the youth of America that their vote matters. But he also placed responsibility for engagement on students themselves.

“If you just look at the 2000 election, you see that if you sat it out you did vote,” Clinton said. “You voted for whoever you didn’t want to win. And if you think it doesn’t make any difference, you haven’t been paying attention.”

The “political odd couple,” as Dole described Clinton and himself in his remarks, have become a powerful example of the civility and bipartisanship that Dole wants the institute to promote. After Clinton ended Dole’s political career in the 1996 presidential campaign, the former Senator served the administration as chairman of an international commission on missing persons in the former Yugoslavia. They teamed as pundits on “60 Minutes” and worked together on several humanitarian projects. They

raised \$110 million to fund scholarships for children of the victims of Sept. 11. Dole thanked KU students for making their university the first to donate to the fund when they helped raise \$47,000 for the project.

After Clinton’s 44-minute speech, Dole gave his friend a tour of what he called “the one area I have managed to cross the finish line ahead of President Clinton”—the Dole Institute on West Campus.

Joined by Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway and interim institute director and law dean Stephen McAllister, c’85, l’88, Dole showed Clinton exhibits that featured photographs of the two: At the 1994 D-Day remembrance at the Normandy American Cemetery at Omaha Beach and at the 1997 White House ceremony where Clinton presented Dole the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Clinton marveled at the Memory Wall, the floor-to-ceiling gallery picturing Kansans who fought in World War II, and the 29-foot stained glass American flag. Dole pointed out a photograph of the modest Russell home in which he was born—one not so different from the home in Hope, Ark., where Clinton spent time as a boy.

“It’s not a presidential library,” Dole told the Allen Field House crowd, “but it will have to do.” The building is, in fact, as much about the future as the past, and on this day it seemed to give real form to politics’ grand potential—the possibility that those with opposing views might find in the political process a framework by which to work through their differences. On this day, as former foes strolled side-by-side as friends, it looked like more than bricks and mortar: It looked a lot like common ground.

“That’s what today is all about: To demonstrate that political opponents need not be personal enemies, that strong convictions can coexist with mutual respect, and that what unites us as American patriots is much, much greater than what divides us as election-year partisans.”

— Bob Dole



Visitor

Biophilic

Eminent biologist, environmentalist and writer Edward O. Wilson closed the Humanities Lecture Series with a talk on “The Future of Life.”

WHEN: April 15

WHERE: The Lied Center

BACKGROUND: Often called the father of biodiversity, Wilson has discovered hundreds of new species in his long career. He won two Pulitzer Prizes while writing more than 20 books on the natural world. Much of his work focuses on “biophilia” (a term he coined), the affinity all human beings have for other life forms. Wilson is widely considered one of the greatest living scientists and one of the most important thinkers of the 20th and 21st centuries.

ANECDOTE: After Wilson lost sight in his right eye in an early childhood fishing accident, he focused his love of the natural world on tiny insects he could examine closely with his left eye. “Every kid goes through a bug phase,” Wilson told his audience. “I never grew out of it.”

QUOTE: “The central problem of the new century is how to raise the poor to an endurable standard of living while preserving the natural world. The solution has to flow from the reality that both depend on the other. It can be done. We’re finding ways to make it efficient and affordable.”



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■ Stanley Lombardo, professor of classics, will direct the Honors Program. He replaces Barbara Schowen, who retired last July.

evolutionary biology with an emphasis in grassland restoration. A Wilderness First Responder, he is trained to respond to emergencies in remote settings.

Christopher Taylor, PhD candidate in electrical engineering and com-

puter science, studies machine learning and data mining techniques in bioinformatics.

Robert Berendt will pursue a PhD in pharmaceutical chemistry. As an undergraduate at Drake University, he won the Coppock Award, given to an outstanding student for productivity and strong interest in research.

HONORS PROGRAM

Classics professor Lombardo to head honors program

A longtime professor renowned for his modern translations and dramatic readings of ancient Greek literature is the new director of KU’s Honors Program.

Stanley Lombardo, who joined the faculty in 1976 and recently won acclaim for translations of Homer’s *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, will head a program of honors courses, programs and tutorials that serves more than 1,500 students and is among the nation’s oldest.

“It is a privilege to be able to work with the University’s finest students and faculty in creating the best educational opportunities possible,” Lombardo said. “The KU Honors Program represents our highest aspirations in undergraduate education.”

Lombardo teaches Greek, Latin, classical mythology and Greek literature and culture.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Self program marks milestone with newest scholars

Six PhD candidates received Self Graduate Fellowships in May, bringing to 50 the number of top-flight graduate students recruited to KU since the fund was established in 1989 by Madison “Al”, e’43, and Lila Reetz Self, ’43, of Hinsdale, Ill.

The fellowships award full tuition and fees and provide a \$22,000 annual stipend to doctoral students who demonstrate the promise to contribute significantly to their fields of study and society as a whole.

Chadd Clary, e’03, will pursue his PhD in mechanical engineering. Clary is involved with the biomechanics program at KU and has conducted research on orthopedic biomechanics.

Joseph Soltys, also a doctoral candidate in mechanical engineering, completed his master’s degree in biomechanics at KU this spring. He has received the Rensselaer medal for science.

Megan Williams Johnson is pursuing a PhD in the interdisciplinary program in biomedical sciences. She is a graduate of

Truman State University in Missouri. Quinn Long will study ecology and

MEDICINE

Eminent researchers earn distinguished professorships

A leading Boston-area medical researcher and professor has accepted a named professorship in the School of Medicine's department of molecular and integrative physiology.

David F. Albertini, professor of anatomy and cellular biology and obstetrics and gynecology at Tufts University, will establish a research program in molecular medicine with an emphasis on reproductive and developmental biology. He will do so as the Hall Family Foundation molecular medicine professor, endowed by a \$2.6 million gift in 1993.

"It is a testament to this area's strength in life sciences research that we were able to bring such an outstanding researcher to KU at this time," says Executive Dean Barbara Atkinson.

The School of Medicine also recently announced a distinguished professorship for Marc Asher, who has trained orthopedic surgeons for more than 30 years and is a leading researcher in spinal deformities, especially in children.

Asher, m'62, helped create and sustain statewide outreach clinics, offering orthopedic treatment for patients in Kansas cities that include Garden City, Parsons, Colby, Hays, Salina and Hutchinson. He is a native of St. John.

—Chris Lazzarino



SHARI HARTBAUER

■ Professor David Albertini formerly held academic appointments at Tufts, Harvard, New England Regional Primate Research Center and the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass. He is now Hall Family Professor at the School of Medicine.

Milestones, money and other matters



■ **A \$1 MILLION GIFT** from Belfour McMillen, c'49, and Betty Joe Lorbeer McMillen will fund a math professorship and dance scholarship. The Fort Worth couple's gift, in the form of a bequest, will establish two trusts. A \$960,000 fund will create the G. Baley Price Professorship in Mathematics, to attract and retain an outstanding professor of mathematics at KU. The professorship will honor the former math department chair and professor who retired in 1975. A \$50,000 fund will create the Betty Joe Lorbeer McMillen Dance Scholarship, which will provide four years of tuition assistance to a freshman dance major.

■ **ABOUT 4,000 GRADUATES** walked down the Hill during the University's 131st Commencement procession May 23. Including students who completed their degree requirements in the summer and fall of 2003, the Class of 2004 numbers more than 6,400 and represents 94 of 105 Kansas counties.

■ **JANET HAMBURG**, professor of dance and producer of "Motivating Moves," an exercise video for people with Parkinson's Disease, received the Laban/Bartenieff Institute of Movement Studies' first Laban Award for creative achievement in June. "Motivating Moves" (issue No. 6, 2003) is available online at www.motivatingmoves.com and through the Michael J. Fox Foundation, www.michaeljfox.org/community/resources.

■ **CINDY DERRITT**, PhD'96, was named University registrar in May. Derritt had served as the interim registrar since September 2003. She becomes only the 10th registrar—and the first female registrar—in KU history.

■ **KU AND THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS, SORBONNE**, will collaborate on research, exchange scholars and academic materials, and co-sponsor symposiums and study abroad programs according to an agreement signed this spring by representatives of the two institutions. "The University of Kansas has many excellent programs in France, and the addition of a university as prestigious as the University of Paris to the list will provide even more opportunities for students, faculty and researchers to engage in international activities," said Diana Carlin, d'72, g'74, dean of the Graduate School and International Programs, who signed the agreement on behalf of KU. The University has similar agreements with about 40 universities worldwide.

■ **IRENE M. CUMMING**, president and CEO of The University of Kansas Hospital, was recently elected chair of the Board of Directors of the University HealthSystem Consortium. Cumming has served for eight years on the board at UHC, an alliance of the clinical enterprises of the nation's major academic health centers.

■ **JAMES A. ROBERTS**, e'66, president of the University of Kansas Center for Research, was named vice provost for research after filling the job on an interim basis since September 2003. Roberts succeeds Robert Barnhill, c'61, who is now serving as dean-in-residence with the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C.

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Hot



Shots



AN EMPORIA PHOTOGRAPHER

Photographing a Flint Hills prairie burn in 1994, Larry Schwarm lost track of the fire. By the time he noticed that flames had surrounded him, it was almost too late.

“It was a very long run to get out of it,” recalls Schwarm, who escaped by wading into a pond. “Nothing bad came of it, but it really galvanized my resolve to watch my back.”

Wariness hasn’t kept him from getting close to dozens of prairie fires each spring in the decade since. When Flint Hills ranchers begin lighting their grass fields in mid-March, the Emporia State University professor of art starts prowling gravel roads in search of fires to photograph. He keeps clicking, shooting 100 rolls of film, until the burn season fizzles in May. Since he began the project, in 1990, he has shot more than 1,000 rolls.

His best photographs are collected in *On Fire* (Duke University Press, \$39.95), the inaugural winner of the Honickman Foundation First Book Prize in Photography from the Center for Documentary Studies in Durham, N.C.

On Fire collects 68 vivid color photos in which Schwarm, f’69, g’76, melds the subtle beauties of prairie landscapes with the dramatic power of fire in its widely varying forms.

CAPTURES THE FLINT HILLS’ SEASONAL RITE OF RENEWAL

BY STEVEN HILL

Panoramic vistas of glowing smoke clouds alternate with tightly framed shots of dancing flames. At times, the fires are serenely beautiful—a wash of orange and red against a deep indigo sky at twilight, the eerie reflection of burning prairie grass in a pond’s surface, the almost painterly abstraction of fireglow over a far horizon. At other times, Schwarm’s camera records fire’s more destructive side—wind-blown cinders, exploding trees and leaping fists of flame; black, apocalyptic smoke and malevolent tornado-like fire whorls spawned by a consuming demon.

That duality is part of our universal fascination with fire, Schwarm believes. “It heats our homes and cooks our food; it is warmth and comfort,” he says. “But at the same time it can be very deadly. It can burn our homes and kill us.”

Schwarm has been fascinated by fire since his days as a farm boy near Greensburg, when burning trash was his favorite chore. But it’s not just fire that obsesses him: It’s fire on the land.



“I photograph the landscape; that’s what I always do,” says Schwarm, who got his first break in 1974 when James Enyeart, g’72, then curator of KU’s photography collection, hired him to shoot Kansas landscapes for a documentary project funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. “Fire is part of this landscape. Fire is the reason the prairies were ever the prairies.”

Indeed, fire shapes the Flint Hills landscape like no other. The region is home to the nation’s largest remaining stand of tallgrass prairie. Once part of a vast sea of grass that stretched from Texas to Canada, the grasslands here survive largely because the rocky soil defies the plow. Yet

this prairie is also a contradiction: a wild space kept wild by man. Ranchers’ annual spring burns of tinder-dry fields keep encroaching trees at bay; their fires clear the way for new growth that brings cattle to crop grasses once thinned by buffalo. These carefully orchestrated burns echo and reaffirm a wilder, centuries-old cycle: Even before man set foot on the prairie, fires ignited by lightning and fanned by wind burned through statewide swaths of head-high grass. “It’s part of the ecosystem,” Schwarm says.

“What looks like destruction is actually rebirth.”

But for Schwarm, photographing prairie fires is not a documentary impulse. The self-described

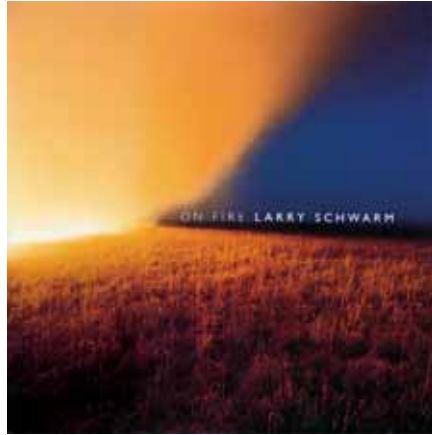


Prairie photographs by Larry Schwarm
Portraits by Earl Richardson



■ Larry Schwarm braves smoke and fire to get close-up images of the grass fires that Flint Hills ranchers light each spring.

■ “I never intended to document the fires in the strictest sense of the word, but rather to capture every essence of them,” Schwarm writes in *On Fire*. The book contains 68 of his favorite photographs.



“obsession/passion” comes largely from the thrill of experiencing fires up close—and the desire to preserve the look and feel of the experience so others can experience it too.

At an April burn near Emporia, he nimbly hops over a fireline and strides into a burning field. As the flames build, drawing fuel from frost-killed bluestem and goaded by a shifting wind, he fires off shot after shot. He travels light, toting a single Hasselblad camera mounted with a 50-mm lens and a bag of film backs loaded with extra film. Though he works so near the flames



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that his skin is red for days afterward, hiking boots, a flannel shirt and jeans are his only protective gear. He also packs a book of matches, heeding advice offered years ago by a rancher. “If you get bit by a rattlesnake or step in a hole and break your ankle, you light a fire right where you are,” Schwarm explains. “You crawl into the ash and when the fire gets to you there won’t be any fuel.”


As he works, pausing only long enough to load film, the fire ranges across the hills, a live thing in need of watching. From afar it makes a dull roar, but up close the roar dissolves into the surprisingly fragile sound of breaking glass.

“It’s different than looking at it from a tour bus,” Schwarm says after the flames pass, leaving an airy carpet of ash underfoot. Ghosts of acrid smoke drift across the field. Everywhere lie chert and limestone rocks, white as sun-bleached bone against the blackened soil. “The smells and sounds that go with it, the sensation you get walking up close to a fire and feeling this wonderful warmth on one side of your



face, the cool night air on the other—it’s all very sensual.”

And exciting. “I confess I do get an adrenaline rush. Occasionally from the danger, but more often from the sheer beauty of it,” he says. “As much as I do it to make photographs, I’m also using the photographs as an excuse to go where I wouldn’t be able to go otherwise.”

Schwarm’s fire portraits—many of which hang in some of the nation’s most prominent museums, including the Smithsonian American Museum of Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Spencer Museum of Art—take us with him. Gathering so many dramatic photos in one accessible, gorgeously produced package, *On Fire* allows many more of us to go along for the ride. 

■ Hot and menacing or glowing warmly from afar, fire in its many forms is the star of Schwarm’s stunning landscape portraits.



KEVIN HOBAN

BY STEVEN HILL

The Pulitzer Prize is journalism's highest honor, and impressing a roomful of winners and jurors can't be an easy task. Yet when Kevin Helliker attended the Pulitzer luncheon at Columbia University in May, his cohorts showed a certain tongue-in-cheek respect for the veteran reporter's dedication in putting together a 10-piece series on aneurysms that won the 2004 prize in explanatory reporting.

"I heard a lot of jokes about how far I was willing to go to get the story," says Helliker, c'82, chief of the Wall Street Journal's Chicago bureau since 1996.

He collaborated on the series with

colleague Thomas Burton after learning that his aorta, the artery that carries blood to all limbs and nearly every major organ, was enlarged by an aneurysm and in danger of rupturing. Their stories explore a potentially fatal condition that is misdiagnosed at an alarming rate.

Aneurysms form when a section of artery wall weakens and balloons to twice its normal diameter. Lethal, silent killers, aneurysms often go undetected until they burst, killing 32,000 Americans each year—as many as prostate cancer and more than AIDS. Yet many can be easily detected with an inexpensive scan.

In September 2002, Helliker learned precisely how easily.

Researching a piece on the Princeton Longevity Center, he took a battery of tests designed to assess his biological age. Doctors at the center believe lifestyle has more effect than age on a person's health: A 40-year-old man who exercises and eats right, for instance, might have the body of a 35-year-old.

Intrigued by the idea and confident that he was that man, Helliker entered the clinic with "an attitude of smugness," he wrote in "A Time Bomb Near My Heart," one of two first-person pieces among the eight articles he contributed to the series. He was 43. He did not smoke, did not drink alcohol or caffeine, and was exceptionally fit. "Exercise was my religion," he wrote. Two weeks before, he'd set his personal best time in the Olympic-distance triathlon.

A cardiac scan confirmed that his coronary arteries were in great shape, but it turned up something troubling: a glimpse of what appeared to be an enlarged aorta. Subsequent tests confirmed an aneurysm measuring 4.1 centimeters. The surgical benchmark for an aortic aneurysm, the point at which the risks of rupture outweigh those of surgery, is 5.5 centimeters.

Hidden Hazard

AFTER TESTS REVEALED AN ANEURYSM NEAR HIS HEART, A JOURNALIST WARNED READERS OF THIS OFTEN-MISDIAGNOSED KILLER. HIS REPORTING SAVED LIVES.

“Without question it was the biggest surprise of my life,” Helliker says. “I remember walking around Manhattan afterward, feeling my demise was imminent. Working out makes you feel good. I went from feeling good to feeling very, very threatened. I felt betrayed, and then I just felt confused.”

His darkest moment came when he returned home to Chicago and began researching his condition. The first story he found reported the death a month earlier of a 46-year-old personal trainer who had collapsed while working out.

He searched on, finding obituary after obituary. “I just felt doomed,” he says.

Then his journalistic instincts kicked in.

“I thought, ‘How can so many people be dying from this and nobody is writing about it?’”

Helliker soon discovered that most people—including many in the medical profession—think of aneurysms as an event, not a condition. They usually go undetected until they burst. Diagnosis occurs via autopsy.

Through further research he learned that abdominal aortic aneurysms are easily detected, but that doctors do not routinely screen for them. Worse yet, he uncovered numerous cases of people with certain kinds of highly hereditary aneurysms who did not get scans even after they went to emergency rooms to request them. They were sent home by doctors who dismissed their concerns. Within days, sometimes hours, they were dead.

“What angered me,” Helliker says, “was the complacency of those in the medical community.”

That has begun to change, thanks in part to Helliker and Burton’s reporting. A bill now before Congress would require Medicare to cover aneurysm screenings. Several medical societies back the legislation, and they cite the Journal’s series to bolster their case. Former Sen. Bob Dole, ’45, became an advocate after his aide Jo-Anne Coe died during emergency surgery in 2002 to repair a ruptured aortic aneurysm.

There is additional evidence that both patients and health care professionals are waking up to the problem.


“The complacency I encountered I don’t encounter any more,” he says. “There were physicians I interviewed who pooh-poohed the premise, and I wanted to quote them. But when I went back to say, ‘Is this still your position,’ not one would say that it was.”

Readers have written to say the series alerted them to their family risk for the condition. Many underwent scans that revealed aneurysms requiring surgery, and they credit Helliker and Burton for saving their lives.

The experience has left him humbled. “I don’t know if it was God or what, but I do feel like I was just a vehicle,” Helliker says. “None of us can be smug about our health. The only appropriate position seeing someone who is not healthy is to say, ‘There but for the grace of God go I.’ You can eat nothing but fish and fruit and vegetables and run

triathlons, but it doesn’t change that equation.”

Doctors scan Helliker’s aneurysm every six months. So far, it hasn’t grown. If it does, he’ll have the surgery, for which the survival rate is better than 95 percent. The prospect hasn’t changed his plans to marry in August. “If I have the surgery, I think it will be a bump in the road.”

More gratifying than winning the Pulitzer, he says, is the visibility the prize has bestowed on a matter of life and death. He hopes to win another someday—next time for a story a little less close to his heart. 



■ Helliker, center, and Thomas Burton, right, receive the Pulitzer Prize for explanatory reporting from Columbia University president Lee Bollinger in May. Search the archive at www.pulitzer.org to read the series online.

Where



FIRST-GENERATION GRADUATES SHOW THE WAY TO SUCCESS

On a campus that does not lack for pride, camaraderie and flat-out fun, Commencement towers to its own heights. It is a day nearly as certain to be sunny as the Kansas Relays will be soggy, and the sparkle comes from more than the gentle May weather. It is the occasion when we, in the most inclusive sense, come together to celebrate and smile.

Graduates, friends, alumni, parents, professors, pastors, pets, cousins and neighbors all show up to walk down the Hill, watch the walk down the Hill, or simply to romp in the grass and howl in chorus with the joyous prairie spring.

Cloaked in robed regalia, participants

are nearly indistinguishable. Except for variations that are obscure to most—color-coded tassels and velvet neck wraps, called “hoods”—and the occasional balloon or mortar-board adornment, the procession filing from the Campanile to Memorial Stadium is a personality of one. We are, then as at no other time, KU.

But the simplification obscures important truths. There are those for whom the walk down the Hill means more than many of us might imagine. It is a march that makes family history, a representation of accomplishment that might have been little more than a dream, if even that, for generations.

For the freshly minted alumni who are the first in their families to graduate

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

PHOTOGRAPHS BY EARL RICHARDSON

Legacies Begin



from college, Commencement weekend is at once a new beginning and a looking back. If their accomplishment is unprecedented, the work is not. They did not arrive at this place alone, and they seem unanimous (at least among those whom we met) in their desire to surround themselves with family.

Tiffany Lopez's family rented out a room in the Kansas Union so they could host a proper reception for their daughter, sister, niece. Richard Boyd, a 41-year-old truck driver and former nurse who is now on his way to medical school, positively beamed amid the bubbling energy of his wife and six children, all of whom dressed splendidly and might have had more fun mingling on Memorial Drive than did the graduate.

Don Cicotte is a captain in the U.S. Marines who earned his master's in communication studies with coursework completed entirely at the Edwards

Campus in Overland Park; he and his wife, father-in-law and two sons all discovered the Lawrence campus together, when they drove in from Belton, Mo., for Don's hooding ceremony. Jehan Reagan is not the first in her family to graduate from college, but her mom was, and on May 23 they walked through KU's 132nd Commencement side by side, Jehan with her bachelor's degree and Amber Reagan-Kendrick, associate director of health careers at the School of Medicine, with a doctorate.

"I grew up loving books, because I always saw my mother studying so hard," Jehan says. "Now that I've seen her hooding ceremony, I know that's something I might want for myself, too. I'm still following her example."

There is a sincerity to these family experiences that might not always be present when a new graduate is merely the latest in a long line. What might

become routine is, at the start, reverent. They did not dash over to campus by themselves and they probably won't duck out of line after reaching the stadium.

They respect the ceremony as the devout respect solemn rites.

Yes, they yell when they walk through the Campanile, they'll bat around beach balls and wave to people they've never met, and they might wear a sombrero or colorful scarf in celebration of their heritage, but there remains a certain dignity, a certain erectness of posture that tells much about swelling emotions.

"When students tell me they are first generation, what that says to me is that there is probably a lot of pressure on them to do well," says veteran administrator and adviser Barbara Ballard. "They are carrying, in many ways, a tougher load. There are great expectations placed on them."

Robert Rodriguez, project coordinator of the McNair Scholars program, which serves high-ability first-generation students, is keenly aware of the pressures. He felt them himself, once he decided to spend less time “riding the wave with friends” in Southern California and apply himself to achieving what nobody else in his family had yet done.

“Some of the students in the program feel a sort of family responsibility to be the one who goes a step further,” he says. “With others, there might not be so much family pressure as there is an inner desire to succeed. They’re all different, with different experiences and backgrounds, but they do have one trait in common: They are all highly motivated.”

Ballard also makes the intriguing observation that some differences are less than might be expected. If a first-generation college student arrives at

KU green and naïve, so might a student whose parents and grandparents all earned diplomas. So might students who come from across the country or around the world. There are particular pressures carried by students with financial hard-

ships. Those of us from the city will never understand the fears that might be carried by students from tiny, rural high schools.

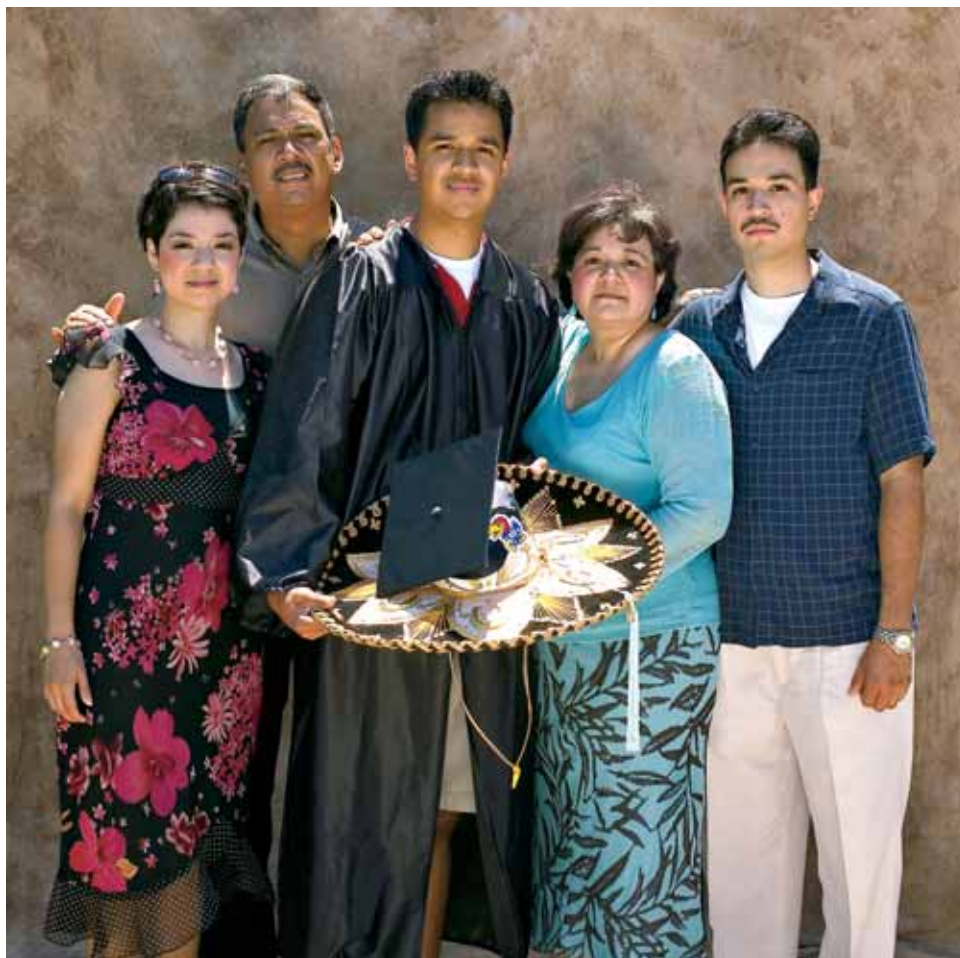
Ballard sees the common emotion in their eyes: “It can be scary, no matter where you come from.”

They are all, as Ballard sees it, equally naïve. When they arrive, they do not know how to “access the system.” They are unified in their innocence.

“If you make any assumptions that any one student might be better prepared than another, then somebody is going to fall through the cracks,” Ballard says. “And in fact, sometimes the students in the most danger are those who think they know where all the stuff is. They are the ones who don’t always ask, and sometimes they get lost. You

have to watch that they don’t fall through the cracks, either. Yes, maybe their parents were at school here, but they might have pulled [enrollment] cards in the ballroom. What good is that experience going to do today?”

Rodriguez also worries about the students who “fall through the cracks,”



Josue Campos

KANSAS CITY, KAN. ■ EDUCATION

“Josh” Campos plans to be a high-school teacher in his hometown, where his fellow Kansas Citians will look to him as an influential role model. “Wherever he goes, his reputation precedes him,” says Marleen Elliott, assistant research professor of education. “He has great promise as a future teacher.” He is shown here with his sister, Andrea Castro; his father, Victor; his mother, Rosa; and brother, John. Note the light-blue tassel, emblematic of the School of Education, carefully affixed to Josh’s magnificent sombrero (which is also topped with his mortar board).

though he has fewer concerns about it at KU; his McNair Scholars are all recognized achievers. Rodriguez scans further afield, searching for high school and junior high students who don't yet know the way, or even that there is a way, to academic success. It is one particular area, he points out, where young people can be hampered by a family's lack of higher-education experience.

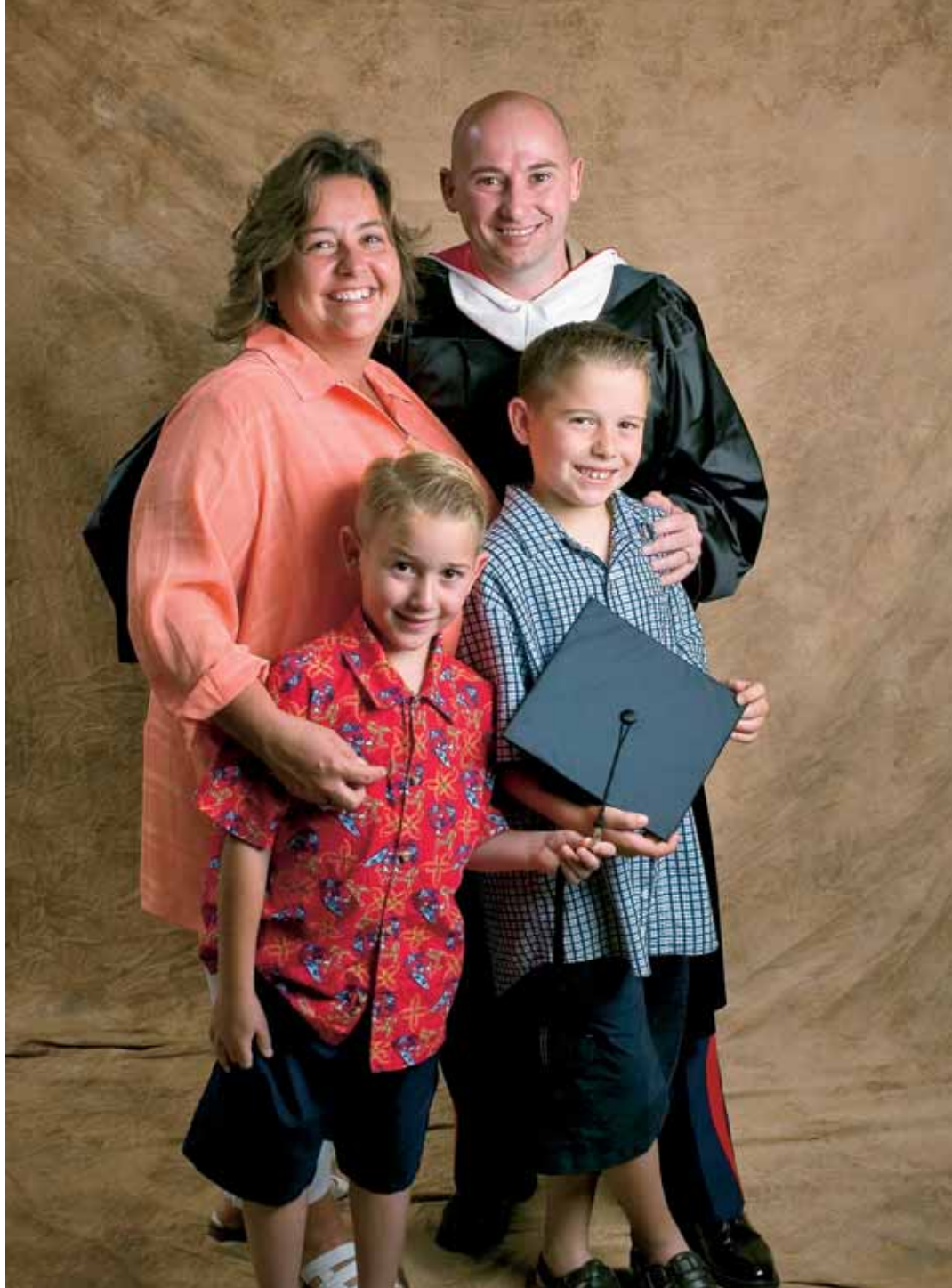
"If they're not stellar students, it's not as likely that someone will take them aside and say, 'Hey, you know what you can do? You can go to KU, or to a com-

Amber Reagan-Kendrick

LAWRENCE ■ PH.D., AMERICAN STUDIES

Jehan Reagan

ROELAND PARK ■ NURSING



Capt. Don Cicotte

BELTON, MO. ■ MASTER'S, COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Don Cicotte, a captain in the U.S. Marines, will use his advanced degree as a public affairs officer at the Naval Media Center in Washington, D.C. A native of the Detroit area, Don discovered KU while stationed in the Marines' Belton, Mo., recruiting office. He earned his master's degree with coursework completed entirely at the Edwards Campus in Overland Park. Shown here with his wife, Sally, and sons Jerry and D.J., Don also enjoyed the company of his father-in-law, Jerry Diakow, who flew in from Michigan to see Don walk down the Hill.

Michael Lemon

BONNER SPRINGS ■ PSYCHOLOGY



community college and then on to KU, and earn a degree,” he says. “If their parents aren’t saying that because they haven’t gone to college themselves, where are they going to get this from? We have to reach them and help get it in their minds that they can do it, too.”

KU is a community that cherishes tradition. We trumpet the arrival of fourth- and fifth-generation Jayhawks, we swell with pride when we recount KU’s century-plus of academic achievement, athletics glories, cultural creations and social structures. But we must also remind ourselves that the best among us might well be the newest. If we are to be wise members of an open and welcoming college campus, we must trust leadership where we find it, and not look to legacy for certification.



Richard Boyd

LAWRENCE ■ HUMAN BIOLOGY

No family looked finer on May 23 than Richard Boyd’s: sons Ricky Jr. and Nathan; daughters Renee, Rebecca, Hope (in front) and Erin; and his wife, Kathy. Originally from Chesterfield County, Va., Richard and Kathy in 1995 chose to rear their family in Kansas, which Richard discovered in his work as a big-rig truck driver. He’s headed next to the School of Medicine, but first will spend the rest of the summer on the road. “I was not ‘college material.’ That’s what people always told me,” Richard says. “I decided they were wrong.”



Tiffany Lopez

MINNEAPOLIS, KAN.
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Barbara Ballard, veteran administrator, adviser and mentor, says of Tiffany Lopez, seen here with her father, Romeo: "She became vice president of Pi Phi, president of Mortar Board and she works here in our Office of Student Success. She knows the system. She figured it out. She has the people skills, the motivation ... She's just one unbelievable woman. Her family is so proud." As is her alma mater.

Richard Boyd beams as he shows his newest certification, the gold KU ring that may only be acquired by graduates. He shows it as proudly as he shares his other certifications, including his commercial driver's license, with which he'll continue to make his living as a big-rig truck driver, right up until he reports to the School of Medicine at KU Medical Center.

Boyd explains that this midlife change is about more than his own education. When he hit the books and spent endless hours studying for his degree in human biology, his children absorbed the importance their parents place on reading, studying and the quiet pleasure of an engrossing book.

"I depended on the assistance of my family, and we made sacrifices to do this," Boyd says. "There are things we had to do without, but the children also saw that there is nothing more important than education. When I showed up for class, I sat in front, middle of the front row, every time. And as I developed the skills to study and teach



myself out of books, my children began to understand and appreciate those same skills. Now they have a big advantage. Their opportunities for learning are unlimited."

On a college campus, few ideals can carry more meaning: limitless opportunity for learning. It all starts here.✍️

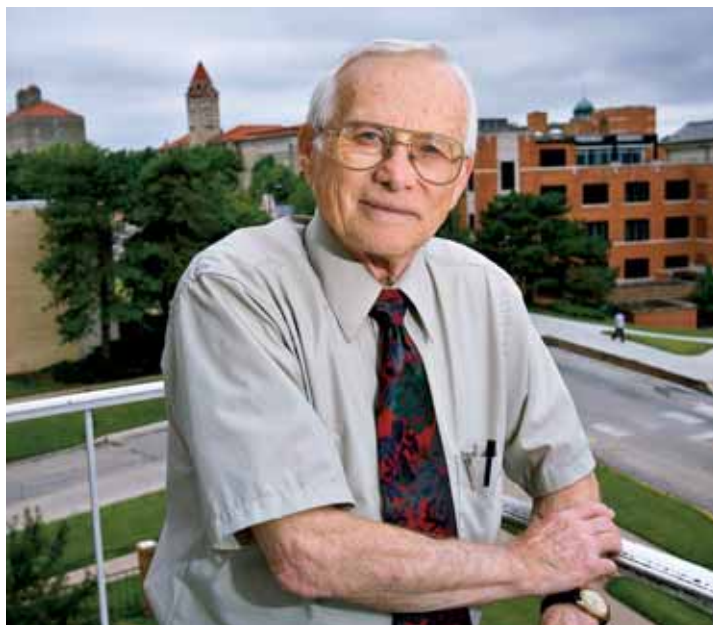
Keturah Harding

PIQUA, OHIO ■ INDUSTRIAL DESIGN



Association

“I have long known that our Association is one of the very best alumni groups in the country. Its eminence is due to the leadership tradition begun by Fred Ellsworth and to the work of the dedicated and committed staff members over the years.”
— Del Shankel



EARL RICHARDSON

He answers the call

Former chancellor leads Association as president during national search

Del Shankel still remembers the sleepless night in 1982 when he and his wife, Carol, debated whether he should accept an offer to become chancellor of the University of Maryland-College Park. The move would have ended Shankel’s long career as a professor and administrator at KU, where he had served as interim chancellor from 1980 to 1981.

“We stayed up until 3 in the morning talking and finally, for a variety of reasons, we decided to turn it down,” Shankel says. “I decided that night that I was not even going to apply for another such position. I told myself, ‘I’m at KU until I retire.’”

And far beyond.

Although he officially ended his career on the Hill in 1996, Shankel, 76, has continued to teach one class each year and serve on a few committees. And now he has stepped in to guide the Alumni Association as interim president and

CEO. He succeeds Fred B. Williams.

The president and CEO reports to the Association’s national board of directors. In May, national alumni chair Linda Duston Warren, c’66, m’70, announced that the Board had chosen to conduct a national search for a new president and CEO.

David Wescoe, c’76, visited Shankel May 22, following the board meeting, to ask for Shankel’s help during the search. “Del Shankel has served KU so well in so many capacities that the executive committee agreed he was the first and natural choice to lead the Association at this time,” says Wescoe, now executive vice chair of the board. “When I met with Del, I

simply said, ‘The University needs you one more time.’ Understanding the personal sacrifice this service would mean for him, I was thrilled when he immediately said yes.”

Since he began his KU career in 1959 as a professor, Shankel has seen the University through numerous administrative transitions, continuing to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in biology and microbiology regardless of the other burdens he shouldered. In addition to stints as KU’s first executive vice chancellor (1974-’80) and two separate years as chancellor (1980-’81 and 1994-’95), he has served as department chair, dean of liberal arts and sciences, vice chancellor for academic affairs and acting athletics director. He stills holds the titles of chancellor emeritus and professor emeritus of biology.

Shankel credits wonderful colleagues, students and alumni for keeping him on Mount Oread over the years, even though his first stint as chancellor briefly tempted him to look elsewhere. “I just fell in love with this place overall,” he says.

And that affection characterizes KU alumni, he says. “The alumni family represents the fact that an awful lot of students have had really good experiences when they were going through the University. That’s why our alumni are so loyal.

One of the challenges is to personalize the student experience and ensure that students today will have the same kind of affection for KU that generations before them share.”

In late June, the Association announced the members of the committee that will hire a permanent president and CEO. Robert Driscoll, c’61, l’64, Mission Woods, who led the Association’s board of directors during the 2002-’03 year, will chair the committee. Other members include:

- Frank Becker, e’58, Lawrence, chair of the KU Endowment Association;

- Larry Borden, b’62, g’67, Colorado Springs, Colo., who on July 1 becomes the Alumni Association’s chair;

- A. Drue Jennings, d’68, l’72, Leawood, who on June 30 completes his five-year term on the Alumni Association board. Jennings served last year as interim athletics director and assisted in recruiting current athletics director Lew Perkins;

- David Shulenburg, executive vice chancellor and provost of the Lawrence campus;

- Linda Duston Warren, c’66, m’70, Hanover, immediate past chair of the Association.

Warren, who appointed the committee before her term as national chair ended June 30, estimated that the search would require three to six months: “With Del’s superb leadership and extraordinary history at KU, we are confident that the Association will be in good hands as we take the time we need to find exactly the right person to guide the Association in the years ahead.”



Alumni leaders

New directors, officers guide national board in 2004-’05

Three alumni will begin five-year terms on the Association’s national Board of Directors, following annual spring voting by

members. They are Robert T. Stephan, ’54, Lenexa; Becky VanWyhe Thomas, e’86, Baldwin City; and Sue Shields Watson, d’75, Wichita.

Leading the Board next year will be Larry J. Borden, b’62, g’67, Colorado Springs, Colo., who was elected by the Board as next year’s chair, following his term this year as executive vice chair. Borden succeeds Linda Duston Warren, c’66, m’70, Hanover. The new executive vice chair will be David B. Wescoe, c’76, La Jolla, Calif.

Other officers named by the Board were four vice chairs, all of whom were re-elected. They are Tony C. Guy, c’82, Kansas City, Mo.; John P. Hanna, c’65, d’66, PhD’73, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Jay Howard, b’79, Austin, Texas; and Monty E. Strecker, b’80, Ellinwood. Guy, Howard and Strecker are serving their second of a possible three consecutive one-year terms. Hanna will complete his third and final year as vice chair.



Borden

The Executive Committee of the Board includes the current chair and executive vice chair, and the four immediate past chairs, along with two at-large members, who must be directors who have served at least one year on the Board. These two at-large members for 2004-’05 are Jill Sadowsky Docking, c’78, g’84, Wichita, and Marvin Motley, c’77, l’80, g’81, Leawood.

The Board also chooses alumni to represent the Association on the boards of the Intercollegiate Athletics Corp. and the KU Memorial Unions Corp. Five alumni serve on each board, but their terms are staggered.

On the athletics board, Dana Anderson, b’59, Los Angeles, succeeds Gil Reich, e’54, Barrington, Ill., and Lynette Woodard, c’81, Lawrence, suc-

ceeds Gale Sayers, d’75, g’77, Mount Prospect, Ill.

On the Union board, Megan Schoeck, c’58, Lawrence, succeeds Winifred Pinet, c’80, g’82, Grosse Pointe Farm, Mich.



Stefanie steps up

Vice president for records knows data inside and out

If you want to know all the ZIP codes in the greater Kansas City area, or the number of business school graduates in Dallas, ask Stefanie Shackelford. In fact, if you yearn to know about even the most obscure subset of KU alumni but you’re unsure how to ask, ask her anyway.

Shackelford, vice president of alumni and membership records, enjoys sorting the database of alumni biographical and membership records into groups of Jayhawks that University units or Association departments need to reach. Over the years, she has become expert in figuring out answers even when the questions aren’t clear, or, as she graciously describes it, “knowing the difference between what people ask for and what they actually want.”

Shackelford was promoted earlier this year to succeed her longtime boss, Nancy Peine, who retired Feb. 27 (issue No. 3, 2004). Her new title is the third in her ascension through Association ranks since she began her career in 1989, shortly after high school.

Hired as a data entry operator, she soon developed a knack for deciphering requests for mailing lists; in those years files were printed on magnetic tape at the KU Endowment Association, which shares the database with the Alumni Association.

Later Shackelford was promoted to records specialist. During her tenure, she has adapted to dramatic changes in technology and growth in the database: The number of addressable records of



EARL RICHARDSON

Shackelford

alumni and friends has grown from 185,000 to nearly 307,000. She now supervises seven staff members whose monthly workload includes making 10,000 records updates.

Finding a career so early in life is rare, but Shackelford says her staying power has lengthened with each technological leap. "I've enjoyed working through the changes," she says. "Thinking back, they've just been unbelievable. We used to ask Endowment for tapes, and now we just e-mail files." And as the ease of sharing has increased, so has the number of requests from Association or KU departments. She estimates that she now fills nearly 300 requests monthly, but that number can spike to 500 in the fall.

Of course, in 15 years Shackelford also has seen changes on the home front. She and her husband, Brad, live in Lecompton with their three boys: Austin, who prefers the age "almost 11"; Kyle, 8; and Corey, 4. Three baseball schedules keep Shackelford in the bleachers on most summer nights, but she also enjoys running when she can find the time.

And with her extensive experience in deciphering alumni data, tracking her sons' baseball statistics should be a breeze.



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Class Notes

BY KAREN GOODELL

1936

Alvin Wetmore Jr., c'36, and his wife, Bernice, took a Hawaiian cruise earlier this year to celebrate their wedding anniversary. They live in Mesa, Ariz., and both stay busy with volunteer work.

1944

Ralph May, e'44, is retired in Fairfax, Va.

1948

Hubert Church, e'48, makes his home in Nevada, Iowa, where he's retired.

1949

Harry Barker, b'49, and his wife, Ann, are residents of Redding, Calif.

Helen Manka Stonebeck, c'49, chairs the public-relations committee for the National Quilting Association and was a contributing editor of *PEO in Kansas: Our Centennial Heritage*. Her home is in Winfield.

1952

William Turner, b'52, l'60, a retired attorney, makes his home in Los Angeles.

1953

Virgil Wenger, b'53, works as an independent consultant in Darien, Conn.

1955

James Ragan, c'55, lives in St. Louis.
Harold Ray, c'55, m'58, is senior vice president and chief medical officer of Catholic Health Initiatives. He recently was given the 2003 Physician Executive Award for Lifetime Achievement by the American College of Physician Executives and Modern Physician. Harold lives in Carmichael, Calif.

1959

William Cummings, p'59, recently was elected president of the Wichita

Downtown Lions Club.

Ernest Shelby, f'59, is creative director of Alpha Art Associates in Los Angeles.

1960

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

Dave Ruf, e'60, retired recently as CEO and chairman of Burns & McDonnell. He lives in Leawood.

George Schluter, b'60, recently was named to the HBA Builder Hall of Fame. He's president of GWS in Kansas City, where **Mary Ellen Fowler Schluter**, b'63 is vice president.

1961

Donald Brada, c'61, received the Nancy C.A. Roeske Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education earlier this year from the American Psychiatric Association. He is a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the KU School of Medicine in Wichita.

John Kimberlin, c'61, makes his home in Gilbert, Ariz., with **Alicia Harris Kimberlin**, '64.

1962

Gordon Davis, a'62, is a principal and partner at Westgroup Designs in Irvine, Calif. He lives in Costa Mesa.

1963

Harold Asner, b'63, tutors at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park.

Nancy Vogel, c'63, d'63, g'65, PhD'71, is editor of *PEO in Kansas: Our Centennial Heritage*. She lives in Lawrence and is a professor emerita of English at Fort Hays State University.

1964

Ralph Gage, j'64, recently was named chief operating officer of The World

Company in Lawrence, where he and **Martha Senter Gage**, g'79, PhD'89, make their home.

Charles Winters, a'64, e'64, is retired in Leawood.

1965

Howard Gibson, b'65, g'67, recently became a partner at Wood-Snodgrass, a Kansas City-based executive search consulting firm.

Edwyna Condon Gilbert, PhD'65, is associate editor of *PEO in Kansas: Our Centennial Heritage*. She lives in Lawrence and is former associate dean of liberal arts at KU.

Barbara Bauerle Glanz, d'65, spoke recently at the International Nurse Leaders Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa. She's president of Barbara Glanz Communications in Sarasota, Fla.

Harold House, b'65, works as a commodity broker for Wolcott Lincoln in Kansas City.

1966

Mike Robe, j'66, g'68, produced and directed the miniseries, "Reversible Errors," starring William H. Macy and Tom Selleck, which aired in May on CBS. Mike lives in Studio City, Calif., where he owns Mike Robe Productions.

1968

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

R.L. Mullins III, b'68, makes his home in Tucson, Ariz.

Nomi Camin Redding, c'68, s'75, has a private social work and psychotherapy practice in Lawrence, where she and her husband, **Larry**, c'69, make their home.

Jon Willard, c'68, l'71, serves as a judge of the Olathe Municipal Court.

1969

Jeffrey Dolezal, c'69, d'71, works as a paraeducator at Lawrence High School

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in Lawrence, where he and his wife, Linda, make their home.

Joseph Herman, c'69, manages claims for Crocker Claims Service in Albuquerque, N.M.

Nancy Keith, d'69, directs student services for USD 233 in Olathe.

David Knapp, d'69, works for EMC Insurance in Wichita, where he and his wife, Kathy, make their home.

David Newbery, c'69, g'71, l'73, is a partner in the Topeka law firm of Newbery, Ungerer & Hickert.

1970

Elizabeth Lindquist, c'70, is dean of instruction at Longview Community College in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Shirley Hemming Rohrer, c'70, PhD'76, lives in Mobile, Ala., where she's associate professor of biology at the University of Mobile.

Walter Womack, e'70, recently was promoted to president of the electrical transmission and distribution group at Burns & McDonnell. He lives in Leawood.

1971

Peter Goplerud, c'71, l'74, recently was named dean of the Florida Coastal School of Law. For the past six years, he served as dean of law at Drake University in Des Moines.

Nancy Campbell Jenkins, c'71, has been promoted to assistant vice president of retail banking at INTRUST Bank in Wichita.

1972

Kenneth Carpio, b'72, is regional technical sales manager for SBC Communications in St. Louis. He lives in Chesterfield.

Harry Fitzgerald, c'72, makes his home in San Antonio, where he's chief adult probation officer for the Bexar County Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

William McMurray, d'72, g'77, was honored last year when the Eagle Scout class of the Pony Express Council of the Boy Scouts of America was named for him. He lives in St. Joseph, Mo., and is

an adjunct professor of music at Missouri Western State College.

Lawrence Walter, c'72, serves as a judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Dayton, Ohio.

Kenneth Webb, l'72, is vice president and trust officer of Gold Financial Services in Pittsburg.

1973

William Adams, e'73, is president of the Fagan Company in Kansas City.

Mary Bartee Brockinton, d'73, lives in Atlanta, where she's a partner in the law firm of Strickland Brockington Lewis.

David Carr, c'73, is executive vice president at First National Bank in Wellington, where his wife, **Colette Kocour**, c'73, directs training at Futures Unlimited.

John Clinger, d'73, owns Stonegate Enterprises in Lawrence.

1974

Pauline Centinaro Jelken, d'74, teaches in Lake Hopatcong, N.J. She lives in Wharton.

Kevin Nunnink, c'74, g'75, is chair of Integra Realty Resources in Westwood. He lives in Shawnee Mission.

George Pangburn, g'74, directs nuclear material safety for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in King of Prussia, Pa.

Judy Raney, d'74, recently moved to Lawrence, where she is a U.S. postmaster.

1975

Dennis Cantrell, e'75, directs water services for HNTB. His home is in Olathe.

Richard Caplan, c'75, s'77, is executive director of Habitat for Humanity in Kansas City.

Thelma Wendel Kerkman, f'75, and her husband, **Dean**, PhD'64, make their home in Lost Nation, Iowa.

1976

Gary Bernhardt, c'76, m'79, practices medicine in Overland Park.

David Coake, j'76, recently was promoted to editorial director of Florists

Review and Super Floral Retailing magazines. He lives in Topeka.

David Domann, p'76, g'78, is executive director of Janssen Pharmaceutica in Titusville, N.J. He lives in Doylestown, Pa.

Georgia Klein, g'76, owns A+ Tours. She lives in Shawnee.

William Morton, b'76, an Overland Park resident, is a partner in the Kansas City firm of McGladrey & Pullen.

Timothy Rogers, c'76, is executive director of the Salina Airport Authority. He also chairs the U.S. Contract Tower Association Policy Board.

1977

Charlotte Kirk Howard, j'77, works as a media-relations analyst for Exxon Mobil in Houston.

Mignon Muirhead, n'77, owns Moby Dick's Restaurant in Wellfleet, Mass.

Paul Rachman, c'77, lives in Kingswood, Texas, where he owns State Inspection of Kingswood.

Robert Rowland, c'77, PhD'83, chair of communication studies at KU, received the B. Aubrey Fisher Outstanding Article Award last year from the Western States Communication Association for an article he co-wrote with Abhik Roy, g'85, PhD'97, about the rhetoric of Hindu nationalism. Robert lives in Lawrence.

Gary Sharp, h'77, c'81, is an associate professor at the University of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City.

1978

Jo Ann Butaud, c'78, l'81, practices law with Evans & Mullinix in Lenexa. She lives in Shawnee.

Mark Lewis, b'78, lives in Olathe, where he's an attorney.

Michael Meacham, l'78, directs outreach and is an associate professor in the department of health policy and administration at Pennsylvania State University in University Park. He lives in State College.

Randy, f'78, and **Melissa Capen Rolston**, f'80, co-own Victorian Trading Company in Prairie Village. They live in Lenexa.

1979

Philip Struble, e'79, g'81, is president of Landplan Engineering in Lawrence, where **Stephanie Sanford Struble**, d'81, teaches preschool.

Timothy Wilcoxon, e'79, g'89, works as a supervisor architect for the Shawnee Mission School District. He lives in Lenexa.

Mark Workman, e'79, is chief design engineer for Douglas County. He lives in Lawrence.

1980

James Bradford, e'80, works for Black & Veatch. He lives in Lee's Summit, Mo.

James Corbett, b'80, is president and CEO of ev3, an endovascular company. He lives in Laguna Niguel, Calif.

Debbie Kennett Hawley, j'80, g'82, owns Hawleywood Productions in Pittsburg, where she's also regional sales manager for Zowire Marketing.

Clair Keizer, j'80, supervises accounts for Glynn Devins in Overland Park. His home is in Lawrence.

Anne Meeker Miller, d'80, g'85, PhD'93, recently published a book, *Baby Sing & Sign*, and a companion music CD, *Clap Your Hands*. Anne is director of Love Language in Olathe.

Thomas Munyon, c'80, appeared on ABC World News last spring with the Seattle Men's Chorus, which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. He's lead assembler with HydraMaster in Mukilteo, Wash.

David Norton, c'80, owns PDS Medical in Lawrence.

Alison Rowell Nye, d'80, teaches at Quail Run Elementary School in Lawrence.

Susan Smith, d'80, performs with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra and teaches trombone at Austin Peay State University in Nashville, Tenn.

1981

Edward Duckers, b'81, is a partner in the San Francisco firm of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton.

Kevin Gleason, b'81, works as project lead for Assurant Employee Benefits in Kansas City.



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Carolyn Green-Nigro, n'81, g'85, PhD'95, is a professor of nursing at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park. She lives in Olathe.

Thomas Laming, c'81, lives in Leawood and is president and founder of Trend Star Advisors.

George Pollock, c'81, j'82, won first place for headlines in the top daily-news-paper circulation category for 2003 from

the Virginia Press Association. He is a senior copy editor with the Daily Press in Newport News.

David Relihan, c'81, recently joined WIBW Radio in Topeka as a meteorologist.

Jonelle Birney Sullivan, j'81, co-owns Sullivan Birney Winery & Vineyard in Glenn Ellen, Calif. She lives in San Francisco.

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Lynette Woodard, c'81, will be enshrined this fall in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. She lives in Lawrence.

1982

Janet Murguia, c'82, j'82, l'85, recently left KU, where she was executive vice chancellor for university relations, to become executive director and chief operating officer for the National Council of La Raza in Washington, D.C.

William Plybon, b'82, is vice president and deputy general counsel for Coca-Cola Enterprises in Atlanta.

BORN TO:

Jo Lynn Hardesty, c'82, l'86, daughter, Emma Lee, April 11 in Lawrence, where Jo is director of KU Legal Services for Students.

1983

Robert Chestnut, b'83, g'85, is chief financial officer for Remel in Lenexa. He commutes from Lawrence.

Jane Lander Ferber, h'83, works in residential sales with RE/MAX Premier Realty. She lives in Prairie Village.

James Griffith, g'83, recently became first vice president at LaSalle Bank in Kansas City. He lives in Lawrence.

Robert Vickers, c'83, works for Palmer & Cay in Leawood, where he's part of the property and casualty team.

1984

Kenneth Audus, PhD'84, is dean of pharmacy at KU. He lives in Lawrence.

Elizabeth Botkin, c'84, works as a supervisor at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Roger Ramseyer, b'84, directs public affairs at INVISTA in Wichita.

1985

Abhik Roy, g'85, PhD'97, is an associate professor of communications and culture at Howard University in Washington, D.C. He received the 2003 Aubrey Fisher Outstanding Article Award from the Western States Communication Association for an article he co-wrote with **Robert Rowland**,

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c'77, PhD'83, about the rhetoric of Hindu nationalism.

Dan Simons, c'85, recently became president of the electronics division of the World Company in Lawrence.

Dolph Simons III, j'85, is president of the newspapers division of the World Company in Lawrence.

Jeffrey Stanton, b'85, has been promoted to vice president of finance at Lab-conco Corp. He lives in Overland Park.

1986

Christine Davis, b'86, g'87, is vice president of treasury and tax management at Endo Pharmaceuticals in Chadds Ford, Pa. She lives in Newtown Square.

Thayne Johnson, c'86, works as a software engineer for Reuters America. He lives in Leawood with **Julie Weisman Johnson**, d'83, g'86. She directs health promotion for Health Midwest.

Constance Smith Ward, b'86, works

as global communications leader for Employers Reinsurance Corp. in Mission.

BORN TO:

Curtis Gilbert, c'86, and Robyn, daughter, Ginger Lee, April 15 in Virginia Beach, Va., where she joins a brother, Carter, 3. Curtis is a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy.

1987

David Boersma, b'87, works as global finance leader for Honeywell. He lives in Madison, Wis.

Michael Mader, c'87, g'95, directs student activities at Arizona State University in Mesa.

1988

BORN TO:

Steven Sneath, c'88, and Karyn, daughter, Skyler Aiko Nishimura, Feb. 5 in Carmel, Ind. Steven is a client-services manager for Sigma Micro Corp.

Tracy Treps-Huf, c'88, and **Steven**,

'90, son, Jett Hazaiah, Dec. 29 in College Station, Texas, where Tracy directs athletic ticketing for Texas A&M University.

1989

Steven Bettink, b'89, manages finance for IMS Japan in Tokyo.

John Gatti, c'89, m'94, practices urology at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.

Brian Kane, j'89, practices law with

Dapper, Baldasare, Benson & Kane in Pittsburgh, Pa.

ADOPTED BY:

Laura Kirk, c'89, and Nicholas Givotovsky, of Cornwall, Conn., a daughter, Nina Victoria, 6, and a son, Alexander Kirk, 4, from Tver, Russia. Laura is an actress and writer and Nicholas works in interactive media.

BORN TO:

Laura Howell Furiness, j'89, and

Daniel, daughter, Darrien Alexandra, Sept. 8 in Yardley, Pa., where she joins a sister, Kameryn, 4.

Peter Stonefield, e'89, and Anna, son, William Robert, Sept. 19 in Valencia, Calif., where he joins a brother, Morgan, 8. Peter is vice president of engineering for Aircraft Component Repair.

1990

Margaret Golden Bowker, j'90, is a principal at Gould Evans Associates in

Profile

BY STEVEN HILL

Collegiate bike champ races to pro success

To compete in more than 70 races annually in the United States, Canada, Europe and Latin America, professional cyclist Jed Schneider travels lots of miles—usually 15,000 to 17,000 a year.

And that's counting only the ones he pedals on his bike.

Schneider, g'02, rides for "The Bean Team," a professional road cycling team sponsored by Jittery Joe's Coffee in Athens, Ga. Year-round training and racing have netted the 27-year-old more than 70 wins in three cycling disciplines: road, mountain and cyclocross.

Schneider showed his versatility while riding for KU's club cycling team. In 2001, he won a second-straight national championship in cyclocross, a sport that combines elements of off-road and road racing. That same year, he took second place at the Collegiate Road Nationals and third place at the Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals.

"It's unusual," he says of his jack-of-all-trades status in a sport where athletes frequently specialize in one particular skill, such as climbing or sprinting. "I don't really have one specialty that stands out as my best, but I am versatile. Put me on any kind of bike and send me

to any kind of event and I'm going to do pretty well."

Schneider spent two years racing in Europe, where cycling enjoys huge support. But like many U.S. cyclists, his career has been greatly influenced by two American icons who've raised the sport's profile in America.

At 13, he was into a different sort of biking—enduro motorcycling—when he met Greg LeMond. The first American to win the Tour de France, pro cycling's top prize, LeMond inspired the Sandia, N.M., teen to take up bike racing.

Fourteen years later, Schneider is benefiting from cycling's growing popularity in the United States, much of it driven by the success of Texan Lance Armstrong, who in July attempts an unprecedented sixth-straight Tour de France win.

In the second annual Tour de Georgia in April, Schneider rode against Armstrong and his U.S. Postal team, one of the most dominating teams in the sport. Third-tier Jittery Joe's held its own against the first-tier "Blue Train," helping team leader Cesar Grajales to a stage win.

The seven-day, 653-mile race (which Armstrong won) attracted pros from 21 countries—and 750,000 fans. The big turnout and carnival atmosphere was "a huge success for bike racing in the U.S.,"



BARBARA DOWD

■ Two-time collegiate cyclocross champion Jed Schneider rides professionally for the Georgia-based Jittery Joe's cycling team. "The best days for me are the days I get to train five or six hours, see a lot of countryside and climb a few mountains."

Schneider says, and reminiscent of the European passion for cycling. Riding for the hometown team, Schneider enjoyed a double-shot of that love.

"We had people running along the road dressed as human-sized coffee cups, spray-painting coffee cups on the road," he says. "Everybody in Georgia was cheering us on. It was cool." ☞

Class Notes

Kansas City.

Gavin Chartier, m'90, directs the Willow Creek Pain Center in Vincennes, Ind.

Shelly Howe, d'90, g'93, is a physical therapist at Allina-Sister Kenny Institute. She lives in Edina, Minn.

Andrea Lauer, p'90, works as a clinical scientist for Actelion Pharmaceuticals in South San Francisco.

Ryan, c'90, and **Dana Feldhausen McCammon**, c'93, produce and

host their own radio show, "The Cafe 80s," at radio station KFKX in Hastings, Neb.

Jeffrey Mentel, c'90, is senior director of sales at Catalina Health Resource. He lives in St. Albans, Mo.

Barry Rubin, c'90, lives in Miami Beach, Fla., where he's an administrator at Talmudic University.

Andrea Boyd Steinle, c'90, g'96, is a geologist for EnCana Oil and Gas in Denver. She lives in Arvada.

BORN TO:

Christopher Jones, c'90, and Jennifer, daughter, Natalie, Nov. 7 in Overland Park, where she joins a sister, Sophia, 2.

1991

Kevin Berman, a'91, is principal of Hoefler Wysocki Architects in Kansas City.

Andrew Flower, c'91, g'94, lives in Leawood, where he's vice president of field operations for Dataspace.

Profile

BY ED GRAY

Scientists reach out when rare disease hits home

Gary and Kathryn Jewell Schilmoeller can often be seen peddling around Orono, Maine, on their recumbent bicycles. Sitting back and enjoying the view, they are the picture of a couple that has settled into the country life.

The Schilmoellers may have grown comfortable with the slow pace of Maine, but they haven't let the world pass them by: Orono is now at the center of a worldwide network they founded to gather and provide information on agenesis of the corpus callosum (ACC), a rare brain disorder that afflicts one of their sons and puzzles researchers.

Gary, g'69, g'74, PhD'77, and Kathryn, c'69, g'73, PhD'78, who both earned their doctorates in human development, became keenly aware that something was wrong when Matthew, born 27 years ago in Lawrence, was slow to talk and walk. Yet it wasn't until he turned 9 that he was diagnosed with ACC, a disorder caused by the underdevelopment or absence of a bundle of nerve fibers that bridges the hemispheres of the brain.

Baffled by the lack of available research, the Schilmoellers formed the

ACC Network to find others with the disorder that had afflicted their son, and have since brought together families from 59 countries. "I still flutter with excitement when I see a foreign postage stamp," she says. "It underscores the lack of information that was out there."

Although ACC can result in severe mental retardation, Matthew graduated from high school and moved into his own apartment. But Matthew, whose corpus callosum didn't develop in the womb, has trouble processing the information his brain absorbs; his lack of abstract reasoning makes it difficult for him to hold a job.

"It's hard for him to socially interact," Kathryn says. "He tries, but he doesn't pick up on social cues and how to handle them."

Gary Schilmoeller is currently an associate professor of child development and family relations at the University of Maine. Kathryn has continued some academic endeavors while raising Matthew and his younger brother, Brian, but her professional focus has remained with the ACC Network.

Their dedication to the network, which collaborates with the National Organization of Disorders of the Corpus Callosum, has been strengthened by the success of 23-year-old Brian, who gradu-



NORTHSTAR PHOTOGRAPHY

■ Gary and Kathryn Schilmoeller rallied to a cause thrust upon them when their oldest son, Matthew (right), was diagnosed with a rare brain disorder. Matthew's brother, Brian (left), is studying computer science.

ated from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., and completed his first year of graduate studies in computer science at Minnesota.

"He's low-key but incredibly talented," Gary says. "I was humbled at how talented he was. He's a real mirror that serves to give us a different perspective. We've been blessed in different ways by both Matthew and Brian."

—Gray is a writer in Wilton Manors, Fla. This is his first article for Kansas Alumni.

Gary McCullough, PhD'91, is an assistant professor of behavioral science at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa. He lives in Andrews.

Barry Moore, c'91, works as market director for McLeod USA in Overland Park.

Anne Sager Nabholz, c'91, is a district manager with MACtac in St. Louis. She lives in Brentwood.

BORN TO:

Pamela Votapka Huerter, c'91, m'96, and **Eric**, m'96, son, Jack Allen, April 8 in Lawrence, where he joins two brothers, Finnegan, 4, and Maxwell, 2. Pam is a physician at Lawrence Family Medicine and Obstetrics, and Eric practices medicine with the Reed Medical Group.

Trisa Leibig Koberowski, j'91, daughter, Chloe Elizabeth, Feb. 25 in Pottsboro, Texas, where she joins a sister, Kayle, 8.

Karla Querry Lester, c'91, m'96, and Darek, daughter, Audrey Grace, Aug. 31 in Lincoln, Neb., where she joins a sister,

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Class Notes

Katherine, 3. Karla is a pediatrician with Lincoln Pediatrics Association.

1992

Jennifer Cavitt, c'92, m'97, is an assistant professor of neurology at the University of Cincinnati.

Sharon Belden Comstock, b'92, has been promoted to senior manager at Adams-Gabbert & Associates in Lee's Summit, Mo. She lives in Overland Park.

Christopher Eaton, e'92, l'95, practices law with Spencer Fane Britt & Browne in Kansas City.

Heather Malone Grandsire, d'92, teaches fourth grade at Hawthorne Elementary School in Baltimore.

Catherine Pasley Mowry, c'92, is a periodontist at Foundation Periodontics in Lenexa.

Ikuko Tokunaga, j'92, g'95, manages marketing for Paltek in Yokohama, Japan.

Stacey, e'92, and **Shanna Hill Winger**,

d'93, make their home in Arlington, Texas, with their daughter, Mackenzie, 1.

Gregory Young, c'92, practices law with Hinkle Elkouri in Wichita.

BORN TO:

Christopher, e'92, l'95, and **Maria Macaraeg Eaton**, b'92, g'94, g'95, daughter, Samantha Grace, Feb. 17. Christopher practices law with Spencer Fane Britt & Browne in Kansas City.

1993

Heather Gillis Chenault, j'93, is an account executive with Mediamark Research in New York City.

Scott Cook, c'93, m'97, practices orthopedic surgery at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.

Kent Eckles, c'93, directs spectrum policy at Electronic Warfare Associates in Arlington, Va. He lives in Alexandria.

Ralph Gianakon, c'93, h'02, is a medical technologist with ARUP

Laboratories. He lives in Salt Lake City.

Patrick McDowell, j'93, a Shawnee resident, is a senior systems engineer with Honeywell.

John Mullies, b'93, h'97, works for Cerner Deutschland and Cerner Australia, developing microbiology software. He divides his time between homes in Overland Park; Chemnitz, Germany; Sydney, Australia; and Dallas.

Elizabeth Ouseley, c'93, works as an account executive for ESPN radio in Dallas.

Bryan Reed, c'93, is lead developer for Digital Motorworks in Austin, Texas.

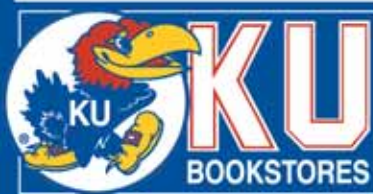
Kevin Toal, c'93, works as a scientist at Washington University's medical school in St. Louis. He lives in Chesterfield.

Jason Wittmer, c'93, m'97, is a partner in Lincoln Pulmonary and Critical Care in Lincoln, Neb.

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Kurt, c'93, and **Natalie West Rhoden**,

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d'95, son, Cole Schiller, Dec. 16 in Platte City, Mo., where he joins a sister, Paige, 2.

Brandon Stasieluk, e'93, and Rachel, son, Connor James, April 28 in Overland Park, where he joins a sister, Molly, 2. Brandon is lead project mechanical engineer at Black & Veatch.

1994

Thomas Chalfant, b'94, is a sales executive with Assurant Employee Benefits in Round Rock, Texas.

Todd Link, b'94, works as an account executive for NKH&W in Kansas City.

Marlene Dearing Neill, j'94, owns Neill Communications in Waco, Texas, where she's also a community relations specialist for the city.

BORN TO:

Philip, c'94, and **Marcie Dalquest Pell**, c'00, son, Nathan Aaron, Feb. 26 in Olathe. They live in Lenexa.

1995

Mark Galus, c'95, is an associate attorney with Bioff Finucane Coffey Holland & Hosler in Kansas City.

Beatty, c'95, m'99, and **Amy Green Suiter**, c'95, h'98, daughter, Emily, Dec. 5 in Westwood.

Elaine Longyhore Torbert, g'95, lives in Bermuda, where she's an assistant vice president of health care syndication for Aon Bermuda Ltd.

1996

Kolin Anglin, c'96, and his wife, Andrea, live in Wichita with their children, Joseph, 3, and Elizabeth, 1.

John Blair, c'96, recently graduated from law school at the University of New Mexico. He's campaign manager for New Mexico Supreme Court Justice Edward Chavez in Albuquerque.

Christopher Bowser, c'96, m'00, practices emergency medicine at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.

Jill McDonald, c'96, supervises outpatient registration at the KU Medical Center. She lives in Overland Park.

Jeffrey Nunns, c'96, works as a salesman for Key Gas Corp. in Redondo

Beach, Calif.

Timothy Phenicle, c'96, lives in Olathe, where he's a senior account executive at Abarta Media.

Matthew Ritchie, c'96, is president of R-Con Corp. in Wichita.

MARRIED

Gayle Ballew, c'96, and John Tanner, March 27 in Dallas, where they live.

1997

Stuart Canning, g'97, directs international advancement at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

David Dummermuth, b'97, g'99, is international tax manager for KPMG in Kansas City.

Irvin Jerez, c'97, works as an information assistant for the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Brian Tamasi, b'97, is a financial advisor at MSR Benefit Services in Mission.

MARRIED

Kristen Koplik, c'97, g'00, and **Brian Williams**, d'97, g'03, Oct. 25 in Lawrence, where they live. Kristen is a school psychologist in Topeka, where Brian teaches special education at Shawnee Heights High School.

Anna Witherow, c'97, to Martin Christello, Sept. 27. They live in Overland Park.

BORN TO:

Brandon, c'97, l'00, and **Heather Landon Jones**, l'00, daughter, Sydney Kate, March 9 in Gardner.

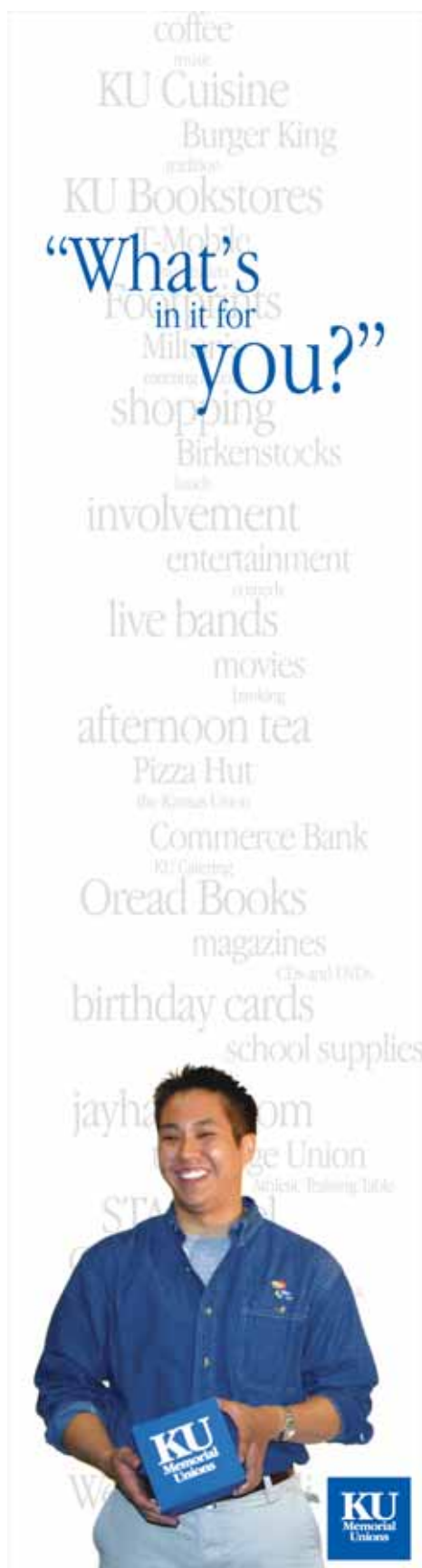
1998

Sharon Harriman Hutchison, n'98, g'98, is a nurse at Bluejacket-Flint Elementary School in Shawnee.

James Johnson, j'98, works as a senior account executive with Geoff Howe Marketing Communications in Kansas City.

Kevin Lafferty, e'98, is a product manager with Chevron Texaco in The Woodlands, Texas.

Miles Rost, b'98, lives in Overland Park and works as a sales associate for Reece & Nichols Realtors.



Class Notes

Eric Ruth, c'98, serves as assistant to the speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He lives in Harrisburg.

William Wilkerson, c'98, is president and CEO of Haas & Wilkerson in Fairway.

1999

Mark Bell, e'99, works as a Web developer at Primedia Business in Overland Park.

Juliann Crider, j'99, is a strategic analyst at Competitive Insights in Chicago. She recently won the Alpha Chi Omega's Young Alumnae Award for 2003.

Michelle Hawthorne, c'99, p'03, works as a pharmacist at Target in Wichita.

Kelly Watson Johnston, d'99, teaches school in Plano, Texas. She lives in Dallas.

Candace Pasquale, b'99, is a high-school teacher in Chicago.

Rene Meyer Washburn, b'99, e'99, manages accounts for Dell in Round Rock, Texas. She lives in Austin.

BORN TO:

Casey Foster King, c'99, g'01, and **Caleb**, e'03, son, Noah Thomas, Feb. 11 in Overland Park. They live in Lawrence.

Danielle Kobe Weston, c'99, and Frederick, son, Jacob Michael, Dec. 17 in San Antonio, where Danielle is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

2000

Brian Allers, c'00, is an account executive for KSHB-TV in Kansas City.

Christopher Crago, c'00, studies law at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

Kris Humbarger, b'00, is a management consultant with J.R. Bechtle & Co. in Oak Brook, Ill. He lives in Bensenville.

Rebecca Lang, b'00, works for UMB Bank in Kansas City.

Logan Overman, b'00, is an associate with Shughart Thompson & Kilroy in Kansas City.

Devon Reese, l'00, practices law with Winograd & Reece in Reno, Nev.



Linea Patchen Wilson, c'00, manages pharmacy services for Child Health Corp. of America in Shawnee Mission.

MARRIED

Lara Kettler, d'00, g'01, to Ron Sursa, March 13 in Tonganoxie. They live in Killeen, Texas, where she teaches first grade. He's an education student at Central Texas College.

BORN TO:

Daniel Hawley, m'00, and Jennifer, daughter, Amelia, Aug. 18 in Oak Harbor, Wash., where Daniel is a U.S. Navy physician.

Julie Hinshaw Thatcher, p'00, and John, twin sons, Mercer Joseph and Drake Christensen, Jan. 12. They live in Derby.

David Vermooten, e'00, l'04, and **Jocilyn Oyler**, c'02, l'04, daughter, Isabella Corinne, April 18 in Lawrence.

Michael, l'00, and **Linea Patchen Wilson**, c'00, daughter, Sydney Aislinn,

April 20 in Prairie Village.

2001

Kelley Bird Asta, d'01, n'03, and her husband, Peter, celebrated their first anniversary June 21. They live in Lenexa, and Kelley is a nurse at KU Medical Center.

Timothy Bateman, b'01, g'02, is an associate with KPMG in Kansas City.

Eric Beightel, c'01, manages natural and cultural resources for the Kansas National Guard in Topeka. He lives in Lawrence.

Scott Bideau, e'01, is a senior analyst with JP Morgan. He lives in Overland Park.

Kathryn Eagan, j'01, works as an associate editor at Primedia Business Magazines & Media in Overland Park.

Matthew Gardner, j'01, coordinates production for ATP in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. He lives in Jacksonville.

William Guerry, b'01, is a compliance specialist for Waddell & Reed Financial

Services in Overland Park.

Nancy Strow Sheley, PhD'01, lives in Long Beach, where she's a professor of English at California State University.

John Stinnett, e'01, works as a process engineer for CB&I TPA/Howe-Baker Engineers in Richardson, Texas.

2002

Michael Carper, g'02, PhD'04, is a postdoctoral fellow at Louisiana State University's Pennington Biomedical

Research Center in Baton Rouge.

Ryan Dobbs, c'02, works as a land man for Hilliard Energy in Midland, Texas.

Matthew Freed, e'02, is a chemical engineer with Black & Veatch in Kansas City. He lives in DeSoto.

Jennie Honeycutt, c'02, supervises programs at KidsCentre in Seattle.

Lauren Sikorski, c'02, works as executive meeting manager at Oak Brook Hills Resort and Conference Center.

She lives in Downers Grove, Ill.

BORN TO:

Jay Heidrick, l'02, and Melissa, daughter, Molly Diane, March 4 in Olathe. Jay practices law with Rasmussen, Willis, Dickey & Moore.

Christopher, c'02, m'04, and **Aidan Loveland Koster**, c'02, daughter, Emma Isabel, April 9 in Kansas City.

Tami Payne, s'02, and Joseph, daughter, Delia Syann, March 16 in

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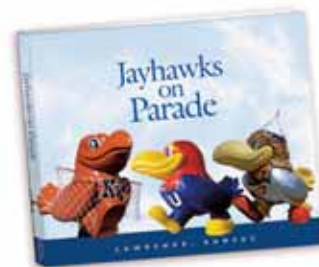
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2003

Brent Behrens, b'03, is a portfolio accountant with State Street. He lives in Kansas City.

Darin Brubaker, e'03, works as an aerospace engineer for Boeing. He lives in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Marshaun Butler, g'03, directs strategic planning at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

Jana Chester, e'03, is an engineer with Vintage Petroleum in Tulsa, Okla.

Megan Crockett, b'03, works as a territory sales manager for Phillip Morris in Omaha, Neb. She lives in Lincoln.

Tai Gerhart, b'03, is a solution delivery consultant for Cerner in Kansas City. Tai lives in Lawrence.

Justin Guenley, j'03, edits copy for the Visalia Times-Delta in Visalia, Calif.

David Guernsey, c'03, and his wife, Heather, live in Olathe with their son, Jacob, who's 1. David is a medical student at KU Medical Center.

Amy Hart, f'03, works as a personal chef in Austin, Texas.

Lisbeth Keplinger, c'03, studies podiatry at Des Moines University.

Jacqueline Kozisek, c'03, is a graduate student in vertebrate paleontology at the University of New Orleans.

Zachary Newsom, c'03, works as an account executive for the Idaho Steelheads hockey team in Boise.

Julie Ottmar, j'03, coordinates media for McKee Wallwork Henderson in Albuquerque, N.M.

Margaret Peterson, c'03, is a client services account manager for iMODULES. She lives in Olathe.

Ann Ballard Spaulding, c'03, works as an assistant broadcast buyer for Barkley Evergreen in Kansas City.

Kristin Vantassel, PhD'03, teaches English at Kansas Wesleyan University and at Bethany College. She lives in Gypsum.

2004

Cynthia Ellis-Stoll, PhD'04, works as a clinical nurse researcher at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

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Angela Hoppa, '04, is a client services representative for Allied Interstate in Chandler, Ariz. She lives in Phoenix.

William Thomas, c'04, coordinates transportation for Assisted Healthcare in

Topeka. He lives in Lawrence.

BORN TO:

Neil Hughes, e'04, and Nichole, son, Aidan William, Oct. 17 in Olathe.

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In Memory

1920s

Richard Becker, l'27, 98, Feb. 17 in Seattle. He had been an attorney in Coffeyville for many years and is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Becker Clark, c'52, and Barbara Becker Peterson, c'55; a sister, Mary Becker Cory, f'35; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Alice Bair Jellison, f'29, 99, May 15 in Onaga, where she was a retired music and piano teacher. Surviving are four sons, three of whom are Kenneth, e'55, William, e'65; and Charles, c'52; two daughters, one of whom is Mary Jellison Miller, '45; 11 grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 16 stepgreat-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Cheney Prouty, b'29, 97, May 6 in San Antonio. He owned Prouty Insurance Agency in Kansas City for many years. His wife, Louise, survives.

Erma Betscher Sterling, c'24, 101, March 30 in Topeka. Among survivors are two daughters, Erma Sterling Heisler, d'61, and Helen Sterling McDaniel, c'58.

Ruth Challans Wiley, c'27, 96, Jan. 9 in Marysville, where she was a retired teacher. Surviving are two sons, David, e'50, g'56, and Lowell, c'67; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1930s

John Anderson, b'38, 89, Dec. 21 in Sacramento, Calif., where he was a retired accountant. He is survived by two daughters; a son; a sister, Crystelle Anderson Ganson, c'40; and a brother.

Charles Babcock, b'35, 90, April 28 in Kansas City, where he was retired from a career in banking. He is survived by three sons; a sister, Margaret Babcock Morgan, c'38; and seven grandchildren.

Marvel Anderson Beeler, c'30, 93, April 20 in Beloit, where she was a retired teacher. Surviving are a daughter, Shirley Beeler Bigham, '60; two grand-

daughters; and six great-grandchildren.

Roger Blades, e'34, Aug. 11, 2003, in Bartlesville, Okla., where he had a long career with Phillips Petroleum. He is survived by his wife, Norma Ruth Blades, assoc.; two sons; a daughter; three stepsons; eight grandchildren; and six step-grandchildren.

Dorothy Kinney Callahan, c'33, 93, April 26 in Naples, Fla., where she worked at R&R Robinsons. She is survived by two daughters, Joan Callahan Blasdel, d'64, and Jayne Callahan Brooks, c'57; two sons; and three sisters, Alice Kinney Rowlands, '40, Helen Kinney Lutes, b'33, and Rosemary Kinney Larrabee, '31.

Harold Dilley, c'32, g'36, 92, Jan. 30 in Topeka, where he was a retired high-school teacher. He was a history instructor at KU from 1945 to 1951.

Dana Durand, c'36, Feb. 29 in Atmore, Ala. He had been an insurance broker and vice president at R.B. Jones in Kansas City. Survivors include his wife, Mary Elizabeth Durand, assoc.; a son; and two stepsons, Timothy Parmley, c'79, and Robert Parmley, c'71.

Thomas Hood, c'35, m'39, 90, March 6 in Williamsburg, Va., where he was retired associate director of the American Public Health Association. He is survived by his wife, Philomene Bourassa Hood, c'39, g'45; three sons, one of whom is Dennis, c'68; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Madeline Swanson Hoover, c'37, 89, April 5 in Prairie Village. She is survived by two daughters, Meredith Hoover Oakes, d'71, and Carolyn, d'75; a sister, Muriel Swanson Oldberg, c'46; and a granddaughter.

Bruce Latta, c'38, Dec. 7 in Tulsa, Okla., where he was retired. Surviving are his wife, Maxine, a son, two daughters, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Heinemann Nelling, c'34, 92,

Aug. 4 in Independence, Mo., where she was a retired teacher. A daughter, a son, two brothers and two grandchildren survive.

Laura Humphrey Owens, c'37, 89, April 6 in Lawrence. Surviving are her husband, Jim, c'37; a daughter, Laura Owens Schulte, d'72; a son, Martin, d'67; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

James Williams, l'39, 88, March 30 in Dodge City, where he was a retired attorney. A sister and a niece survive.

1940s

Harry Adams, b'47, 84, April 1 in Kansas City, where he was retired from the engineering division of Westinghouse. He is survived by his wife, Doris; two daughters; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Larry Arnspiger, c'47, m'49, Dec. 18 in Dallas, where he was a surgeon. He is survived by a daughter; two sons; his mother, Fern Arnspiger Hyten, assoc.; a brother, Richard, b'51; and three grandchildren.

George Bunn, e'40, 86, April 24 in Tulsa, where he was retired from a long career in the oil and gas business. He is survived by two daughters, Linda, d'64, and Marcia Bunn Trotter, d'67; a son, George Peter III, c'71, l'75; a brother, Stuart, e'42; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Sarah "Saddy" Phipps Carr, c'47, 78, April 22 in Wellington. Surviving are her husband, Francis, '49; a son, David, c'73; a daughter, Sarah, c'72; a sister, Virginia Phipps Altman, '45; and two grandsons.

Roy Coffey, c'45, m'47, 80, May 6 in Port Charlotte, Fla., where he was retired from a career as an orthopedic surgeon. He is survived by his wife, Louise; two daughters, one of whom is Elizabeth Coffey Kelling, n'75; four sons, two of whom are Charles, m'82, and Frank, c'71; a sister; six grandchildren; and a

great-grandchild.

Kenneth Johnson, c'45, 81, April 6 in Wichita, where he was retired vice president of IMA Insurance. From 1948 to 1956, he was a pitcher with the St. Louis Cardinals, the Philadelphia Phillies and the Detroit Tigers. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Burns Johnson, c'49; three daughters, two of whom are Christie Johnson Douglass, c'72, and Polly Johnson Senseman, h'82; and five grandchildren.

Howard Plank, d'40, Feb. 23 in Ventura, Calif., where he was a retired teacher and band director. He is survived by his wife, Wilma, a son, two granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

Dewitt Potter, c'42, 83, Jan. 9 in Tulsa, Okla., where he was retired president of Reading and Bates Development. He is survived by his wife, Bobbye Ruth; two daughters, one of whom is Melissa Potter Atkinson, c'72; two sons, one of whom is Michael, j'80; a brother, Richard, e'48, g'50; and three grandchildren.

Savier "Jay" Shartran Jr., e'47, l'49, 83, April 30 in Shawnee Mission. He is survived by his wife, Nadine Tanner Shankel Shartran, assoc.; a son, Stephen, c'74, g'79; two daughters; a stepson; five grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

Alice Ackerman Stedman, c'47, March 31 in Atlanta, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Charles; two daughters, one of whom is Molly Surface Kirschner, h'83; a sister, Barbara Ackerman Fadler, c'50; a brother, Thomas Ackerman, e'49; and four grandchildren.

Wayne Tice, c'45, m'48, 79, May 3 in Independence, Mo. He lived in Lee's Summit, Mo., and had a long career as a radiologist. He is survived by his wife, Jean Bell Tice, '47; a daughter; two sons; a sister; and two granddaughters.

John Woods, e'43, April 20 in Springfield, Mo. He taught chemical engineering at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., for many years and later worked as a consulting engineer in Houston. He is survived by a son; two daughters; two brothers; a sister; and

eight grandchildren.

1950s

Judith Smith Beier, c'59, Oct. 11 in Sequim, Wash., where she owned Judy Beier Properties. Among survivors are her husband, George, c'60; three sons; and two daughters, one of whom is Roberta, b'83, g'01.

Merle Bolton Sr., EdD'55, 88, Jan. 27 in Kansas City. He served 13 years as superintendent of schools in Topeka and nine years as a Kansas commissioner of education. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Wright Bolton, g'67; two sons, Merle Jr., c'65, m'69, and Charles, c'81; a brother; and three granddaughters.

Ruth Wolf Burkey, n'52, April 19 in Springfield, Mo. She had worked at the Drury University Health Center for 13 years and is survived by her husband, Jordan, c'48, m'51; two daughters; a son; and four grandchildren.

George Campbell, c'50, s'53, 81, Feb. 5 in Hurst, Texas, where he was a retired social worker. He is survived by his wife, Pearl Clothier Campbell, f'65; two sons; a sister; and four grandchildren.

Vernie Theden Hill Johnson, b'54, 72, Feb. 24 in Chestertown, Md. A stepson, four stepdaughters and two brothers survive.

Stanley Kisluk, c'50, 77, Dec. 26 in Overland Park. He is survived by his wife, Myrna, four daughters, a sister, a brother and nine grandchildren.

Harold Kruse, e'58, 73, May 2 in Olathe. He was a retired loan officer for the Small Business Administration. Surviving are his wife, Elaine, assoc.; two sons, David, e'81, and Philip, b'83; two daughters, Karen Druse Forsyth, b'85, and Julia, c'88, m'94; a brother, Arthur, c'49, g'51; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

Harry Lacy Jr., c'52, 76, March 12 in Tulsa, Okla., where he was retired from a career in the oil business. He is survived by his wife, Millicent; three sons; a stepson; a brother, Robert, c'54; and a sister, Lois Lacy Replogle, '52.

Nancy Deniston Lounsbury, f'57, 68,

March 9 in Lawrence. She is survived by her husband, John, d'57; two sons, one of whom is Christopher, g'04; and a granddaughter.

Donald McGrath, c'51, 75, Jan. 28 in Prairie Village, where he was president of McGrath Dental Supply. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Survivors include his wife, Alberta Johnson McGrath, d'55; two daughters, Andrea McGrath Wehner, c'86, l'89, and Virginia McGrath Popper, c'88, j'88, g'90; a brother; and four grandchildren.

Margaret Heatwole Middleton, d'51, Jan. 31 in Fort Worth, Texas, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by her husband, Charles, b'51; two sons; a brother, Reuben Heatwole, e'59; and five grandchildren.

Reta Raleigh Miller, c'54, 70, March 1 in McPherson. She is survived by her husband, Merlin; two sons, one of whom is Wyatt, l'83; a daughter; her mother; three stepdaughters; a stepson; 10 grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert "Moon" Mullen, a'50, 77, March 30 in Hutchinson, where he was a retired architect for the Dillon Companies. Survivors include his wife, Helen Mooney Mullen, '55; three sons, one of whom is Timothy, c'77; a daughter, Karen Mullen Kennedy, d'91; and 11 grandchildren.

Arthur Petersen, c'50, m'54, 76, March 3 in Prairie Village, where he was a retired physician. Survivors include his wife, Karol; a son, Eric, c'99, g'03; a daughter; two brothers, Gerald, d'51, m'60, and Clark, c'60; and a sister.

James Riley, c'58, 68, March 29 in Palm Desert, Calif. He lived in Tucson, Ariz., where he was retired after a 40-year career with Johnson and Johnson. He is survived by his wife, Karen, a daughter, a son, a sister and four grandchildren.

Larry Schwartz, b'59, 66, Jan. 21 in Shawnee, where he was retired managing director of corporate finance for Piper Jaffray. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Tobiasen Schwartz, c'62, g'65; four stepchildren; his father, Lawrence,

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assoc.; two brothers, David, j'71, and William, g'99; two sisters, Jan Schwartz Peakes, c'69, l'87, and Jean Schwartz Barlow, c'74; and two stepgrandchildren.

Patricia Gillespie Smith, d'55, Feb. 23 in Wichita. Among survivors are her husband, Richard, c'54; a son, Pete, c'82; a daughter; and a brother, Van Gillespie, b'52.

Marilyn Patton Snyder, c'52, c'54, March 16 in Wichita. She lived in Lyons, where she had been a medical technologist. She is survived by her husband, Dale; two sons; two daughters; a brother, Dwight, d'55, g'59; and five grandchildren.

Charles Stevens Jr., e'58, 67, April 27 in Salina, where he owned and was president of Stevens Contractors. He is survived by his wife, Debra; a son; two daughters, one of whom is Catherine Stevens Gordon, n'94, g'98; a stepson; a brother; a sister, Dorothy Stevens Connor, d'63, g'81; 16 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Philip Stonestreet, c'58, 67, April 9 in Overland Park, where he was retired from a long career in the insurance business. Among survivors are his wife, Janice; five sons, three of whom are Kent, d'82, Kreg, b'84, and Kerry, c'99; a brother, Jack, j'54; a sister; and 13 grandchildren.

Barbara Brown Webb, c'52, 72, March 9 in Overland Park. She is survived by four sons, two of whom are Charles, b'83, and James, g'83; and a grandchild.

1960s

Donald Bublitz, PhD'61, Nov. 26 in Concord, Calif., where he worked for Dow Chemical Co. for many years. He is survived by his wife, Lura Klaue Bublitz, c'58; a daughter; a son; and a brother.

Kathleen Dodge Burton, f'67, 59, April 10 in Wichita, where she worked at Maxine's and at Dillons. She is survived by her husband, Robert, f'64, g'68; five sons, three of whom are Mark, f'98, Blair, f'96, and Brad, b'99; her mother, Mary Dodge, '35; and three sisters, Nancy Dodge Burns, '59, Ann Dodge Burgess, c'55, and Janet Dodge

Denning, d'57, g'76.

Robert Lewis, c'61, l'63, 64, May 3 in Topeka, where he served as a judge on the Court of Appeals. He is survived by his wife, Jane Sramek Lewis, d'62; a daughter, Kathryn Lewis Welch, c'92; a son, Robert III, c'85; his mother, Marvel Hotchkiss Lewis, '38; a sister, Margaret, '90; and five grandchildren.

David Morris, g'61, PhD'67, April 14 in Oklahoma City, where he was retired from Phillips Petroleum and Yates Co. International in Roswell, N.M. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite, a son, a daughter and a sister.

Richard Olmstead, c'61, Feb. 21 in Cupertino, Calif. Surviving are his wife, Mary Jane, a son, a daughter, a sister and a brother.

Harold Parker, m'67, 71, Dec. 21 in Wichita, where he was a retired physician. Surviving are his wife, Marilyn, assoc.; a son; two daughters; a brother; a sister; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Richard Prince, g'65, PhD'74, 62, Feb. 17 in Stroudsburg, Pa., where he was a retired professor of computer science at East Stroudsburg University. Survivors include his wife, Deborah Evans Prince, g'66, PhD'70; a son; and a daughter.

Joanne Stover Stone, c'63, March 7 in Overland Park. She had been a systems analyst for flight planning with TWA/American Airlines. Among survivors are two daughters, one of whom is Lisa Stone Butler, g'96; a brother, John Stover, e'69; a sister, Carol Stover McWilliams, d'61; and four grandsons.

William Wilkerson, c'67, Feb. 7 in Mission Hills, where he had been chairman and CEO of Haas & Wilkerson Insurance. He is survived by his wife, Patti; two daughters; two sons, one of whom is William, c'98; and a sister, Janelle Wilkerson Coulson, d'70.

1970s

Maureen Colley Amiotte, c'71, June 12, 2003, in Ormond Beach, Fla. She is survived by her husband, Donald, e'71, a son and a daughter.

Fern Ruegsegger Biddison, d'72, 80, Aug. 25 in Onaga. She lived in Holton,

where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by four daughters, three of whom are Kathlene Moser Welch, f'78, Lorene Moser Gakle, c'71, and Colene Moser-Gutierrez, c'71; a stepson; three grandchildren; and 11 stepgrandchildren.

Shannon Christy, d'75, 51, Jan. 1 in Seattle, where she taught at Central Community College. She is survived by her mother, Wilma, and her brother.

Robert "Gary" Harvey, c'78, 61, April 7 in Overland Park, where he was a retired computer systems analyst. Among survivors are a son; five brothers, one of whom is Gerald Jr., b'67, g'72; two sisters; and three grandchildren.

Glen Hastings, c'73, 84, Dec. 30 in Lawrence, where he was a vocational instructor at Haskell Indian Nations University. He is survived by two daughters; a stepdaughter, Peggy Ornelas, c'71; a stepson, Richard Ornelas, c'77; a sister; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Roy Moore, c'77, 88, Feb. 20 in Lawrence, where he worked for H&R Block and was local coordinator of the Senior Income Tax Assistance program. He also had worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons for many years. Surviving are his wife, Mildred; two daughters, Sharon Moore Nichols, c'63, d'63, g'68, and Ann Moore Lerner, d'71, g'77; a son, James, c'71; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Karen Proberts, m'76, 52, Nov. 25 in Crescent, Iowa, where she was a surgeon. Among survivors are her husband, John Erixon, and two sons.

Marion Porter Thayer, g'70, 75, Oct. 29 in Corte Medera, Calif., where she was a retired English literature teacher. She is survived by her husband, John, a son, a daughter, two sisters and two grandchildren.

1980s

Terry Merle Coen, c'83, 49, Oct. 22 in Stilwell. He was an information technology director for Cole Hartford and is survived by his wife, Kathleen, three sons, his mother, a sister and a brother.

Stephanie Collins, f'88, g'96, 42, April

2 in an automobile accident. She lived in Belleville, where she was a self-employed artist. Survivors include her parents, Jack, '55, and Sue Collins, c'55; and two brothers, Jack Jr., f'82, g'89, and Steven, f'83.

Christy Fisher, j'85, March 29 in Des Moines, Iowa. She is survived by her husband, Tore Nelson; her parents; a sister; and two brothers.

Eleanor Perkins Fox, d'80, 77, Feb. 20 in Lawrence, where she was a retired librarian. She is survived by two sons, John, b'88, and George, c'89; two sisters, one of whom is Patricia Perkins Timmons, '51; and a brother, Neil Perkins, b'60, g'65.

Diana "Dee Jo" Ramey Fulton, s'89, 62, April 1 in Wichita. She is survived by her husband, Michael, two sons, a brother and three sisters.

Jeanette Hambrecht Henry, c'84, 73, Jan. 27 in Lawrence, where she managed the museum store in KU's Museum of Anthropology for many years. She is survived by her husband, Martin, c'61; a daughter, Janet Henry Hodges, d'74; two sons; and 10 grandchildren.

Kathleen Naylor Jacobson, g'82, Nov. 7 in Kansas City, where she taught reading and social studies. She is survived by her husband, Jake; her parents, Robert, '36, and Hattie Naylor; two brothers, one of whom is Dennis Naylor, a'80; and a sister.

Peter King, c'81, g'87, 44, Jan. 19 in Brussels, Belgium, where he was managing partner of King's Translation and Copywriting. He is survived by his wife, Levke Elsner King, c'83; a son; a daughter; his father, Frank, assoc.; and two brothers, one of whom is Roger, c'76.

Lynn Patterson, g'89, 60, Aug. 19 in Independence, Mo. Two daughters, three brothers and four grandchildren survive.

Abbie Troup Smith Wallace, PhD'84, 73, April 23 in Charleston, S.C., where she was retired dean of continuing education at the College of Charleston. She is survived by her husband, Don, assoc.; two sons, one of whom is Reid Smith, m'78; two daughters, Dana Smith, c'77, and Annette Smith, c'84; two stepdaughters; and 10 grandchildren.

1990s

Robert Martin, c'99, 28, April 4 in Leavenworth. He lived in Leavenworth and was a self-employed musician. Surviving are his parents, a daughter, three sons, two brothers, a sister and his grandfather.

Douglas Meyer, c'92, 37, Feb. 29 in Shawnee Mission, where he worked in the environmental services department of Shawnee Mission Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Kristina Rodriguez Meyer, c'94; a daughter; his parents; two brothers; two sisters, Deidre Meyer Myers, d'84, and Donelle Meyer Broskow, c'86, g'95; and his grandmother.

Dale "Pete" Peterson, d'90, 49, Feb. 23 in Lawrence, where he worked for Schlumberger, an oilfield services company, and coached youth baseball. He is survived by his wife, Viki, assoc.; a son, Eric, student; a daughter, Amy Peterson Hastings, d'93, g'00; a stepdaughter; his mother; a brother; a sister; two grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

The University Community

Edward Julian, f'59, g'68, Jan. 28 in Arlington Heights, Ill. He owned Frame Design by Julian in Buffalo Grove and had been dean of the International Academy of Merchandising and Design in Chicago. Earlier he had been a professor of industrial design and director of design at KU. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Bushouse Julian, g'83; two sons, Mark Bushouse, e'90, g'02, and John Bushouse, b'93, g'94; five sisters; and two grandchildren.

Debra Sollner Park, c'94, g'97, PhD'00, 32, May 4 in Kansas City of injuries sustained in a car accident. She lived in Lawrence and was a research assistant professor of otolaryngology at the School of Medicine. She is survived by her husband, Ralph, c'93, m'97; a son; her mother; and two sisters, Pamela Sollner Finter, j'91, and Tracy, c'00.

Frederick Samson Jr., 85, April 15 in Lake Quivira. He was former chair and professor of biochemistry, physiology and cell biology at KU and later directed the Ralph L. Smith Center for Mental

Retardation and Human Development at the KU Medical Center. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Camila; three daughters; a sister; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

H. Glenn Wolfe, PhD'60, 76, April 19 in Lawrence, where he was a retired professor of physiology and cell biology. He is survived by a son, Richard, c'78; two daughters, one of whom is Pamela, d'83, g'86; a brother, Wayne, b'56; a sister; and five grandchildren.

Marilyn Yarbrough, 58, March 9 in Durham, N.C. She had been associate vice chancellor for research and graduate studies at KU until 1987 and later was a distinguished law professor at Duke University, West Virginia University and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Carmen Ainsworth Brady, c'84; her stepfather; a brother; a stepsister; and a grandson.

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

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e	School of Engineering
f	School of Fine Arts
g	Master's Degree
h	School of Allied Health
j	School of Journalism
l	School of Law
m	School of Medicine
n	School of Nursing
p	School of Pharmacy
s	School of Social Welfare
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DMA	Doctor of Musical Arts
EdD	Doctor of Education
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Rock Chalk Review



EARL RICHARDSON

story that new readers found it hard to follow. Marvel wanted a fresh start, and Jones, '67, gave it to them.

Eventually.

“At first I had a tough time making it work,” he says. In his Overland Park home, in a basement office that evokes the golden age of the comic book (the decor includes a well-stocked tiki bar and posters of 1950s horror movies), he produces a new adventure every month for a character that he initially found hard to fathom.

“There’s not much to the Hulk; he’s just a big, green wrecking machine,”

‘I’ll save you, Bruce Banner’

Rescuing aging superheroes all in a day’s work for writer

The Incredible Hulk was in trouble. After nearly 40 years of battling villains, the comic-book hero who once ranked among the industry’s top sellers and rivaled fellow Marvel Comics character Spider-Man in popularity was showing his age. His sales were sagging, his adventures growing stale. Editors at Marvel needed someone who could infuse new life into the tired superhero, someone who could halt the Hulk’s slide to mediocrity. They called on Kansas native Bruce Jones.

“I said, ‘I don’t think I’m that guy. I don’t know anything about the character, and I don’t really do superheroes,’” Jones recalls. “They said, ‘Great, that’s exactly what we’re looking for.’”

The plot, which began with the Hulk’s creation in 1962 by comics legends Stan Lee and Jack Kirby, had gotten so weighed down by back

Jones says. “I don’t have any idea what it’s like to be a 300-pound monster. But when I decided to concentrate on Bruce Banner, then I had somebody I could relate to.”

Dr. Bruce Banner, of course, is the mild-mannered scientist (think Bill Bixby, TV fans) contaminated by an atomic blast while rescuing a teenager who wanders onto a test site. Every time something pushes his emotional buttons, he transforms into the Incredible Hulk: mean, green and seething with muscle-popping attitude.

The enraged superhero had dominated Hulk comics for years. Jones changed that. He told story after story without invoking the monster, preferring instead to focus on the man.

He put Banner on the run, from the law and a mysterious foe, and explored the Jekyll-and-Hyde persona of an ordinary Joe at the mercy of a demon inside.

“I put all of my energy into developing the character of the weaker guy,” Jones said. “I tried to make him an Everyman.”

Hard-core Hulk fans weren’t happy, but sales rose. A book that had dropped out of the top 50

in sales ranking rose to eighth. Ang Lee's 2003 Hollywood blockbuster "Hulk" further boosted the character's popularity.


Jones got his start in comics as an illustrator in New York City in the 1960s, using drawing skills he developed as a fine-arts major at KU. He switched to writing comic books after finding it "faster and more lucrative" than drawing them.

Along the way he also wrote novels, thrillers mostly, and after moving to Los Angeles, movie screenplays and scripts for "The Hitchhiker" series on HBO.

Jones grew up in Topeka reading "Tales of the Crypt" and science fiction comic books in the 1950s. So a chance to help reshape a comic book icon must be a dream gig, right?

"It's hell," he says. "With every one, I always think, 'This is the last one.'"

Monthly deadlines may weigh on Jones, but there are good moments, too. "The most fun are the surprises," he says. "You reach a point where the character takes over and writes the story."

When that character is 300 pounds and green with rage, you learn to get out of the way. 

—Steven Hill



OREAD READER

A mile in their shoes

Bascomb's tale relives most exciting four minutes in sports

By the time an English medical student named Roger Bannister became the first man to crack the four-minute mile, running a time of 3:59.4 at Oxford University on May 6, 1954, the feat so often declared undoable had about it an air of inevitability.

That's because Bannister and two other young men in similar circumstances—KU track star Wes Santee, d'54, and Australian university student John

Landy—had for months bested one another with ever lower times in a battle that never played out head-to-head yet still enthralled three continents. As their race for glory unwound, the question seemed not whether the four-minute barrier be broken, but by whom.

In *The Perfect Mile: Three Athletes, One Goal and Less Than Four Minutes to Achieve It*, Neal Bascomb retraces the contest step by step. Even though we know who will win, Bascomb's account brims with drama and suspense as he portrays the high stakes of national pride and personal sacrifice that united these very different athletes on the same audacious quest.

After his record-setting run, which came on the heels of Queen Elizabeth's coronation and Edmund Hillary's conquest of Everest, Bannister was hailed as the savior of the British Empire. (A newspaper columnist pronounced Roger's Run the grandest accomplishment for

queen and country since the destruction of the Spanish Armada.) And yet only seven weeks later, Landy eclipsed that mark, shaving a stunning 1.5 seconds off Bannister's time.

Santee, meanwhile, seemed cursed by bad weather as he came tantalizingly close to beating his rivals to the record. A hail storm slowed his pace at the Kansas Relays; a scheduled halftime attempt at the Pro Bowl was canceled when the track flooded. On another occasion he set a world record for the 1,500 meters but missed the mile mark by a whisper-thin six-tenths of a second.

Why all the fuss about a barrier that even its most ardent pursuers admitted was only a time? "The 'Dream Mile,'" Bascomb writes, "had a mythical enchantment." A certain neat symmetry marked it: four quarter-mile laps in four minutes. Since 1923, when Finnish great Paavo Nurmi set the world record at 4:10.4, the world's best runners had


Baseball, inside and out

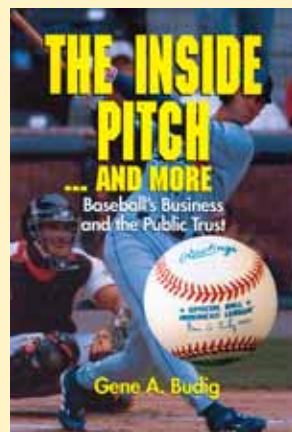
Former Chancellor Gene A. Budig has never been bashful about his first love: baseball. In 1994, after a long and successful career in higher education, including 13 years at KU, he finally got his chance in the majors—as president of baseball's American League.

During six years in New York, Budig dealt with the intricacies of an industry that he describes as "part of our national being." In his new book, he shares insights he gained working with the game's biggest names.

Following his stint in baseball, Budig returned to the classroom, teaching "The Business of Sports and the Public Trust" at Princeton University. Sharing lecture duties were numerous guests: baseball owners, managers and journalists.

His book summarizes their views and his own on baseball's pivotal issues. Budig—who helped hire Larry Brown and Roy Williams and favored expanding the Big Eight to the Big 12—also weighs in on the state of college athletics.

Proceeds from the book will benefit the National Commission on Writing in America's Schools and Colleges. Budig and David Shulenburg, provost and executive vice chancellor, serve on the commission. 



■ *The Inside Pitch ... and More*

By Gene A. Budig

West Virginia University Press, \$25

—Jennifer Jackson Sanner



■ *The Perfect Mile*
 By Neal Bascomb
 Houghton Mifflin
 \$24

trimmed less than 10 seconds from that mark. By 1954 the world record (4.01.4) had stood for more than a decade.

This was also the heyday of track and field, a time when tracks were made of cinders and running shoes of little more than tight laces and crude spikes. The Olympics was still the realm of amateurs, though that had begun to change at Helsinki in 1952, where disappointing showings by Bannister, Landy and Santee launched all three on quests. All balanced their athletic efforts with their studies and jobs—Santee as a cook and waiter at KU’s Pi Phi house. All raced not only the clock, but also their rapidly dwindling time as athletes: Santee’s last attempts at the sub-four came while he was fulfilling his ROTC commitment to the Marines.

Bascomb skillfully weaves the race narrative back and forth as each man edges ahead for a time. His research—which includes personal interviews with the three men and their friends—yields stirring portraits of their very different personalities. Most compelling is the brash, confident Santee, determined to succeed despite rough treatment from his father. From Bascomb’s account, it’s clear that Santee’s loyalty to his Jayhawk teammates and coach Bill Easton hamstrung his effort to win the race to the sub-four mile. While he led KU to three consecutive Big 7 track and field championships, he competed in nearly every middle-distance event and even ran cross country; unlike his rivals, Santee did not get the chance to concentrate on the mile until late in his career.

After their separate triumphs, Bannister and Landy finally faced off in “The Mile of the Century,” a hugely hyped matchup at the 1954 Empire games in which both ran sub-four-minute miles. Bannister won, and his effort is the perfect mile of Bascomb’s title. Santee, by then in the Marine Corps, provided color commentary from NBC’s New York studios for the race, the first sporting event broadcast across the entire continental United States. His disappointment at not being there to

race, as well as his frustration over a dispute with the Amateur Athletic Union that prematurely ended his career, deserve more space than Bascomb allots.

Today Bannister’s name is wedded as strongly to the four-minute mile as Hillary’s is to Everest. But *The Perfect Mile* recalls that the epic contest leading up to that accomplishment was far from a one-man race. —Steven Hill

—Steven Hill



EARL RICHARDSON

■ When he arrived in his Carnegie Hall dressing room, Professor James Barnes discovered an autographed photograph of his favorite composer, the Finnish maestro Jean Sibelius. “For me,” Barnes says, “that was maybe the biggest thrill of all.”

Trumpets of Troy

KU’s Barnes conducts his symphony in Carnegie Hall

Brian Nutting, band director at Michigan’s Troy High School, last year discovered a remarkable piece of music: “Third Symphony, Opus 89,” written by James Barnes, professor and chair of music theory and composition. Nutting was so intrigued that he decided to teach the music to his symphonic band, then took his enthusiasm two steps further.

Not only did he decide his band would enter a recording of Barnes’ symphony in competition for an opportunity to perform at New York City’s famed Carnegie Hall, but he also called Barnes at his Murphy Hall office and asked for advice on how best to present the music’s emotional depth.

When he took the call last fall, Barnes told Nutting the timing was excellent. He was planning to take a spring-semester sabbatical, so Barnes offered to fly to Troy to work with the high school musicians, then travel with them to New York.

“That’s the one that really blew me over,” Nutting told the Detroit News. “To not only play his symphony, but to have his input and then to have him conduct, it’s such a rare opportunity. The work is so incredible and moving.”

Barnes, f’74, g’75, reports that the April 3 concert, an evening shared with two other high school bands, was a resounding success. They had a fairly full crowd for Barnes’ Carnegie Hall conducting debut, and the sound quality was the best he’s ever experienced.

“It’s the best concert hall in America, and it may be the best concert hall in the world,” Barnes says. “I’ve never stood on any stage where the sound was more rich. I can’t even describe it to you. It’s like honey. It’s gorgeous. I don’t know what makes it that way. Nobody does. It’s magic.”

Barnes appreciated the opportunity, and he cautioned the young musicians to take similar care in savoring the day: "I told them in the morning rehearsal, 'No matter what you do the rest of your lives, you will never forget this.' This is like a high-school baseball team playing in Yankee Stadium."

Seems the students heeded their mentor's advice. "I want to try to lead an interesting life and do a lot of different things," clarinetist Jean Junior told the News, "and I think this will be something I remember for a long time."

—Chris Lazzarino



Right from the start

Student wins Kennedy Center title with her first play

Even a budding, talented dramatist would be challenged to make this story believable: Kristen Wirsig's first play for Playwriting I took her all the way to Washington, D.C., where it won the Ten-Minute Play Competition at the Kennedy

Center American College Theatre Festival.

"Definitely unexpected," says Wirsig, a junior from Colorado Springs, "and amazing."

Wirsig's play, "The Story of Izagani and Izanami," is a modernized version of the man-meets-woman opening of a Japanese creation myth, which she had studied in a mythology course.

Encouraged by her professor, Paul Stephen Lim, Wirsig entered the play last January in the national competition's regional festival in Denver. She won. Once in Washington, in April, Wirsig teamed with a student director, and together they chose two student actors to perform the work.

"This play only has two characters, so that was an advantage here, I think," Wirsig says. "And this section of the story I'm telling fits really well into the 10-minute format."

Wirsig, a creative writing major, is spending the summer in directed study for playwriting with Lim. Her winning play might be included in a Labor Day performance of short works at the Lawrence Arts Center.



Wirsig

"The Story of Izagani and Izanami" shared the Kennedy Center competition's prize with a play by a Boston University student, and was the third play by one of Lim's students to win.

"Paul tells all his classes that if they write something he thinks is interesting and new, he will be willing to [enter them] in whatever comes up," Wirsig says. "He has a lot of connections, and he's always willing to help. It makes it very exciting."

—Chris Lazzarino

Kill Creek strikes again

Since its founding in 1986, no band has been more synonymous with Lawrence music than Kill Creek. Starting with "Cthonic" in 1991, the alt-rockers released 17 albums while tracing a career arc from indie-label darlings to major-label victims and back. Local bands such as Get Up Kids, All, Canyon and Casket Lottery cite Kill Creek as an influence.

"The Will to Strike," the band's first retrospective, gathers well-known tracks and unreleased demos, studio outtakes and compilation songs recorded between 1989 and 2002. The sample is a generous one: Two discs pack 45 tracks for nearly 160



minutes of music.

While the lineup has changed often (eight drummers have anchored Kill Creek's rhythm section, a number that rivals Spinal Tap for percussive prodigality), the sound—plaintive vocals pushed by driving electric guitars—remains solid as

bedrock throughout. "The Will to Strike" is more than simply a look back; it is the beginning of the end for the band.

Current members Scott Born, g'04, Ron Hayes, '02, Patrick Grassy, '94, and Matthew Gilhousen, e'02, are working on one final studio release, due this year. After that, some of the musicians may record together, Born says, but not under the Kill Creek name. The next CD will be the last for the band that helped put Lawrence on the music map in the 1990s. "The Will to Strike" stands as an impressive reminder of what the buzz was all about.

—Steven Hill

EARL RICHARDSON

SUSAN YOUNGER



Oread Encore

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO



EARL RICHARDSON (3)

He perhaps regrets mentioning at a neighborhood party a year or so earlier that this cottage holds a wondrous gem, a guest book filled with autographs of remarkable visitors.

The book sits open on a sunny writing table. Page after page, names flow like a roll call of accomplishment:

Nobel Prize winners (Seamus Heaney, Desmond Tutu); writers, journalists and academics (Ray Bradbury, Molly Ivins, Cokie Roberts, Jack Anderson, Elaine Pagels); Supreme Court justices (Sandra Day O'Connor, Byron White, William J. Brennan Jr.); politicians and diplomats (Julian Bond, William Bennett, Al Haig); artists and performers

(Sarah Vaughan, Adam Sandler); Olympic gold medalists and sports celebrities (Billy Mills, Peter Ueberroth).

There are, of course, many names not so famous, but all were, on that day, special guests of the University. Here, in this trim sanctuary, they find a bit of private slack from their taut travels. Here, with fresh milk in the refrigerator and crackers in the cabinet, they can lose their public faces and take comfort in the quiet.

This mannered manor, with its stony exterior and gracious interior, is KU's way of saying, Welcome to our home. It is a gesture of thanks to those who would buoy us by their presence.

But remember, this place is meant to be placid, so don't spread the word.

This little secret is ours to keep.

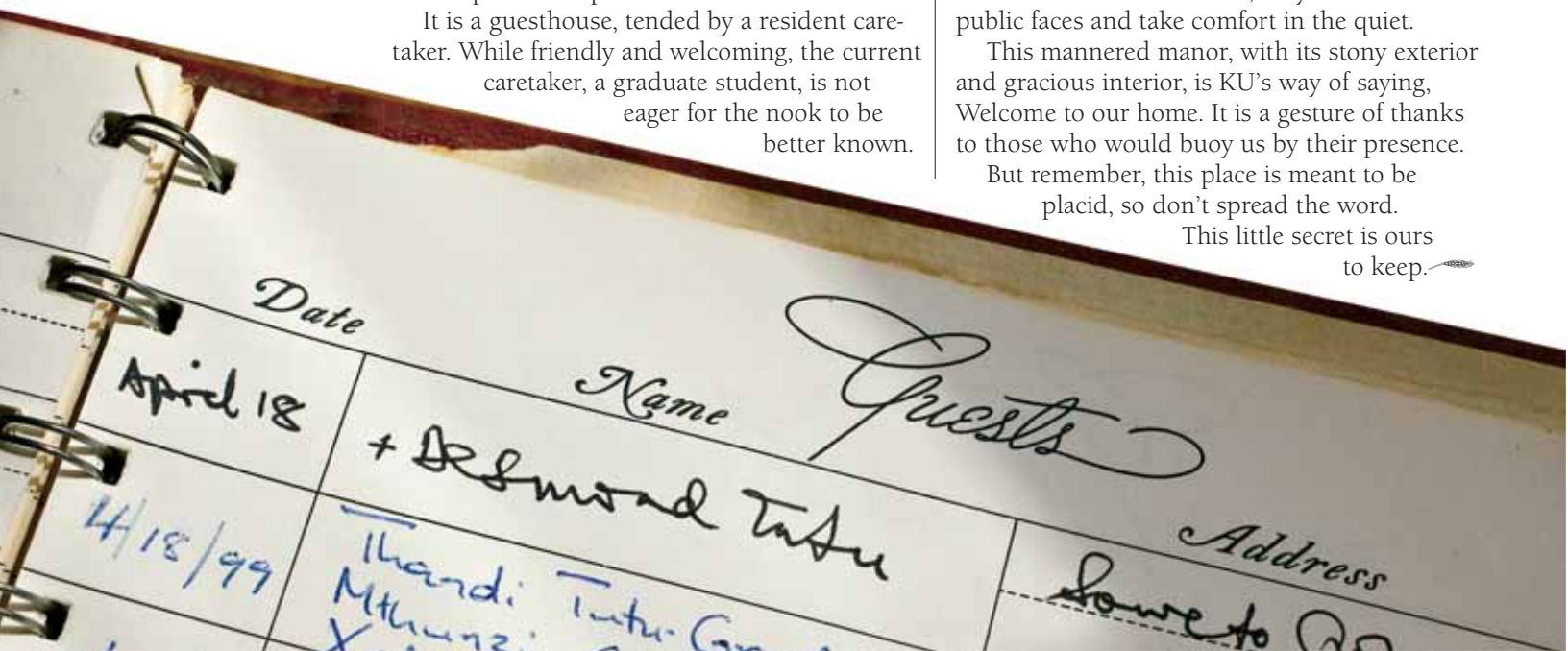
Cottage ease

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