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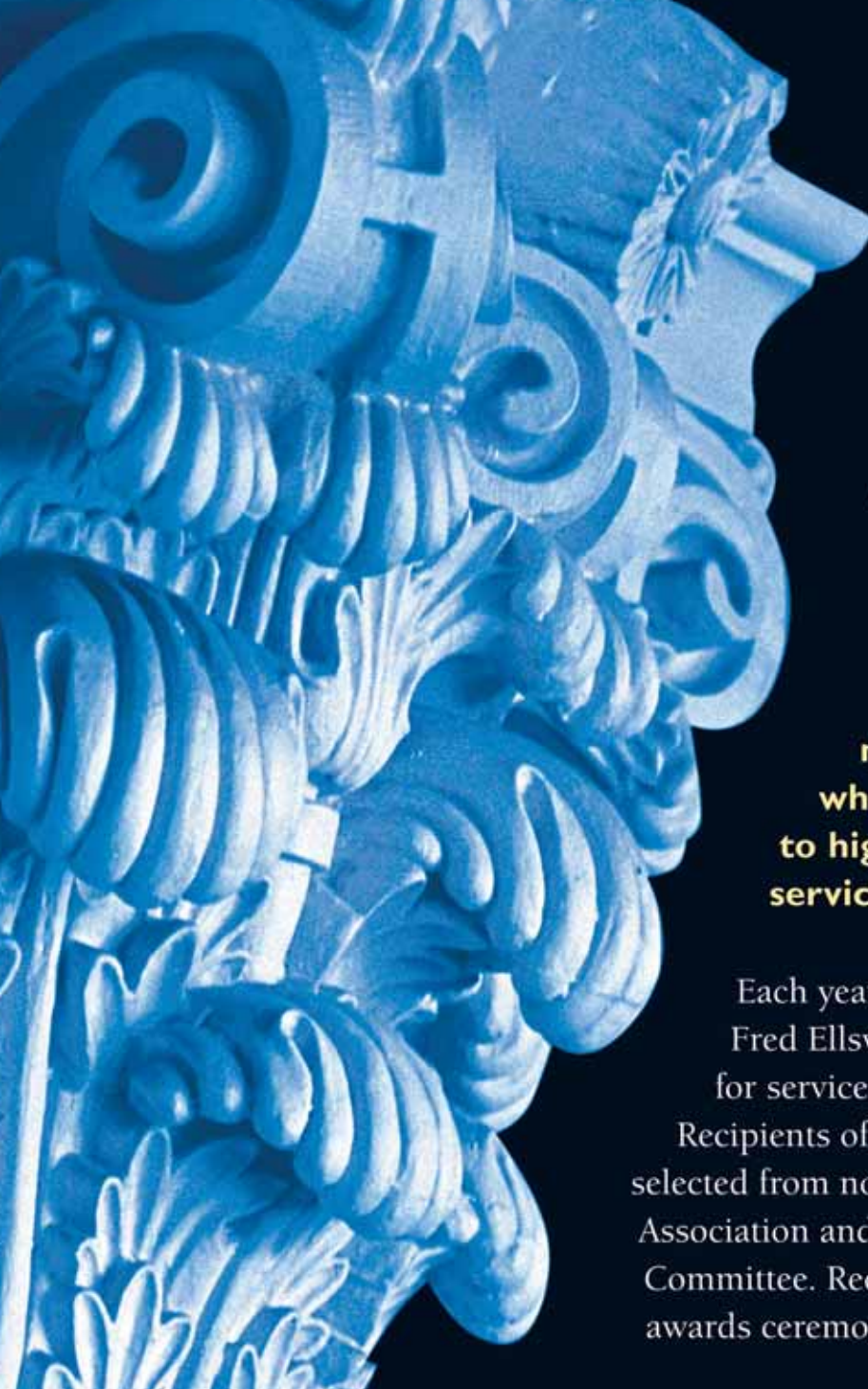
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BY STEVEN HILL

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BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

First Word

EARL RICHARDSON



On the November morning of her final test for one of academe’s most coveted prizes, Rhodes Scholar Ruth Anne French had basketball on her mind. As she prepared for the Rhodes regional interviews in St. Paul, Minn., she turned on ESPN. The KU men had played Vermont the night before and, like any true fan who missed the action, she craved more than the score.

So I hope she’ll find it fitting that on New Year’s Day, as I stood in the unseasonable winter sauna of Allen Field House, I thought of her.

It was halftime. Darnell Valentine, c’81, shared his thanks with the throng as his jersey, No. 14, unfurled into its place on the south wall of the 50-year-old fieldhouse.

Valentine, still the only Jayhawk to be named first-team all-conference for four consecutive years, called the tribute the fulfillment of a 24-year dream. He thanked former coaches Ted Owens and Lafayette Norwood and his mother, Rose, whose enduring advice Valentine

shared with the crowd:

“My mother always told me to leave a place better than the way I found it,” the Wichita native recalled, urging young fans to pay heed.

Ruth Anne French already understands. Her folks imparted the same wisdom on their farm in Partridge, little more than 50 miles northwest of Wichita. Indeed, her commitment to making a place better helped her become one of the nation’s 32 Rhodes scholars—the 25th in KU history. Her Midwestern spirit of service matches the vision of Cecil Rhodes, the British philanthropist whose will in 1902 established the international study awards for scholars who “should esteem the performance of public service as their highest aim.”


French will study comparative politics at Oxford University in fall 2005. As Steven Hill describes in our cover story, she loves the land and her family’s way of life, knowing all too well that both are all too fragile. She wants to spend her career searching for ways to protect both the environment and the livelihood of farmers and other entrepreneurs. Policymaking, with its delicate dance between principles and politics, intrigues her.

As policymakers begin their fancy footwork in Topeka this month, numerous pipers will attempt to call the tune. The state’s economy continues its measured recovery, but too many needs, too long unmet, await relief.

The Kansas Supreme Court has challenged the Legislature to make satisfactory improvements in K-12 funding by April 12; meantime, the budget proposals from the six Kansas Board of Regents universities include a startling maintenance backlog of \$584 million. At

campuses in Lawrence, Kansas City and across the state, noble halls of learning conceal rickety infrastructure that poses dangerous risks. In our second feature story, Chris Lazzarino explains KU’s lingering—and growing—maintenance woes.

The dilemma demands new ways of thinking. For her part, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, g’80, asks Kansans to begin considering the educational system as a whole, as a K-16 commitment to the state’s future. She told the Lawrence Journal-World in December: “It is really critical in the 21st century to have a better understanding throughout the citizenry of how important post 12th-grade education is to almost anybody who is going to be prosperous and be able to really provide for their family in the future. The kinds of jobs available require different skills than 25 years ago.”

But the aim of true leaders should remain the same. As a Kansan, I’m partial to the words of Rose Valentine and the examples of history-making Jayhawks like her son and Ruth Anne French: Leave a place better than the way you found it. 

JEFF JACOBSEN



■ Lafayette Norwood, Ted Owens, Darnell Valentine and Athletics Director Lew Perkins.



On the Boulevard

■ Exhibitions

“A Kansas Art Sampler,” through Feb. 6, Spencer Museum of Art

“Daguerreotype to Digital: Photographs from the Collection,” Jan. 22-July 22, Spencer Museum of Art

“Tradition and Modernity: Japanese Art of the Early Twentieth Century,” Jan. 22-May 22, Spencer Museum of Art

“Tokyo: The Imperial Capital, Woodblock Prints by Koizumi Kishio, 1928-1940,” Feb. 5-March 20, Spencer Museum of Art

“Transitions: KU Faculty Artists Explore Change,” Feb. 19-May 22, Spencer Museum of Art

“Brion Gysin: A Selection of Books and Works on Paper,” Feb. 19-June 5, Spencer Museum of Art

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■ Woodblock prints by Koizumi Kishio (1893-1945) captured the rebirth of Tokyo following its devastating 1923 earthquake and are featured in a Spencer Museum of Art exhibition that opens Feb. 5.

“Anamori Inari Shrine at Haneda, September 1932” (left), color woodblock print on paper

“Yamashita Entrance to Ueno Park, September 1931” (opposite page), color woodblock print on paper

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MAY

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13 Stop Day

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15 Newton Chapter: KU vs. Colorado TV watch party

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- 22** Boston Chapter: KU vs. Villanova TV watch party
- 25** Waco, Texas: KU vs. Baylor pregame rally
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- 29** Boston Chapter: KU vs. Texas TV watch party
- 29** Dallas Chapter: KU vs. Texas TV watch party
- 29** Los Angeles Chapter: KU vs. Texas TV watch party
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- 31** Dallas Chapter: KU vs. Missouri TV watch party

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- 14** Austin Chapter: KU vs. Texas Tech TV watch party
- 14** Dallas Chapter: KU vs. Texas Tech TV watch party
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- 21** Dallas Chapter: KU vs. Oklahoma TV watch party
- 21** Newton Chapter: KU vs. Oklahoma TV watch party
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- 4** Kansas City Chapter: Rock Chalk Ball

MARCH

- 6** Boston Chapter: KU vs. Missouri TV watch party
- 6** Newton Chapter: KU vs. Missouri TV watch party

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■ Kansas Honors Program

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- 10** Larned: John Adams, 620-285-2053
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- 16** Garden City: Rebecca Crotty, 620-271-6112
- 21** Holton: Matt and Paula Taylor, 785-364-3241
- 23** Dodge City: Melaney Vogel, 620-225-5667
- 23** Paola: Bob Nicholson, 913-294-4512

MARCH

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- 8** Frankfort: Zita and Kenneth Duensing, 785-363-7456
- 9** Great Bend: Mary King, 620-793-6168
- 9** Hiawatha: Leland and Debbie Hansen, 785-742-7240
- 16** Atchison: Chad and Carri Ball, 913-367-0332
- 30** Liberal: Al and Donna Shank, 620-629-2559

APRIL

- 6** Neodesha: Dennis Depew, 620-325-2626
- 13** Anthony: Carolyn Barnes, 800-584-2957
- 14** Logan: Polly Bales, 785-689-4328
- 18** Greensburg Honor Roll: Rod Bradley, 620-723-2423
- 20** Goodland: Perry and Janet Warren, 785-899-7271
- 27** Scott City: Jerry and Marsha Edwards, 620-872-2237

■ Hall Center Lectures

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- 17** "Islam Under Siege," Akbar Ahmed, the Kansas Union
- 24** "The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire," Tara Welch, Edwards Campus

MARCH

- 10** "Ecological Imperialism," Don Worster, Edwards Campus

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- 7** "The GI Generation: Sending American Soldiers into Battle in World War II," Ted Wilson, the Kansas Union



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Kansas Union	864-4596
Adams Alumni Center	864-4760
KU main number	864-2700
Athletics	1-800-34-HAWKS



Jayhawk Walk

BY HILL AND LAZZARINO

EARL RICHARDSON



Rooms with a view

The Eldridge Hotel lives. Which is news enough. But the buyers who rescued the downtown Lawrence landmark from bankruptcy court (for \$2.92 million) give the story a delightful Jayhawk twist.

Former All-America quarterback Bobby Douglass, '69, now a Chicago-area real-estate developer, purchased the historic hotel with Mitchell, c'78, l'81, and Susan Cannon Chaney, d'79, a Brownsville, Texas, couple who met while working part time at the Eldridge in college. Douglass and the Chaney's joined forces when both showed interest in acquiring the Eldridge, which fell into bankruptcy in December 2003.

Although bidding went back and forth 35 times, the winning team never showed any reservations.

"Certainly part of the attraction for me," Douglass says, "is the ability to spend a lot of time there. I've never lost my affinity for Lawrence."

The Chaney's children, Katie and Stuart, attend KU, and Susan Chaney has moved into the hotel to oversee renovation plans. Because the original 1926 elevator will need replacing, the property has closed, likely through March, but all involved pledge that the 48-room hotel will remain just that.

Along with extensive room renovations and mechanical improvements, the most visible changes will likely be a redesigned bar and restaurant.

"I'm anxious to get to a year from now," Susan Chaney says. "This is such a piece of history, and we know how important it is to Lawrence. That makes all of this worthwhile."

■ Mitchell (l to r) and Susan Chaney and business partner Bobby Douglass in front of the historic Eldridge Hotel.

Finders peepers

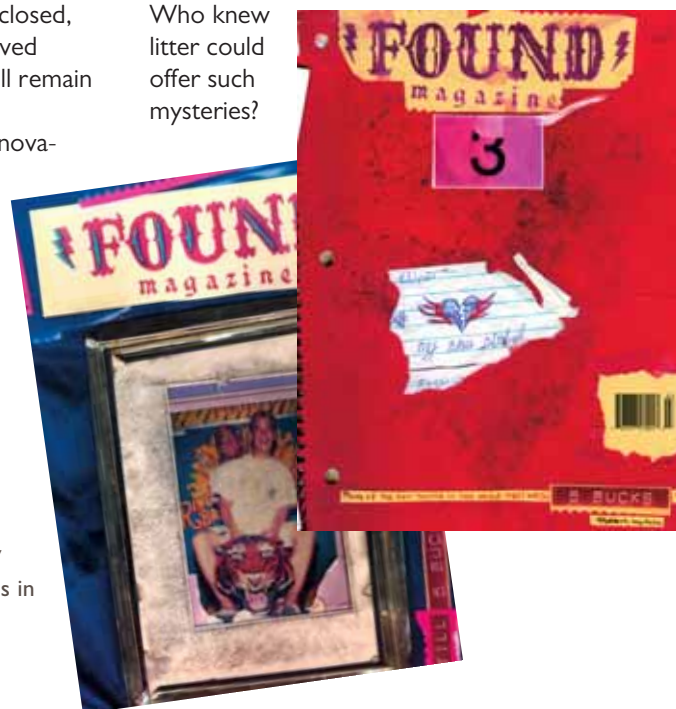
Davy Rothbart, founder and editor of the voyeuristic treat *Found* magazine, brought his 50-state roadshow to campus Nov. 22, and promptly proved to his audience that enduring lessons to be found in books are sometimes the forgotten grocery lists and break-up letters tucked between the pages by a previous reader. Or dropped on a sidewalk, taped to a lamppost, or tucked into the bottom drawer of a discarded dresser.

And then, of course, mailed to *Found*.

Holding a scrap sent in by a sharp-eyed reader, Rothbart read aloud a man's "I love you so much!" pleas for the woman of his dreams to return to his life. Making up with sincerity for what it lacked in grammar or subtlety, the note, like so much of Rothbart's material, illuminated our shared, enduring passions.

"It's amazing that something this tiny can hold so much thought and emotion," he said. "Next time you see something on the ground, pick it up. It might be interesting."

Or not. Who knew litter could offer such mysteries?





The best, hands down

Many larger foes have fallen to her strong arm. Many fraternity men have lost bar bets underestimating her power.

She's Cheryl Frisbie-Harper, '00, five-and-half feet, 115 pounds of champion wrist wrestler.

She began twisting arms as a freshman in 1982, when she took a roommate's dare and won a contest in a Lawrence bar. She's since collected 80 trophies on her way to winning three world and six national titles, plus more state titles than she can count. Her latest victories came in October at the 53rd Annual World Wristwrestling Championship in Reno, Nev., where she took first place in her weight class and the one above it.

Frisbie-Harper doesn't work out. Bucking hay bails as a kid and "lots of hard work since" are the secrets to her success, which earned national TV exposure in December when ESPN aired the Reno event.

Watch for the rerun, or look for her at Rick's Place, the Lawrence bar where she holds court. But you might have to wait in line: Those frat boys never learn.

He'd rather fight than switch

Was a time students could be counted on to demonstrate *against* war.

But when KU and Missouri decided this fall to change the name of their rivalry from "Border War" to "Border Show-down," Paola freshman Dennis Chanay launched a crusade of his own, introducing a resolution in the Student Senate to bring back the martial moniker.

"The roots of the rivalry do go back to war," Chanay says, referring to Missourian William Quantrill's raid on Lawrence. "It's a piece of our history, our tradition, and we don't want to see that tainted."

Announcing the switch, Athletics Director Lew Perkins said, "We feel that in the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, and the ensuing events around the world, it is inappropriate to use the term 'war' to describe intercollegiate events. We need to be more sensitive to the men and women who defend our country for real."

Chanay's resolution failed, but he did forge a new alliance when Mizzou students heeded his call to issue a similar decree.

The enemy of my enemy is my friend—even when he's a Tiger.

Soy power

Environmentally friendly transport is an idea Steve Munch and Jeff Dunlap think is full of beans.

Elected student body president and vice president on a clean-air platform, they want to switch KU On Wheels buses—which guzzle 100,000 gallons of diesel annually and foul Mount Oread's air with clouds of noxious smoke—to cleaner burning biodiesel made from soybeans.

Munch and Dunlap hope a planned trial run goes better than KU's first flirtation with the fuel. A 1997 test lasted one day, according to University Daily Kansan reports, after a driver became nauseated and Strong Hall staff members complained of the stench.

Technological advancements have since reduced odors. Biodiesel.org says the soy fuel smells like french fries, which might explain why eight U.S. universities run their buses on biodiesel.

Time for KU to ketchup.





Hilltopics

BY STEVEN HILL



EARLE RICHARDSON

■ Five months into her stint as journalism's interim leader, Professor Ann Brill was named the school's seventh "permanent" dean.

Specifically, how to describe her ascendancy?

"I'm not the 'new dean,' which would be the adjective somebody would normally put on," says Brill, who was named interim duly in July when a dean search failed and had to be started anew. "I don't want to be called 'permanent dean,' because then I'm like [Chief Justice William] Rehnquist: I'll be here forever. And I'm more than full time, so I'm not the 'full-time dean.'"

She adds with a laugh, "It's an interesting matter about the terminology, isn't it?"

Brill arrived at KU's tradition-rich School of Journalism in 2000, coming west from the equally prestigious Missouri School of Journalism, where she guided numerous studies about the then-nascent frontier of online newspapers. Before heading to Columbia, she worked at a newspaper in Billings, Mont., serving various editorial roles while also pursuing her graduate research into how computerized pagination—which in the early 1990s was rapidly displacing the old cut-and-paste composing rooms—changed the cultures of medium-sized newspapers.

The experience helped her understand how progress often comes at a price.

"The phasing out of the composing room meant that you lost a whole other set of eyeballs that looked at the

paper," Brill says. "Not to mention that these were colleagues, people who cared about the paper, and they were gone. That was the end of an era."

She also found that some unexpected, though now commonplace, problems arose on copy desks. Copy editors with technical abilities rose in importance, and just as often became swamped with technical concerns that overwhelmed all editing responsibilities; editors dis-

Stop the presses

Journalism finds that the right woman for the job already had the job

Writing has always been a passion for Ann Brill. Even before she started kindergarten, she cherished her favorite writing nook, and her mother objected only mildly that it happened to be on their home's bathroom walls. Now that she's been named the seventh dean of the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, words are still causing her fits.

covered that they had little or no time to discuss a perfect word choice with their colleagues when technological crises erupted; and the nature of newspapering changed, according to the copy chiefs she polled nationwide, when they spent their time pondering which buttons to push instead of which words to publish.

Brill emerged as an authority both on the benefits and perils of high-tech newsrooms, making her the perfect fit for KU's first faculty position in online journalism. While preparing last summer for a trek to Italy, where she was to teach in a School of Business program that includes journalism faculty, Brill was asked by Provost David Shulenburg to instead step in as interim dean.

The yearlong search for a replacement for Dean Jimmy Gentry, who had stepped down to return to teaching, came up short when the favored candidate withdrew unexpectedly. With numerous similar searches getting underway at other journalism schools and departments, KU had to act quickly; on Nov. 15, "interim" was removed from Brill's title.

"Ann has demonstrated great energy and vision since July," Shulenburg said when he announced her hiring. "I know she will continue this momentum in leading the school to new levels of success."

Brill says job No. 1 when she accepted the interim deanship was to prepare for a February visit by the school's accreditation team. With those documents finally prepared, she and the rest of the faculty are returning their focus to the evolving nature of journalism education.

The school now admits freshmen, because so many arrive with advanced credits in languages and mathematics, and tries to aim better students toward their first internships following their sophomore, rather than junior, years. After the introductory courses, Media & Society and Research & Writing, journalism students choose to focus on news and information or strategic communications.

The briefly beloved term "convergence" has been dropped in favor of "cross-platform training," in part because some alumni and professionals feared it implied that all distinctions had been dropped. Not true, Brill says, although KU must always find new ways to prepare future professionals for their rapidly changing world.

"Journalism schools had been very territorial, and some schools are still like that," Brill says. "Kansas was looking ahead to say, 'That's not the media anymore.' But even if they do know the

technology, there's still the journalistic application of it.

"The mechanics might change, but the basics don't. We have to recognize that knowing how to do something is not always knowing why, or how to do it better." —

—Chris Lazzarino



World wide

Defying trend, KU's enrollment of international grad students rises

As the numbers of international students continued to decline nationwide this fall, KU managed to buck the trend with a 2.2 percent increase in international graduate student enrollment.

According to a survey released in November by the Council of Graduate Schools, more than two-thirds of the 122 graduate schools polled reported declines in the enrollment of first-time graduate students from outside the United States. Nationwide, the drop amounted to 6 percent.



■ Oi-Man Chiang of Macau takes part in December graduation ceremonies at the School of Business. International undergraduate numbers at KU dipped slightly this fall, but international graduate student enrollment rose.

"We have made a special effort to continue recruiting, and we've called on our network of international alumni."

—Diana Carlin



EARL RICHARDSON

Prize pianists

KU students swept all three categories at the Kansas Music Teachers Association Honors Auditions this fall. Pianists Eunmee Song, Hae-ju Choi and Kai I Tien took first place in their respective levels at the performance-based competition, which encourages excellence in young musicians and recognizes outstanding achievement in music teaching. Song and Tien are students of Professor Richard Reber and Choi studies with Professor Jack Winerock.

This marks the third straight year that the council's survey recorded a drop in international student enrollment in the United States. Much of the decrease is attributed to fallout from the events of Sept. 11, 2001, but the trend is more complicated, according to Diana Carlin, d'72, g'74, dean of the Graduate School and international programs.

"Post 9-11 the U.S. has tightened up visa requirements; now students have to go through an interview process, and interviews are backed up three or four months," Carlin says. "It's more costly to apply, and it's tougher to get through the process." And security concerns, she notes, play both ways. Many parents overseas are leery of sending their children to a country they see as a target for terrorist threats.

In response, other nations have stepped up recruiting efforts and streamlined visa processes to attract students who might previously have chosen American schools.

"Another factor is that there are now a lot of very, very good universities outside of the United States," Carlin says. "The whole competitive field has changed."

Despite these hurdles, KU enrolled 971 international graduate students this fall, up from 950 in fall 2003. However, the news is mixed: When undergraduates are counted, overall international enrollment actually dropped slightly, from 1,644 last year to 1,615 this fall. In 2001, the number stood at 1,677.

"Even though our overall numbers are down slightly, it's still a very positive number for us, because we were worried it might go down a lot more," says Joe Potts, g'88, director of international student and scholar services. "Many schools are down quite a bit more than that. The increase in grad numbers makes us feel like we are out there working hard."

The success attracting graduate students from other countries is a case of thinking—and acting—globally.

"We've really done a lot of outreach," Carlin says. "We have made a special effort to continue recruiting, and we've called on our network of international alumni."

The outreach efforts include trips to the Washington embassies of Middle Eastern countries, according to Carlin. She says many schools

stopped such visits after 9-11.

The University also hosts receptions for international alumni, putting the word out that KU values the contributions of students from around the world, and an International Recruiting and Advisory Committee guides KU's overseas recruiting efforts. "They're out doing fairs all across Asia, South America and Europe," Carlin says. "We've been really aggressive."

The reputation of KU and Lawrence also helps attract students from other countries, Carlin says. "We're perceived as safe, and we have a reputation as an open, friendly place," she says. "So the word gets back."

Nationwide, international students inject an estimated \$12 billion into the U.S. economy each year, according to estimates by NAFSA: Association of International Educators. In Kansas alone, internationals spend \$53.2 million on tuition and fees and \$105 million on living expenses.

Their contributions in other areas may be harder to measure, Carlin contends, but no less valuable.

"It's important for American students to be exposed to other cultures," she says. "It's also a foreign policy issue. International students learn about the U.S. and then go back to their homes and dispel a lot of myths about our country. One person at a time you begin to change the image of Americans that people in other countries only



EARL RICHARDSON

■ Work to expand the year-old Student Recreation Fitness Center should begin by summer 2006 under a plan approved this fall by the Kansas Board of Regents.

get from MTV or movies.”

Pumped up

As students flock to new fitness center, planners prepare to make room for more

Only a year after it opened, the Student Recreation Fitness Center—a building project that took five years of student campaigning to get off the ground—is already growing to meet high student demand.

A plan approved by the Board of Regents in November would enlarge the free-weight area; add basketball, racquetball and multi-sport courts; and expand the indoor jogging track to a quarter-mile.

The need for growth was no surprise to rec center planners, who had the \$17 million, 100,000-square-foot building designed to accommodate expansion.

“We knew when we opened that we were too small, but we felt like we had to start somewhere,” says Mary Chappell, director of recreation services. “We planned for the future so we could expand when we were ready.”

The surprise was how quickly the future arrived.

“It was quite a shock,” Chappell says. “But that’s a tribute to Andy Knopp, who saw a need and tried to do something to make it happen.”

Knopp, b’04, former student body president, negotiated a deal with Athletics Director Lew Perkins to trade 300 student basketball tickets for rec center funding. Under the agreement, the Kansas University Athletics Corp. will pay for the \$6 million expansion.

The 44,000-square-foot addition will be built on the north side of the center, on the south side of campus. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin in June 2006. But first, a building advisory committee will be formed to address concerns of residents in the University Place neighborhood. The project is expected to be completed in time for the 2007 fall semester.

Initial construction of the center, which was proposed by student leaders and approved by a student referendum in 1999, was financed entirely with student fees.

“The expansion project is like all of our proj-

Visitor

Caloric consciousness

Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock screened “Super Size Me” to an audience of students eager to both support and dispute the film’s controversial premise.

WHEN: Oct. 18

WHERE: Woodruff Auditorium, Kansas Union

BACKGROUND:

“Super Size Me,” winner of Sundance’s best director prize, features Spurlock’s health-destroying, monthlong binge on McDonald’s. He gained 13 percent of his starting body weight and doctors feared imminent liver failure; critics claim the stunt was absurdly extreme.

ANECDOTE: Spurlock got the idea for the film while sprawled on his mom’s couch after Thanksgiving dinner; the trigger was a TV report about an obesity lawsuit filed by two fast-food patrons. Personal responsibility trumps culpability of fast-food purveyors, Spurlock believes, yet he fears advertising, toys and playgrounds win the battle before children are old enough to make informed decisions about eating habits.

QUOTE: An obese teen-ager in the film despairs at being unable to afford two Subway sandwiches a day; therefore, she can’t replicate the weight-loss success of the chain’s spokesman. Preaching basic food education, Spurlock told the KU group, “She thinks she has to buy the sandwiches, because that’s what the advertising is telling her. But she could buy the same ingredients, better ingredients, at the grocery for a fraction of the cost.”

—Chris Lazzarino



AVI GERVER

“We no longer teach our children to shop for food. Nobody eats at home anymore.”
—Morgan Spurlock



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

KU ranks fourth nationally in study abroad participation

One in four graduates study abroad at some point in their KU careers, a rate that bests all but three U.S. public research institutions.

An Institute of International Education survey reports 25.4 percent of 2003 KU graduates studied overseas. Only North Carolina, 34.6 percent, Delaware, 32.7 percent, and Virginia, 31.7 percent, had higher participation.

“Students clearly understand the importance of expanding their educational programs with international study,” says Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco, PhD’99, director of study abroad, which offers 100 programs in 50 countries.

In 2002-’03, 1,004 students studied abroad, up 12 percent from the previous year. That addresses a recommendation of the Task Force on Internationalization convened by Provost David Shulenburg. In 2002 the group recommended ways to give all undergraduates a significant international experience.

KU’s participation rate is nearly 10 times the national average, notes Diana Carlin, d’72, g’74, dean of the Graduate School and international programs. “One of the hallmarks of a KU education is that it prepares a student to be a global citizen,” Carlin says.

MEDICINE

Grants to boost diversity initiatives at Med Center

Three grants totaling \$11.8 million from the National Institutes of Health and the Health Resources and Services

Administration will be used to improve diversity programs at KU Medical Center.

The grants will fund initiatives designed to attract a diverse student body and train all students on diversity issues. Efforts will

include a \$4 million endowment for merit-based minority scholarships. The funding will also pay for enhanced retention programs for minority students, recruitment of eight new minority faculty members and one faculty member to teach medical Spanish to students, and creation of a primary and secondary school program to recruit medical students.

The grants will also help the medical center provide more opportunities for underrepresented minorities to participate in health research.

“Forty-seven percent of the patient population in metropolitan Kansas City is underrepresented minorities,” says Barbara Atkinson, executive vice chancellor of KU Medical Center. “Our stu-

dents need to be prepared to work in diverse environments.”

SOCIAL WELFARE

New Kansas City program extends school’s reach

The School of Social Welfare will make it easier for aspiring social workers in the Kansas City area to work toward their degrees with the opening this spring of a new program based in Kansas City, Kan.

The 2+2 Bachelor’s in Social Work Program launched in January will allow students who hold an associate’s degree to complete a bachelor’s degree in social work from KU by taking classes held at the Kansas City Kansas Community College. The junior- and senior-level courses will be taught by School of Social Welfare faculty members.

The program was made possible by a \$20,000 gift from former Kansas legislator Jessie Branson, n’42, and her husband, retired Lawrence pediatrician Vernon Branson, m’42, c’47.

Update

Meningitis vaccinations will be required next year for students living in University-owned housing.

Starting Aug. 1, campus residents must receive the vaccination from Student Health Services or provide written proof of immunization from another provider. Those who prefer not to be immunized can sign a waiver, but administrators clearly hope students will opt to receive the vaccine, which could prevent up to 80 percent of meningitis cases. “We have all witnessed the tragedies meningitis has caused on college campuses, including our own,” says Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway. “The danger is real. What is clear now is that mass immunizations, instead of relying on voluntary immunizations for some but not all, is the most effective course to take to help protect students.”

Last spring, St. Cloud, Minn., senior Andy Marso nearly died after contracting a severe case of bacterial meningitis [“Preventive medicine,” Hilltopics, issue No. 4]. Marso, j’04, left the hospital in September and is now in rehabilitation.



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“Offering a KU degree on the KCKCC campus will provide maximum access to KU’s School of Social Welfare in a community setting that is familiar to students,” says Ann Weick, dean of the school. “Jessie and Vernon Branson’s support for the program is vital because it will help students afford a four-year degree.”

The Bransons, who are the parents of a child with a developmental disability, hope the program will encourage more people to pursue social work careers.

“We need more trained social workers to be advocates for troubled families, children, the poor and people with disabilities,” says Jessie Branson. “Social workers do so much in the schools, hospitals and in the public setting.”

SPENCER MUSEUM

Alumna with national profile to head KU’s art museum

Saralyn Reece Hardy, director of the Salina Art Center and former director of museums and visual arts at the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C., has been named the new director of the Spencer Museum of Art.

Hardy, c’76, g’94, will succeed interim director Fred Pawlicki March 14.

Pawlicki has guided the Spencer since former director Andrea Norris was fired last March.

Hardy has headed the Salina Art Center since 1986, directing its growth from a small community gallery to a contemporary art center with a national and international exhibition schedule. Under her leadership, the center developed new adult and youth programs, expanded its facilities and established an endowment. She served a three-year appointment with the NEA from 1999 to 2002.

“I believe this museum and its collections can be a creative connective force across this campus and among diverse disciplines,” says Hardy, who worked as project coordinator at the Spencer from 1977 to 1979.

Milestones, money and other matters

■ **SCOTT HAWLEY**, professor of molecular biosciences and an investigator at the Stowers Institute for Medical Research in Kansas City, was named an American Cancer Society Research Professor this fall. The professorship, one of the highest honors the American Cancer Society bestows, comes with a five-year, \$300,000 research grant.

■ **KU FACULTY, STAFF AND RETIREES** pledged nearly \$25 million to the KU First: Invest in Excellence capital campaign. The contribution from 27 percent of the faculty, staff and retirees from KU’s four campuses was recognized during halftime of the KU-Colorado football game Nov. 6. Also announced in November were two gifts that will provide more than \$6 million to help build a proposed football facility near Memorial Stadium. Dana, b’59, and Sue Anderson pledged \$3.15 million for the project and \$350,000 to the School of Business. Charles, b’54, and Sharon Lynch Kimbell, d’58, pledged \$3 million for the football facility and \$1 million to support Lied Center arts programming.

■ **THE 2004 HOPE AWARD** was presented to Stephen Ilardi, associate professor of psychology, during the KU-Texas football game Nov. 13. It is the only KU honor for teaching excellence given exclusively by students.

■ **A GRANT OF NEARLY \$150,000** from the Institute of Museum and Library Services will help the Spencer Museum of Art digitize its permanent collection. The Museums for America grant will allow the Spencer to finish making digital photographs of the 25,000 works in the next two years. The project is an important step toward making the permanent collection more accessible to students and faculty for research and teaching.

■ **TWO SPECIAL EDUCATION PROFESSORS** won national awards from the Arc of the United States in November for their work to improve the quality of life for people with intellectual disabilities and their families. The Arc, the nation’s largest volunteer-based organization devoted to mental retardation issues, awarded Ann Turnbull the 2004 Distinguished Research Award and H. Rutherford Turnbull III the Franklin Smith Award.

■ **CAMPUS HOUSING RATES WILL INCREASE** 5.5 percent for residence halls next fall under a proposal made by the department of student housing; students will pay \$5,504 a year for most rooms, up from \$5,216. Residents of most scholarship halls face increases between 5.9 and 6.4 percent. However, residents of Miller and Watkins halls will see their rates rise 24.7 percent, from \$1,218 to \$1,518.

■ **CHRISTINA SHEREE STAUFFER**, g’04, a doctoral student in medicinal chemistry, won the \$20,000 ACS Division of Medicinal Chemistry Predoctoral Fellowship Award for 2004-’05. Stauffer is one of five students nationally to receive the prestigious fellowship, which is sponsored by the global pharmaceutical company Aventis and awarded by the American Chemical Society.



Ilardi

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Sports

■ Aaron Miles (11) and Alex Galindo (right) embraced Keith Langford after his game-winning shot beat Georgia Tech in overtime, avenging last year's NCAA Tournament loss.



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the formidable task of replacing him?

A thrilling overtime victory against No. 9 Georgia Tech on New Year's Day suggests that during Simien's four-to-six week recovery, KU can call on several options for winning.

In a game that echoed last season's season-ending overtime loss to Tech, the Jayhawks unveiled a perimeter-based offense that played to remaining strengths: outside shooting by J.R. Giddens and slashing drives by Keith Langford.

Once again, the Jayhawks missed many early shots to dig a double-digit hole. Once again, Yellow Jacket point guard Jarrett Jack torched KU, this time for 26 points. And once again, the Jayhawks trailed throughout before forcing overtime, only to fall behind by four in the extra session.

But with a timely three-point shot by freshman Alex Galindo and a clutch jumper by Langford with three seconds remaining, KU prevailed, 70-68.

"They had us dead and buried, and we come back and tie, same as last year," said coach Bill Self. "We get down four in overtime last year and we can't recover. We get down four in overtime this year and we win the game."

It was the way they won that made Self especially happy.

After a week of so-so practices inspired him to outfit players in football helmets and pads for a get-tough

effort, Self extolled his team's grit.

"I'm a big believer that you're not going to play great all the time, and you've got to win games when you don't play great," he said. "You do that by being tough, and I thought these guys showed a lot of toughness."

After Simien injured his thumb, in another come-from-behind home win, a 64-60 victory over South Carolina, Self tried to accentuate the potential positives of playing without the Jayhawks' leading scorer and rebounder.

"We have plenty of good players who can

Winning combination

With Simien injured, Jayhawks mix vets, newcomers and find new ways to score

When basketball practice opened in October with four returning starters and talk of an NCAA title run, only one piece seemed missing from the championship puzzle: Who would stand tall to become All-America candidate Wayne Simien's partner in the post?

After Simien underwent surgery Dec. 20 to repair ligament damage in his thumb, a pressing new question arose: Who among the promising freshmen and returning contributors expected to complement Simien this year will instead rise to

excel and play well in his absence,” he said. “Somehow or other, this is going to help us in the end.”

Before Simien’s exit, the surprise story of the early season was Christian Moody. While preseason speculation centered on which highly touted newcomer might earn the fifth starting slot, Self called on the junior from Asheville, N.C.

Suddenly, a role player who averaged 4.9 minutes his first two seasons found himself sharing the spotlight with Simien, Langford, Giddens and Aaron Miles as the No. 2 Jayhawks won seven straight at home. As defenses collapsed on Simien, Moody began answering the calls of his coach and teammates to take the open high-post shot. In a 93-74 win over TCU Dec. 9, he got his first double-double, recording 10 points and 10 rebounds in 27 minutes, all career highs. The unassuming player teammates call Mad Dog even inspired his own fan club, the Moody Maniacs, who thrilled with the rest of the Field House crowd when he turned the play of the game, a blind touch pass to J.R. Giddens for an open three. The Pass even earned Moody pub time on SportsCenter.

By shelving the high-low offense, Self

“You’re not going to play great all the time, and you’ve got to win games when you don’t play great. You do that by being tough.”
—Coach Bill Self

obviously does not expect Moody to replace Simien’s 17 points and 12 rebounds per game. In fact, even before the injury he indicated that newcomers would be key to KU’s success this year.

“What I would like is for one of the freshmen to emerge and be a starter,” Self said. “That is not a knock against Christian; we would be a better team if we could play bigger.”

Early season injuries and close games against Vermont, Pacific and South Carolina limited playing time for all freshmen but Russell Robinson. And when the chance to play came, the big men—C.J. Giles, Sasha Kaun and Darnell Jackson—didn’t make the most of it. A lackluster 96-51 win over Louisiana-Lafayette drew bad reviews from Self.

“The three big guys had a chance to set the tone for the future,” he said, “and none of them took advantage.”

But after the Georgia Tech victory, which ran KU’s record to 9-0 for the first

time since 1996-’97, Self noted their steady play under pressure. “When you really look at it, there’s a lot of guys with no experience playing a ton of minutes in a pretty big game,” he said.

The lessons learned will boost the confidence of the whole team.

“I think it tells them, ‘Hey, no matter what happens, if we stick together and play tough we won’t be out of games.’ I think it shows the kids have a lot of heart and character and how much they care. They’ll rally around this.”

If he recovers on schedule, Simien would return in mid- to late January, in plenty of time for a Big 12 stretch run that concludes with games against perennial powers Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, and rivals Kansas State and Missouri. Then fans will see if the newfound perimeter punch and Simien’s inside presence prove the winningest combination of all.

—Steven Hill

KU 31, Mizzou 14



■ The irritation of a so-close-yet-so-far football season—who can forget the 27-23 loss to Texas Nov. 13?—was assuaged with a 31-14 upset victory Nov. 20 at Missouri. Cornerback Charles Gordon (3, left) and defensive lineman David McMillan were named first-team All-Big 12; Gordon, who tied for the NCAA lead with seven interceptions, was selected third-team All-American.



Off and running

Women's basketball scores much-needed early success

As much as it hurt at the time, the women's basketball team's three-point loss Dec. 2 to Washburn University might have proven to be an odd blessing. Losing at home to a Division II team—and after leading by as many as 18 points in the second half, no less—simply means a new coach won't have to wait long for her rebuilding program to thump into rock bottom.

In the month following that game, Bonnie Henrickson's young team went 5-2, completing its nonconference schedule 7-4.

"I think the kids made a commitment to embrace the change, to work hard, to be coachable," Henrickson says. "Whether it's offense, defense, conditioning or teamwork, I think they are buying into the system."

The Jayhawks' average margin of victory in their first seven wins was 20 points. A freshman forward, Taylor McIntosh, scored in double-figures three times; junior Crystal Kemp recorded four double-doubles (points and rebounds); and impressive backcourt leadership by guards Aquanita Burras and Erica Hallman was evident in KU's plus-six turnover margin.

None of these charms will likely add

■ Senior guard Aquanita Burras played high-school basketball in Lathrop, Alaska, and transferred to KU for her sophomore season. She has since started every game of her Kansas career, and is currently among the top three Jayhawks in points, rebounds, assists, blocked shots and minutes.

up to scores of Big 12 victories, but they are more than anybody dared dream, especially after the loss of once-prized recruit Lauren Ervin, who transferred to UNLV, and senior Larisha Graves, a starter who averaged 7.2 points a game in 2003.

"It is never as good as it seems and it is never as bad as it seems," says Henrickson, who is in her first season at KU after seven years at Virginia Tech. "Wins are always important, but in addition to the wins and losses, we are also making progress, in particular games, with particular goals, with expectations

of our game plan.

"We are building a team that will always be respected for its effort. Even now there's already been a tremendous outpouring of support for our program. Fans recognize how hard we're playing."

After enduring Washburn's humiliating second-half rally, the Jayhawks were especially pleased with a 24-0 run against San Diego State, on their way to a 71-45 victory Dec. 28.

"It always feels good to be on the upper end [of the run]," Hallman said after the game. "We created a lot of easy shots, we had some easy looks, and stopped them on defense."

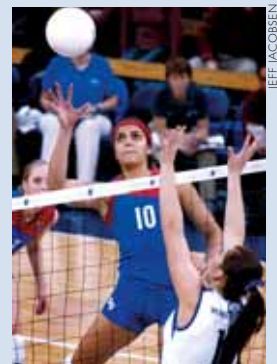
Easy looks will be a lot harder to come by in the Big 12, perhaps the country's toughest conference. But for now, 7-4 is more than a good start; it represents belief in a new program.

"This year is completely different," says junior guard Kaylee Brown. "We have a long way to go, but we have

Updates

The volleyball team advanced to the NCAA Tournament's second round, where it was defeated in five games by Washington. Junior middle blocker Josi Lima was named first-team All-Big 12 for the third season, and senior libero Jill Dorsey set KU's career digs record with 1,338. ...The soccer team's much-anticipated NCAA Tournament run stopped short with a second-round loss to Nebraska, yet the Jayhawks still capped their best season with unprecedented honors: Sophomore defender Holly Gault was named a first-team All-American, senior keeper Meghan Miller was picked for the second team, and junior forward Caroline Smith was named to the third team. They were joined by senior midfielder Amy Geha on the All-Big 12 Team, and coach Mark Francis was named Central Region Coach of the Year. ...

Senior Amy Gruber was named Big 12 Swimmer of the Month for November and national Swimmer of the Week by CollegeSwimming.com. She won the 100-meter freestyle at the Nike Cup Nov. 18 in Chapel Hill, N.C., with the sixth-fastest collegiate time of the season; she finished second in three other events at the prominent meet. ...With eight assists against Georgia Tech, senior guard Aaron Miles dished his way past Jacque Vaughn atop KU's career assists list. Senior guard Keith Langford, who hit the game-winner in overtime and led the Jayhawks with 18 points, was named ESPN.com's National Player of the Week and co-Big 12 Player of the Week. ... The football team will play its first-ever game in Arrowhead Stadium Oct. 15 when it hosts Oklahoma. The other six home games remain at Memorial Stadium.



Josi Lima

Sports Calendar

■ Men's basketball

JANUARY

- 19** Nebraska
- 22** at Villanova
- 25** at Baylor
- 29** Texas
- 31** Missouri

FEBRUARY

- 5** at Nebraska
- 9** at Kansas State
- 12** Colorado
- 14** at Texas Tech
- 19** Iowa State
- 21** at Oklahoma
- 27** Oklahoma State

MARCH

- 2** Kansas State
- 6** at Missouri
- 10-13** Big 12, at Kansas City

■ Women's basketball

JANUARY

- 22** Missouri
- 25** at Colorado
- 29** at Nebraska

FEBRUARY

- 5** at Missouri
- 9** at Oklahoma State
- 13** Colorado
- 16** Texas Tech
- 20** Nebraska
- 23** Baylor
- 26** at Kansas State

MARCH

- 1** at Iowa State
- 8-12** Big 12, at Kansas City

■ Indoor track & field

JANUARY

- 21** at Kansas State, KU/KSU/Mizzou triangular

28-29 Jayhawk Invitational

FEBRUARY

- 4-5** at Husker Invitational, Lincoln
- 11-12** at Iowa State Classic
- 11-12** at Tyson Invitational, Fayetteville, Ark.
- 19** at Sooner Invitational, Norman
- 25-26** at Big 12 Indoor, Lincoln

■ Swimming & diving

JANUARY

- 21** Truman State
- 28** at Drury
- 29** at Arkansas

FEBRUARY

- 5** Iowa State
- 23-26** at Big 12, College Station

■ Tennis

JANUARY

- 29** BYU

FEBRUARY

- 4** at Mississippi
- 6** at Mississippi State
- 13** Texas
- 18-19** vs Penn State, Yale at University Park, Pa.
- 27** Utah

MARCH

- 5** at Iowa State
- 6** at Iowa
- 12** Nebraska

■ Softball

FEBRUARY

- 4-6** at Pepsi Classic, Tucson, Ariz.
- 11-13** at Hilton Classic, Las Cruces, N.M.
- 25-27** at Palm Springs Classic



JEFF JACOBSEN

■ All-American Holly Gault, a sophomore from Spring Hill, anchored a young KU defense that surrendered 13 goals all season.

MARCH

- 5-6** at Brechtelsbauer Classic, Carbondale, Ill.
- 11-13** Jayhawk Classic

■ Baseball

FEBRUARY

- 4-9** at Hawaii-Hilo
- 11-13** at Stanford
- 16-18, 20** South Dakota State
- 25-27** Northern Colorado
- 16-18, 20** South Dakota State

MARCH

- 1** Southwest Missouri State
- 4-6** vs Mississippi State, Austin Peay, at Starkville, Miss.
- 11-13** North Dakota State

■ Women's golf

FEBRUARY

- 28-March 1** at Texas A&M

■ Men's golf

FEBRUARY

- 9-11** at TaylorMade/Big Island Invitational, Waikoloa, Hawaii
- 28-March 1** at San Antonio



State of Disrepair

LONG-IGNORED MAINTENANCE BACKLOG THREATENS THE HALLS OF HIGHER EDUCATION



The story has to be told, Jim Modig has been saying, but how to tell it? When visitors drive down Jayhawk Boulevard, admiring lovely buildings and the captivating streetscape, how can he convince anyone that danger lurks, that beauty in the eyes of our beholders conceals ugly rot?

The matter is urgent. “Deferred maintenance,” as the problem is commonly known on campuses across the state, is a priority issue as the Kansas Board of Regents prepares its agenda for this month’s opening of the Legislature. Pipes, tunnels, rocks, roofs, paint, wires, electrical boxes, retaining walls, air conditioners and expansion joints are not terribly sexy subjects to read about, they aren’t fun for Modig to explain in expert detail, and they won’t make for barrels of laughs when presented to legislative committees, but the stories must be told.

More important, they must be heard.

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO | PHOTOGRAPHS BY EARL RICHARDSON

“I think people become somewhat complacent because the buildings don’t look that bad,” says Modig, a’73, KU’s director of design and construction management. “But there is a serious need here. Water pipes rust out, drain pipes rust out, and those are behind the walls. Out of sight, out of mind, but it’s still a deteriorating condition.”

In a new-age world of high-tech wizardry, bricks and mortar have been enlisted as dismissive symbols for old ways of thinking. They still matter, especially for sprawling university campuses, but if bricks, mortar, pipes and roofs don’t grab anyone’s attention, perhaps money will: \$584 million.

That’s the estimated tally for “deferred maintenance” at the six Kansas

Board of Regents universities.

“If we stay at the status quo, in 10 years this \$584 million problem could approach being an \$800 million problem,” says Eric King, the Regents’ director of facilities. “What we have [concluded] here is, I believe, very conservative. I certainly believe we can justify the \$584 million, and, in fact, I think it could be more than that.”



Numbers compiled by King, Modig and their colleagues at each of the Regents’ campuses are frankly overwhelming, both in size and volume. But some are both notable and memorable:

- KU’s 123 Lawrence facilities, not including any contents, student unions or residential buildings, have a total replacement value of about \$733 million. Anticipated deterioration of 2 percent a year—the figure agreed upon by national building councils as the absolute minimum cost of routine maintenance and renewal, excluding major infrastructure—should be expected to run up annual maintenance tabs of \$14 million.

The Lawrence share of the statewide total is \$160 million in deferred maintenance; boosted by 3-percent annual inflation, that can be expected to grow at least \$4 million annually.

In fiscal 2006, KU will receive \$2.9 million for deferred maintenance.

“We’re deteriorating at a rate of \$14 million a year and the inflation factor is \$4 million a year, and we’re not keeping up with either one of them,” Modig says. “It’s very frustrating.”

■ Tunnels crisscross Mount Oread, carrying steam and condensation-return pipes, electrical wires and communications lines. It’s not uncommon in the damp, subterranean network to find water dripping (opposite page) onto pipes carrying high-voltage wires. Even more frightening are steel I-beams and angled supports (left and below) rusted completely through. “These are major supports,” Jim Modig says, passing his hand through one, “and they’re not there.”





■ Jim Modig (left) estimates that 10 percent of Mount Oread's tunnels need repair, at a total cost of about \$8 million. Steam-pipe expansion joints require regular maintenance, but Modig and other supervisors must constantly decide whether the worst sections are safe enough for workers to venture close; should a pipe collapse through rusted support beams, the 375-degree steam would kill anyone in the tunnel by instantly absorbing all available oxygen. "These tunnels have been there for maybe 100 years," Modig says, "and some have never had any maintenance done on them at all." The tunnel crossing Jayhawk Boulevard at Dyche Hall required emergency replacement in 2004; had it failed, KU would have lost service to 500,000 square feet of building space and collections in the Natural History and Spencer Art museums would have been severely threatened.

Even if KU were to see its deferred maintenance budget triple to about \$10 million, and remain at that level, maintenance needs still would fall behind by at least \$8 to \$10 million annually.

With Regents' facilities statewide worth \$3.68 billion—or about two-thirds of all state-owned property—it is estimated that at least \$74 million should be spent for annual maintenance (not including the already-accrued deferred maintenance needs of \$584 million). In fiscal 2005, the state allocated \$7 million.

● The KU numbers so far cited do not include KU Medical Center. The Kansas City complex estimates its deferred maintenance needs at \$68 million.

The Medical Center offers the most graphic illustration of how neglect eventually becomes calamity: On June 20, 2004, a corroded hot-water pipe burst inside a fourth-floor wall of the main administration building, 80-year-old Murphy Hall. Hundreds of thousands of

dollars, and many months of disrupted work time, were required to fix the pipe and the damage wreaked throughout the building.

● As recently as 1983, the Legislature approved less than \$500,000 annually for rehabilitation and repair for all campus structures statewide. That number hit \$1 million for the first time in 1990, and reached \$2.4 million in 1992.

"Up until about 1991, the majority of state funds we received were for new building construction," King says. "Essentially, campuses weren't even getting enough money to reroof a building."

King says his predecessor, Warren Corman, e'50, now KU's architect, first convinced legislators to shift more of the Educational Building Fund to maintenance rather than construction. Since that time, King estimates, private gifts and all other non-state funds, including student and parking fees, funded 75 percent of all campus construction, with the state chipping in about 25 percent.

Even when a state-campus building is funded entirely with private dollars, it must first be approved by the Legislature, because all buildings on state land become, by statute, state property, and the state must assume maintenance responsibility.

"These are state buildings on state land and, frankly, I think the citizens of the state of Kansas would want their buildings maintained and kept up to date, and not in ill repair or falling down," King says. "I think that the Regents' campuses have done their part or more in raising funds for needed buildings and any number of things."

● At KU, 38 percent of the structures are 20 to 40 years old, a number that virtually mirrors statewide percentages. And more than 40 percent of the buildings on Mount Oread are more than 40 years old. Even with proper maintenance, heating, ventilation, electrical and plumbing systems cannot be expected to last more than 40 years; the average life

span for mechanical systems is 23 years.

“I hate to refer to it in this way,” Modig says, “but all too often we’re in what I call ‘crisis management mode.’ We anticipate what our needs are going to be, but if something happens that becomes an emergency, then you shift gears and redirect the money. It’s one of those kinds of operations.”



Construction managers’ fears came true Dec. 20, in a story about deferred maintenance published by the Topeka Capital-Journal. While detailing the structural failures of limestone exteriors on the Kansas State University campus and huge maintenance tabs being ignored at Regents institutions across the state, the capital-city newspaper also noted that Rep. Melvin Neufeld, the influential Ingalls Republican who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, saw little “wiggle room in the state budget to pare down universities’ maintenance needs.”

Regardless of a lack of budgetary wiggle room, the paper reported, Neufeld was not convinced of the scope of the problem itself.

“You won’t find many campuses at

state institutions across the country,” Neufeld told the Capital-Journal, “that are as good as ours.”

How to fight the skin-deep beauty that belies deterioration of underground pipes, cloth-coated electrical wiring looped behind cinder-block walls, leaky roofs, crumbling stone and masonry, and heating and cooling systems that threaten the very existence of priceless art and natural-history collections?

Regents chair Richard Bond, a former Senate president from Overland Park, says lawmakers need to be guided through the magnitude of the problem with pictures, multiple examples of the urgency of the situation, and, most important, patient expectations and creative solutions for financing.

“The need is \$584 million; well, I don’t think anyone realistically believes we are going to be able to come up with creative funding that meets that big of a number,” Bond says. “But we do need to come up with creative funding that begins to address the issue soon, and for the long term.”

Bond, c’57, l’60, who as a veteran former legislator helped guide passage of the \$161 million “Crumbling Classrooms” initiative in 1996, blames Regents and legislators for long ignoring the mounting campus maintenance cri-

sis, but he also cites chief executives of the six Regents institutions for not bringing it to the Board of Regents sooner.

“Probably one of the reasons they haven’t is because of the very difficult economic and fiscal situation in the state,” Bond says. “So perhaps they have just felt like it was unsolvable, and as the economy is beginning to turn around, they bring it to us as something to address. And we’re doing that.”

It’s hard to predict the chances for any maintenance-funds proposals, because no proposal has actually been created, let alone offered to lawmakers. All of the players are waiting on the Jan. 10 budget address by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, g’80.

“It’s going to be a hard pill to swallow, because it’s going to take a major infusion of money if we really want to take care of the problem,” King says. “The campuses will continue to do the very best they can to put bandages on things, take care of the worst issues and so forth, but the problem is only going to get worse.

“As public servants, I think it’s our duty to let people know there’s a problem. If they don’t know there’s a problem, they certainly can’t address it.”

Once again, it will all come down to storytelling.



■ Decay can be found up high (atop Spooner Hall, left) and down low (in a damp tunnel, above). The KU campus audit revealed numerous buildings with condition ratings of 70 or less, including Allen Field House, Danforth Chapel and Spencer Research Library, and Bailey, Dyche, Fraser, Lindley, Lippincott and Malott halls. All maintenance cost estimates are based on restoring structures to a good rating of 90, not a perfect 100.

Lessons *of* the



Land

Her upbringing on a Reno County farm prepared Ruth Anne French to excel. With a Rhodes Scholarship, she takes the next step on her path to public service.

At 6, Ruth Anne French was so galvanized by a lesson on the destructive environmental effects of fluorocarbons that she came home from school and rifled the family pantry, tossing every offending aerosol can she could lay hands on.

"It was emotionally upsetting to her," recalls Jim French, chuckling at his daughter's indignation. "And Mom and Dad were in *big* trouble."

Even her grandmother, who lives within walking distance of the family's Reno County farmhouse, was not spared. "I do remember telling her about her hair spray," Ruth Anne says, grinning broadly at the memory of her young self chiding Grandma on the dire ozone threat posed by White Rain.

At 22, French is still committed to protecting the environment, still deeply passionate about translating ideals into actions. This fall she became the 25th KU student to be named a Rhodes Scholar; she will use the Rhodes, which pays more than \$50,000 for two years of graduate study at Oxford University in England, to study how Great Britain and Europe use the regulatory process to protect the natural world.

Her thinking on the environment has, of course, grown more sophisticated, shaped deeply by her experience on the land her family has farmed near Partridge for five generations. "As she's

grown up, she's kept that same fire," Jim French says, but she has tempered it with a quality more down to earth, what environmental historian Don Worster, one of her KU mentors, calls "a deep streak of good Kansas pragmatism."

Her goal for her time at Oxford is to bring back to the United States fresh ideas for bringing together opposing factions.

"I believe it's bad to think that either we have business or we have a cleaner environment," French says. "There is such strong rhetoric on both sides that neither wants to talk to the other. I think there's a lot of common ground both sides can agree on."

The search for common ground, for consensus, is not a concept that causes mass protests. And yet, in these days of partisan rancor, so little gets done.

When it comes to compromise, the devil, it seems, is in the details.

Or, as Ruth Anne French, Rhodes Scholar, puts it, "The question is, 'How do we find that mediating way?'"



One of the first things you notice about French—after the vibrant red hair and the easy smile and the air of serene self-confidence—is that a great many of her sentences start with the thoughtful phrase, "How do we ..."

How do we build sustainable farms and strong rural communities? How do we feed the cities while preserving the countryside? How do we involve citizens in writing and enforcing environmental rules? How do we make a better world?

These are the questions that engage her, and she peppers them throughout her talk as frequently as some other 20-somethings offer—well, like, you know—phrases somewhat less profound. Yet, she does so without pretension, without, as one professor puts it, "some sense that she's special with a capital S."

But special she is, and not only for her academic achievements, which are impressive. (In sixth grade, for example, she and her mother, Lisa French, drove all over western Kansas photographing fields, interviewing farmers and doing research in small-town libraries for a National History Day project on the Ogallala Aquifer that placed third in the nation.) Notable, too, are the consistency of her commitment to the environment over the years and her depth of purpose now, at an age when many students—even some of the brightest—still wonder what to do with their lives.

"I find her very remarkable," says Worster, Joyce and Elizabeth Hall Distinguished Professor of U.S. history and a pioneer in the study of environmental history. "She hasn't worked everything out in detail, but she has a very strong sense of where she wants to

BY STEVEN HILL

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■ French credits her parents, advocates of sustainable farming and land conservation, for teaching her to seek practical solutions to divisive issues.

go. ... There are a lot of bright students in the world, but they don't all reach a level of maturity and a wisdom about themselves at such a young age."

"She has certainly been active on campus, but her profile is not the same as a lot of the students we see, who belong to everything," says Sue Lorenz, assistant director of the University Honors Program. "Ruth Anne has public service aims at heart, and she does what she can, but her main focus is to do the work that needs to get done so she can get in a position to make a difference."

That exceptional focus and maturity were evident from the very beginning of her college career.

"She very quickly distinguished herself as being a standout among standouts," says Alan Cigler, Chancellors Club Teaching Professor of Political Science, who taught French in an honors class during her first semester at KU and later hired her to do research. "In 34 years I've had probably three students who are in a different category; they don't just master the material but come up with bold, creative interpretations."

French is one of them. "It's a quest to

know more, to make linkages between things that aren't obvious, that sets her apart," Cigler says. As a student, she pushes a professor to be rigorous in the classroom; as a researcher, "in many ways she's more of a colleague than a worker."

As a child, Ruth Anne readily took on tasks that most adults put off. "If she needed to go into a store to take care of a problem, she'd march right in and find a clerk and find out what she needed to do," recalls Lisa French. When Ruth Anne decided to write a children's book, she carefully printed out the text, leaving room for illustrations, and mailed it to Quentin Blake, illustrator of Roald Dahl's classic books, and asked if he would kindly supply the drawings. "She has always been tremendously independent," Lisa says, "and able to make her own decisions about where she needs to go and what needs to be done."

Between high school (where she was a member of the debate team and valedictorian) and college (where a generous scholarship awaited at KU), she took a year off to work in Ness City. As a waitress.

"I felt like I wasn't ready for college,"

French explains. "It really freaked my parents out."

She could have stayed in Hutchinson, where a job awaited, lived at home and hung out with her friends.

"I would have been too comfortable in Hutch," she says. "I don't think I would have learned as much."

So she worked 40 to 50 hours a week at the Derrick Inn. She learned how to relate to the farmers and oil field workers who ate there, and the cooks and waitresses she toiled alongside from 5:30 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon. She learned how they saw the world. She learned how they saw her.

"Back home, people knew me as the valedictorian, the high school debater. Out in Ness City I was just another 18-year-old who wasn't going to college. People look at you differently, and you learn to relate to them in a different way.

"Working out there broadened my perspective. There's a lot more than just book learning; there's practical experience as well."




Clearly, one doesn't win a Rhodes Scholarship, the ultimate academic prize, by being ordinary, typical, one of the gang.

And yet:

She adores KU basketball. The day of her final Rhodes interview, at the district round in Minnesota, she did not spend the morning cramming for the 20-minute grilling by a panel of judges, but watching SportsCenter for highlights of KU vs. Vermont. She saw instead replays of the Pistons-Pacers brawl, a distraction she admits finding "pretty entertaining."

She likes to cook. Environmentalist or not, she enjoys a good steak. When homesick or in need of a study break, she whips up simple but hearty fare learned on the farm. She also relishes a challenge: Her favorite dish just now is salmon steaks in butternut squash ratatouille. For a Thanksgiving weekend reception her parents hosted in her



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honor, she prepared two kinds of soup, a salad with caramelized pears, a fancy blue cheese dressing and sundry delectables made with ingredients gathered in Lawrence, the farm garden and stops on the road between. She cooked things she'd never tried. For 20 people.

"I told her she was pretty brave," says Lisa French.

So brave she's thinking of preparing yet another celebratory dinner. In January, she and her fiancé, Jake

"I came to the University looking at environmental policy," French says, "and I realized that lots of times things are passed by the legislature and then what happens on the ground is something completely different."

Growing up on a farm provided yet another education about what happens on the ground, as she saw her parents balance ideals of enlightened land use with the need to prosper in a struggling farm economy.

"They are wonderfully thoughtful, creative people who exemplify a real commitment to the land and its issues," Don Worster says. "Their daughter, although she's not going to be a farmer, represents a lot of those values."

What is especially surprising, says Worster, who attended high school in Reno County, is how atypical those beliefs are.

"She has developed a set of values that are rather surprising to come out of the Partridge area of Kansas. Strong feminism. Strong environmental values. Yet she does not approach these in a completely abstract or academic way. These are real issues for her."

Real enough to shape her thoughts on environmentalism: French believes

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Hodson, will wed at Danforth Chapel. Ruth Anne has talked of cooking the rehearsal dinner, but Lisa thinks her daughter may be backing off that ambitious plan.

So there's a limit to her daring?
"Maybe," says Mom. "Maybe."



With graduation approaching in May, French already has completed most of her work toward a political science degree. This semester she'll help Worster teach a class, which she also helped design, on the history of agriculture. In October, it's off to Oxford to work on a master's degree in comparative politics, studying how the European approach to environmental regulation differs from that of the United States. After that, her plans include law school and a career as an environmental advocate—possibly at a think tank or nonprofit group—and even, someday, a possible run for public office.

Her interest in regulatory policy reflects a desire to focus on what actually happens to America's natural resources, not what is supposed to happen.



Jim French cut short his graduate studies at the University of Nebraska to take over the family farm from his father in 1979; he works at the Kansas Rural Center, a nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable farming, and is a member of the Land Institute's Prairie Writers Circle. Lisa French worked on the farm full time until Ruth Anne and her brother, Andrew, were in high school; she now works at the Cheney Lake Watershed Project, which promotes water-quality projects that protect Wichita's drinking water.

she pursues change in a fundamentally different way than many students who devote themselves to green issues, because she better understands the hard bargain family farmers face.

"To keep handing down a farm through five generations, you've got to do something to conserve the land," she says. "But it's also a business. It has to make money. So how do we look at building a farm that can practically put into use the ideals we want?"

Ingenuity in the face of limited resources is a necessity on most farms. ("We have to know where the duct tape



■ French, with brother Andrew, a KU sophomore, and parents Lisa and Jim, says her farm upbringing created close family ties and shaped her thinking. “I haven’t always lived in an academic world. I was an active part of my family’s business, and that grounded me.”

and baling wire is,” Jim French jokes, “because we don’t have a lot of money to buy machinery.”) Less common, perhaps, is the emphasis on finding new—or in some cases, old—ways of doing things.

The Frenches run a diversified farm that’s akin to the family farms of yore. They grow wheat and milo but do not rely solely on monoculture grains. They raise vegetables, butcher their own beef. They rotate noncash crops such as cowpeas to replenish the soil, and while they use pesticides and fertilizers, they use sustainable ag techniques to minimize the need for chemicals.

By making these issues a topic of dinner table discussion, by working alongside their children in the fields, they pass these lessons along.

In seventh grade, for example, Ruth Anne began raising chickens. Following standard practice, she confined her birds in a chicken house; manure piled up and had to be shoveled out, and the chickens could hardly move. The next year, her parents helped her raise them outside, in a pen they moved around the pasture. The chickens grazed on alfalfa, cutting feed costs, and fertilized the field with their droppings.


“That was probably my first lesson,”

she says, “that there are better ways to do things.”

It’s a lesson she applies in her scholarly pursuits; at Oxford, she hopes to find in the European regulatory process a model for improvement. She hopes to bring those ideas back to Washington, D.C., back, someday, to Kansas and Reno County. Back, perhaps, to the farm that has been in her family’s care since homestead days.

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How do we make a better world?

Those who know her believe Ruth Anne French will find a way. 

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

Little Glass HOUSES

A VETERAN TRAFFIC-
BOOTH ATTENDANT
OFFERS A GLIMPSE
INTO THE JOYS AND
PERILS OF GUARDING
KU'S FRONT DOOR

The first runner strikes at 9:18. My new friend Debbie Brown had just waved through University architect Warren Corman, who offered his usual warm smile and wave, and she's telling me, "Most of them are friendly. A lot of them are really nice ..." and cat-quick she snatches a clipboard, lunges out the door of her traffic booth at the west end of Jayhawk Boulevard and watches the hind end of a burgundy four-door that's not so nice; downright naughty, in fact, and it has just made Debbie's list.

"Fridays," she says, shaking her head. "Seems like the rules change."

Our quiet, cold, early December morning gets fast and fun. We stare after the car as it motors into the heart of campus, and Debbie notes that class change is approaching, the boulevard is starting to clog with "a herd of ele-

phants"—her spot-on description of the migration she witnesses hourly—and she's not pleased when unauthorized vehicles get past her station. She checks the time on an official-looking digital clock, notes it on her log sheet, along with other details of the incident, and says, "They'll get a letter."

Debbie guards campus. She takes her job seriously. She is also the kindest, most patient person I have met in a very long time. As one of four full-time attendants standing sentry in the campus traffic booths, she is often the first employee a campus guest encounters. "They are, in many ways, the front door of the University," Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway says. "What they do can leave an impression with our visitors."

Debbie Brown usually must tell visitors to turn around and head for the parking garage north of the Kansas Union, but she does so in a gentle manner that her "customers"—as she calls drivers who stop for help, directions or even to sweet-talk their way onto campus—usually appreciate.

But not always. There was a guy who flipped her off. One driver stopped, but would not otherwise acknowledge her: "I found myself talking to a window," she says with a laugh. When she stops students who claim to be delivering an urgent paper or project, they sometimes get mad and insist, "It's going to be your fault if I fail this class." Stop Days are famously crazy, as are, she promises, Fridays.

"I never knew how rude and inconsiderate people can be until I started out here. At first, it bothered me. I'd never been cussed at or called names. It got to the point where I had to say, 'It's just my job. Don't take it personally.'"

She adds ominously: "But I do *not* give out my name. I get harassed here at work. I *won't* be harassed at home."

If you're grumbling that we're devoting feature space to traffic attendants who didn't cave to your pleadings, stop. If you love KU, and by reading this magazine you presumably do, understand this:

Nobody is more important to our public image than Debbie Brown.

How do I know this? I spent the day with her. A full shift, from 7:45 a.m. (I was three minutes late; she was not) until 4:45 p.m. (I left two minutes early, to give her room to close her station.)

The next question: Why?

Because I've driven past these booths for more years than I'll count or confirm, and I've always wondered what it must be like to spend eight long hours in one of those infernal glass houses. I asked Donna Hultine, director of parking services, whether I could spend a day with one of her attendants. Hultine immediately approved, and soon I learned that Debbie Brown, a 10-year-veteran, had agreed to endure a nosy shadow.

I was scheduled to meet her at Station A, the booth near the fountain at the west end of Jayhawk Boulevard. It was not her regular station for the current three-week rotation, but Hultine feared that Station E, Debbie's present assignment down on Mississippi Street, might be too boring to make for a good story.

So we agreed that the fountain booth would be best, and when I arrived at 7:48, Debbie introduced herself and joyfully displayed a box of chocolates that already had been dropped off by a friend. This happens a lot during our day together, campus citizens stopping briefly to say hello, hand her a card or small holiday gift, or simply share a laugh and a smile. It's just like when coworkers duck into your office for a refreshing break from the workaday grind, except Debbie's office straddles Jayhawk Boulevard.

There are four of these booths, or, as Debbie refers to them, houses. (She grimaces when I mention that some of us call them "tugboats," in reference to the profile created by their concrete barriers.) Station A faces the Chi Omega Fountain.

Station B is at the south campus entrance, on Sunflower Road at Sunnyside Avenue. Station D is in front of the Kansas Union, and Station E is on Mississippi Street. There used to be a Station C on 14th Street, near Spooner Hall, but it was removed in 1978 in favor of a locked gate.

The "traffic information booths," as they are officially termed in the campus directory, were first proposed in the early 1960s, in response to rising enrollment and affluence that brought traffic troubles to a suddenly crowded campus. When Chancellor Clarke Wescoe requested \$30,000 in parking-fee funds to build them, it was estimated that Jayhawk Boulevard saw as much vehicle traffic as the downtown intersection at Sixth and Massachusetts streets.



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■ When your office straddles the street, mail pick-up is a breeze. Brown fills rare quiet moments by painting ceramic gifts or tending to small sewing jobs for friends.



So, at 7 a.m. on Sept. 3, 1962, campus access was first restricted. Attendants wore security-guard uniforms, and angry students, some of whom tagged the booths “Checkpoint Charlie,” retaliated with charges that KU was building “another Berlin Wall.” Administrators feared that three or four years would have to pass before the booths could become a routine part of campus life.

It didn’t take nearly that long. As soon as the booths began regulating campus traffic, two Lawrence bike shops reported booming business and nobody reported any serious objections.

“The campus is quiet now,” the *Kansas City Star* declared three weeks after the booths’ debut. “Students walked along Jayhawk Boulevard at ease this year, no longer dodging the cars that passed constantly along the boulevard in former years.”

In 1985 the Mississippi Street booth was smashed in an after-hours hit-and-run, but it was not thought to be an act of protest. Because the structure was utterly destroyed, and scrapes of yellow paint were found at the scene, it was theorized that the culprit might have been an errant school bus.

Sound improbable? On our day together, the fifth “runner” logged on Debbie’s clipboard, during the hectic 2:20-2:30 class change, was stenciled

with the name of an out-of-town school district; the lumbering Suburban never slowed as Debbie tried to wave it over.

The first surprise of the day, though, comes first thing in the morning, when a family car full of family stops, Dad rolls down the window and announces, “We’re here for Family Day.” Debbie cheerfully tells him to do a U-turn, take a right at the stop sign on West Campus Road and follow Memorial Drive down to the public parking garage next to the Kansas Union.

After the family departs, Debbie says this is the first she’s heard about Family Day. “Sometimes when we don’t find out,” she says, nodding toward another family slowing outside her booth, “*we find out*. By the end of the day you’ll feel like a tape recorder.”

One of Debbie’s few surly customers of the morning is a stern, mustachioed man with a brooding expression. He is driving a battered little car that must be 15 years old, and, in broken English, he explains that he must find the financial aid office. Her patience unbowed by the scowl that lasers out from under his heavy brows, Debbie points and explains where he can find a loading zone spot behind Snow Hall on Memorial Drive. The man’s irritation appears to be growing, but suddenly he breaks into a broad grin and says, “This is my school now! I

have been accepted to come here!” Debbie smiles right back and says happily, “Well, congratulations!”



The four traffic booths have air conditioners and space heaters, microwave ovens purchased by the employees and small refrigerators. Even with the blinds lowered, direct sunlight quickly heats the booths, regardless of season, and Debbie explains that black clothing is best avoided. On rainy or snowy days, when countless commuters try to talk their way onto campus, attendants are constantly out in the elements and chill to the bone.

There’s a telephone—attendants call each other to ask for help catching a runner’s tag number—and Debbie also has a small radio, which on our day together plays nonstop holiday music. “It’s like a home away from home,” she says, “without a restroom.”

Ah, yes, the restroom. Attendants get 20-minute breaks in the morning and afternoon, and an hour for lunch, and invariably head immediately to the near-

est building. During her morning break, Debbie walks to the Art and Design building, where's she's friendly with the women who work in the coffee nook. She's hemming a pair of slacks for one of these ladies—Debbie passes the slow times with sewing and ceramic painting—and is delighted when I buy us huge, expense-reportable muffins. She declines coffee, delicately explaining that long hours inside a toiletless hut are best spent sipping water slowly. I should have heeded her advice.

Later, when we return from lunch, Debbie's "breaker," as she terms the parking department's student employees, has logged three more runners. "Fridays," she says again. "Seems like the rules change."

At 2:49, a small car darts through. Debbie gets the tag numbers, but doesn't recognize the out-of-state plates. She calls her colleagues for help. The Mississippi Street booth quickly reports back that the blue and yellow tags on the car that just whipped past are from Pennsylvania. Debbie notes this success with satisfaction. The seventh runner of the day strikes at 3:30. "You could say that's about average," she says.

After daily runner reports are submitted, the parking department sends a let-

ter to each vehicle's registered owner, explaining the infraction. After the first offense, a fine of \$50, mandated in 1998, is levied. "When there was no fine," Debbie says, "we'd have over 100 vehicles run a booth in a day. There was nothing we could do."

And there's nothing much she can do when a tank-like behemoth advertising an energy drink crawls momentarily to a stop. As he begins inching the vehicle forward again, the driver explains that

he is headed to Wescoe Beach for a promotion; Debbie tells him the boulevard is restricted until 5. He throws some glib double-talk at her—call it, perhaps, Red Bull bull—and blithely aims his weird Mad Max-meets-marketing truck down Jayhawk Boulevard. She turns to me, smiling with bewilderment, and notes the truck's Colorado tag numbers.

At 3:45 comes runner No. 9. This time, though, the culprit returns. "I just went through," an exasperated woman says. "I was on the telephone with my son, who was upset." The woman says this as an explanation, but if she's actually apologized, I miss it. Debbie tells her that she's already been recorded as a runner and can't be scratched off the list, though Debbie promises to note that she returned to fess up. Maybe she won't get the letter.

Next comes a carload of hipster guys who look like a band in search of a music video. The driver wears a porkpie hat, crunches on a plastic-tipped cigar and speaks like Hunter S. Thompson. "I'm just trying to get off campus," he says through clenched teeth. Debbie points out how he should circle back and aim downhill. "Yes!" the dude replies, as if the solution to a great mystery has just been revealed. "Of course!"

At 4 p.m., with just 45 minutes remaining in her shift, the much-anticipated Friday flurry strikes. Cars seem to attack from every direction, and everyone is in a rush to get in or out. The 10th runner bullets past, and Debbie takes down the information while being peppered with questions from another customer. At 4:40, she begins packing her things. She unplugs her little radio, finds her umbrella, and safely tucks the uneaten half of her monster muffin into a plastic bag. Then she spies the gift that arrived with the dawn, and exclaims, "We forgot the chocolates!"

We each choose a piece, and finally we end our day together. I check the tally, which does not include KU's own trucks and service vehicles: 255 regular vehicles, 441 commercial vehicles, 18 information requests, 15 cars refused admittance, zero cross words.

Not once, not even for a second, did Debbie Brown lose her patience or good humor, even with me. I thank her, wish her all the best for her much-deserved winter break, and head back to the warmth of my office. The tides of traffic still jostle my equilibrium as I walk unsteadily through the chill of lengthening shadows, and I think, so *that's* what someone does for eight hours in one of those traffic booths.

They make friends, all day long.

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He thanks her, still without removing the cigar, and Debbie laughs as she watches the overloaded little car putter away.

"Since I grew up here in Lawrence, I usually know a lot of the places people are looking for," Debbie says. She adds, laughing, "But I need to get caught up on the restaurants."





Association

All Association members who attended KU are eligible to vote in the annual election for new members of the national Board of Directors. Three of the six candidates will serve five-year terms beginning July 1, 2005.



Bradley G. Korell



E. Grant Larkin



Melissa Rodgers Padgett



Walter F. Riker



Thomas I. Volini



Stephen L. Young

Six nominees vie for national alumni board

Next Kansas Alumni to feature ballots for all Association members

The Alumni Association's annual election process began in December when national chair Larry J. Borden assembled a Nominating Committee to select six Jayhawks as candidates in the 2005 balloting. Complete information on the nominees, including photos and personal statements, will be part of the ballots mailed to all Association members as part of the next issue of *Kansas Alumni*.

The 2005 nominees are:

- Bradley G. Korell, l'97, Austin, Texas
- E. Grant Larkin, c'79, Garden City
- Melissa Rodgers Padgett, c'83, Lawrence

- Walter F. Riker III, c'70, j'78, Aurora, Ill.
- Thomas I. Volini, c'94, Mission Hills
- Stephen L. Young, j'80, l'84, San Francisco

Along with Borden, b'62, g'67, of Colorado Springs, Colo., other members of the Nominating Committee were David M. Carr, c'73, Wellington; Patricia Weems Gaston, j'81, Centreville, Va.; Donald A. Johnston, b'56, l'66, Lawrence; Jerry M. Nossaman, d'60, Lawrence; and Mary E. Turkington, j'46, Topeka.

Korell is a partner with the law firm of Osborne & Helman in Austin, where he has assisted the Alumni Association as leader of both the Dallas and Austin chapters and as a 'Hawk to 'Hawk mentor for KU students. He also has helped the Office of Admissions and Scholarships as a college night volunteer in the Dallas area. He is a Jayhawk Society member.

Larkin is a dentist in Garden City, where he has coordinated and hosted numerous KU events and supported the Kansas Honors Program. He and his wife, Kathleen Korte Larkin, n'80, are Jayhawk Society members. They have four sons. Two, Jeff and Tom, are KU students.

Padgett serves on the advisory board for KU Women Philanthropists, a group created in 2004 by the KU Endowment Association. She also serves on the boards of the Carnegie Arts Center in Leavenworth and the Anschutz Family Foundation in Denver. She and her husband, Brent, c'87, have four daughters. They are life and Jayhawk Society members of the Association.

Riker is vice president of media relations for the McDonald's Corp. He has assisted with numerous KU gatherings in the Chicago area. He

and his wife, Christine Davis Riker, c'72, d'73, are life and Jayhawk Society members; their two children also are Jayhawks: Walter F., c'04, and Kelly, a current student.

Volini is vice president of Grubb & Ellis/The Winburg Group in Kansas City, Mo. He has participated in numerous KU events in Kansas City and his former home of Chicago, where he was an alumni chapter leader. He currently serves on the board of the Kansas City Chapter. He and his wife, Amy Sutherland Volini, c'94, are Jayhawk Society members.

Young is senior vice president and general counsel of the Insurance Brokers and Agents of the West Inc., a nonprofit trade association with various subsidiaries. Young has participated in KU events in the San Francisco area. He is a life and Jayhawk Society member

of the Association.

To nominate additional candidates, members must submit petitions signed by at least 100 paid members, with no more than 50 from the same county. Nominees' photos, biographical information and personal statements must accompany the petitions; all materials must reach the Association by Feb. 15. Mail to Alumni Association Nominating Committee, 1266 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66045-3169.

Ballots for election will accompany the next issue of the magazine. Each copy will include one or two ballots, depending on the number of voting Association members in each household. Annual, life and Jayhawk Society members are eligible to participate, but the Association's bylaws prohibit associate members (those who did not attend KU) from voting in annual elections.



BRIAN ATTEBERRY

■ KU Dance Team members (top) wrangle the giant Jayhawk piñata into place for bidding.



Jayhawk Roundup

Wichita event benefits scholars, clinical programs

More than 475 alumni gathered Oct. 16 for the second annual Jayhawk Roundup, which featured a fiesta theme, including mariachi players who greeted guests as they entered the stables owned by Dave, b'75, e'75, and Janet Lusk Murfin, d'75. A Mexican buffet and Jayhawk piñatas, including a giant version that was auctioned to the highest bidder, added to the occasion, which was organized by local alumni volunteers, including Sue Shields Watson, d'75, who serves on the Alumni Association's national Board of Directors.

Lynn Loveland, '76, development director for the KU School of Medicine in Wichita, reports that the event raised more than \$45,000 to fund KU scholarships for Wichita area students and benefit the medical school's clinical programs in Wichita.

Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway and other University representatives joined in the celebration, which featured the KU Dance Team, the mascot, strolling mariachi musicians and oldies per-



EARL RICHARDSON

■ Winners of the Student Alumni Association's annual Judy Ruedlinger Scholarship are (l to r) Meredith Hauck and Derek Klaus, both of Wichita, and Sarah Lathrop, Phoenix. All are SAA officers and juniors majoring in journalism. The \$250 scholarship rewards students for their University and SAA leadership; it honors Ruedlinger, former Alumni Association staff member who helped found the student organization in 1987 and served as its first adviser.

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formed by a local band, “The Grateful not to be Dead.” In the evening’s raffle, Robert, c’69, and Kathie Taylor of Overland Park won the use of a Saturn automobile for a year.

Loveland says plans are underway for the third rendition of the roundup, to be held Oct. 22, 2005. —

BRIAN ATTEBERRY



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■ Nancy Woolf Compton, d’76, who co-chaired the decorating committee for the roundup, found a giant yet nimble dance partner to move to the mariachi tunes.



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BY KAREN GOODELL

Class Notes

1933

Philip Liggett, c'33, a retired patent lawyer, makes his home in Boca Raton, Fla.

1937

Jane Marshall Campbell, c'37, and her husband, Douglas, live in Berryville, Va. She enjoys church work, volunteering and gardening.

1939

Byron, c'39, g'41, m'49, and **Ruth Germann Yost**, c'39, make their home in Longmont, Colo., where Byron is a retired physician. He trains horses and ropes steers.

1940

Arnold, b'40, and **Bertha Scott Johnson**, b'40, celebrated their 63rd anniversary in October. They live in Topeka.

1941

Dorothy Hendrikson Thorman, d'41, makes her home in Altadena, Calif.

1946

Wayne Meyer, e'46, is president of W.E. Meyer Corp, a consulting firm in Falls Church, Va., where he and his wife, Anna Mae, make their home.

1950

Eli Boucher, g'50, recently received the Nita M. Landrum Award from the Fort Hays State University Alumni Association. He lives in Olathe, where he's retired from a 39-year career in education.

1952

Sam Moore, b'52, a retired lawyer, recently completed a term as chair of the Philosophical Society of Texas. He lives in El Paso.

1954

Robert Wunsch, c'54, l'58, serves on the board of the Kansas Humanities Council. He practices law with Geisert, Wunsch & Watkins in Kingman.

1955

Constance White Glenn, f'55, makes her home in Newport Beach, Calif. She's founding director of the University Art Museum at Cal State Long Beach.

Wilford Hanson, g'55, PhD'68, is a professor emeritus of biology at Utah State University in Providence.

1956

Gerald Nelson, c'56, m'60, retired recently from the Plastic Surgery Center in Wichita, where he and **Doris Bonnell Nelson**, d'57, make their home.

DeRoy Rogge, d'56, a retired band director, lives in Raymore, Mo.

1957

John Jurcyk, l'57, recently received the Professionalism Award from the American Inns of Court. He's a senior attorney with McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips in Kansas City.

1959

MARRIED

Marcia Eggers Zinn, h'59, m'67, to Dick Rippey, May 8. They live in Lake Quivira.

1961

William Campbell, c'61, m'65, recently joined the Frank Eye Center in Ottawa. He commutes from Lawrence.

1962

William Bogart, c'62, makes his home in Colorado Springs.

Jerry Johnson, g'62, recently published *Negotiating Improved Relationships:*

Satisfying Mutual Needs. He lives in Topeka.

1963

Sarah Brooner, d'63, and her husband, George Hatzfeld, are serving with the Peace Corps in Bulgaria, where she's a youth development volunteer and he's an economic volunteer. Their home is in Philadelphia.

Charles Burin, b'63, lives in Apple Valley, Minn.

Hoite Caston, c'63, is living in Independence while he is writing and producing an episode about the Dalton gang's raid on Coffeyville for the Investigating History series, which airs on the History Channel.

Susan Frantz Falbo, n'63, keeps busy during retirement with travel and volunteer work. She lives in Valencia, Calif.

Robert Kimbrough, c'63, m'69, is a professor of internal medicine and infectious diseases at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Carl Leonard, e'63, directs Hildebrandt International in San Francisco. He and **Sarah Graber Leonard**, c'63, live in Pebble Beach.

Arthur Traugott, c'63, m'67, is a psychiatrist at Carle Clinic Association in Champaign, Ill. He lives in Urbana.

1964

Carol Newland Childers, d'64, works as assistant director of risk management for Metropolitan Transportation. She lives in Darien, Conn.

Kay Consolver, c'64, is managing director of KLN Productions in London, where she lives with her husband, John Storkerson.

Teddy Dielman, c'64, recently became a professor emeritus at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. He and **Debra Golden Dielman**, p'76, live in Green Valley, Ariz.

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Michael McDowell, d'64, g'67, is general manager and CEO of Heartland Power in Madison, S.D.

Arlo Schurle, c'64, g'65, PhD'67, lives in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, where he's a professor at the Petroleum Institute.

Thomas Shores, c'64, g'65, PhD'68, is a professor of mathematics at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, where he and **Muriel Boland Shores**, g'68, make their home.

1965

Andrzej Bartke, PhD'65, recently became president of the American Aging Association. He's a professor of medicine and physiology at Southern Illinois University in Springfield.

John Marx, PhD'65, makes his home in Lubbock, Texas, where he's retired.

Helen Jorgenson Sutherland, d'65, g'68, is retired in Worthington, Ohio.

1966

George Brenner, p'66, PhD'71, recently retired as chair of pharmacology at Oklahoma State University. He and **Mary Ann Robinson Brenner**, '67, make their home in Jenks.

John Fergus, d'66, is dean of instructional affairs at Wallace Community College in Dothan, Ala. He lives in Enterprise.

Perry Klaassen, m'66, received the Medallion Award from Tabor College in Hillsboro. Perry is medical director of Mary Mahoney Memorial Health Center in Oklahoma City. He lives in Edmond.

1967

Lawrence Lindberg, d'67, is a retired chief inspector with the U.S. Marshals Service. He lives in Belen, N.M.

Jerome Melchior, m'67, practices urology and is president of Urology Specialists in Vincennes, Ind.

Michael Sullivan, b'67, lives in Lawrence, where he's retired from a career with the U.S. Navy.

1968

Drue Jennings, d'68, l'72, recently became senior counsel at the law firm of

Shughart Thomson & Kilroy in Kansas City. He lives in Leawood.

Lawrence Monahan, m'68, is president of Jefferson Internal Medicine Associates in Roanoke, Va.

1969

Kay Fisher Abernathy, d'69, is retired from a career of teaching high school. She lives in El Dorado.

Ann Kennedy Langley, '69, studies at the Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California. She lives in Redwood City, where she's a marriage and family therapist.

Donald Westerhaus, j'69, manages marketing for Kemin Industries in Des Moines, where he and **Anita Johnson Westerhaus**, '70, make their home.

1970

James Payne, PhD'70, wrote *PeopleWise Brain to Brain*, which recently was featured at the Book Expo of America. He's president of Management & Motivation in University, Miss., and a professor of special education at the University of Mississippi.

Mary Westerhaus Philcox, d'70, works as a financial analyst for Systems Resource Management. She and her husband, John, live in Portsmouth, R.I.

Linda Pollnow, d'70, is senior vice president of Wellpoint in Camarillo, Calif. She lives in Moorpark.

1971

Arthur Black, e'71, makes his home in Sunnyvale, Calif., and works for Fairchild Semiconductor in San Jose.

J. Alan Bower, d'71, works as a federal government liaison for Pfizer. He and his wife, Ruth, live in Newbury Park, Calif.

Kathleen Westerhaus Doak, d'71, and her husband, **Jerome**, c'73, make their home in Dallas, where he practices law.

Marilyn Ross Fitch, d'71, is chief accountant for the Commonwealth Electric Company of the Midwest. She lives in Lincoln, Neb.

Randolph Merker, d'71, teaches at Olathe East High School. He lives in Lenexa.

Steve Pontious, e'71, teaches school

in Katy, Texas.

Todd Smith, b'71, serves as president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He's a partner in the Chicago law firm of Power Rogers & Smith.

1972

John Redwine, c'72, practices medicine at the Fayetteville VA Medical Center in Fayetteville, Ark.

1973

Theodore Gradolf, c'73, is a vice president with United Parcel Service in Atlanta. He lives in Roswell.

William Herpin, e'73, works as a senior configuration management analyst for Lockheed Martin in Colorado Springs.

Evan Jorn, s'73, is executive director of Beth-El Farmworker Ministry in Wimauma, Fla. He lives in Tampa.

Rebecca Hurst Pruett, d'73, lives in Sugar Land, Texas, and is director of libraries for the Fort Bend Independent School District.

Robert Walrafen, e'73, a'75, is senior sales executive for Reece & Nichols in Leawood.

Douglas Westerhaus, b'73, l'76, and his wife, Victoria, make their home in Overland Park.

Barbara Wiley, c'73, g'87, directs recruitment and retention for Presbyterian Healthcare Services in Albuquerque, N.M. She lives in Placitas.

1974

James Doepke, d'74, directs bands at Waukesha North High School in Waukesha, Wis. His band marched in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

Allan Eckelman, d'74, is a secondary principal for the Sumner Community Schools in Sumner, Iowa.

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

Robert Kent, g'74, g'76, PhD'84, retired recently after 20 years as a firefighter with Lawrence-Douglas County Medical. He lives in Lawrence and teaches in the American studies and



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Karla Bender Leibham, d'74, g'93, is associate superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Kansas City. She lives in Shawnee.

Rodney Proffitt, l'74, is city administrator of Red Lodge, Mont.

Patricia Stickney Van Sickle, g'74, g'80, PhD'84, is retired from teaching at Emporia State University. She lives in Topeka.

David Woodbury, c'74, l'77, owns Woodbury Law Office in Prairie Village.

1975

Mark Heider, c'75, is president of Commerce Bank in Lawrence, where he and **Chris Pollard Heider**, d'76, g'95, make their home.

1976

Kenneth Anderson, b'76, retired earlier this year after seven years in

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the U.S. Army and 28 years as a special agent for the FBI. He lives in Olathe.

Gary George, EdD'76, recently was appointed a senior examiner for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. He's assistant superintendent for the Olathe School District, and he lives in Gardner.

Marc Lowe, '76, works for the Kansas Department of Labor in Topeka.

Michael Masterson, c'76, serves as a vice commander at the Community College of the Air Force at Maxwell AFB,

Ala. He lives in Grady.

Kent Snyder, p'76, is a director of Santarus, a specialty pharmaceutical company in San Diego. He lives in Rancho Santa Fe.

Dan Walstrom, c'76, directs human resources for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City.

1977

The Rev. **John Barkett**, c'77, is pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Kingman.

James Clements, b'77, recently became senior commercial risk manager with GE Consumer Finance in Bentonville, Ark.

Charles Dillon, b'77, is corporate executive director of Associated Wholesale Grocers in Kansas City. He and **Margaret Durkin Dillon**, c'71, live in De Soto.

Kay Kelly, s'77, s'78, lives in Topeka, where she's a clinical social worker at Heritage Mental Health Clinic. She recently co-authored a book, *Restoring*

Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

SpaceShipOne's director guides team into history

When Douglas Shane accepted a job in 1982 with an unknown aerospace engineering company out in Mojave, Calif., he wasn't much aware of his new boss's reputation for dreaming up some of the most fanciful, wonderful aircraft in the world. But moving from Overland Park to the Mojave Desert sounded exciting enough, and this guy Burt Rutan and his new company, Scaled Composites, were offering a brand-new aerospace engineering graduate an intriguing opportunity.

"It seemed like it might be an interesting, exciting thing to go do," Shane recalls 22 years later. "I was sort of the first engineer hired here, and it seemed like a good fit. Sure it was a risk, but when you're 22 years old, that's the time to take those risks."

Risk-taking has yet to subside for Shane, e'83, whose flight team rocketed to fame Oct. 4 with SpaceShipOne's capture of the \$10 million Ansari X Prize. Shane, Scaled Composite's vice president for business operations, served as director of flight operations for SpaceShipOne, and was one of four test pilots considered for the first privately financed flights into space.

Though Shane has yet to pilot the nimble little craft with the famous folding tail, he was the first to fly its mother ship, White Knight, and says he has no regrets about his decision to remain earthbound.

"The best place for me," Shane says, "was as the mission-control director, the voice on the end of the radio talking to the pilot, providing the very best information we could to make his job, and life, easier."

Since his promotion to Scaled's flight operations director in 1989, Shane has been directly responsible for the safe performance of more than 25 research flight-test programs. The company's creative energies have always been inspiring, he says, but it wasn't until SpaceShipOne that everyone came together and focused on a single project.

"What challenged us was making it simple enough and safe enough so we could turn the ship around and fly it [into space] again within just a handful of days," Shane says, noting a key requirement of the X Prize. "The prize was a great goal, and I'm awfully glad we did that, but the technical achievements that went along with that were equally important and rewarding."

Shane learned to fly in Gardner, and he fondly recalls a few solo flights over campus, where he "watched my class-



COURTESY: SCALED COMPOSITES

■ Douglas Shane guided SpaceShipOne, the first privately engineered and financed journey into space, as director of flight operations. "There were a few of those moments where we had time to reflect and think, 'Wow, it's really working.'"

mates going to class." He wasn't enraptured by the dream of space flight, but now that he has come so close, he does not intend to miss out. When SpaceShipOne resumes flying and fulfills its mission as a passenger spacecraft, he plans to be at the controls.

"Now we've tasted the black sky," he says. "It's going to be hard not to go back." 🦋

Hope and Trust: An Illustrated Guide to Mastering Trauma.

Kay Pollart Nelson, n'77, is a clinical systems senior application analyst for Carondelet Health-St. Joseph Health Center in Kansas City.

Christopher Reeder, b'77, works as a CPA with Reeder & Associates in Temecula, Calif.

1978

Richard Ayesh, c'78, is an executive professional representative for Merck & Co. in Wichita.

Marc Jasperson, b'78, recently was named director of financial development for the Kansas Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. He lives in Lawrence.

Wendell Moore, c'78, g'81, is deputy commander chief of staff of the 18th Medical Command. His home is in Bowie, Md.

1979

Donna Robinson Bales, h'79, is president and CEO of LIFE Project, a Wichita-based program for dealing with end-of-life issues. She lives in Overland Park.

Diane Canfield Bywaters, f'79, recently exhibited her landscape paintings in Charlotte, N.C. She's a professor of art and design at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Linda Finestone, j'79, is an assistant national editor at the Los Angeles Times. She and her husband, Richard Banks, live in Los Angeles.

Carol Hunter, j'79, recently became editorial-page editor of the Des Moines Register.

Denise Westerhaus Hutcherson, n'79, works as a nurse anesthetist in Arlington, Texas, where she and her husband, James, make their home.

Scott McIntyre, c'79, h'79, lives in Tarpon Springs, Fla., and is vice president of University Community Hospital in Tampa.

David Southern, b'79, recently was named chief marketing officer at Gardner Carton & Douglas LLP. He lives in Winnetka, Ill.

MARRIED

Leslie Guild, j'79, to Brian Kelly, Aug. 21. They live in Granite Falls, Wash. Leslie owns Remembering You and coordinates media for Food Lifeline.

1980

Brooks Augustine, b'80, recently was promoted to executive vice president of client solutions at Information Resources in Chicago. He lives in Naperville.

Samuel Johnson, j'80, lives in Tinton Falls, N.J., and is an associate in the Eatontown law firm of Booz Allen Hamilton.

Richard Konzem, b'80, is president of Championship Consulting in Lawrence.

Mark Winkleman, b'80, lives in Phoenix, where he's a state land commissioner.

MARRIED

Leslie Coverdale, n'80, to Jack Jagoda, June 8. They live in Englewood, Colo., where Leslie works for PacificCare.

1981

Rod Betts, j'81, practices law with Paul, Plevin, Sullivan & Connaughton in San Diego. He lives in La Jolla.

Laura Shoffner Klover, b'81, works as a manager with Sprint in Overland Park.

Stephen Lytle, '81, is president of Wise Moving and Storage in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Alan Sack, b'81, manages Total Wine & More. He lives in Raleigh, N.C.

Tareia Vogelgesang, p'81, works as a pharmacist at Sam's Club in Wichita.

1982

Eric Dawson, b'82, g'84, is chief financial officer at Darnall Army Community Hospital in Fort Hood, Texas. He lives in Harker Heights.

James Garcia, c'82, works as a procurement agent for the Prairie Band Potawatami Nation. He and **Jolene Brown Garcia**, h'88, live in Topeka, where she's a senior therapist at St. Francis Health Center.

MARRIED

Elaine Grob, d'82, to Ken Creasey,

Jan. 8 in Maui, Hawaii. Elaine and Ken own and operate Taco John's restaurants in Lawrence.

1983

Michael McGrew, b'83, is vice chairman of Coldwell Banker McGrew Real Estate in Lawrence. He received the Kansas Association of Realtors Distinguished Service Award last fall.

1985

Douglas Burris, s'85, lives in St. Louis, where he's a Federal Court chief U.S. probation officer.

Mark Hoover, p'85, p'02, directs the pharmacy at Option Care of Kansas City. He lives in Overland Park.

Clay Leonhard, b'85, is a technical writer for the Community Blood Center in Kansas City.

1986

Steven Andert, e'86, manages electrical engineering and is a senior vice president at William Tao & Associates Consulting Engineers in St. Louis.

Winifred Clement, b'86, g'91, is an assistant director of budget and personnel for Emory University's Center for Ethics in Atlanta.

Thomas Kyle, e'86, and his wife, Sheri Lynn, make their home in Loveland, Ohio, with their son, Frazier, 1. Thomas manages purchasing for Procter & Gamble.

Michael Prangle, b'86, is a partner in Hall Prangle & Schoonbeld in Chicago. He and his wife, Genevieve, live in Riverside with their daughter, Grace, 2, and their son, William, 1.

Ronda Sheldon, '86, manages marketing for Iris USA. She lives in Lindenhurst, Ill.

Brian Stayton, c'86, lives in Valrico, Fla., and is a partner in the Topeka firm of Corless Stayton & Associates.

Jeffrey Wheat, c'86, is vice president of the technology wireless group at Cardiff Ventures. He lives in Shawnee.

1987

Tony Arnold, c'87, recently was appointed to the Donley and Marjorie

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Bollinger Chair in Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law at Chapman University. He lives in Anaheim, Calif.

Shannon Flagler Bruggen, c'87, s'94, works at the Hospice & Palliative Care Center in Winston Salem, N.C. She recently was honored for innovative program development by Children's Hospice International.

Francis Destefano, c'87, works as an educator for Common Era Systems in Peekskill, N.Y. He lives in Hartsdale.

David Ricketts, c'87, directs sales and marketing for National Registered Agents. He and **Lisa Coon Ricketts**, d'87, live in Lenexa. She's a senior operations supervisor for J.C. Penney.

Alan Rowe, f'87, works as creative director of Mindful Planet Inc. in Ithaca, N.Y.

Marie Hysell Ruettgers, g'87, clerks for state Supreme Court Chief Justice David Gilbertson in Pierre, S.D.

Lowell Seaton, b'87, e'87, is a senior

environmental engineer for the city of Frisco, Texas. He lives in Dallas.

Martin Upchurch, e'87, works as a senior industrial hygienist for EFI. He lives in Fishers, Ind.

Diana Davis Wright, j'87, was voted Best News Anchor for 2003 and 2004 by readers of the Jonesboro Sun. She's an anchor with KAIT-TV in Jonesboro, Ark.

1988

Kathryn Anderson, c'88, j'88, is deputy director and chief operating officer of Cultural Tourism in Washington, D.C.

Kristen Claflin, b'88, directs advertising products and services for United Online in Woodland Hills, Calif. She lives in Santa Monica.

Charles Schuman, c'88, works as an office representative for Rex B. Hoy State Farm in Shawnee Mission.

Sue Wilkie Snyder, g'88, is retired in Washougal, Wash.

Todd Vogel, b'88, works as a mortgage

consultant for Mid America Mortgage Services. He lives in Overland Park.

BORN TO:

Susan Auer Mitchell, c'88, l'94, and Scott, son, William Luke, Aug. 1 in Waipahu, Hawaii, where he joins a brother, Charles, 4. Susan practices law with the U.S. Army.

1989

Laura Bronson, j'89, works as an editor for Socrates Media in Chicago.

Amy Barrett Dunklee, d'89, teaches at Round Hill Elementary School in Round Hill, Va. She and her husband, **Richard**, f'89, live in Lovettsville. He's director of e-business solutions at Hagerstown Bookbinding and Printing. They have a son, Jacob, 10, and a daughter, Jordan, 7.

Michael Nickel, b'89, works as an information systems specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Kansas City.

Daniel Pennington, j'89, is an assistant chair and campaign manager at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

BORN TO:

Matthew, c'89, and **Stacey Cook Hickam**, c'91, daughter, Julia, Feb. 28 in Topeka, where she joins two sisters, Georgia, 8, and Claudia, 5. Matthew is a senior associate at Kensinger & Associates.

1990

Daniel Redler, c'90, is senior customer marketing manager for the Coca-Cola Co. in Atlanta.

Charles Rotblut, j'90, lives in Centennial, Colo., and is senior editor for Curian Capital in Denver.

BORN TO:

Curtis Staab, b'90, and Beth, son, Trevor Dean, May 7 in Lansdale, Pa., where he joins two brothers, Ryan, 5, and Collin, 3. Curtis is senior director of sales operations for Merck in West Point.

1991

Ronald Baker, c'91, a health-care

administrator at St. Luke's Medical Group in Shawnee Mission, makes his home in Overland Park. He and his wife, Kathy, have a daughter, Sarah, 3, and a son, Carson, 1.

Pamela Gerdom Beauford, g'91, does custom quilting in Overland Park, where she's CEO of Dialysis Clinic Inc.

Mallory Buck Bryan, c'91, g'98, is a speech language pathologist for USD 501 in Topeka. She lives in Berryton.

Jon Mohatt, b'91, g'97, lives in Aurora, Colo., where he's chief of purchased care

operations for the U.S. Air Force.

Jennifer Remsberg, j'91, is a lawn-care and landscape marketing specialist with Bayer Environmental Science. She lives in Kansas City.

MARRIED

Stacey Empson, c'91, l'94, g'99, to Eric Ruderman, Sept. 5 in Chicago, where Stacey is executive vice president for Healthlink and Eric is a rheumatologist at the Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation.

Kimberly O'Neal, b'91, and **Justin Hertach**, '00, Oct. 16 in Lawrence, where she's a management information analyst for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. He's president of Salt City Mortgage.

Nancy Peterson, p'91, to Mitch Zimmerman, Sept. 13. They live in Council Grove, and Nancy works at Newman Regional Health in Emporia.

BORN TO:

Barry Moore, c'91, and Rhonda, son,

Profile

BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

Alumnus turns sorrow of childhood to triumph

Henry Remple, 96, has always spoken easily of his several homes: Lawrence, where he and his late wife, Mariana Lohrenz Remple, '50, settled and reared their two children; Hillsboro, Kan., where he attended Tabor College and met Mariana, whose father, H.W., g'11, had founded the Mennonite college; and Henderson, Neb., where Remple spent his teen-age years with his American family, C.D. and Bertha Epp and their daughters, Ruth and Rachel.

But conversations about his first home, in Alexanderwohl, a small Mennonite village in the Ukraine, and the horror he endured coming to America, were all too rare for much of his life. Remple, who spent his career as a Veterans Administration psychologist, knew well the reason why: "The experience was too painful," he says. "I repressed all those things as if they had never happened."

Stored through the years, however, was a diary Remple had kept from the ages of 13 to 18, starting with his family's contented life in Czarist Russia and continuing through the Bolshevik Revolution, civil war and persecution that caused his parents and their 10 chil-

dren to leave Alexanderwohl in April 1922 for a torturous journey to America. By 1923, when Remple and sisters Agnes and Agatha arrived in Nebraska, they were the only surviving family. Their parents, four sisters and three brothers had died from disease and starvation as refugees in Batum, a Russian seaport near the Turkish border.

Nearly 80 years later, Remple turned his diary into *From Bolshevik Russia to America: a Mennonite Family Story* (Pine Hill Press Inc., Sioux Falls, S.D.)

He thanks KU alumnae Sandra Shaw and Barbara Watkins, program manager for KU Continuing Education, for urging him to transfer his handwritten German words from the flimsy diary pages to a computer and translate them into English. Conversations with his sisters, recorded in the 1990s by Mariana, enhance a teen-age boy's spare narrative.

The book brims with heart-rending scenes: Agatha, the eldest of the three surviving siblings, trading her beloved Russian songbook with a soldier in exchange for a loaf of bread every other day; the warmth of the Epp family, captured by 6-year-old Ruth and 2-year-old Rachel, their faces pressed against the farmhouse window, eager to get a look at



■ Henry Remple, PhD'50, with his daughter, Lucy McAllister, and her husband, Loring, both KU alumni. Remple, now 96, published his memoir in 2001.

their new brother. ("Their mother told them, 'Don't push too hard; you'll smash your noses,'" Remple says.)

During naptime on the farm, Remple scoured his American father's philosophy volumes instead of sleeping. Study at Tabor College led him to graduate work at the University of Minnesota; a prized Depression-era job in Wichita led him to finish his doctorate at KU. Agnes and Agatha, reared by other Mennonite families in Nebraska, went on to become nurses. "I think it is relevant," Remple says, "that we chose occupations where we could help other people."

His book offers helpful lessons to all, including his grandchildren, most of whom, as the children of exchange students welcomed into the family, are immigrants to America. 🍴

Class Notes

Kaden Allen, May 25 in Overland Park, where he joins a brother, Logan, 4. Barry is a territory manager with CR Bard.

Jan Sandoval Scott, c'91, l'94, and Greg, son, Reece Haydon, Sept. 1 in St. Louis.

1992

Phillip Boatman, c'92, is worldwide product marketing manager for Lexmark International in Lexington, Ky.

Jeffrey Campbell, c'92, serves as commander of the Alaska Air National

Guard's 206th Combat Communications Squadron at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. He lives in Anchorage.

Beverly Combs, s'92, coordinates community relations for the Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Ark. She lives in Bella Vista.

Robin Waddell Lehman, j'92, lives in Lawrence, where she's president and CEO of Lehman Communications.

BORN TO:

Elizabeth Kaiman Zwick, j'92, and

Burton, son, Zachary Frank, Aug. 12 in Herrin, Ill., where he joins two sisters, Sarah, 7, and Rebecca, 4.

1993

Marcus Maloney, c'93, is a staff writer for Life Newspapers in El Dorado Hills, Calif. He lives in Citrus Heights.

John Mullies, b'93, h'97, recently joined ST Motorsports, where he's a member of the pit crew for the Clorox/Wisk racing team in the NASCAR Busch series. He lives in

Profile

BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

Lifelong fan finds calling as music academy exec

Ron Roecker won't pick up a statue on Grammy night Feb. 13, but he will bask in the adoration of his 8- and 11-year-old nieces, who have proclaimed him Uncle of the Year.

Roecker, senior vice president of communications for the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, which produces the awards show, will escort the two girls to the glitzy event, where he plans to make good on his promises of celebrity introductions. "They've already told me who they want to touch," he says: "Usher and Gwen Stefani."

As a confessed music fan (even as a college student, he shelled out the dough for a subscription to *Billboard* magazine), Roecker, j'92, readily acknowledges the allure of his job. The Wichita native still recalls his chat with Quincy Jones about the recording of "We are the World" and the moments he met Amy Grant, Madonna, Prince, Janet Jackson and the Indigo Girls.

But there's more than meet-the-idol to his gig with the academy, which began three years ago. He earned recognition and his promotion to senior vice president for the "What's the Download"

campaign, the Grammy Foundation's national consumer education project to help young music fans and parents understand the issues involved in illegal music downloading. After 18 months of research into the music-buying habits of 12- to 24-year-olds, the campaign unveiled its first public message during the 2003 Grammys.

WhatsTheDownload.com features news and a real-time message board.

Roecker says the campaign, which is advised by a board of 18- to 24-year-olds, has appealed to young fans as well as teachers and parents. "Their response has been, 'Thank God you've created something to help me talk to my kid in a language he understands.'


"We're not about suing people; we're not Big Brother. We want to create dialogue. When you're talking to young people about intellectual property, there is nothing to touch or feel or sense about the long-term impact."

Roecker supervises all communications for the academy's 12 regional chapters, the Grammy Foundation, the Latin Recording Academy and the



■ Though he'll never turn down the chance to meet celebrities, Ron Roecker's true calling is helping those musicians who might never get a reserved seat at the Grammys.

MusiCares Foundation, which raises funds to support musicians in need.

Protecting the livelihood and cultural environment for the academy's 18,000 members is his year-round mission. Those members include singers, songwriters and nearly 5,000 producers and engineers, most of whom will never make headlines in *Billboard* or millions in record sales. "What we do outside that night in February is critical, though it doesn't get as much attention," he says. "Folks think we're about Britney selling more records, but our members are garage-band players, technicians and jazz musicians who are devoted to their art." 

Overland Park.

Patrick Naughton, d'93, teaches and coaches at South Junior High School in Lawrence.

Loleta Robinson, c'93, m'99, directs medical science at Medimmune Inc. in Gaithersburg, Md. She lives in Rockville.

Karen Davis Schnell, c'93, does recruiting for Lock/Line in Kansas City.

BORN TO:

Paul Brooks, m'93, and Denise, son, Johnathan Avery, April 28 in Lexington, Ky., where he joins a brother, Paul Jr., 6, and a sister, Ashley, 4. Paul is medical director of the Lexington Clinic.

1994

David Clark, d'94, g'99, lives in Lawrence, where he's vice president of Lawrence Bank.

Ed Dunn, e'94, is a senior mechanical engineer with Raytheon Missile Systems. He lives in Tucson, Ariz.

Grae Griffin, j'94, practices law with

Neel & Hooper in Houston.

Michael Johnson, c'94, does recruiting for Cerner in Kansas City. He and **Melissa Vaskov Johnson**, c'95, live in Fairway.

David Kavalec, c'94, lives in Highlands Ranch, Colo., and is vice president of EFL Associates, a national retained executive search firm.

Andrew Reese, c'94, is national director of business development for Promissor. He lives in Arlington, Va.

Patrick Smith, e'94, l'97, practices law with Levy and Craig in Kansas City.

David Stearns, c'94, is a senior geographic information system analyst for NAVTEQ Corp. in Overland Park.

1995

Matthew Armbrister, d'95, g'01, is an associate brand manager for John Deere Golf & Turf One Source in Cary, N.C. He lives in Raleigh.

Jason Greenwood, j'95, directs marketing for Abercrombie & Kent

Destination Clubs. He lives in Falls Church, Va.

Katherine Hutchinson, c'95, l'98, owns Hutchinson Law Office in Wichita.

Hunter Lochmann, d'95, recently was named director of marketing for the New York Knicks. He lives in Hoboken, N.J.

Michael Malis, c'95, m'99, works as a diagnostic radiologist at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.

Leslie Ain McClure, c'95, is an assistant professor of biostatistics at the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Clantha Carrigan McCurdy, EdD'95, is associate vice chancellor for the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education in Boston. She lives in Natick.

Casey Peterson, c'95, lives in Littleton, Colo., and is a district manager with Brasseler USA.

Milan Vinnola, e'95, practices law with Arnold & Porter in Denver.

Michael Vujnovich, c'95, is a sales representative with Merck Co. He lives in Prairie Village.

Class Notes

BORN TO:

Weston Hyter, b'95, and Yami, daughter, Xara Luna, Sept. 28 in San Francisco. Weston does business development for LinkShare.

Nichole Mohning-Roths, c'95, l'02, and John, daughter, Ella Nichole, Sept. 19 in Salina, where she joins a brother, Will, 4. Nichole is an associate with Clark, Mize & Linville.

1996

Diane Barton, b'96, works as an account consultant for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma. She lives in Oklahoma City.

Cheryl Evers, d'96, teaches physical education at Costello Elementary School in Lyons, Ill.

Tasmin Mills, c'96, is a procedures/systems analyst with Sun Trust Bank. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Sherman Reeves, c'96, has an ophthalmology practice at the Duke University Eye Center. He lives in Durham, N.C.

Heather Short, c'96, is associate director of outreach programs and services at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She lives in Irving.

MARRIED

Amy Brawner, c'96, to J.A. Felton, Oct. 9. They live in Kansas City, and Amy is a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital.

1997

Justin Angeles, j'97, edits copy and is a page designer at the Hamilton Journal-News. He's also a graduate student at the University of Iowa.

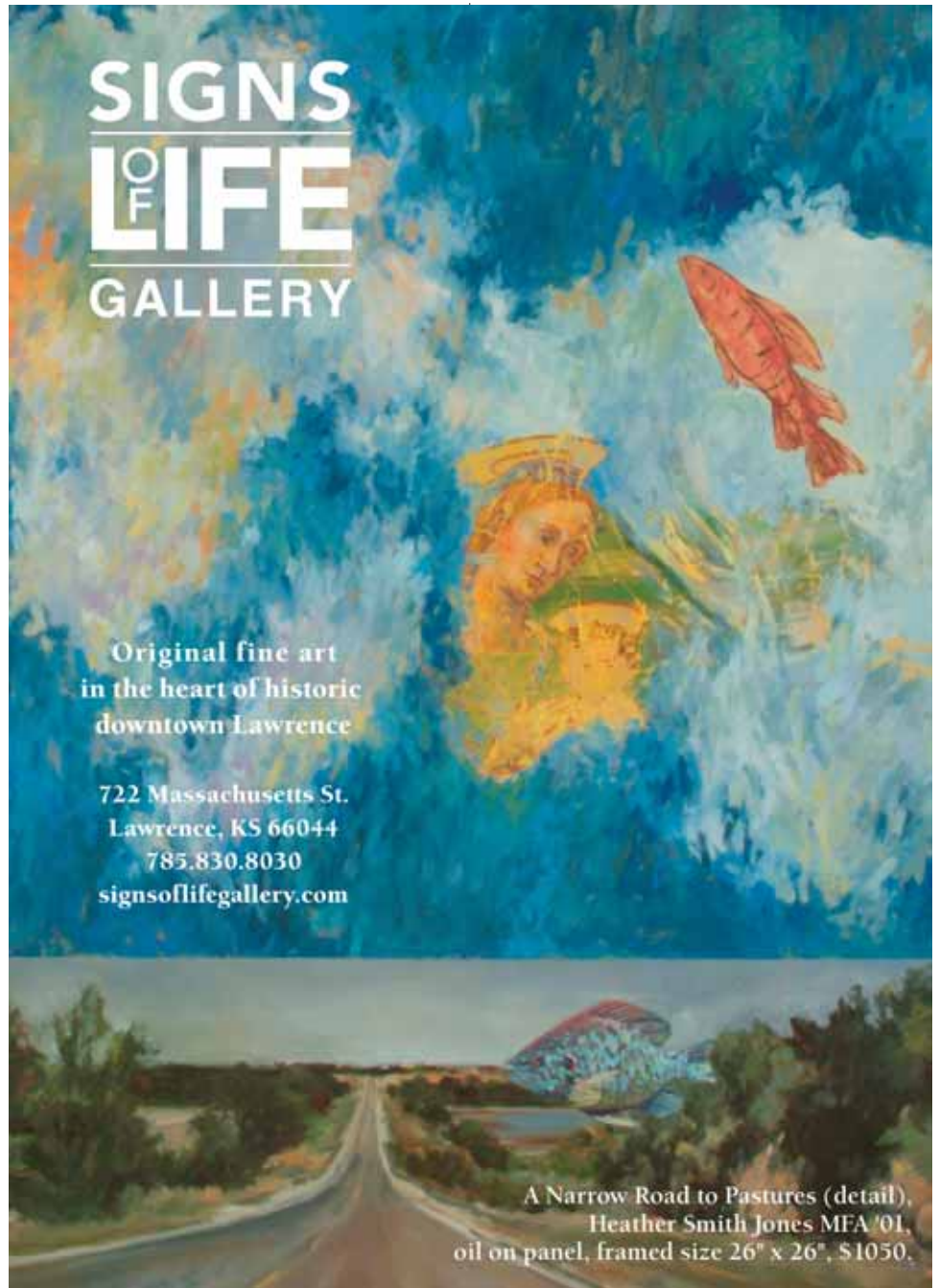
Jill Newport Helmle, c'97, studies at the University of California-Santa Barbara. She lives in Goleta.

Brian Olson, b'97, works for 3 Nerds and a Server in Olathe.

Michelle Shively Olson, d'97, is store manager at The Supply Closet. She lives in Olathe.

Katherine Rork Shultz, c'97, teaches school at Bonjour Elementary in Lenexa. She commutes from Lawrence.

Alexander Valverde, b'97, works as a



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senior accountant with Community American Credit Union in Lenexa. He lives in Gardner.

Grant Wilcox, c'97, is a research associate at Colorado State University's Natural Resource Ecology Lab in Fort Collins.

1998

Amy Akers, c'98, is an executive team leader with Target. She lives in Wamego.

Jennifer Smith Foote, j'98, edits copy for the Villages Daily Sun. She lives in Lady Lake, Fla.

James Johnson, j'98, works as an account executive for Bernstein-Rein Advertising in Kansas City.

Amy May, c'98, is assistant store manager at Restoration Hardware in Leawood. She lives in Overland Park.

Cheryl Funke Milligan, b'98, manages marketing for the Apache Mall. She lives

in Rochester, Minn., where her husband, **Brian**, e'99, is a neurosurgery resident at the Mayo Clinic.

Robert Renz, b'98, is a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch in Kansas City.

David Wood, g'98, works as a staff research assistant at Los Alamos National Laboratory. He lives in Santa Fe, N.M., and is studying for a doctorate in chemical engineering at the University of New Mexico.

MARRIED

Angela Pena, c'98, g'04, to Will Shaffer, Oct. 2 in Lawrence, where she's a physical therapist at Lawrence Therapy Services and he works for Horizon Systems.

BORN TO:

Matthew, c'98, m'03, and **Shelly Meseraull Stumpe**, b'99, son, Joel Ryan, Oct. 1 in Memphis. Matthew is an otolaryngology resident at the University of Tennessee, and Shelly is a program accountant for Selectron.

1999

Erika D'Souza, b'99, works as an accountant at St. Luke's South in Overland Park. She lives in Shawnee.

Gerald Ducey Jr., e'99, manages strategic development for ABB. He lives in Apex, N.C.

Rachel Kesselman, j'99, coordinates marketing at Thomas & Betts in Memphis, Tenn.

Ryan Laughon, b'99, manages MarketSphere Consulting in Indianapolis.

Michael Schindler, b'99, c'03, is vice president of CinePartners Entertainment in Los Angeles.

Andrew Smith, e'99, g'01, works as an engineer with Black & Veatch in Tampa, Fla. He lives in St. Petersburg.

MARRIED

Lung Huang, b'99, and **Courtney Parks**, j'00, Oct. 2. They live in New York City, where Lung manages accounts for Arbitron and Courtney works for the Sunflower Group.

Brandon LaBarge, b'99, and **Sarah**

Menke, d'00, July 9 in Leawood. Brandon is an application developer with H&R Block, and Sarah teaches fifth grade at Chapel Elementary School. They live in Overland Park.

Michael Margherio Jr., c'99, to Shannon Flurry, Oct. 2 in St. Joseph, Mo. They live in Chicago, where he works for United Healthcare.

David Pfeuffer, d'99, g'03, to Brooke Easter, Oct. 23 in Perry, Okla. David works at Neu Physical Therapy in Lawrence, and Brooke works at Commerce Bank in Kansas City. Their home is in Lenexa.

Justin Zellers, d'99, g'02, and **Amanda Smith**, j'00, c'00, July 24 in Overland Park. He teaches at Prairie Star Middle School in Leawood, and she's senior marketing coordinator at Burns & McDonnell. They live in Overland Park.

BORN TO:

Shaun Stoker, b'99, g'00, and Theresa, daughter, Alison Dawn, June 3 in Olathe.

Shaun is a senior associate with KPMG in Kansas City.

2000

Jenna Arbuckle, c'00, coordinates academic services for student athletes at Rutgers University in Piscataway, N.J. She lives in Perth Amboy.

Deanna Berney, b'00, g'01, recently passed her CPA examination. She's an accountant with BKD in Kansas City.

William Biggs, f'00, studies for a master's in music education at Emporia State University. He and **Andrea Herman Biggs**, f'01, make their home in Emporia. **Jana Gruver**, c'00, is an occupational therapist with TherapyWorks in Lawrence.

Stephen Havener, p'00, works as a pharmacist at Osco Pharmacy in Kansas City.

Emily Holliday, c'00, is an executive recruiter at Paragon in Des Moines.

Harvey Yost, b'00, manages business development for American Auto

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MARRIED

Jimmie Kirkland, p'00, and **Erin Oswald**, p'03, June 26 in Basehor, where they live. He's a clinical pharmacist at the KU Medical Center, where she's a pharmacy practice management resident.

BORN TO:

Sara Nash Wiehn, d'00, g'02, and

Mark, e'02, son, Noah Alan, Oct. 8 in Wichita, where he joins a brother, Phillip, 2.

2001

Stephane Bras, g'01, manages foreign direct investment for Invest in Northern France/NFX in Chicago.

Callie Shultz Castro, b'01, g'03, works as a financial planner at Legacy Financial Group in Overland Park.

She lives in Lawrence.

Rusti Decker, j'01, is an events manager for the city of Kansas City, Mo.

Matthew Gardner, j'01, manages new media for ATP in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. He lives in Jacksonville.

Amy Golub, h'01, is an occupational therapist for The Greens at Creekside in Kansas City. She lives in Olathe.

Laura Kissel, c'01, works as an associate with Gibbs & Bruns in Houston.

Andrea Langhurst, c'01, lives in Burlington, and is a graduate student at the University of Iowa.

Belinda Pierson, c'01, g'03, is a data analyst for the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care. She lives in Topeka.

Corey Snyder, d'01, received a doctorate in physical therapy last summer from the Emory University School of Medicine. He lives in Atlanta.

John Stinnett, e'01, works as a process engineer with ENGlobal Engineering. He lives in Rowlett, Texas.

Christopher Stoppel, b'01, g'02, is a graduate assistant at Iowa State University.

Shannon Michael Stull, c'01, a clinical research associate with PRA International, lives in Paducah, Ky. Her husband, **Venugopal Arunajatesan**, PhD'03, is a project leader with the Degussa Corp. in Calvert City.

Khemarat Suthiwan, c'01, works as a financial services representative for Metropolitan Life in Greenwood Village, Colo. She lives in Parker.

Jason Wichman, m'01, recently joined the pediatrics staff at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.

2002

Christopher Crow, j'02, is a merchandise presentation specialist at Target. He lives in Minneapolis, Minn.

Richard Ehinger, g'02, teaches and coaches for the Gulliver schools. He lives in Miami.

Jennifer Fiore, f'02, works as a music therapist for Kansas City Hospice. She commutes from Lawrence.

Matthew Hendel, e'02, is an engineer with Ross & Baruzzini in Webster Groves, Mo.



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Janice Keller, j'02, works as assistant director of alumni services for Pennington & Co. in Lawrence.

Mark McLean, d'02, is a long-term care case manager at Schaller Anderson/Mercy Care Plan in Phoenix.

Sarah McKinney Milne, c'02, and her husband, James, live in Overland Park with their daughter, Cara Beth, 1.

Thomas Moreland, d'02, g'04, directs the hospice at Bon Secours Richmond Health System in Richmond, Va.

Robert Shiller, c'02, is a bankruptcy analyst for Real Time Resolutions in Dallas.

MARRIED

Jennifer McKenzie, b'02, to Daniel Knudtson, Oct. 9. They live in Overland Park, and Jennifer is an assistant product manager at Hallmark Cards.

Anne Stephens, c'02, and **Kyle Rabe**, f'04, July 10 in Lawrence, where they're both graduate students at KU.

2003

Paul Bammel, b'03, directs student ministries at Concord Liberty Presbyterian Church in Glen Mills, Pa. He lives in Aston.

Michael Graber, b'03, works as a tax associate with McGladrey & Pullen in Kansas City.

Brian Jones, j'03, is a marketing associate with SmithBucklin in Chicago.

Conor Knightly, g'03, manages data for Medimmune in Gaithersburg, Md. He lives in Kensington.

Lindsay Michalcik, p'03, works as a pharmacist at Gristedes Pharmacy in New York City.

Katherine Regan, j'03, is an assistant escrow officer at Columbian Title of Johnson County in Olathe. She lives in Shawnee Mission.

Bethany Shelley, b'03, works as an accountant for Invacare. She lives in St. Peters, Mo.

Hilary Smith, d'03, studies physical therapy at the University of North Carolina. She lives in Carrboro.

Kelly Whittredge, d'03, coordinates public relations and communications for PGA of America-Northern Texas Section.

She lives in Dallas.

Amy Wong, c'03, is a cytotechnologist with Gyne-Path Laboratory in Los Gatos, Calif. She lives in Burlingame.

MARRIED

Michael Alberti, b'03, to Jill Buser, June 11 in Wichita. He's a marketing representative at Lee Aerospace, and she coordinates marketing for Cox Communications. They live in Andover.

Peter Cridland, c'03, and **Julie Maddox**, a'04, e'04, May 30 in Parkville, Mo. They live in New York City, and Peter studies law at Pace University.

Scott Guest, b'03, and **Jane Gist**, j'04, c'04, Oct. 29. They live in Overland Park.

Jon Stoppel, c'03, and **Alaina Webster**, c'04, June 19 in Lawrence. He studies for a doctorate in optometry at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and they live in St. Charles.

2004

Deborah Bain, b'04, manages credit for Wells Fargo Financial in Denver, Colo.

Laura Brunow, b'04, coordinates marketing at Gould Evans Associates in Lawrence.

Andres Vicuna Cardenas, e'04, works as an engineer at Landplan Engineering in Lawrence.

Amy Cummins, PhD'04, is an assistant professor of English at Fort Hays State University in Hays.

Jill Elliott, l'04, and her husband, Tyler, live in Hill City with their son, Cade, 1. Jill is an attorney.

Christina Gacom, c'04, manages accounts for Tad Ware & Co. in Minneapolis, Minn. She lives in Apple Valley.

Kyle Hickey, c'04, is a land contractor with JIMAR Resources. He lives in Dallas.

Andrew Hillin, e'04, a mechanical engineer with U.S. Alliance, lives in League City, Texas.

Adrienne Hynek, b'04, is a research and policy assistant for the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City.

Adrian Jones, c'04, plays football with

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the New York Jets. His home is in Dallas.

Joshua Kaplan, b'04, works as an intern at the U.S. Department of Commerce. His home is in Overland Park.

Megan McKenzie, j'04, lives in Olathe and is an assistant media planner and buyer for NKH&W in Kansas City.

Justin Noll, e'04, works as a field construction engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation. He lives in Atchison.

Eva Rodriguez, g'04, lectures on modern languages at Washburn University in Topeka.

Yang Yang, g'04, works in the transportation planning group at HNTB Companies. He lives in Overland Park.

MARRIED

Trevor Askew, c'04, and **Sara Gutschenritter**, '05, July 2 in Wichita. They are both students at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and they live in Florissant.

Dustin Bauerle, f'04, and **Kellie Lankford**, '05, June 19 in Lawrence, where they live.

Terra Boatright, c'04, to Eric Pauly, June 5 in Conway Springs. They live in Lawrence.

Yvan Houareau, c'04, and **Ashley Heintzelman**, c'04, June 5 in Kansas City. He works for Hereford House Restaurants, and she studies at UMKC.

Lara Kantack, '04, to **Michael Allen**, June 12 in Lawrence. She works for Hibernia Bank, and he works for Louisiana State University. They live in Baton Rouge.

Associates

Francis Heller, KU professor emeritus of political science, received the Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and Art last fall. He lives in Lawrence.

Daniel Hubbard is a network development executive for Private Healthcare Systems in Kansas City.

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

a	School of Architecture and Urban Design
b	School of Business
c	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
d	School of Education
e	School of Engineering
f	School of Fine Arts
g	Master's Degree
h	School of Allied Health
j	School of Journalism
l	School of Law
m	School of Medicine
n	School of Nursing
p	School of Pharmacy
PharmD	School of Pharmacy
s	School of Social Welfare
DE	Doctor of Engineering
DMA	Doctor of Musical Arts
EdD	Doctor of Education
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
(no letter)	Former student
assoc.	Associate member of the Alumni Association



In Memory

1920s

Helen Lowrey Burnett, c'26, Feb. 19 in Larned. She was a homemaker and is survived by a son, Donald, c'56, l'58, and three grandchildren.

Charles Halm, '29, 96, Aug. 22 in Tulsa, Okla., where he was a retired dentist. He is survived by his wife, Mary Frances, a daughter, a stepdaughter, two stepsons, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

1930s

Mark Alexander, f'39, 93, May 21 in Campbell, Calif., where he was a retired real-estate broker. A daughter, two sons, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive.

Ruth Carpenter Balch, c'34, June 16 in Aurora, Colo. Two daughters survive.

Josephine Marshall Berry, c'35, c'36, 90, Oct. 27 in Prairie Village. She is survived by two sons, William, c'61, and John, c'69, m'74; two daughters, one of whom is Barbara Berry Emerson, '92; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Ralph Fuhrman, e'30, 95, Sept. 30 in Villablard, France. He lived in Accokeek, Md., where he was a retired environmental engineer. A daughter and two grandchildren survive.

George Kloppenberg, '38, May 8 in Englewood, Colo., where he founded the metal fabricating firm Kloppenberg & Co. He is survived by three sons, two sisters, a brother, seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Robert McKim, e'35, Oct. 20 in Leawood, where he was retired from Black & Veatch. He is survived by two daughters, Shannon McKim Mead, '50, and Mary McKim Vise, '61; a son; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Clark Myers, b'39, g'46, 89, Oct. 6 in Decatur, Ga., where he was former dean

of business at Emory University. Surviving are his wife, Cora Hepworth Myers, c'41; two sons, one of whom is Richard, c'69; and two granddaughters.

Robert Naylor, '36, 89, Dec. 10 in Kansas City, where he was retired from Sinclair Refining Co. and the U.S. Postal Service. He is survived by his wife, Hattie; two sons, James Bonen, b'68, and Dennis, a'80; a daughter; and six grandchildren.

1940s

David Austin, c'40, July 6 in Olathe. He had been president of A.S. Coates Inc. and is survived by three sons; a brother, Arthur, '40; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Henry Coulter, c'48, m'51, Aug. 2 in Leawood. He founded the Mission Clinic and co-founded Private Practice magazine. A son, a daughter, two grandsons and a great-granddaughter survive.

Meredith Gear Docking, b'47, 78, Oct. 27 in Lawrence. She was first lady of Kansas from 1967 to 1975, when her husband, the late Robert Docking, b'48, served as governor. She established the Docking Faculty Scholar Program at KU. Surviving are two sons, William, c'73, l'77, g'77, and Thomas, c'76, l'80, g'80; a sister, Virginia Gear Winslow, b'42; and three grandchildren.

H. William Firner, '48, 82, Oct. 27 in Tribune, where he was a farmer. He is survived by his wife, Maurine Breitenbach Firner, '46; three sons, two of whom are Rick, '72, and Antoni, g'89; three daughters, one of whom is Angela Firner Tyroler, '87; a brother, Fred, e'50; and 10 grandchildren.

James Guptill, b'49, 79, Oct. 22 in Kansas City, where he worked for Parmelee Industries. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a son and a grandson.

Warren Hodges, '44, 81, Oct. 15 in Bel Air, Md., where he headed the Maryland National Guard. He also had

been deputy chief of the National Guard at the Pentagon and commander of Edgewood Arsenal and Aberdeen Proving Ground. Surviving are his wife, Kathleen; a son; a daughter, Wanda Hodges Strange, '68; two brothers, Merle, c'55, m'58, and Ervin, '50; a sister; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Roy Knappenberger, m'41, Oct. 19 in Wichita, where he practiced pediatrics. He is survived by his wife, Cordelia, a son and two daughters.

William Koester, '41, Jan. 17, 2004, in Anaheim, Calif., where he was a retired magazine editor and faithful letter-writer to *Kansas Alumni*. Survivors include two daughters and a stepdaughter.

Frederick Luke, e'41, Aug. 17 in Wildwood, Mo., where he was a retired chemical engineer with Monsanto. Surviving are his wife, Mary; three daughters, one of whom is Margaret Luke Shatz, c'79; a brother; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Carolee Drake Martin, '40, 86, June 25 in Lawrence, where she had been an administrative assistant at KU. She is survived by two sons, Donald, c'79, g'71, and James, '67; two daughters, one of whom is Mary Martin Priddy, d'64; a brother; a sister, Nancy Drake Edgar, c'36; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

John McAllister, m'44, 86, July 4 in Banning, Calif., where he was a retired orthopedic surgeon. He is survived by four daughters, a son, three sisters, a brother and eight grandchildren.

John Nesselrode, c'44, m'47, 81, Oct. 30 in Prairie Village, where he was a retired surgeon. Surviving are his wife, Mary, two sons, a daughter and five grandchildren.

Robert Pemberton, b'48, 81, Feb. 5 in Tonganoxie, where he was retired vice treasurer of ConChemco. A brother survives.

Charlotte Sagmoen Pickering, c'49, 76, Oct. 17 in Edina, Minn. She was a material scientist for Honeywell and had worked for ADC Telecommunications. Survivors include a daughter, Nancy, c'75; two sons, Keith, c'77, and Scott, '79; a brother; and a grandson.

Eugene Reed, e'47, 78, March 20 in Wallingford, Conn. He owned Wirex and is survived by his wife, Marjorie, three sons, a brother and three grandchildren.

Betty Hess Robinson, c'43, 81, Oct. 4 in Shawnee Mission. She is survived by her husband, Arthur, c'42, m'44; a son, Arthur Jr., c'75; two daughters, Betsy Robinson Vander Velde, s'73, s'74, and Jane Robinson Leach, d'80; and six grandchildren.

Mary Gayle Marsh Samuel, c'47, 79, Olathe. She was a 1987 recipient of the Alumni Association's Mildred Clodfelter Award for service to the University. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by a son, Ray, c'75; a daughter, Elaine Samuel Vallejos, d'77; a sister, Ruth Ann Marsh Weimer, d'53; and a granddaughter.

1950s

John Amberg, b'51, 75, May 4 in Torrance, Calif. He had played football for the New York Giants and was president of the Southern California Chapter of the National Football League Alumni Association. Surviving are his wife, Maureen; two sons; two daughters; a brother, Ted, '49; and 12 grandchildren.

John Bailey, e'51, 78, Oct. 6. He lived in Linwood and is survived by a daughter, Pamela Bailey Willman, n'74; and two grandchildren.

Joan Gregory Bennett, c'50, s'74, Aug. 10 in Shawnee Mission, where she was a social worker. Surviving are a son, two daughters, a sister and eight grandchildren.

Dean Loy Bilderback, c'54, g'57, July 4 in Fresno, Calif., where he was a professor emeritus of history at California State University. Survivors include his wife, Colleen, a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Soey Bow "Bob" Bong, c'51, 84, Sept. 18 in Lawrence, where he was a retired supervisor at Allen Press. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; three sons, James, e'82, John, c'86, and Jerome, c'89; a brother; a sister; and two grandchildren.

John Carpenter, c'59, l'62, 71, Sept. 21 in Great Bend, where he was a retired attorney and special administration law judge. Survivors include his wife, Mickey; two daughters, one of whom is Gail, c'81; a sister, Martha Carpenter Eberhardt, '52; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

John Copeland, c'50, 82, May 29 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he was retired from a career with the Social Security Administration. A daughter, a brother and a grandson survive.

Gerald Edgar, g'50, 80, Dec. 28, 2003, in Russellville, Ark. He was a retired journalism professor at Arkansas Tech and is survived by his wife, Irene, a son, a brother and a granddaughter.

Maralyn McNeish Elliott, c'50, 77, Oct. 29 in Raymore, Mo. She is survived by her husband, Robert, e'49; two daughters; a son; a brother, George McNeish, e'51; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Clarence "Bud" French, d'50, g'50, 81, Aug. 31 in Kansas City, where he was a teacher, coach and counselor at Central and Westport high schools. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, three sons, a brother and five grandchildren.

Eugene Haley, b'52, g'54, 75, Aug. 13 in Lawrence, where he was president of Holmes, Peck and Brown Real Estate. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jo, assoc.; a daughter, Jo Lynn, c'80; a son, Michael, c'93; and four grandchildren.

Sara Jo Pursley Hoobing, d'59, 68, Oct. 13 in Ottawa. She lived in Overland Park and was retired from Padgett-Thompson. Surviving are her husband, William, d'60; two sons, Heath, c'92, and Kurt, j'96; and her parents.

Thomas Lyons, j'55, 71, Oct. 22 in Houston, where he had a career in life insurance. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; two sons; and a brother, William, e'60, g'62, PhD'65.

Jerry O'Dell, '55, April 6 in

Wickenburg, Ariz. Among survivors are a daughter; his mother; and two brothers, one of whom is Jimmy, '56.

Donald Ousdahl, c'59, 76, Aug. 2 in Overland Park, where he was retired from a 30-year career with the U.S. Army Reserves. He is survived by his wife, Reta; three daughters, one of whom is Tracy Ousdahl Pinney, c'81; and six grandchildren.

Truman Page, c'54, g'63, 93, Sept. 12 in Lenexa, where he was a retired railway mail clerk and a former electrical and plumbing contractor. A brother, a daughter, two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter survive.

Jack Perkins, m'53, 79, Nov. 6 in Hutchinson, where he was a retired physician. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Meeman Perkins, '50; two daughters; his stepfather; and a grandchild.

Thomas Peschka, b'53, l'58, 72, Sept. 28 in Kansas City, where he was former vice president, secretary and general counsel at Commerce Bank. He is survived by his wife, Joan.

Donald Powell, b'52, 80, Oct. 1 in Hutchinson, where he was retired vice president of Valley Federal Savings and Loan. He is survived by his wife, Dolores, two daughters, a brother, a step-brother, two grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Walter Reazin, m'58, 73, May 25 in Wichita, where he was a retired family practice physician. He is survived by his wife, Linda; a daughter; three sons, one of whom is Troy, c'85; two brothers; a sister; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Leonard Rozin, g'52, g'55, m'59, 76, May 27 in Oklahoma City, where he practiced medicine for many years. He is survived by his wife, Zeldia Sandler Rozin, '57; three sons; two daughters; a sister; and 11 grandchildren.

Isabelle Baird Sprague, PhD'53, 87, March 8 in Bethesda, Md. She lived in Washington, D.C., and was a professor at Mount Holyoke College. A son and two grandchildren survive.

Kenneth Stone, b'51, 80, July 31 in Lindsborg. A son, two daughters and three grandchildren survive.

In Memory

Jean McDonald Thomas, d'55, 71, Sept. 1 in Topeka, where she was a teacher and former assistant manager of Ray Beers Clothing Store. She is survived by her husband, Allan, '58; three daughters, Susan Thomas Draffan, '79, Cynthia Thomas McFarland, '81, and Julie, b'85; and seven grandchildren.

William Whitehead, c'50, 76, Dec. 6 in Topeka, where he worked for the Veterans Administration for nearly 40 years. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Parks Whitehead, assoc.; and a daughter, Jayne, '83.

Robert Wilbur, b'53, 75, Nov. 6 in Salina. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Walker Wilbur, assoc.; a son, Lee, m'00; five daughters, two of whom are Jacqueline, b'75, g'76, and Bobbie, c'82; three brothers, two of whom are Roy, b'52, and Raymond, EdD'73; and three grandchildren.

Veryl Wilch, b'50, 82, Oct. 30 in Topeka, where he was retired from a career with Boeing. Two brothers survive.

John Wineinger, c'51, m'55, 76, March 21 in Tucson, where he was a physician. Survivors include four sons, one of whom is David, m'89; a daughter; a sister, Carol Wineinger Powell, c'47, m'51; and 10 grandchildren.

1960s

Bill Chaffin, '61, 65, Nov. 30 in Dodge City. He is survived by his wife, Nona; a son, Brian, c'91; a daughter, Stephanie Chaffin Franzitta, c'85; a brother, Gary, c'60; and two grandsons.

Mary Davenport, s'63, Feb. 6 in Peoria, Ill. She was an Episcopalian nun of the Franciscan Order of the Divine Compassion, and she had been a teacher and a social worker. A sister survives.

Geraldine "Gerry" Millican Farley, d'61, 65, Nov. 16 in Parsons. She is survived by her husband, Cecil, '62; a son, Douglas, b'86; a daughter, Lisa Farley Sebree, b'88; and four grandchildren.

Roger Faulkner, b'69, April 5 in Ellison Bay, Wis., where he was retired from a more than 35-year career in

accounting. He is survived by his wife, Katharine, two sons, a stepson and seven grandchildren.

Roger Hatfield, d'63, 63, Nov. 15 in Belle Plaine, where he was retired from a 30-year career with Cessna Aircraft. Earlier this year, he had received the Belle Plaine Quality Citizen Award. Survivors include his wife, Kay; a daughter, Gwinn Appleby, c'92; two sons, one of whom is Vance, '94; and three brothers.

Alan Hill, c'61, g'65, 65, Oct. 30. He lived in Tecumseh and was president of Lawrence Paper Co. Survivors include his wife, Norma Purvis Hill, '64; two daughters; three brothers, Stephen, c'59, David, c'56, and Justin, c'66; and three grandchildren.

Kay Wright Kotowski, d'62, 64, Aug. 29 in San Marcos, Texas. She was a CPA and is survived by her husband, Raymond; three stepchildren; and a sister, Rita Wright Johnson, d'63.

Jay McGowan, c'62, g'68, 67, Nov. 16 in Dighton. A sister survives.

Bruce Owen, PhD'66, 77, July 13 in Chickasha, Okla. He was retired vice president of instructional affairs at the Oklahoma City Community College and is survived by his wife, Almarie, a daughter, a brother and a granddaughter.

Ronald Palmer, m'61, July 8 in Mesa, Ariz., where he had practiced pediatrics and neonatology for many years. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, three sons, two daughters and several grandchildren.

Donna Pyper, d'61, g'63, Oct. 24 in Vancouver, British Columbia, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by her mother and three sisters, one of whom is Joan Pyper Lund, d'66.

David Swanson, g'69, PhD'71, 60, Nov. 1 in Urbana, where he was associate provost and a professor of speech communication and political science at the University of Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, a daughter, two brothers, a sister and three grandchildren.

1970s

Mark Hesse, c'71, g'77, 54, April 19 in

Houston, where he was senior news copy editor at the Houston Chronicle. He is survived by his wife, Linda, three brothers and a sister.

William Kissel Jr., j'73, Nov. 15 in Stilwell. He was vice president of DuraComm Corp. Surviving are his wife, Nancy Tam Kissel, d'69; a daughter, Jennifer Kissel Duggan, d'01; a son; and his mother.

Mark Kloster, f'78, 48, April 11 in San Antonio, where he was an attorney for the U.S. Justice Department. He is survived by his parents, Terry and Lillian Vance, a brother and three sisters.

David Long, d'73, 54, Nov. 29 in Mission. He had been a dentist and later a teacher at Hocker Grove Middle School. Survivors include a brother, Jerald, b'66, l'69; and two sisters, one of whom is Sheryl Long Crane, d'67.

Shirley Magers Markham, g'77, 74, Nov. 2 in Topeka, where she was retired director of the WIC program. She is survived by her husband, Francis, two daughters, a brother, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Darrel Reed Jr., c'70, 56, Nov. 15 in Houston, where he had practiced law for many years. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, two daughters, his mother and stepfather and a brother.

Gail Wagoner Rosemann, d'76, 50, Oct. 22 in Overland Park. She is survived by her husband, Don, a'76, a'77; two sons, one of whom is Nathan, student; a daughter; her parents; two brothers, Marc Wagoner, e'74, and Ben Wagoner, c'77; and a sister.

Rick Thacker, '77, 50, Nov. 29 in Russell. Two daughters and his mother survive.

1980s

Janet Jones DeCicco, g'84, Dec. 2 in Shawnee Mission. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by her husband, Robert, '57; two daughters, Judith DeCicco Moriarty, c'83, and Michelle, c'89; three brothers; and three grandsons.

Kirk Pisano, c'82, 46, Oct. 14 in Overland Park, where he was an invest-

ment counselor and a professional musician. He is survived by his mother, Carol, and a brother, Charles, c'80.

Stephen Rose, b'83, 44, Oct. 17 in Lenexa. He was an inventory control analyst for Kellogg in Kansas City and is survived by his wife, Nancy, two daughters, his father and stepmother, two brothers, a stepsister and two stepbrothers.

Nancy Shaw, h'83, 43, Oct. 21 in Wichita, where she was a medical-records supervisor for Via Christi. She is survived by two daughters, two stepsons, her parents, a sister and a brother, Mike Waldschmidt, m'77.

Kathleen Kidd Whitaker, g'83, 64, Oct. 14 in Kansas City. She is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Minda Whitaker Mason, c'91; a sister; and four grandchildren.

1990s

Crystal Huskey Matthews, c'91, 38, Nov. 16 in Tucson, Ariz., where she was a pharmaceutical sales representative. She is survived by her husband, Darrel, c'88; two sons; her parents; and two sisters.

Mathew Retonde, '93, 57, Oct. 30 in Shawnee Mission. He is survived by two daughters; his father; and two sisters, Candace Retonde Schmid, j'71, and Elizabeth Lee Iliff, j'74.

2000s

John Fulbright, '07, 21, Nov. 28 in Olathe. He lived in Overland Park and was a sophomore at KU. Survivors include his parents, John and Angie Fulbright, a brother, his grandparents and his great-grandparents.

Grant Reser, '04, 23, Nov. 27 in Kansas City of complications related to lymphoma. He lived in Topeka and in 1985 had been the first child in Kansas and the 12th in the world to receive a heart transplant. He is survived by his parents, Greg, g'81, and Barb Reser; a brother; and his grandmother.

Bethany Weidensaul, '06, 21, Nov. 23. She lived in Wichita and was a junior at KU. Surviving are her mother; her stepfather; her father, Scott, e'76; her step-

mother, Ann Farney Banks Weidensaul, '57; a sister; three stepbrothers; two step-sisters; and her grandparents.

The University Community

Thomas Allen, 76, Nov. 8 in Sarasota, Fla., where he was an illustrator and chairman of illustration at the Ringling School of Art and Design. Earlier he had been the Hallmark Professor at KU. He is survived by his wife, Laura, a son, two daughters and four grandchildren

Jessie Ball, m'56, Oct. 22 in Kansas City, where she had chaired the physical therapy education department at the KU Meical Center. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Survivors include friends, Barbara Lukert, c'56, m'60, and Mary Stoskopf, assoc.; and two brothers.

Geraldine Davis, 86, Oct. 18 in Lee's Summit, Mo. She was retired assistant director of nursing at the KU Medical Center. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Surviving are two sons, a sister, four granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

Edward Grier, 87, June 11 in Lawrence, where he was a professor of English at KU. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Several nieces and nephews survive.

Donald Johnson, 77, Oct. 14 in Leawood. He was a professor emeritus at the KU Medical Center, and a memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. His wife, Eleanore, survives.

Ogden Lindsley, 82, Oct. 10 in Kansas City. He lived in Lawrence, where he was a professor emeritus of educational administration at KU. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Hughes Lindsley, PhD'89; three daughters; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Cora Lee Beers Price, '44, 96, Dec. 1 in Lawrence, where she taught English and classics at KU. The Cora Lee Beers Price Teaching Professorship of International Cultural Understanding was established at KU earlier this year. She is survived by her husband, G. Baley,

assoc.; a son; and five daughters, Cora Lee Price Kluge, c'60, Lucy, c'68, Edwina Price Eisert, c'71, Doris Price Burgert, c'75, d'76, and Diane Price Fukunaga, c'75, d'76, g'87, PhD'89.

Anthony Smith, 88, Oct. 29 in Lawrence, where he had chaired KU's psychology department. Surviving are his wife, Barbara Garrison Smith, g'67; two daughters, one of whom is Laurel Smith Healy, s'79; a son, Eric, c'81; and four grandchildren.

Carlyle Smith, 92, Nov. 11 in Pittsburg. He was a longtime professor of silversmithing at KU, and he made the chancellor's collar and mace for the University. A daughter, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive.

Elizabeth "Libby" Taylor Snyder, assoc., 93, Nov. 29 in Kansas City. The Snyder Book Collection Contest at KU is supported by an endowed fund she established with the KU Endowment Association, where a memorial has been established in her name. A sister is among survivors.

David Vieth, 79, Sept. 27 in McCrory, Ark. He had taught English at KU and is survived by a daughter, a brother and a sister.

Joseph Weaver, Aug. 29 in Prairie Village. He had been a professor at the KU Medical Center and is survived by his wife, Bev, a stepson and three grandsons.

Philip Wells, 76, Oct. 29 in McLouth. He was a professor emeritus of ecology and evolutionary biology at KU. Survivors include his wife, Anke Neumann Wells, g'65, PhD'79; a son, Philip, c'97; three daughters; two sisters; and a granddaughter.

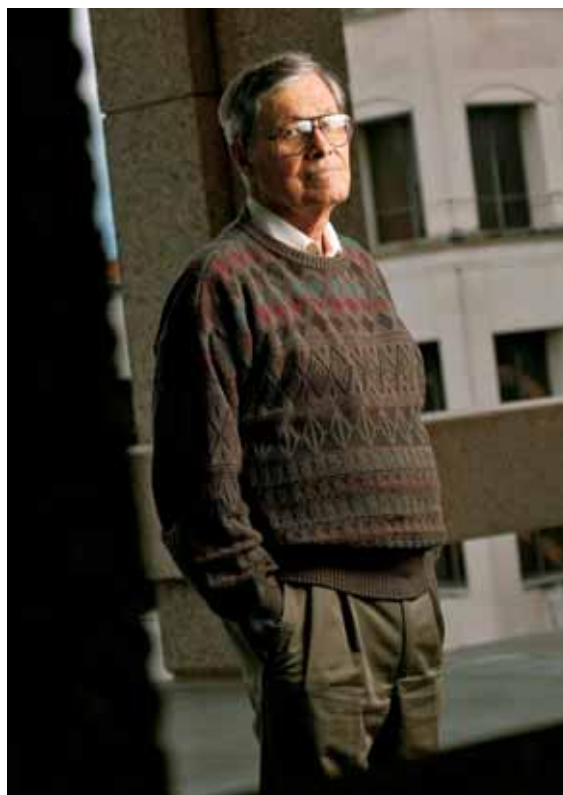
Associates

Clarice Brewer Mulford, 90, Nov. 27 in Lawrence. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. A brother and a sister survive.



Rock Chalk Review

■ “Retired” professor and author James Gunn recently guided two of his novels to new life as handsomely reissued editions and wrote a featured story in the current issue of *Analog*.



EARL RICHARDSON

11 years and still toiling daily in his Wescoe Hall office, does not shy from the single reality faced by all professional writers: The pages must bring in paychecks.

“There’s a big change that comes over students’ writing, or people’s writing of any kind, when they begin sending it off to someone else to be considered,” Gunn says. “Money isn’t everything, and obviously it isn’t much for most people in the field, but it is a significant measure of the substance of what you’re doing.”

Gunn, j’47, g’51, addresses the business of writing in prefaces to recent reissues of his 1962 classic, *The Immortals* (Pocket Books, \$12), and 1972’s *The Listeners* (BenBella Books, \$14.95). Young writers who hope to make careers of their passions would do well to read closely, because nowhere will they find a more honest discussion from one who knows.

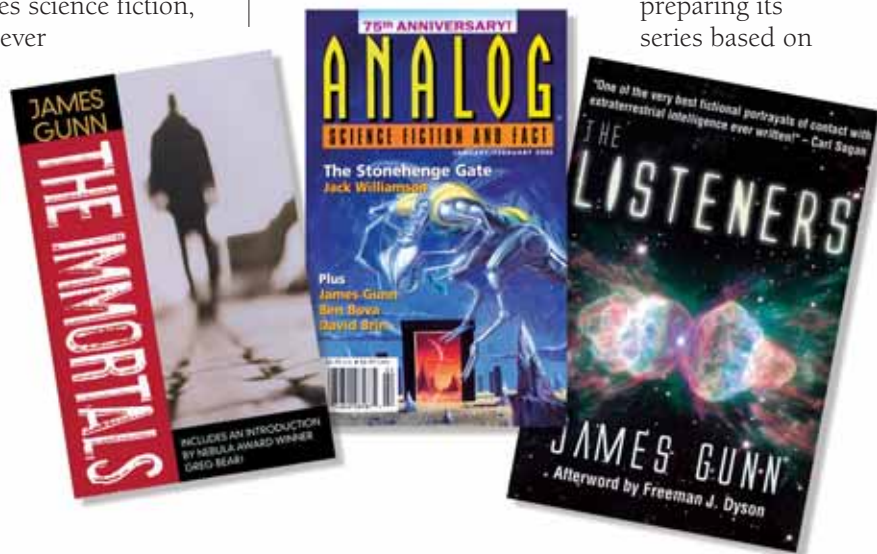
In both essays, Gunn provides his career outline (which included a stint as *Kansas Alumni*’s managing editor), explaining the jobs he accepted to provide for his family while always making time to write. Because *The Immortals* quickly caught the attention of movie producers, and was eventually made as a well-regarded 1969 television movie on ABC, Gunn uses *The Immortals*’ preface to detail the business side of Hollywood.

He resists the writer’s tendency to brag and name-drop, instead illustrating the labyrinth that has led to a short-lived TV series, international translations, and feature-film interest from Disney and, currently, Warner Bros. When ABC was preparing its series based on

Books live on Gunn’s ‘*The Immortals*’ and ‘*The Listeners*’ find new audiences as reissues

He writes and teaches science fiction, but James Gunn never strays far from reality. He tends to set his stories in the near future, often placing them in Lawrence or Kansas City and populating them with characters recognizable for their enduring humanity. Gunn’s fantastic voyages through time are captivating, yet never comically absurd.

So it is that the professor emeritus of English, “retired”



the movie, executives planned to release a novelization of the movie's screenplay, which itself was, of course, an adaptation of Gunn's novel. When the writer dropped out unexpectedly, ABC asked Gunn to take on the project.


"It may have been the only time that the author of a novel wrote the novelization of the script," Gunn writes in his preface. "My consolation is that it was easy money."

With renewed Hollywood interest in creating a feature film of *The Immortals*, Pocket Books commissioned a new, 20,000-word middle section, and Gunn somewhat reluctantly agreed. (He insists "you're not really trying hard enough" if a story can't be told in 60,000 words, his book's original length, yet he welcomed the opportunity to flesh out the book's hero, Dr. Russell Pearce, after ABC chose to focus on the immortal Marshall Cartwright as the fugitive protagonist.)

But the Disney producer who bought the rights lost his job, the film rights expired, and Pocket Books lost interest. When Warner Bros. picked up the rights about three years ago, Gunn told his editors to publish or revert the book rights, and they published.

Gunn also will see his latest novel, *Gift from the Stars*, published next year, he is writing yet another, and all the rest of the books from his long career are available either through Amazon.com or Fictionwise.com, which offers both electronic and print-on-demand books.

"I tell students, 'The only thing that's really worth writing is what you can write and nobody else can,'" Gunn says. "A measure of success is the ability to communicate what you feel deeply, so it's important to get published. Aiming for publication is essential. And getting paid for it means somebody else places value on it.

"You can be seduced by it, but if you keep your standards and try to arrive at that proper balance between saying what you want to say and putting it in a form others can appreciate, then it seems to me you've achieved the ideal balance." 

—Chris Lazzarino

Medicinal purposes

Newest research center focuses high-tech gaze on proteins in bid to discover new drugs

The University opened its latest research facility, the Structural Biology Center, on Oct. 15 to support research leading to the creation of new medicines.

To that end, the \$7.4 million West Campus building will house a unique collection of state-of-the-art equipment.

"Only a handful of U.S. universities have pursued this technology the way we have," says David Vander Velde, director of KU's Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Laboratory. "We're assembling what amounts to drug discovery technologies that a drug company would have."

Researchers from biology and pharmaceutical chemistry will use the Structural Biology Center to gain a better understanding of the structures of proteins. Protein molecules are of interest because they perform a wide variety of biological tasks. To decipher these mole-

cules, the center will use an assortment of high-tech gear.

Perhaps the most impressive piece of new equipment is a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectrometer. NMRs use giant magnets to gather information necessary to count and locate the atoms in a protein. KU's new NMR is among the most powerful in the country. Its 12-foot tall, 5-ton magnet generates a magnetic field 200,000 times stronger than the Earth's. That's powerful enough to pull a wrench from your hand, Vander Velde says.



■ The centerpiece of KU's new Structural Biology Center, a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectrometer, is among the most powerful such devices in the country, according to David Vander Velde, director of the NMR laboratory.

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The center's equipment will enable researchers to map the structures of proteins. That's important because drugs often work by attaching to proteins, according to Vander Velde. For instance, a drug may attach to a protein that serves as a channel for germs to enter a cell. By attaching to the channel protein, the drug can close this gateway, thus protecting the cell from infection. A good way to look for new drugs is to find compounds that will fit onto a target protein.

Of course, simply knowing that something can attach to a protein does not mean it will cure anything. All potential drugs must be screened. Screening used to require hand-testing each compound. The Structural Biology Center will speed up things with a robotic assembly line to test hundreds of compounds at a time.

The speed and power of the center's technology mean that researchers will be able to answer more questions, and more types of questions, in less time, according to Jennifer Laurence, assistant professor of pharmaceutical chemistry. That's good for scientists throughout the region and for the University.

"There is really nobody else who has this type of equipment," Laurence says, "so people will be coming here to KU."

Vander Velde thinks the new center may even thrust KU into the national spotlight. The National Institutes of Health want to establish several national "high-throughput" screening centers, he says. Vander Velde believes the Structural Biology Center's technology will give KU an advantage in getting one of those centers, which would come with a \$10 million grant from the NIH. Vander Velde also thinks the new facility could help create a biotech business corridor, as companies form to market its research discoveries.

"We have a ways to go before we catch Boston or San Diego," he says. "But it's a very big pie: A small piece of it is still a pretty big chunk of economic potential."

—Michael Campbell, g'93, is a Eudora free-lance writer and a frequent contributor to Kansas Alumni



Mod squad

Studio 804 students capture Home of the Year award from Architecture Magazine

Judging by the glittering hardware they've collected lately, a suitable motto for the students of Studio 804 might be, "Build it, and the awards will come."

The innovative class taught by School of Architecture and Urban Design professors Dan Rockhill and Kent Spreckelmeyer picked up Home of the Year honors from Architecture Magazine in November for its 2004 project, a modular home built in Lawrence and assembled in an inner-city neighborhood of Kansas City, Kan.

Earlier this year, the house also won an international Wood Design Award and was one of 12 featured in the Autumn 2004 issue of Wood Design & Building magazine. Since 1999, when Rockhill created the course, Studio 804 students have designed and built six houses for low-income homeowners, winning more than a dozen design awards.

"In both cases, these are professional competitions, not student competitions," Rockhill says of the latest honors. "So you have to rise to the top competing with professionals, and that makes a bit of a difference."

In the past, Studio 804 constructed low-income homes in partnership with various Lawrence groups that promote affordable housing. This year, for the first time, the class chose a site outside of Lawrence, the Rosedale neighbor-

hood near KU Medical Center. The Studio 804 home at 3800 Lloyd Street is the first of 10 affordable homes to be developed by the community group City Vision Ministries in an effort to bring 120 new homes to Rainbow Park, an area that has seen little development in recent years.

The out-of-town location dictated a new approach. Students came up with a design that would let them build the house in five 12-by-20 foot pieces in a Lawrence warehouse. In May, flatbed semis trucked the finished modules to the site, where a foundation had been prepared. A crane unloaded the modules, and the house was assembled in a day.

Architecture Magazine's Home of the Year award recognizes overall design excellence, creativity, site sensitivity and formal expression. The magazine judged houses in five categories based on the square footage of the structures. Studio 804's house was judged with homes less than 1,500 square feet and was the only Grand Award winner in 2004.

The striking design includes wood siding made of *massaranduba* (a Brazilian hardwood with a fire-rating similar to concrete) that appears to float over the 12-by-60 foot exterior. The wood, which is certified by the Sierra Club as eco-friendly, and vertical-grain bamboo floors inside highlight Studio 804's pref-



■ Bold design and sustainable building materials like Brazilian hardwood siding won Studio 804 the 2004 Home of the Year award from Architecture Magazine.

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erence for sustainable building materials. The magazine praised the use of nontraditional materials, noting the recycled-aluminum clad walls inside and a rubber membrane that surrounds the entire exterior to provide waterproofing.

Rockhill says the honors his students have garnered from the architecture community validate his belief that university-based design programs will have a major influence on housing, particularly housing intended to rejuvenate inner cities.

"I think because we solve problems a little differently and maybe unencumbered by some of the restraints that developers face, we are able to show by example that you can bring about change," he says. "We feel we added a spark to a neighborhood that hasn't been looked at in 40 years."

—Steven Hill

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Great outdoorsman

Journalist pushed limits of outdoor beat to make room for outsized passion

By most accounts, sportswriter John Husar was a big man with a gentle touch. An optimist in a career that calls for skepticism, he combined a remarkable zest for life with a beat reporter's hunger for finding and telling the important stories of his day.

During the more than 30 years he covered sports for his hometown newspaper, the Chicago Tribune, Husar, j'59, became the paper's chronicler of events "odd and wonderful." One Super Bowl Sunday, while most sportswriters were basking in Florida sunshine, Big John, as his colleagues called the former Jayhawk tackle, was happily ensconced in frigid Ely, Minn., covering a dogsled race.

But it was on the outdoors beat,

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which he covered for 15 years, that Husar found his true calling. He saw the possibilities of a genre derided by some as the province of the "hook and bullet" story, bland how-to pieces detailing the mechanics of fishing and hunting. Husar decided his topics would not be limited to bait shops and hunting blinds.

"The outdoor beat is about the whole planet," he said in a 1999 interview with *Kansas Alumni*. "And that makes it the biggest beat on the paper."

Husar died July 20, 2000, from Hepatitis C, a blood-borne disease he probably contracted while serving as an Army medical technician in the 1960s. He was diagnosed in 1992 and had been on the transplant list for a new liver since 1998. He wrote about that ordeal—movingly but matter-of-factly, as was his way—in his column.

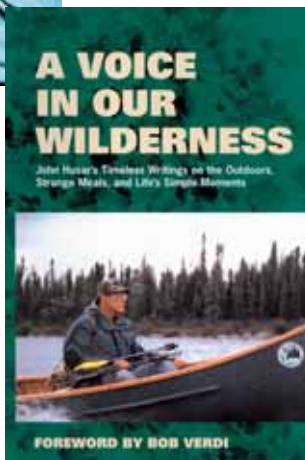
Now his friends and colleagues have gathered some of Husar's best pieces in *A Voice in Our Wilderness*. Royalties will go to the John Husar Outdoor Education Endowment, which provides outdoor opportunities to urban children.

The book's variety highlights the curiosity and openness the South Side native brought to the outdoor beat. While plenty of traditional hunting and fishing topics are included to keep hardcore outdoorsmen happy, Husar also embraced hiking, snowmobiling, sail-

boarding, canoeing, kayaking and mountain biking—newfangled pursuits some old-school hunters and anglers still view with suspicion. Husar understood that the more varied the constituencies who use nature, the more likely natural areas will be preserved for all to enjoy.

He tackled big issues—public access, conservation, habitat destruction and pollution—because he was foremost a journalist. "In a big newspaper, that's what you do," Husar said, "you write

about the big issues." He did so most impressively in a 1984 series called "Chicago's Hidden Wilderness," which depicted the pockets of nature found in the city's abandoned industrial sites. His reporting led to creation of the National Heritage Corridor in the Des Plaines River Valley, and it was the second of two Husar pieces nominated by Tribune editors for



■ *A Voice in Our Wilderness*

by John Husar

Triumph Books, \$19.95

the Pulitzer Prize. Over the years he used the bully pulpit to good effect, calling for better protection of Illinois' natural sites, and he is credited with sounding the alarm that helped preserve more than one natural area.

When Husar first turned his formidable skills on the sporting scene, he knew he wasn't simply writing about athletes; he was writing about heroes. After 15 years on the outdoors beat, his perspective had changed. His new heroes were wildlife biologists and others who served nature.

"People who are fighting to save precious wetlands and forests, people who are fighting for trails," he said, "those are the real heroes."

If that's the case, then John Husar was a hero, too.

—Steven Hill



Oread Encore

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO



■ Paul Vander Tuig's treasure-trove of trinkets includes baubles that bobble, such as the "Hawaiian earthquake detector" (above).

scholarships. When the men's basketball team made it to the Final Four in 2002, the most recent fiscal year for which all data have been collected, licensing revenues soared to \$965,000. Similar basketball success this year, Vander Tuig says, would fatten scholarship coffers by more than \$1 million.

Vander Tuig is not the lone guardian of the Jayhawk's classy reputation. He says he receives frequent phone calls from alumni when they discover items they fear are unlicensed or inappropriate, and he investigates each allegation vigorously. He also has plenty of help dusting, because none of the countless KU tidbits that fill Vander Tuig's tables and shelves go unattended long; visitors who happen to spy his office from the wide, quiet hallway invariably drop in for a viewing.

"They'll tell me, 'You've got the best job in the world,'" he says. "And they're probably right."



Rock Chachka

Jayhawk licensor keeps treasures of KU kitsch

Tucked off a hallway in the Burge Union, Paul Vander Tuig's office overflows with all things Jayhawk: clocks, shirts, snow globes, Allen Field House replicas, laser-cut glass, branding irons, Hawaiian earthquake detectors, limestone posts ...

OK, no limestone posts.

"If we need to, somebody can e-mail me a photograph of the product, and that is often good enough for me to give approval," says Vander Tuig, trademark licensing administrator. "So, no, I didn't ask them to send me the limestone post with a Jayhawk carved into it."

Vander Tuig says some of his favorite recent products include the Wheaties boxes created last year by the Alumni Association, logo sweatshirts celebrating the 50th anniversary of Allen Field House, and Jayhawk caps with "Beak 'Em" embossed onto the bill.

The ephemera is cute fun, but there's a serious side: Revenues generated by licensing agreements support student



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