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*KU lures Richard Lariviere*

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# Lift the Chorus

## Wak on!

I enjoyed Chris Lazzarino's article about the Wakarusa Music and Camping Festival ["Where the Music Moves," issue No. 4].

I just wanted to point out that the outstanding local percussionist who led the big Sunday-noon drum circle this year and last is also a KU alumnus. His name is Clark Jamison, c'89, and he graduated with a degree in theatre and film.

Malika Lyon, c'81, g'99  
Lawrence

## One hit, no errors

I'm positive John Bremner would have found errors in your article about him [First Word, issue No. 4]. But I didn't.

Bill Meyer, j'48  
Marion

## The bus doesn't start there

What a good article by Steven Hill in the No. 4, 2006, *Kansas Alumni* magazine ["The bus stops here," Hilltopics]. I am pleased to know that things on the Hill are going so well.

I tried to contact Steven Hill and all I could find were some 20 or so contacts on the Internet about a man of the same name from Kansas State. UGH!

I wanted to let him know how pleased we are in Valley Falls to know that we have a bus manufacturing plant here! I have tried to find out just where this manufacturing plant is. Is it Phil Thompson's sophisticated machine shop? Is it Bain Millwrights' metal



works? I am sure the buses were painted at Watson's body shop, or at Jamie and Dave's large organ restoration room! Whatever, we are proud to know Valley Falls is back in the manufacturing business.

I am sending this letter to our newspaper, the Valley Falls Vindicator, so that they too will learn of the prominent enter-

prise within the borders of old Grasshopper Falls. You may want to let them in on the secret: Just where were the five \$269,000 KU buses really put together?

Frank Shrimplin, p'50  
Valley Falls

*Editor's note: Yes, it should be Valley Center, Mr. Shrimplin. Good catch. We send our thanks—along with the assurance that Mr. Hill did not graduate from Kansas State University. Like many wise and devoted spouses, he is a Jayhawk by marriage, having made room for the crimson and blue in his allegiances to his home state, Kentucky; his college home, North Carolina Wilmington; and his graduate school, Columbia University. He is one of us.*

## Schools d-coded

Congratulations on the production of such an outstanding publication. For many of us, *Kansas Alumni* is our most important member benefit, especially those of us removed by many miles from Lawrence.

Please let me know what the letter "d" before class years stands for in terms of schools at KU. I believe you usually run a box with this information in the "Class Notes" and "In Memory" sections, but I couldn't find such a box in this issue.

Keep up the good work.

Bill Nelligan, j'49  
Damascus, Md.

*Editor's note: The mysterious "d" stands for the School of Education. For decades, the magazine has used school abbreviations that reportedly originated in University Commencement programs. We sometimes omit the school codes box when space is tight, but we'll try to run it in every issue to make our abbreviations clear.*

## Butterfly boosters

I am the director of Peninsula Volunteers Little House in Menlo Park, Calif., a daily activity center mostly for seniors. I saw the article about the Monarch Butterfly Waystations ["Garden Spots," *Rock Chalk Review*, issue No. 4, 2005] and obtained the starter kit from Monarch Watch.

The seniors here have germinated the plants and planted the proper seedlings, which are now beautiful.

We are Waystation #734 and have even seen a couple of Monarchs!

Janice Sutton Pierce, s'66  
Mountain View, Calif.



*Editor's note: More information can be found at [monarchwatch.org](http://monarchwatch.org).*

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“Cabinets of Curiosity,” through Sept. 24, Spencer Museum of Art

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“Using the Past to Serve the Present in 20th-Century Chinese Painting,” opens Oct. 7, Spencer Museum of Art

“Views of Vietnam,” opens Oct. 14, Spencer Museum of Art

“The Last Supper,” Julie Green, Oct. 28-Nov. 17, Art and Design Gallery

“John Steuart Curry: Agrarian Allegories,” through Nov. 5, Spencer Museum of Art

## ■ University Theatre

### SEPTEMBER

**25-16, 30, Oct. 1** “Homer’s The Odyssey,” a dramatization by Gregory A. Falls and Kurt Beattie

### OCTOBER

**27-29, Nov. 2-4** “The Skin of Our Teeth,” by Thornton Wilder

### NOVEMBER

**10-12, 14-18** “Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it All for You,” by Christopher Durang and “SantaLand Diaries,” by David Sedaris

## ■ Lied Center events

### SEPTEMBER

**21** Nathan Granner, tenor, and Beau Bledsoe, guitar (Regnier Hall)



■ *Wheat*, 1941-1942

Auditorium, Edwards Campus)

**30** Fireworks in Cartoon, music from zany cartoons

### OCTOBER

**1** Pacifica Quartet

**4** “I Can’t Stop Loving You,” celebrating the music of Ray Charles

**6** Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company

**10** Laura Palmer, Bales Organ Recital Hall

**19** KU Jazz Ensembles I, II, III

**21** Simon Shaheen & Dr. A.J. Racy and the Near Eastern Music Ensemble

**24** KU Symphony Orchestra

**25** Chu-Fang Huang, piano (Regnier Hall Auditorium, Edwards Campus)

**27** L.A. Theatre Works in “The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial”

**27** Sharee Thompson, Bales Organ Recital Hall

■ All three works are by John Steuart Curry, 1897-1946; gouache, charcoal, pencil; gift of Daniel Bradley Schuster in memory of Ellen Curry Schuster; Spencer Museum of Art

### NOVEMBER

**1-2** Ratan Thiyam’s Chorus Repertory Theatre in “Nine Hills One Valley”

**4** Miami City Ballet in “Don Quixote”

**5** KU Wind Ensemble

**9** Cantus, men’s vocal ensemble

**10** Classical Savion, tap dancing

**11** ULALI, women’s a cappella trio (at Haskell Indian Nations University)

## ■ Special events

### SEPTEMBER

**9** Jayhawk Generations Breakfast

**22** Ellsworth Medallion Program

### OCTOBER

**5-8** Black Alumni Weekend

**5** Kathy Griffin, Homecoming, Lied Center

**6** Get Downtown, Homecoming concert

**6-7** Homecoming, reunions and parade

## ■ Lectures

### SEPTEMBER

**20** “Breaking Ground,” architect Daniel Libeskind, Kansas Union

**25** John Cuneo, illustrator, Hallmark Design Symposium, Wescoe Hall

**26** Judge John E. Jones III, Difficult Dialogues at the Commons, Kansas Union

## OCTOBER

- 3** Os Guinness, Difficult Dialogues at the Commons, Kansas Union
- 9** Kurt van Dexter, landscape architect, Hallmark Design Symposium, Alderson Auditorium
- 16** Richard Dawkins, Humanities Lecture Series and Difficult Dialogues at the Commons, Lied Center
- 23** Bazillion Pictures, Hallmark Design Symposium, Lied Center

## NOVEMBER

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- 20** Kansas City Chapter: Rock Chalk Wednesday
- 20** San Diego: Fine Arts Reception
- 21** Phoenix: Fine Arts Reception
- 23** Central North Carolina Chapter:



■ Horse, 1941-1942

Brown Bag Museum Tour

- 23** Tailgate at the Adams Alumni Center, KU vs. South Florida
- 27** West Central Kansas Chapter: Organizational Meeting
- 30** Lincoln: KU vs. Nebraska Tailgate

### OCTOBER

- 3** St. Louis: Engineering Reception
- 4** Kansas City Chapter: Rock Chalk Wednesday
- 7** Tailgate at the Adams Alumni Center, KU vs. Texas A&M
- 10** Chicago: Engineering Reception
- 14** Tailgate at the Adams Alumni Center, KU vs. Oklahoma State
- 16** Chicago: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Reception
- 19** Wichita: Education Reception
- 20** Dallas Chapter: TGIF Party
- 21** Waco: KU vs. Baylor Tailgate
- 22** Phoenix Chapter: Big 12 Picnic
- 27** Lawrence: Education Reception
- 27-28** Volunteer Leaders Weekend, Adams Alumni Center
- 28** Tailgate at the Adams Alumni Center, KU vs. Colorado

### NOVEMBER

- 4** Ames: KU vs. Iowa State Tailgate
- 8** Kansas City Chapter: Rock Chalk Wednesday

## ■ Kansas Honors Program

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- 25** El Dorado
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- 8** Wichita
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BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

# First Word

JAMIE ROBER



Jan, Anne and Richard Lariviere

Career mementos line one wall in the basement den of Richard and Jan Lariviere's new home just northwest of campus:

Richard's two Eyes of Texas Excellence Awards for his impact on student life at the University of Texas, Jan's certificates as an outstanding high school biology teacher.

But the real eye-catcher is the portrait of Richard, seated regally in his UT office, wearing Willie Nelson's braids and red bandanna and Dorothy's dazzling ruby slippers. The doctored photo reveals not only the wonders (and horrors) of Photoshop, but also the humor of the man whose Texas colleagues knew he would treasure such a bizarre farewell gift as he moved to Kansas to become KU provost.

By all accounts, Lariviere, the subject of our cover story, knows when to leaven the serious work of education with laughter. As UT liberal arts dean, he once invited Texas bad boy (now renegade gubernatorial candidate) Kinky Friedman to deliver a graduation address that Lariviere describes as one of the most successful he has ever heard.

"He did his shtick for a while, and then he dramatically shifted to talk

about his father," Lariviere recalls. "His father was a World War II veteran, one of Tom Brokaw's 'Greatest Generation.' Kinky talked about that generation, and then he pointed his cigar at the students, and he said, 'But YOU are the greatest generation.' He brought the house down. It was magic."

Such moments lie at the heart of education, and Lariviere strives to make them happen—sometimes by doing the unexpected, says Paul Woodruff, professor of philosophy and former director of UT's Plan II Honors Program. Woodruff says he was on the verge of leaving when Lariviere became dean in 1999. "Richard changed everything," Woodruff recalls. "He immediately caused the bureaucrats to relax and do what was right instead of what was in the rules. He was very quick, very smart. He grasped a complicated situation rapidly and dealt with it.

"His passion is very important; he really does care. He has a wicked sense of humor, but he's a serious guy."

Jayhawks saw both qualities Feb. 15, when Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway introduced the new provost. After joshing with reporters, Lariviere ended his first KU press conference near tears,

vowing, "Every day, when I wake up, I'll think about how to make this place great."


In a conversation months later, Lariviere discusses the impact of higher education from his perspective as an academic leader—and a parent. His 22-year-old daughter, Anne, earned her degree in American studies in May from Barnard College. "She's in the exact position of so many of our graduates: She's trying to decide what she wants to do with her life," he says. "It's been a valuable experience for me professionally, because I've found myself thinking and saying all the things I have derided parents for thinking and saying: 'What are you going to do? Is this going to turn into a career? Will you be able to support yourself?'"

He credits his fearless wife for calming his nerves. "Jan continues to remind me that this is all going to be fine. And it is. Anne's a smart kid. She's discovering life with the tools she's been endowed with as a result of her education."

Weeks later, Anne is in Lawrence for a weekend visit. Though she clearly feels at home in New York City, her parents' new house suits her. Reminiscing sends her to the basement shelves, determined to find exactly the right snapshots from family travels. All the while, Anne narrates her parents' unauthorized biographies as only an only daughter can.

And she chats eagerly about facing a classroom full of 4-year-olds Monday morning, when, lo and behold, she will begin her first job—as a teacher. There's talk of graduate school and a career in special education.

Back in his Strong Hall office, Lariviere turns wistful at the mention of his daughter entering the family profession. "It brings tears to my eyes," he says.

But there's little doubt she'll be up to the task. Confidence and commitment, tempered by an ornery streak, run in the family. 



# Jayhawk Walk

BY HILL AND LAZZARINO



COURTESY DAVID SCOTT

## From Wheel to World Cup: Elvii spotted in Germany

Turns out that our coverage of Homecoming 2005, in last year's issue No. 6, was yet another worldwide scoop for *Kansas Alumni*: The Elvis-bedecked pals we photographed on the *The Wheel*'s back patio, Kansas Citians Dave Scott, c'93, and Mizzou alumnus Pat Ryan, became ambassadors for their country with a heavily publicized journey to Germany for soccer's World Cup.

Scott, Ryan and more than 50 of their pals from across the U.S. converged on Europe in June, and 16 of them brought along Elvis costumes. Based in Munich for the World Cup, the Elvii were huge attractions at the wildly popular Fan Fests, and were featured in the *Kansas City Star* and interviewed by ESPN.

"That MU game at Homecoming last year was just the beginning," Scott says. "This was priceless, like we had our own paparazzi."

In which case, there's only thing to be done: Party like a rock star.

■ Dave Scott (l to r), Jason Tyrer, c'93, Pat Ryan and other Elvii at the USA-Italy World Cup match in Kaiserslautern. For the two KU and two MU buddies on the journey, Scott says, "Four guaranteed blowout trips in our lifetime. This was the first."

## That's a wrap!

Searching for a college scholarship, Hannah Blodgett stuck to her strong suit: creativity.

"I'm not the best essay writer, so I had to do what I could," says Blodgett, an incoming freshman from Perry who will study art education. She spent two nights fashioning a formal gown and tuxedo out of duct tape for herself and date Mark Weatherford to wear to their high school prom last spring, hoping to win a \$3,000 scholarship in the *Stuck At Prom* contest sponsored by Duck brand duct tape.

Ten rolls of sticky stuff went into the outfits, which definitely stuck out at the Perry-Lecompton High School dance. "No one had ever seen anything like it," Blodgett says. "We posed for a lot of pictures."

They also benefited from an e-mail campaign that urged the Jayhawk tribe to vote for Blodgett in the contest's online poll. And though she didn't win the big prize, wearing a prom dress that was "fun and original" was payoff enough.

"People kept saying, 'You must be so hot in that thing,' but I wasn't," Blodgett says. "I was totally cool."

Cool, indeed.



COURTESY HANNAH BLODGETT

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## A crossroad for The Crossing

It's a long way from last call for The Crossing, and proposed changes for the property at 12th and Oread might never reach fruition. Still, a widely reported sale of the historic pub's building generated instant nostalgia.

Within days of the first reports being splashed across the Lawrence Journal-World, an Internet petition to "Save the Crossing" had already generated more than 3,200 electronic signatures. Before the petition was removed, for reasons unexplained, it was peppered with pleas that included, "My first kiss was there!" and, in the spirit and words of the Coen brothers' Jeffrey Lebowski, "This will not stand, man, this aggression will not stand."

Proposals for the corner include a retail and residential complex, but any such plan would have to wend through numerous city boards and neighborhood and historic committees, so it's far too early to toast farewell to The Crossing and the Yello Sub sandwich shop.

But it might not be a bad idea to drop in for a six-inch veggie and a pitcher of beer just in case.



SUSAN YOUNGER

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## Theft throws club's future up in the air

Perhaps you remember the good news we happily reported back in January, about a few students forming a campus juggling club for exercise, stress relief and camaraderie. In proof of the axiom that

every story has its dark side, we now must pass along a sad update.

Juggling supplies valued at more than \$1,000, stashed at the time in four duffel bags, were snatched from the backseat of the Toyota owned by club founder Justin Gramarye, while he and other KU jugglers were in Omaha, Neb., for the Flatland Juggling Festival. Almost worthless for anyone but the owners, the lost equipment included handmade costumes, a unicycle, and assorted tossables, such as beanbags and juggling clubs.

"I can't think they're enjoying it," club president Daniel Hogan told the Lawrence Journal-World. "The odds that this particular band of criminals are jugglers is fairly small." We'll gladly pass along to club members any donations that will help them recover from their loss, and to Crimestoppers any reports of suspicious juggling activity.

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## Insect migration

Visitors don't bug Zachary Falin. Charged with keeping KU's 4.5 million-specimen entomology collection in good physical condition, Falin, PhD '04, relishes the opportunity to show off some of the impressive insects under his care.

But with the collection spread across several rooms in bustling Snow Hall since the 1980s, security has been a bugaboo. So this summer the entire multi-legged menagerie bugged out and moved to the former Printing Services Building on West Campus.

With the collection finally in one room, Falin and col-



JAMIE ROOPER

Falin

leagues can better control access by human visitors while eliminating unwanted wayfarers: Pests that frequently entered open classroom windows in Snow Hall. Seems insects are among the biggest threats to insect collections.

"We like dead bugs," Falin says. "Live bugs are a different story."

A National Science Foundation grant paid for new, tighter fitting cabinets to protect specimens, and the KU

Natural History Museum, which maintains the trove, hired more staff to accommodate visits from researchers and science buffs.

Further improving security, perhaps, are the building's cotenants: KU's Public Safety Office this summer relocated its headquarters to the building.

"That will probably help," Falin says. "But I think we'll still lock our doors at night."



LARRY LEROY PEARSON



# Hilltopics

BY STEVEN HILL

■ John Neuberger, an environmental epidemiologist with a principal interest in cancer, heads a team of environmental health experts looking into fears that Wescoe Hall's physical environment may be linked to health concerns.



JAMIE ROPER

"I think the building is safe and that the air flow needs to be corrected," Neuberger said in August, after results of the air quality tests were presented to Wescoe employees. "We are doing additional tests on the building and expect to continue to do them into the fall, and we will provide additional reports when those are done."

The tests showed that levels of formaldehyde, a common indoor air pollutant that can originate from carpeting, particle board and other building materials, fell well below standards set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, but slightly exceeded standards recommended by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

## Breathe easy

*Initial air quality tests determine that Wescoe is safe; epidemiological survey proceeds*

An initial report by an investigative team looking into potential environmental hazards at Wescoe Hall has determined that the building's air may be dead in spots, but it's not dangerous.

KU commissioned the team in June after employees expressed concerns about the incidence of health problems experienced by those who work in the building. In the past decade five people who worked in Wescoe were diagnosed with brain tumors. In two cases, the tumors were benign.

John Neuberger, a nationally known cancer epidemiologist in the School of Medicine's department of preventive medicine and public health, is directing the study, which includes air quality tests and an epidemiological survey of current and former occupants of Wescoe. About 400 people now work in the building.

"It's a very commonly found chemical," Neuberger said. "At the levels they are at, they're fairly low, so I don't believe they have any health consequences at those levels."

Additional air quality tests will be conducted to determine the source of the formaldehyde. Air quality tests also will be conducted this fall to look for other possible contaminants.

"Certain things are better measured in the fall when there are more people in the building and when the University is operating more fully," Neuberger said. "Radon levels are supposed to be measured in the fall. There are a variety of reasons we want to look at seasonal distributions."

Air quality tests conducted in June showed that poor ventilation left some interior rooms with no air flow. The problem makes some offices too hot and some too cold and can lead to pockets of dead, stuffy air. Neuberger said dead air is not

dangerous but is primarily “a comfort thing.”

Neuberger has assembled a team of experts that includes KU School of Medicine colleagues and an industrial hygienist. The results of the air quality tests were presented by Albert Stewart of Stewart Industrial Hygiene and Safety Inc., of Kansas City.

Work is now underway to alter the building’s ventilation system to keep dampers partially open at all times. Unfortunately, this temporary fix to improve airflow may also worsen the too-hot, too-cold extremes says Don Steeples, vice provost for scholarly support. Long-term plans call for upgrading most of Wescoe’s ventilation systems and replacing basement flooring, which has buckled. That work awaits completion of a \$3.5 million project begun this summer to add 24,000 square feet to the 181,000-square-foot building by enclosing Wescoe’s south terrace. Construction on that project is expected to wrap up by March.

That expansion, Steeples says, is a response to crowding campuswide, not just in Wescoe.

“Our tenured and tenure-track faculty over the last five years have gone from about 1,030 to 1,130. We’re at record enrollment. We’re at record research dollars. We’re just bursting at the seams all over campus.”

The best part of the new addition, Steeples says: It will have its own up-to-date air-handling system.



## Head of the CLAS

*College of Liberal Arts & Sciences  
welcomes Indiana researcher  
as its new dean*

**A**t first glance, it might seem that Joseph Steinmetz has not only the appropriate administrative experience for his new job as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, but also the perfect scholarly background.

Steinmetz, who held Indiana University’s Eleanor Cox Riggs Professorship in psychology and led the school’s psychology department as chairman for 10 years before becoming an associate dean in IU’s College of Arts and Sciences, is also known for his research contributions in experimental psychology, which led the National

Academy of Sciences to give him the Troland Research Award in 1996. Surely this research expertise supplies valuable insights into the human psyche that he can draw on as leader of KU’s largest school?

“The strange thing is that my research area is neuroscience, and it just happens that the psychology department is where neuroscience is located at Indiana,” Steinmetz says, laughing. “I don’t think people in the College want me performing brain surgery on them, but I might be able to spot those who need it.”

Leading KU’s largest school may not be brain surgery (nor rocket science), but it definitely has its own learning curve. Steinmetz, who started July 1, will spend the first six months or so studying programs and meeting department chairs before hatching any grand strategy for the College, which employs 741 faculty and 225 staff and enrolls 17,801 students in 53 academic units. A couple of areas already stand out as deserving more attention.

“Strengthening presence in the life sciences, for example, is something that’s heavily underway in a lot of places,” Steinmetz says. “And for good reason. This is where, nationally, research is happening.”

“For younger alumni, I’m really interested in the question, ‘What was missing?’ And for alumni who have been gone a few years, ‘What don’t we have now that you thought valuable?’”

— Dean Joseph Steinmetz



Steinmetz



EARL RICHARDSON

## Military alumni come home

The Jayhawk Military Battalion Alumni Association will host former ROTC cadets at the second annual Alumni Homecoming Oct. 7. Events include demonstrations by cadets, music by an Army Reserve band, and induction of members into the Jayhawk Battalion Wall of Fame. For more information call 913-684-5320.

Another promising area is international and global studies. “There’s been a lot written lately about the world being very highly interconnected, and I think KU students and research would profit from investments in that area, also.”

Alumni can also expect to see a lot of the new dean over the next year. Steinmetz plans to attend as many alumni events as his schedule allows. While he wants to talk to alumni and “let them know what Kansas is doing,” he also wants to hear what they have to say about their old school.

“For the younger alumni, I’m really interested in the question, ‘What was missing?’ And from alumni who have been gone a few years, ‘What don’t we have now that you thought was valuable?’ This is a perspective we don’t really have here on campus, and I think it’s a view we really need to listen to.”

Steinmetz earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology and chemistry and a master’s in experimental psychology at Central Michigan University, and a doctorate in physiological psychology at Ohio University. His research program, which primarily explores how learning changes brain function, has produced more than 160 publications. He currently has two NIH research grants and has relocated his research lab from IU to Haworth Hall.

At KU, Steinmetz will eventually revisit the issue of differential tuition for the college, which he says was a frequent topic of conversation in his meetings with faculty while interviewing for the job. But the controversial plan that failed to generate support among students when it was first proposed in 2004 will be just one part of an overall plan to maximize funding for the school. Fund raising, prominent in any dean’s job description these days, is another. For now, that will focus mainly on graduate-student support and undergraduate scholarships.

“I look at all these as interchangeable parts that really need to be worked out if we are going to increase the funds that we have available. But in the end, I want to step back and say, ‘Look, by doing [differential tuition] we have a strong and extremely positive impact on the students that are here. If not, we shouldn’t be doing it.’”

■ “If you are alive, you are at risk for obesity,” says Joseph Donnelly, director of a new center to address childhood obesity. “Our environment provides no need for physical activity, and food is everywhere.”



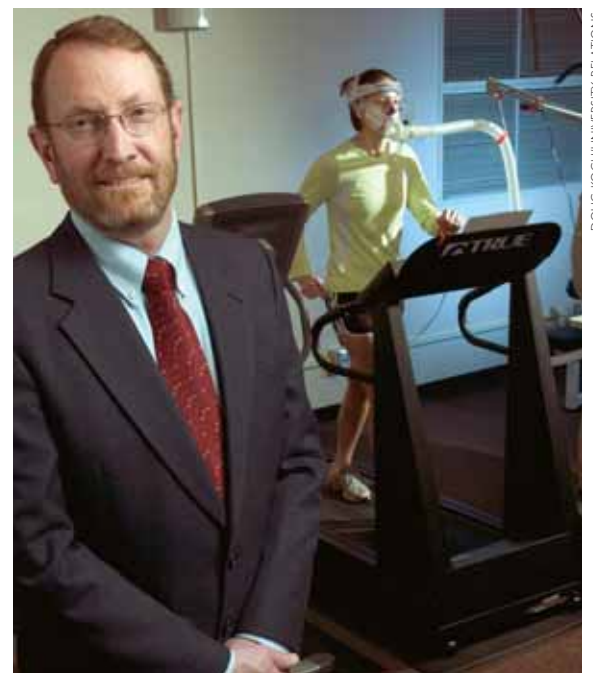
## Pound of prevention

*Partnership with Children’s Mercy to address weight control problems in K.C. children and adolescents*

A collaboration between KU and Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics aims to tackle obesity in much the same way that researchers have attacked other killer diseases: by forming a multidisciplinary center to array scientific research, clinical treatment and public education programs against the problem.

The Center for Physical Activity, Nutrition and Weight Management will be located at Children’s Mercy Hospital in the Don Chisholm Center at 22nd and Holmes in Kansas City. Renovations to the building are currently underway, funded by a \$4 million gift from the Hall Family Foundation.

Professor Joseph Donnelly, who directs the Center for Physical Activity and Weight Management at KU’s Life Span Institute, will also direct the new center. He says it will draw on the expertise of its Lawrence forerunner—which has generated \$14 million in research grants since 2000—while engaging new partners at the KU Medical Center, Children’s Mercy,



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St. Luke's Hospital, UMKC and other Kansas City institutions.

"This is no different than a diabetes center or a heart center," Donnelly says. "The idea is to draw people together from all these institutions to achieve the critical mass needed to impact this problem."


But first the center must raise \$5 million to cover operating expenses for its first five years. The Hall Family Foundation gift pays only for the center's physical plant. The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation has pledged \$1 million over five years for operating costs, leaving another \$4 million that must be raised before the center is viable.

"We have an opportunity," Donnelly says. "Obesity research is the fastest rising expenditure at the NIH, and I view that as a barometer of opportunity."

Plenty of statistics suggest that obesity could be, as Donnelly phrases it, "the disease of the century." Around 24 percent of all Kansas children and 32 percent of Missouri children are thought to be obese. One Kansas City clinic reported that 40 percent of children reporting to its well-child clinic were overweight or obese. Some researchers predict that 50 percent of Americans will be obese by 2030—a development that would have catastrophic consequences for the nation's health care system.

The new center's focus will be scientific research that provides hard data on what kind of approaches successfully prevent and treat the disease. It will also treat a small number of patients using proven research protocols. Its third aim is to deliver education programs to children and their families—again backed by solid research evidence.

In other words, Donnelly says, the center will not be simply a weight-loss clinic. In fact, the emphasis on nutrition and physical activity mean its focus will not be only on the overweight, nor will its reach be restricted to within its walls. Donnelly hopes the center's education programs will be reaching 30,000 kids annually by the fifth year, and he has hopes for satellite facilities in Garden City, Hays, Salina and other Kansas cities.

"Our programs go where the kids are, and a lot of them are prevention programs. In fact, the prevention of obesity is the same as the treatment for obesity: You eat better and you exercise. There is no downside to better nutrition and greater physical activity." 

## Visitor

### An evening with Andrei

**P**oet, novelist, essayist and screenwriter Andrei Codrescu kicked off the 2006-'07 Humanities Lecture Series sponsored by the Hall Center for the Humanities.

**WHEN:** Aug. 28

**WHERE:** The Lied Center

**BACKGROUND:** Born in Sibiu, Romania, Codrescu came to the United States in 1966 and became a U.S. citizen in 1981. He is the MacCurdy Distinguished Professor of English at Louisiana State University. His most recent book, *New Orleans, Mon Amour*, is a collection of essays about his longtime hometown. Codrescu is also known for his commentaries on NPR's "All Things Considered" and as editor of the online literary journal *Exquisite Corpse*.

**ANECDOTE:** Codrescu warned that "unsettled rhetorical verbs" such as "restore, rebuild and come back" create false hope and unhelpful civic visions, "the worst of which is 'new urbanist and full nostalgist.'" But New Orleans' loss is the rest of America's gain, he said, and American towns lucky enough to receive Katrina refugees can expect more street theatre, smokers and barflies, sublime food, and spontaneous conversations with strangers.

**QUOTE:** "To bring it back is nearly impossible. If you want it back, send in the archaeologists. ... Without half the people who once lived in New Orleans, there is no New Orleans to bring back. When the people left they took New Orleans with them."



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"Eighty percent of our psychiatrists left town, and everybody is having a breakdown right now. When we need them the most, they are not there."

—Andrei Codrescu

## CAMPUS

### Grant will underwrite planning for campus preservation

The Getty Foundation, a program of the J. Paul Getty Trust in Los Angeles, this summer chose KU as one of 13 U.S. schools and universities to receive grant support for its historic preservation efforts.

KU will receive \$130,000 to write a preservation master plan. According to the Getty Foundation, the grant is intended “to help the University document and assess its varied landscapes, revise National Register nominations, and provide treatment guidelines for its historic buildings.”

Five Mount Oread buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places: Bailey, Dyche, Lippincott, Spooner and Strong halls. The master plan, however, will look at the entire campus, with an eye toward balancing historic preservation with the need for campus expansion.

“The landscape and the buildings that make up the KU campus in Lawrence are a part of our regional heritage and a



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■ Getty Foundation funds will help KU devise a preservation plan for Marvin Hall and other cherished campus buildings.

part of the lives of many generations of graduates, Kansas citizens, visitors and the Lawrence community,” says Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway. “This grant will help us inventory and study the campus to determine how best to preserve key elements while moving forward with development.”

The University will hire landscape and historic preservation consultants to work with Design and Construction Management staff on the study, which should be complete by the end of 2007.

## CLASS CREDIT

### Fulbright awards send students, faculty abroad

Six Jayhawks will study overseas during the 2006-'07 academic year with the help of prestigious Fulbright grants.

The program awards about 1,000 grants in 140 countries each year. Nearly 400 KU students have won Fulbrights since the program began in 1946.

Michael Andrew Britt, a'06, will research the influence of communist and capitalist ideologies on public behavior and public spaces in Krakow, Warsaw and Wroclaw, Poland. Clarisa Diaz, a'06, will study housing and urban development in Santiago, Chile. Laura Good, g'06, will teach English to schoolchildren near Madrid, Spain.

Christopher Hare, c'06, will take graduate classes and conduct research at the University of Munich in Germany. Emily Howard, c'06, j'06, will study media coverage of New Zealand's biopharming at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch. Anne Kraemer, a Cincinnati master's student in anthropology, will research community archaeology and sustainable development in Chocolá, Guatemala, the site of an important Maya archaeological site.

Three faculty members also received Fulbright Senior Scholar awards. Burdett Loomis, professor of political science, for Argentina; Patrick Suzeau, associate pro-

## Update

A number of KU fraternity chapters are recent winners of their national organizations' top honors: Delta Chi was one of three chapters to win the President's Cup in the group's large-chapter division, marking the sixth consecutive year the KU chapter was so recognized; Phi Delta Theta won its fraternity's top honor for large chapters, the Harvard Trophy, for the first time since 1981; and Phi Kappa Psi, though not eligible for its top trophy because it won the Grand Chapter Award two years ago, landed eight national awards at its August convention in New Orleans.

“To compete for these awards they need to really focus on such areas as academics and new-member programming, to name just two pieces of the puzzle,” says Laura Bauer, program director for fraternity and sorority life. “So these chapters can be proud of their accomplishments regardless of the awards.”

Also of note: Delta Tau Delta, which initiated more than 1,600 members since its local chapter was founded in 1914, will recolonize here. Interviews of potential members by national officers will conclude with a public pledging ceremony Sept. 28.

—Chris Lazzarino



Scott Baker, Phi Delta Theta

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fessor of dance, Lithuania; and Bill Tuttle, professor of history, the Netherlands.

## BANDS

### Texan tapped as leader of the Marching Jayhawks

David Clemmer, former director of athletics bands at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, is the new director of athletics bands and an assistant band director at KU.

Clemmer took over in August from James Hudson, who left for a similar job at Arizona State University.

"I think the crowds will really enjoy our show music this year," Clemmer says. "We've chosen music with the fans in mind, and I hope they will sing and clap and really get into it. I really hope to see them at halftime."

Clemmer is a music ensemble instructor for the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps of Rosemont, Ill., and a marching band consultant and visual designer for DCbrass Drill Design and Consultation, a company he founded to design shows for high school and college bands.

Primarily a trumpet player, he has performed with the Dallas Opera, the East Texas Symphony Orchestra, the Legend Brass Quintet and the Texas Wind Symphony. He has also produced an instructional DVD, "The Cavaliers Brass: From the Concert Hall to the Football Field."



Clemmer

# Milestones, money and other matters

■ **APPLICATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN** through Dec. 1 for the Simons Public Humanities Fellowship. Funded by a gift from the Simons Family of Lawrence and matching funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the fellowship brings to KU people with careers outside the University for a semester of study and interaction. For more information contact the Hall Center for the Humanities at 785-864-7823.

■ **KU'S LEVEL TUITION PROPOSAL**, which would lock in tuition at a guaranteed rate for four years, was not approved by the Kansas Board of Regents at their June meeting as reported in "Tuition changes on tap" [Hilltopics, issue No. 4]. In fact, the proposal is still pending and will require action by the board before it can be implemented.

■ **A \$2 MILLION GRANT** from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation will bolster training programs in geriatric medicine at KU Medical Center. The grant will help fund the Kansas Reynolds Program in Aging at KUMC's Landon Center on Aging. "This program is a major new undertaking for our institution, which will improve not only the quality of geriatric medical education provided our learners and faculty, but more importantly the quality of care provided our older adult patients," said Daniel Swagerty, c'81, m'85, g'95, the Landon Center's associate director of medical education.

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■ **SHEILA BAIR**, c'75, l'78, was sworn in as chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in June. Bair will serve as FDIC chairman until 2011 and will remain a member of the board until 2013.

■ **A \$1.75 MILLION GRANT** will help improve the treatment of vocabulary deficits in children. Holly Storkel, assistant professor of speech-language-hearing will use the five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop a comprehensive model of how children learn words. The work will ultimately help practitioners better understand why children with language impairments have difficulty learning new words.

■ **ROBERT HONEA** will direct KU's new Transportation Research Institute. He headed the National Transportation Research Center at Oak Ridge National Laboratory for 30 years before becoming a private consultant in 2002. KU's institute was established in 2005 to stimulate multidisciplinary research on many transportation issues, including alternative fuels, improved vehicle safety and efficiency, and the social implications of increased automobile use.

■ **FOUR 2006 SOCIAL WELFARE GRADUATES** won national recognition for a student project advocating the passage of juvenile justice legislation in Kansas. Kaela Byers, Lisa Crook, Lisbeth Sojourner and Christopher Veeh traveled to Washington, D.C., in June to receive an award from Influencing State Policy, a group that seeks to increase social workers influence on policy. Lori Messinger, assistant professor of social welfare, received an award as their instructor.



# Sports

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO



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■ Center David Ochoa (left) and tight end Derek Fine are the strengths of KU's frontline attack.

safe outlet when the young thrower gets rattled by a swarming Big 12 defense.

Well, centers and tight ends might normally have such concerns with a freshman quarterback, but they don't on this team. Where Kerry Meier is concerned, there is no concern.

"Mentally, he's not a freshman quarterback," Ochoa says. "He has such a quiet, supreme confidence about himself, very cool and collected. The thing about a guy like Kerry, and also (running back) Jon (Cornish), is that he has the speed to hit a hole that's open for two seconds. That definitely helps an offensive line."

Regardless, Meier still has much to prove. The

captains playing in front of him don't. Not when it comes to individual accolades.

Ochoa, All-Big 12 honorable mention last season, is on the preseason watch lists for the Lombardi Award, given to college football's best lineman, and the Rimington Trophy, which honors the season's outstanding center. "He's on so many of those lists," Fine says, "I'm not even sure which ones they are." Ochoa himself confesses that he only found out about his inclusion on the prestigious Lombardi list when his football-fan girlfriend, senior Allison Smith, read it in the sports page.

"As an offensive lineman, you're not conditioned to pay attention to those things. It's not a glory position," he says. "And any recognition I've received is a result of the guys who play alongside me."

Ochoa, of Houston, started at guard as a soph-

## Front and center

*Hopes for offensive flash must first rely on captains David Ochoa and Derek Fine*

Coach Mark Mangino admits he can't recall the last time he started the season with a freshman quarterback. Probably back in the late 1980s, when he was offensive coordinator at Geneva College, an NAIA school in Pennsylvania. But no one around KU football is nervous about putting the offense under the direction of Kerry Meier, a redshirt freshman from Pittsburg who already has drawn comparisons with All-American Bobby Douglass for his arm strength, speed and leadership.

If anyone should worry it might be the two captains along the offensive front, senior center David Ochoa and junior tight end Derek Fine, both of whom might understandably fret about looking after a newbie quarterback: the center, who has to be extra careful with the snap count and blocking schemes, and a tight end who would have to offer himself up as a sure-handed,

omore, then moved to center before last season, his junior year. Fine, of Sallisaw, Okla., won the Otto Schnellbacher Award for Scout Team Offensive Player of the Year when he redshirted his first year on campus. He played all 11 games as a freshman in 2004, and last season started all 12 games at tight end, catching 22 passes for an 11.1-yard average and one touchdown. His longest catch of the season was a 25-yarder in the critical season finale against Iowa State, which KU had to win to become bowl eligible and avoid a losing record.

"I think Derek Fine is poised to have a great season," Mangino says. "He has developed a reputation of being a tough, competitive player."

Says sophomore linebacker Mike Rivera, also elected a captain by his teammates, "Derek has been catching everything and running all over the place. He's going to have a big impact on our offense this year."

The Jayhawks finished last season with a flourish, winning four of their last five games, including consecutive victories over Nebraska and Missouri and a 42-13 triumph over Houston in the Fort Worth Bowl. The fact that the 7-5 Jayhawks endured a midseason slump of four consecutive losses makes them stronger, in the players' eyes, for this year.

"There was no point that we ever doubted ourselves, even at the lowest

**"The days of 2-10 are over. ... We have all the elements in place to be successful, and we are never going to go backwards."**

—Football coach Mark Mangino

■ All-American defender Holly Gault moved to forward to punch up KU's scoring attack.

point in the season," Ochoa says. "It's something we've been able to develop. We went through some tough parts last season and it was the confidence and trust in each other that really let us finish the way we did. As long as we have that, that'll get us through any stretch of tough times that we might have."

Though the Jayhawks don't have Texas or Oklahoma on this year's schedule, they still face a typically grueling Big 12 onslaught. They open the conference season Sept. 30 at Nebraska, then host Texas A&M for Homecoming Oct. 7. After hosting Colorado Oct. 28, they play Nov. 4 at Iowa State, one of the Big 12 North favorites, and, after a bye week, finish their home schedule Nov. 18 against Kansas State. The Jayhawks conclude the regular season Nov. 25 at Missouri, just the second time in the past nine seasons that they get to finish against the Tigers, the traditional regular-season cap from 1950 to 1997.

"The days of 2-10 are over," Mangino says of 2002, his first season as head coach. "We are no longer sponsoring a football team at KU. We have a football program. We have all the elements in place to be successful, and we are never going to go backwards."

Veteran players are equally insistent that they have arrived as worthy members of the Big 12.

"We were talking with some of the older guys about how they wouldn't be caught dead walking around campus with a KU football shirt on in 2002," Ochoa says. "But now there is a different kind of aura around. I think the fans, especially the students, know that we are always going to give it our all." 🐅



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## Better yet

*Fall 'Olympic sports' aim for more conference titles and deeper postseason runs*

There's a lot of running, jumping and kicking to be done first, but the cross-country, volleyball and soccer teams are already working toward their championship goals.

Considering recent history, nothing less should be expected.

Though the soccer team finished tied for second in the Big 12 last season, after winning the conference in 2004, the Jayhawks were left out of the 2005 NCAA Tournament. Leading the charge to get KU back to the NCAA tournament is senior and first-team All-American Holly Gault, who moves from defender to forward to help replace scoring punch lost with the graduation of the pro-

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Meier

## Updates



Collison

**F**ormer KU basketball greats **Kirk Hinrich** and **Nick Collison** could face each other in Allen Field House: Their NBA teams, the Chicago Bulls and Seattle SuperSonics, play an exhibition game here Oct. 15. ... Early highlights of the men's basketball schedule include a Nov. 25 game against defending NCAA champion Florida in the Las Vegas Invitational, and a Dec. 23 home game vs. Boston College, a Sweet 16 team last season; 16 of 31 games will be nationally televised. ...

**Marilynn Smith**, '51, will be inducted in the World Golf Hall of Fame Oct. 30 in St. Augustine, Fla. Smith and 12 other women founded the Ladies Professional Golf Association in 1950, and she went on to win 21 professional tournaments. "This is an incredible gift," she says, "particularly at this stage of my life." Though she no longer plays, Smith, 77, still gives lessons at her home course in Goodyear, Ariz. ... Football coach **Mark Mangino** signed a new contract, good through 2010. His previous contract would have expired in 2008. ... **Tim Weaver**, director of the Kansas Relays since 2000, in August announced his resignation to spend more time with his young family. He will remain with KU Athletics until his successor is hired.

gram's all-time leading scorer, Caroline Smith.

Gault entered the season with 10 career goals and 12 assists.

"We want to utilize her strengths as an attacking player," says eighth-year coach Mark Francis. "She is very dangerous going forward, and this is something people are not used to seeing."

Six midfielders with starting experience return, including seniors Nicole Cauzillo and Michelle Rasmussen, junior Emily Strinden, and sophomores Missy Geha, Jessica Bush and Kristen Graves.

With the 13th victory of the season, Ray Bechard will become KU's winningest volleyball coach. He concedes that national title contenders Nebraska and Texas should be dueling for the Big 12 championship, but he intends for his young Jayhawks to be among the "five or six teams that will be fighting for an upper-tier finish."

KU volleyball had never made the NCAA Tournament until 2003; now that the Jayhawks have been three consecutive seasons, the goal is to finally get past the second round.

"The biggest challenge," Bechard says, "is to go from good to great. In this conference, it's much easier to go from good to average. The good-to-great steps are very difficult."

Junior transfer Natalie Uhart, selected the Preseason Big 12 Newcomer of the Year, was lost for the season to a knee injury sustained in an exhibition game. As many as four others will try to fill the loss at middle blocker. Senior outside hitter Jana Correa and junior setter/outside hitter Emily Brown are two of the team's stars to watch.

Senior Benson Chesang expects to defend his consecutive Big 12 cross-country titles Oct. 27 on the Jayhawks' home course, Rim Rock Farm, in the first Big 12 championship in any sport to be hosted by KU. And the men's team returns four others who spurred KU to a surprising, 12th-place finish at last season's NCAA Championships.

"Benson had a great summer of training, and hopefully he'll be in the top 10 at the NCAA's," seventh-year coach Stanley Redwine says. "He believes in himself and believes it can be done. It won't be easy, but Benson loves the competition."

Among those joining Chesang are seniors Erik Sloan and Tyler Kelly, and juniors Paul Hefferon and Colby Wissel.

The top returners on a young women's cross-country team are senior Laura Major and juniors Melissa Moody and Lisa Morrissey. The team also includes nine freshmen.

## Wilt still stands tall

**H**e scored 52 points in his first varsity game, still a KU record, and was No. 11 on SportsIllustrated.com's list of the greatest college athletes. In 1962 he scored 100 in a game and averaged 50.4 points, NBA records unlikely to be topped. He scored 60 or more 32 times, and in a 1960 game pulled down 55 rebounds. And, of course, he stood over 7 feet tall.

Wilt Chamberlain, '59, who died Oct. 12, 1999, generated more astounding numbers than any athlete of his generation, but at the moment, this one seems the most shocking: Had he lived, Chamberlain on Aug. 21 would have turned 70.

Happy birthday, Dipper. You're missed.



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# Sports Calendar

## ■ Football

### SEPTEMBER

- 15** at Toledo (ESPN2)
- 23** South Florida
- 30** at Nebraska

### OCTOBER

- 7** Texas A&M (Homecoming)
- 14** Oklahoma State
- 21** at Baylor
- 28** Colorado

## ■ Soccer

### SEPTEMBER

- 15** Pepperdine
- 17** Central Florida
- 22** at Oklahoma State
- 24** at Oklahoma
- 29** at Creighton

### OCTOBER

- 1** at Nebraska
- 6** Texas
- 8** Texas A&M
- 13** at Iowa State
- 15** at Missouri
- 20** Baylor
- 22** Texas Tech
- 27** Colorado

## ■ Cross country

### SEPTEMBER

- 23** at Griak Invitational, Minneapolis

### OCTOBER

- 14** at NCAA Pre-Nationals Invitational, Terre Haute, Ind.
- 27** Big 12 Championships, Rim Rock

## ■ Volleyball

### SEPTEMBER

- 16** Texas
- 20** Texas A&M
- 23** at Colorado
- 27** at Texas Tech
- 30** Iowa State

### OCTOBER

- 4** at Missouri
- 7** at Oklahoma
- 11** Kansas State
- 14** Baylor
- 21** at Texas A&M
- 25** Oklahoma
- 28** Texas Tech

## ■ Men's golf

### SEPTEMBER

- 18-19** KU Invitational

### OCTOBER

- 8-9** at The Windon, Glencoe, Ill.
- 16-17** at PGA West, La Quinta, Calif.
- 27-29** at Wilmington, N.C.

## ■ Women's golf

### SEPTEMBER

- 18-19** at Nebraska Invitational

### OCTOBER

- 2-3** Marilyn Smith Invitational
- 16-18** at New Mexico State
- 27-29** at The Derby, Auburn, Ala.

## ■ Tennis

### SEPTEMBER

- 22-24** at Wake Forest

### OCTOBER

- 6-8** at Indiana
- 19-22** at ITA Central Regionals

## ■ Rowing

### SEPTEMBER

- 30-Oct. 1** at Oklahoma

### OCTOBER

- 29** at Iowa

## ■ Swimming & diving

### OCTOBER

- 13** at Big 12 Relays, Lincoln
- 14** at Nebraska-Omaha
- 27** at Missouri

## ■ Softball

### SEPTEMBER

- 23-24** Fall Jayhawk Classic
- 30-Oct. 1** KU Fall Invitational

### OCTOBER

- 7-8** at Husker Invitational

*\*For complete fall schedules through November, see [kuathletics.com](http://kuathletics.com)*



■ Volleyball senior Jana Correa, of Macapa, Brazil

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# Worldly Leader

NEW PROVOST'S OWN EXPERIENCE AS A SCHOLAR  
GUIDES HIS IDEALS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

**R**ichard Lariviere, age 22, a son of Iowa, stood on the front steps of a hotel in the heart of downtown Bombay, India. Around him swarmed sights and sounds unlike any he had ever encountered.

"It was so overwhelming from a sensory standpoint," he says. "I remember vividly being intimidated by everything I saw. I stood there for a few minutes and just turned around and went back up to our room."

The year was 1972. He and his wife, Jan, had spent their first wedding anniversary on an Air India flight to Bombay. They had made the trip, his first outside the United States, to visit the country whose languages, law and religion would form the crux of his graduate studies and his career in academe.

But first they had to overcome the culture shock that imprisoned them in the hotel for 36 hours or more. "Culture shock is a real, physical phenomenon," Lariviere affirms. "In strange environments, you notice every single thing that comes within your vision. Pretty soon your brain becomes exhausted. People respond in different ways—some

sleep, others get angry, some weep."

The Larivieres were lucky. An Indian businessman had befriended the young couple on the airplane. His kindness helped coax them far beyond the steps of their hotel. "He gave us so much confidence that within a week, we went everywhere in India on our own, not knowing the language, not knowing anything about the place," Lariviere says. "We came away with a very positive

impression. Indians, in my biased opinion, are uncommonly welcoming and friendly and tolerant to knuckleheaded foreigners who don't know anything about their culture or their world."

Thirty-four years later, Lariviere, KU's new provost and executive vice chancellor, is an expert on Indian culture: a scholar of Sanskrit who also reads Pali, Prakrit, Hindi and Bengali, plus French and German; author of a definitive trans-



**BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER**

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*“Richard is very focused on getting things done ... He really is, in many ways, the ideal provost. He has impeccable intellectual credentials; he cares deeply about students and education.” –Chancellor Hemenway*

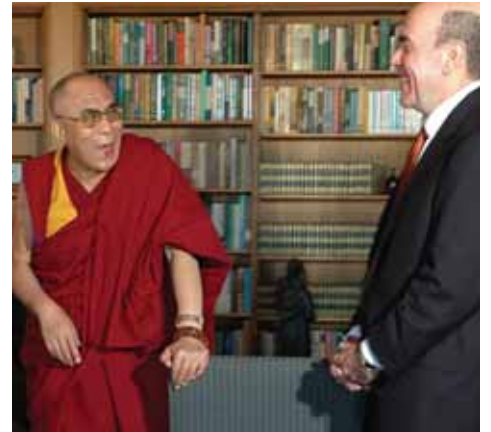
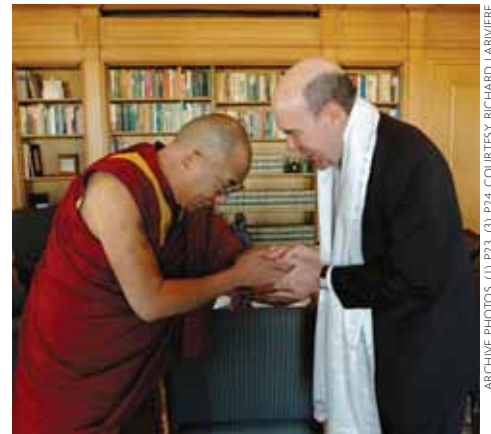
lation of ancient Indian law; and a respected consultant to U.S. companies doing business in India. In August he was named to the Council on Foreign Relations, the nation’s most prominent nongovernmental, nonpartisan think tank on foreign affairs.

From his Strong Hall office, he remains connected to India, corresponding daily with friends and colleagues on scholarly and business matters, and reading the daily news.

He also maintains contact with friends in a U.S. region sometimes known as a whole other country: Texas. On the popular social-networking site Facebook, Lariviere trades messages with, at last count, 68 former students at the University of Texas, his academic home for 24 years (see story, p. 25). “As a going-away gesture, some of them

made a group—they called it a memorial, which made it sound like I was dead,” he says. “But it has been wonderful to get on Facebook and see that someone has written to me.”

The wired ways of today’s students fascinate Lariviere, who wants KU to continue improving its information technology. He supports the campaign of Jason Boots and Melissa Horen, this academic year’s student body president and vice president, to provide more wireless Internet areas throughout campus. Boots and Horen meet weekly with the provost—and both have joined Lariviere’s Facebook group. “Jason and Melissa’s ideas for wireless areas are really good,” he says. “I also think we need to make it possible for students to have more online autonomy in looking after the bureaucratic side of their lives.



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They need to be able to interactively check progress toward their degree online anytime, 24 hours a day.”

And, in a more tame offshoot of Facebook, he hopes to provide photo rosters of all students to professors—and photos of all teachers not only to students but also to media who receive faculty news from KU. If we as a community can more readily connect faces and names, he says, we can enrich the exchanges between teachers and students that are fundamental to the University.

Lariviere’s new boss, Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway, commends the provost’s practical solutions and his deeply held principles. “Richard is very focused on getting things done,” Hemenway says. “He identifies an issue intellectually and figures out a way to address it in a practical way.

“He really is, in many ways, the ideal provost. He has impeccable intellectual credentials; he cares deeply about students and education. We share the same values.”

Lariviere says he and Hemenway were on the same wavelength the moment they met. And before they met, the stories he heard about Hemenway piqued his own curiosity about KU. “He has a national reputation of being one of the best university presidents in the country,” Lariviere says. “He’s a really smart

■ During a 1980 trip to India, Lariviere (p. 23) met Ganga and her family in the city of Pune. Their friendship endured, and the Larivieres supported the young girl’s education through high school. The Dalai Lama (top left) visited the University of Texas last year and met with Lariviere. The photos are sentimental, Jan says, because of the rare occasion—and quips from colleagues: “Richard’s staff referred to the Dalai Lama as Richard’s twin brother,” she says. A photo from 1976 (left) captures a typical research assignment: In the Darbhanga district of the Bihar State, the Larivieres met with local leaders, who allowed them to photograph ancient documents for translation and study.



## The provost’s journey

A career-aptitude test in junior high school predicted Richard Lariviere would become a university professor. But a heart-to-heart talk with his young wife years later sealed the deal.

When he arrived as a freshman at the University of Iowa, Janis Worcester, a sophomore who had sat behind him in high-school chemistry class, showed him around the campus. “We were just buddies for about a year of college,” she says, “and then we decided to be more than that.” They married in 1971.

As Lariviere finished his bachelor’s degree in the history of religions a year later, he registered to take the Law School Aptitude Test. But he began to doubt his choice. “I remember saying to Jan, ‘Let’s just roll the dice and go for the PhD,’ and she, in typical fashion, said, ‘Absolutely.’” To support them, she began her longtime career as a high-school biology and chemistry teacher, while he completed his doctorate in Asian studies from the University of Pennsylvania. His mentor was Ludo Rocher, professor of Sanskrit, now 80 and still a dear friend to his protégé.

Following graduation, Lariviere had planned to take an exotic post created by the Empress of Iran to start a Sanskrit program at Shiraz University in Iran, but he awoke one morning to read that the Shah and Empress had fled the country, and his job had vanished.

After staying at Penn to teach for a year, he won a three-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to study and translate ancient Indian texts. “It made my career,” he says. “It also made me the happiest person on my block to pay my taxes every year. I feel a tremendous sense of debt.”

In 1982, the Larivieres settled in Austin, where he was hired as an assistant professor of Sanskrit at the University of Texas. He became director of the Center for Asian Studies four years later. In 1995, he moved



Jan, Richard and Anne Lariviere

to central administration as associate vice provost for international programs. From 1999 until May of this year, he led UT’s College of Liberal Arts, the nation’s largest liberal arts school, with more than 14,000 students (the UT College of Natural Sciences is separate from liberal arts).

Last February KU Chancellor Robert Hemenway hired Lariviere as provost and executive vice chancellor. He succeeded David Shulenburg as the chief academic and operations officer for the Lawrence and Edwards campuses.

Jan Lariviere in 1998 joined the staff of a UT program called UTeach, which trains secondary science and math teachers. The joint project of the Colleges of Education and Natural Sciences offered freshmen studying math and science the opportunity to earn their teaching certification while pursuing science degrees. “About half of those who came in for a taste with that first free course stayed on to certify,” she says. “It was amazing. We said, ‘You don’t have to decide you’re not going to grad school or med school.’ But we found most of them who stayed for teaching ended up as teachers.”

Fittingly, Jan Lariviere now works for KU’s Center for Science Education.

—J.J.S.



■ Anne, a new graduate of Barnard College, traveled from New York City to visit her parents in August. The family sees many similarities between Lawrence and Austin, but they appreciate their new city's smaller size. They enjoy downtown (notably Liberty Hall), the Community Mercantile and the rich local and KU arts offerings.

guy who understands the macro values of what we're doing here. It's easy to get lost in the minutia and the daily struggles and lose sight of the fact that we're here to transform the lives of these 30,000 students. We're here to produce new knowledge for the world that has an effect on people's lives."

Lariviere's own life is testimony to such transformations. Born in 1950 in Chicago, he grew up in Marshalltown, Iowa. His father, who worked for a utility company, had dropped out of school after eighth grade. "The pressures of the Depression and the casual attitude toward education of the French-Canadian working class conspired to deprive him," Lariviere writes in a brief autobiography published this month in *Burnt Orange Britannia*, a collection of

essays by British Studies faculty at the University of Texas. Lariviere recalls that his father lamented his lack of education and "vowed to my mother when she announced she was pregnant that his child would go to college, even if they had to sell their house. Of course, they didn't own a house at the moment, but never mind; he conveyed his conviction."

Sure enough, his parents saw to it that Richard and his younger sister, Patty, went on to college. But their educations would not have been complete, Lariviere writes, without life lessons from relatives and friends in the bilingual communities of French-Canadians on their father's side and Norwegians on their mother's. In his autobiography, Lariviere thanks these boisterous folks, lovers of the wild outdoors, outlandish



pranks and raucous political debate. He counts them among the “superb teachers” who helped shape his character and career.

In setting goals for their children, Lariviere’s parents were no different than generations of moms and dads, says Lariviere, who readily confesses that when he enrolled at the University of Iowa, he knew only that he wanted to get a degree and find a way to pay for it. “I did in college what I wish more of our students could do—I just took stuff that really interested me,” he says.

That stuff included law and religion and their effects on society, especially the ancient Hindu and Jewish traditions. “I didn’t give a thought to what the career implications might mean,” he recalls. “And, much to my father and mother’s credit—both working-class people who had struggled all their lives financially, they never asked, ‘Now, is there going to be a payoff at the end of this? Are you going to get a job?’ I think they had the assumption that if you went to college, it was all going to be OK.

“And the truth of the matter is, that’s right.”

Although the principle still holds true, the privilege of attending college has become more costly, forcing families to focus more on practical concerns. So, as the University concludes its tuition-enhancement plan, which brought five years of substantial increases, Lariviere ardently supports KU’s proposal to the Kansas Board of Regents to offer guaranteed tuition. “Dramatic increases in tuition are lamentable and odious,” he says, “but they are a function of the world we live in. If I had my way, tuition would be zero. I’m hoping guaranteed tuition will provide the large middle class with some reassurance about what the cost is going to be over a four-year education. I’d like to think of it as our pact with the middle class to make the cost of this remarkable education more predictable than it has been before.”

■ The Larivieres attended Traditions Night with the Class of 2010.

The new provost also turns his eye toward the admissions process at KU, vowing to make it more “holistic.” He first broached this ongoing discussion at the Regents’ retreat in August. “I know this is a legislative matter,” he says, “but I’m not comfortable that we are spending the public’s money as effectively as we should be given the current admissions policy. Right now one out of five students does not succeed. And I guarantee you there is not a businessperson in Kansas who would be satisfied with that rate of failure in their products or services.”

Lariviere says he hopes someday to arrive at a system that includes multiple measures of talent and experience: grades, test scores, résumés, interviews and essays. “I want the kid who is a superb violinist, but maybe not the greatest performer on the ACT, to be here mixing it up with the kid who just knocked the socks off every test. And I want that genius—that absolutely gliding, easy, superior performing kid—to be seated right next to a kid who has struggled and worked and overcome all sorts of challenges to get here. I want them to know that the other kind of person is out there and they’re going to have to engage them in the course of their lives.”


He yearns for diversity that defies

mere demographics because he believes that students with varied histories, skills, beliefs and goals learn more from one another than they do from the faculty. He wants students to be challenged by culturally rich experiences inside their Mount Oread classrooms as well as during studies abroad. He applauds the recent goal announced by Nelson Galle, Board of Regents chair, who wants 100 percent of Kansas college and university students to study abroad.

“We have to overcome the myth that study abroad will add time to graduation, or it’s only for the rich, or it’s just a vacation with credit,” Lariviere says. “We must all understand that to become familiar with another region is an integral part of a sophisticated education.”

Curriculum is only part of the advantage, he adds. “People who’ve studied abroad understand that while it’s valuable to go to India to learn the language, to know the culture, or go to Japan to become an expert on the art or commerce, the truth is that the most valuable part of any education is knowing yourself better.

“And nothing teaches you more about yourself than study abroad.”

Richard Lariviere, whose passage to India changed his life, knows a little culture shock can be good for the soul. 



# THE Silver Medalist

*Forty years after he was shot down over North Vietnam, Cliff Cushman is remembered for more than the Olympic glory that eluded him*



**B**illy Mills, whose victory in the 10,000 meters at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics remains one of the seminal triumphs in track and field history, keeps close to his heart a quote he happened upon while researching the history of Native-American athletes:

*To watch him perform was to admire him; to compete against him was to learn from him; and to know him was to love him.*

“That’s Cliff Cushman,” Mills says from his home in Fair Oaks, Calif. “He fit the epitome of what I was told a Native American was: Responsibility, humility, and the power of giving, centered around a core of spirituality. That was Cliff. He was a warrior.”

That was the comfort Mills, d’62, leaned on when he learned 40 years ago this fall that his teammate, friend and mentor had been shot down over North Vietnam. Mills didn’t hear the news from a phone call or letter. He was at his desk in his San Diego insurance agency when suddenly he felt a “horrible need” to open the San Diego Tribune and scan that week’s list of casualties from Vietnam. “I knew,” Mills says, “that somebody was there.”

Mills, himself a former Marine Corps officer, first checked the Marines. He saw none that he knew. His heart sank when his eyes fell upon the list provided by the U.S. Air Force: Capt. Clifton E. Cushman, missing in action.

He recalled then the last note he had received from Cushman, d’61, shortly before Cushman shipped out for duty in Southeast Asia.

“I told my wife at that time, ‘I think Cliff doesn’t think he’s coming back,’” Mills says. “It’s probably not fair for me to say, but it just went to my soul that Cliff sees a bigger picture. I just don’t know how else to explain it. I felt it. And my response was, simply, he’s definitely a warrior and he knows how to take care of himself. God willing, I’ll see my friend again.”

**BY CHRIS LAZZARINO**

Cliff Cushman won the silver medal in the 400-meter hurdles at the 1960 Olympics in Rome. Before that he had been a champion sprinter, miler and long jumper in high school, first in Ames, Iowa, then for two years in Grand Forks, N.D. He was a prized recruit for the legendary KU track coach Bill Easton, and as a senior in 1960 helped push KU to its second consecutive NCAA Outdoor championship by winning the 400-meter hurdles (bettering his second-place finish the year before, when he also placed sixth in the triple jump).

“Cliff was a big guy, with well-muscled legs,” recalls former teammate Ernie Shelby, f’59, a two-time NCAA champion long jumper who is now a businessman in New York City. “He ran with a great deal of power, but there was a fluidity, a glide, to the way he ran. It always looked like he was just cruising.”

Al Oerter, ’58, a four-time discus gold medalist and a teammate of Cushman’s on the 1960 U.S. squad, says, “As far as I’m concerned the 400-meter hurdles is one of the toughest events in track and field, and that showed me what kind of grit Cliff possessed.”

Though Cushman was a sprinter and hurdler, he also competed on the cross-country team. Mills recalls 8-mile training runs through vicious late-summer thunderstorms when Cushman would throw himself into torrents of rushing storm water. Coach Easton had always instilled in the runners the need for serious discipline, but Cushman also believed in finding ways to relax in the midst of stress. Soon enough Mills and others would join him, sitting in a river of rain, water rushing over their shoulders, and after enough laughs they’d get back to their feet and continue the run.

“Those were those times when America was going through incredible social upheaval,” Mills says. “The civil rights movement was getting ready to come into play, black America was challenging white America. And Cliff only saw America. He saw the athletes. He saw unity through diversity.”

Cushman’s father flew a small Cessna



■ Cliff Cushman entrusted his victory watches to his parents, Martelle and Florence Cushman, during the 1960 Kansas Relays, at which he was named Most Outstanding Athlete. The 440-meter hurdle race—one of his triumphs at that year’s annual spring track festival in Memorial Stadium—is now named in his honor.

back home in North Dakota, and Cliff took flying lessons in Lawrence and joined Air Force ROTC. He accepted his second lieutenant’s commission upon graduation and immediately began flight training.

In 1964 he and his wife, Carolyn Throop Cushman Blaine, d’62, moved from their post in Everett, Wash., back to Lawrence, so Cliff could train for another shot at his dream of Olympic gold.

“He was a very happy person, very upbeat, very positive, and very athletic,” Blaine recalls from her home in Fargo, N.D. “He was running on back roads long before it became a popular thing to do. He always wanted to be healthy and strong. He had a German shepherd, and the dog would usually run with Cliff, and I would drive behind in the car.”

Cushman’s pursuit of Olympic gold famously crashed hard at the Olympic Trials in the Los Angeles Coliseum. Cushman, leading at the time, tripped over the fifth hurdle and thudded into the cinders. He didn’t know it then, but he had run his last competitive race.

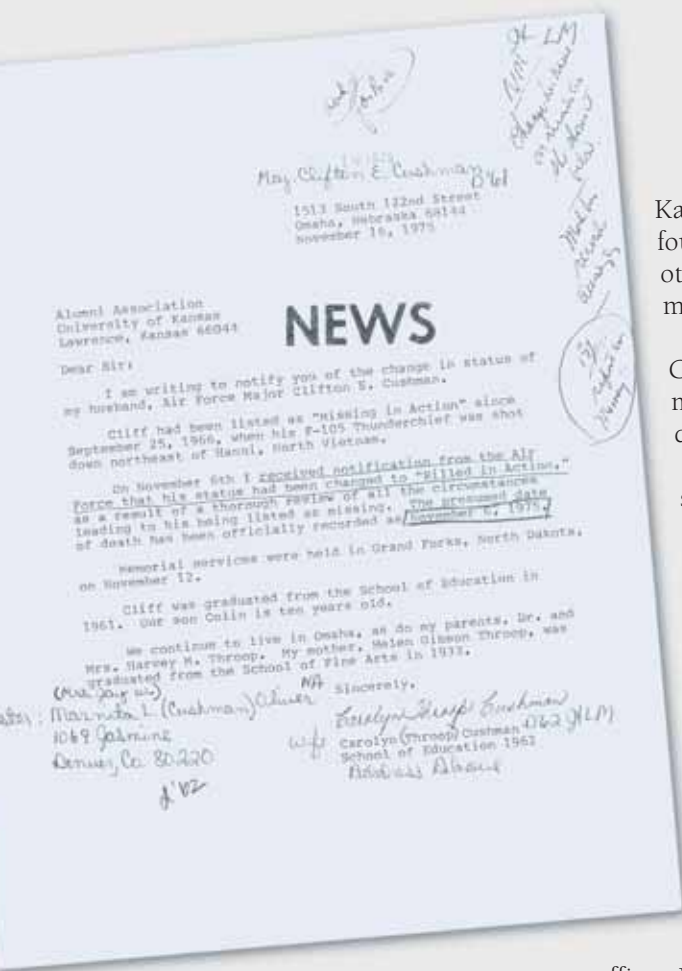
“It was one of those things that can

always possibly happen in the hurdles, and he was an at-risk runner,” Mills says. “He would put it right on the line, go right to the edge.”

Cushman left Los Angeles that evening, and during his long flight home he began to fret. Not about himself, but for others, especially schoolchildren back in Grand Forks who surely had watched him on television and were probably grieving for him.

His “Open Letter to Youth,” reprinted in newspapers across the country and now preserved word for word in a bronze plaque at Central High School in Grand Forks, began, “Don’t feel sorry for me.”

*In a split second all the many years of training, pain, sweat, blisters and agony of running were simply and irrevocably wiped out. But I tried! I would much rather fail knowing I had put forth an honest effort than never to have tried at all. ... Over 15 years ago I saw a star—first place in the Olympic Games. I literally started to run after it. In 1960 I came within three yards of grabbing it; this year I stumbled, fell and watched it recede four more years away.*



Kansas City, and we visited and found out everything about each other's families. We just had so many things in common."

Not long after classes started, Cliff phoned Carolyn in her dormitory room. She agreed to a date.

"That was the beginning of it," she says softly.

They married in summer 1963. After Cliff's disappointment in the 1964 Olympic Trials, he resumed his Air Force flight training. Their son, Colin, was born Nov. 21, 1965, a Sunday. Four days later was Thanksgiving, and the Cushmans were giving thanks as they brought their son home to celebrate the most joyous day of their lives.

Then the phone rang. It was Cushman's commanding officer. His orders had come through. He was going to Southeast Asia and would immediately begin training in the supersonic F-105 Thunderchief.

Not long before Cliff shipped out, in August 1966, he and Carolyn visited Ernie Shelby in Los Angeles. Shelby had shared rooms with Cushman when they traveled across the United States and Europe on national teams. They'd shared a harrowing taxi ride through Rome after convincing the driver that they truly were late to join their squad for an audience with Pope Pius XII. They shared stories about growing up in black America and white America, and most of all they shared their friendship and trust.

After dinner that night in L.A., Cliff asked Ernie to join him out on the balcony. There he confided to his friend, "I'm probably not going to come back." He explained that pilots flying the missions he was training for had survival rates of about 11 percent, in part because tactics of the time required the jets to sweep through on multiple runs at the same targets, diving into intense enemy artillery long after the advantage of surprise had evaporated.

"I got angry, flat-out angry," Shelby recalls. "I was fuming. But what was I going to do, pick up the phone and call the president of the United States? What could we do?"



On Sept. 25, 1966, Capt. Cliff Cushman and two squadron mates took off for an afternoon bombing run on a railroad bridge northeast of Hanoi. Capt. Cushman radioed during the attack that he had been hit by anti-aircraft artillery fire. As he was speaking his final known words, his stricken jet disappeared behind a ridgeline.

"He radioed in, saying he was hit and he was going to have to eject," says Cushman's son, Colin Cushman Blaine, 40, a professional musician and guitar teacher in Fargo. "They never saw him actually eject, but I guess a beeper goes off in other planes when a parachute has been opened. They heard the beeper, but never confirmed the sighting of it. We just know he had to eject, and they heard the beepers. That's about it."

The Cushmans received a letter from one of the pilots who had been on the mission that day. He told Carolyn that he saw Cliff's plane get hit, and that they had searched frantically for several days to locate another transmission from the electronic beeper.

"I had no way of knowing where Cliff was," she recalls, "but I just knew him, and I knew how strong he was physically, how strong he was spiritually ... I just felt that if anybody could make it, he would. If it was God's will, he'd come home."

Cushman was listed as Missing in Action until Nov. 6, 1975, when the Air Force finally declared him Killed in Action. Six days later, Carolyn and Colin Cushman organized the memorial service for their husband and father.

"It brought closure, I think," she says. "If he wasn't alive, if he wasn't coming home, then this official declaration of Presumed Killed in Action was the last word. And as a Christian I know where

*Certainly, I was very disappointed in falling flat on my face. However, there is nothing I can do about it now but get up, pick the cinders from my wounds, and take one more step followed by one more and one more, until the steps turn into miles and the miles into success.*

*I know I may never make it. The odds are against me but I have something in my favor—desire and faith. ... At least I am going to try. How about you?*



Carolyn Throop met her future husband in summer 1959. After working at a camp in the Minnesota woods she rode the train home to Kansas City. She heard a young man behind her talking with another passenger seated across the aisle. When she heard the guy say he attended KU, she pulled herself around the tall seat to join the conversation.

"Then we just started talking," she recalls. "And we never did sit next to each other. We just talked over the back of my train seat. It was kind of an all-night train ride, from Minneapolis to



he is. I know that he had a very strong faith in God. And I know that if he died, and I'm sure that we have to assume that that's what happened, that he was taken care of."

For his gallantry and heroism, Maj. Clifton E. Cushman was awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Air Medals and the Purple Heart. No remains have ever been found.



In February 1976, Carolyn Throop Cushman, still living near her parents in Omaha, Neb., married a dermatologist named Richard Blaine. Soon afterward they and Colin moved to Fargo, where they still live. Dick Blaine and Cliff Cushman actually graduated from the same Grand Forks high school, a few years apart from each other, and Blaine openly shared his admiration for Cushman; he even kept a copy of Cushman's "Open Letter to Youth" on his office wall.

"Cliff sent a letter to Colin shortly before he was shot down," Carolyn



F-105 Thunderchief

biennial banquet features a program with Cushman's photo and a reproduction of "Open Letter to Youth." Though Cushman graduated from Grand Forks Central, the stadium at the new school, Red River High, is named Cliff Cushman Field, and the city rivals face off each fall in the Cushman Classic, a festive celebration of the town's favorite son.

And every few years, usually when a local TV station or newspaper comes calling, Carolyn or Colin opens the family's safety deposit box and pulls out a silver medal from the 1960 Olympics.

It sparkles better than gold.



Cliff Cushman could fly, but he couldn't catch Billy Mills in a cross-country race. He'd sure try, though.

Two or three times Mills, a future Olympic champion in the 10,000 meters and three-time cross country All-American, would be about 450 yards

Then I'd dream of joining him. And I know I did that at least a dozen times."

Both were commissioned officers—Cushman in the Air Force, Mills in the Marines—when they met up in Los Angeles for the 1964 Olympic Trials. Mills asked Cushman to shout out his split times during his 10,000-meter race, but if the race should turn tactical—rendering elapsed times irrelevant—then Mills asked that he only shout encouragement.

Cushman asked Mills how fast he hoped to run. Mills hesitated: He had told only one other person, the coach he trained with at Camp Pendleton; if Cushman laughed, Mills would be crushed. It was a delicate moment, but finally he decided that if he couldn't trust Cushman—his mentor, motivator and friend—he couldn't trust anybody.

"So I told Cliff, '28 minutes and 25 seconds,'" Mills recalls. "Now, at that point, that was the second-fastest time ever run in the world, and well over a minute faster than I'd ever run before. But he didn't look startled. He didn't say I *can* do it, he didn't say I *can't* do it. He



KU Vietnam Memorial

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Blaine says. "And in that letter, he said, 'If anything ever happens to me, and your mother remarries ...'"

Through soft tears she bravely continues, "He wanted Colin to have the same love and respect for my husband as he did for his own father. It was like Cliff was preparing the way, if something happened. He was realistic. He knew that it was a dangerous mission he was going on. He sensed that when he wrote that letter to Colin."

The family is justly proud that Cliff Cushman has not been forgotten in North Dakota. The state's sports hall of fame, established in 1992 in Jamestown, honors its inductees with the Cliff Cushman Memorial Award, and its

from the tape, certain of victory, when he would hear footsteps.

"So I'm trying to make another move, and I look around, and it's Cliff! Here's this long jumper, hurdler and miler, and he's right on me in a cross-country race, and he gives me this great smile and says, 'You'd better move, Billy!'"

After Cushman returned from the Rome Olympics, the two runners roomed together in a boarding house east of campus. Sometimes when Cushman had left for an early class, Mills would reach into the closet they shared and find himself staring at Cushman's Olympic uniform.

"I would stroke the arm and say, 'This belongs to the greatest athlete I know.'

said, 'OK, I'll help you.'"

Mills fulfilled his Olympic dreams. Thanks to the late kick he spent so many years developing—in part by outracing Cliff Cushman to the finish line—Billy Mills won the Tokyo 10,000 meters in 28 minutes, 24.4 seconds.

"When I got back, Cliff wrote me this beautiful letter," Mills recalls. "He wrote, 'Billy, I cried when I watched you win on television. Not because of what you achieved, because I've been there, Billy. But I cried because of where you began.'"

It was the last lesson Cliff Cushman had to offer his friend. Running, like living, was not about the winning.

It was, and always will be, about the trying.

A photograph of a white pickup truck at dusk, with its headlights on, set against a blue sky. The truck is the central focus, with its headlights glowing yellow. The background is a clear, deep blue sky. The truck is parked on a grassy field.

**AS HARVESTERS SWEEP ACROSS THE PLAINS,  
THEY TEACH A NEW GENERATION**

**BY STEVEN HILL | PHOTOGRAPHS BY JAMIE ROPER**

# With the Grain

**I**t's summer in Kansas, and Rick Farris is more popular than the Good Humor Man. The cell phone stashed in his white coveralls chirps constantly, and Farris, a talkative sort who's harder to rattle than a can of beans, is adept at fishing it out without interrupting whatever he happens to be doing at the moment.

For the past 40 years, Farris, b'67, has run the custom harvesting business that his father founded during World War II. From May to September, he and his crew ride a wave of ripening wheat north, from Hobart, Okla.,

to Sweetgrass, Mont., reenacting the annual migration of men and machines that transforms even the smallest farm towns into bustling centers of commerce as cutters haul in the year's crop of winter wheat. Many of the 60 or so farmers Farris Brothers Inc. serves are the sons and grandsons of his father's clientele. "It's like visiting family every place we go," he says.

The crew—Rick's nephew Patrick Farris, b'97; his 12-year-old son, J.J.; and several young men who've joined up through an internship program at Ohio State University—is a sort of family, too. By summer's end they will be bound together by the many meals they've shared, the long days they've worked side by side, and the close quarters they've called home.

This morning they're working in Sherman County, where Farris lives. Untimely rain—the bane of farmers and custom harvesters alike—has everyone jumpy. Rain during the growing season boosts yields, of course, but wet weather at harvest time keeps combines out of the fields and exposes ripe wheat to weather damage. Scattered storms rolled through the county overnight. As Farris takes reports from farmers on his cell phone, he's plotting a way his crew can hopscotch the countryside, finding dry fields to work. Their schedule is tight: A day lost to rain will domino down the line, and every time the phone rings, there's a farmer on the other end with a field of ripe wheat, anxious to learn how soon Farris and his crew will aim their convoy of combines and trucks his way.

Farris seems unperturbed by it all.





## Like the farmers and ranchers they work for, custom cutters must master a good many tasks. There are machines to repair, books to balance, customers to recruit, workers to hire. And that's during the slow season.

"If you can't remain calm, you make too many mistakes," he says, as he turns his truck down a muddy road and picks his way among puddles. "You can't afford to have equipment damaged or people hurt." While equipment advances have greatly improved safety along with efficiency, dangers remain.

Farris hops out and wades into a field of golden grain. He plucks a fat head off a wheat stalk, roughs the germ out of the husk, and tosses a handful of kernels into his mouth, chewing thoughtfully. "Too damp," he says, and heads back to the truck.

One farmer is about to learn his field is too wet to cut; another will have his crop harvested sooner than expected.

"It's always this way at harvest time out here on the Great Plains," Farris says. "Some days you just go as hard as you can and hope for the best."



By the time he came to Mount Oread, in 1962, Rick Farris had been working the wheat harvest for five years. By the time he earned a degree in accounting, he'd figured out there was nothing he liked better.

"I was interviewing with accounting firms, including Kennedy and Coe, and one of the partners had a brother in the implement business, so I told him what I'd been doing," Farris recalls. "He said, 'Aw, heck, you don't want to come in and do this; you can't stand to sit behind a desk.' And he was right."

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Even by these standards Farris seems a jack-of-all-trades.

He's active in U.S. Custom Harvesters, Inc., a Hutchinson-based trade group that fights for the industry's interests in Washington, D.C. (Farris was president of the group in 1988 and currently serves on its legislative committee.) Tim

Baker, executive director of the group, credits Farris for sniffing out proposed federal regulations that could have proven disastrous.

"He's picked up on things no one else saw and that could have meant the death of the entire industry if they come through and we make no comment on them," Baker says. "Rick is one of those people who potentially could be the salvation of an entire industry. That's the kind of guy he is; he always has his ear to the ground."



■ Pete Buttermeier and Daniel Mumford break from mechanized labors to shift overflowing grain the hard way. Rick Farris relies on his cell phone to touch base with customers but uses more tactile methods—chewing a handful of kernels—to judge a field's readiness for the combine.



■ Twelve-year-old JJ. Farris pitches in at harvest time, positioning grain trucks for older crew members to drive to town. 'Like labor liquid and refined': Wheat streams into the grain pit at Mueller's, a Goodland elevator.

Farris also helps develop and field-test new technology for manufacturer Case New Holland, continuing a family connection to the brand that dates to the 1920s, when his grandfather sold the distinctive red tractors and threshing machines in his family's dealership. His father operated some of America's first self-propelled combines when he entered the business, and now Farris himself helps Case's engineering group come up with new ways to improve the machines' power and efficiency.

But by his own estimation he is, more than anything, a teacher.

Every summer, Farris takes on several interns from The Ohio Program, the reciprocal internship program at Ohio State that sends international agriculture and horticulture students to the U.S. and American students overseas.

"We take entry level people and train them to operate this very complex machinery," Farris says. "What we're really doing is training a cadre of young people to operate American-made

machinery overseas. I don't want to see us get in a position where we are not world leaders in the manufacture of these things."

Pete Buttermeier, one of six students on Farris' crew this summer, says the hands-on experience he's getting in America is hard to come by back home.

"At home, there would likely be only one combine and it would be the farm manager driving the machine," says Buttermeier, who hails from County Cork, Ireland, and attends Harper Adams University College in Newport, England. "The young guys wouldn't get to drive. But you come here and you get straight to it."

Interns log anywhere from 650 to 800 hours on a combine in just six months; it may take six to eight years to earn that much experience in England. Farris teaches them to operate the latest GPS field-mapping equipment and interpret the reams of agricultural data modern combines generate. They learn to adjust combine settings and operate in different



crop conditions and to clean and maintain equipment.

For the first half of his vocational "placement," Buttermeier worked for six months in a British implement dealership, where he saw combines up close but never in action. Now he regularly drives the \$250,000 machines. "A much better experience," he says.

For Daniel Mumford, of Derbyshire, England, "getting to drive the big stuff" rather than simply working on it, as he did back home, is the payoff. But there have been cultural lessons, as well.

Farris' shop is in Edson, about 10 miles east of Goodland. A few houses hunker around a one-room post office, where Farris' mother was postmaster for



41 years. Railcars idle on a siding near a grain elevator. Beyond, fields yawn for miles.

When Mumford and his companions arrived here, they had to recalibrate: What is thought an inconveniently long drive back in England is practically a milk run in western Kansas. The towns are much smaller than they are used to. The sky, the farms, the combines—even the soda cups (especially the soda cups)—are much bigger.

“This is the part of America you never hear much about at home,” Mumford says. “I didn’t have a clue what it would be like here. You hear on the telly what happens in the big cities. The impression you get is Americans are all nuts; they go

around shooting each other. But people are actually a lot nicer than you expect.”

Farris gears today’s teaching session to Buttermeier. As the crew gathers around, he spreads a schematic drawing of the combine across a tailgate and explains how he tweaks factory settings to sharpen the machine’s performance. Buttermeier is writing a paper on the topic. Farris’ lesson is to the point: Not everything can be done by the book; field conditions require adaptation.

“Some stuff you just can’t learn in a textbook,” Farris says later. “You can do only so much training before you have to get hands-on. All the theory in the world does no good if you don’t get to see the wheel turn.”

A good bit of morning slips away, eaten up by odd jobs—a small field of wheat to cut, a couple of truck tires to patch—before Farris and his crew reunite on the Golden Wheat Ranch south of Goodland.

Ranch owner John Golden, c’54, is an ex-mayor of Goodland, a former state legislator and an abundant source of Kansas lore. If a more fervent booster of Sherman County and western Kansas exists, I’d like to meet him. On a napkin he draws a map of the state and divides it into thirds, sketching average rainfall, topsoil depth, altitude. Western Kansas doesn’t start on the outskirts of Topeka, Golden wants you to know; it starts at



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—John Golden



mile marker 144 on I-70, near the 100th meridian, the traditional dividing line in America between arid west and rainy east. You don’t come *out* west; you come *up*. It’s higher and drier here on what Golden and his fellow Goodlanders call “the topside of Kansas.”

As he watches, all four of Farris’ red combines lumber into the sun-colored wheat, then fall into staggered formation

and begin methodically chewing up the field. There’s something quintessentially Kansas about the sight. For such big machines, combines are surprisingly agile—so nimble that a skilled driver can do-si-do a 30-foot grain head through a 19-foot gate. Each is a factory on wheels, capable of cutting and threshing more wheat in 12 minutes than a farmer in the early 1800s could cut in a day.

■ A travel trailer makes a cheery summer home for Rick Farris’ international crew (Brian Toohey, Tipperary, Ireland; Ian Talbot, Birmingham, England; Simon Teagle, London; and Daniel Mumford, Derbyshire, England), who pack lunches or enjoy a cup of tea in preparation for another workday. Patrick and Rick Farris listen as John Golden delivers a disquisition on western Kansas at Crazy R’s Restaurant.



Golden is old enough to remember Hamm Town—the fleet of combines, trucks and trailers hauling crew, parts and food—that custom cutter Norman Hamm used to roll through Sherman County. Hamm, who was based in Perry, was a teacher, Golden says. “He made damn sure everyone who worked for him was a good student of the harvest.”

He says Farris does the same, and the benefit reaches far beyond Sherman County.

“These guys return home and they try to influence their local economies to do the things they see working so well here in the U.S.,” Golden says. “The rest of the world gets an uplift from their being here with the best of the best.”

When the lead combine’s hopper is full, Patrick Farris extends the long auger to signal he’s ready to unload. A



truck pulls alongside and grain begins flowing into the bed. It’s a key moment, distilling all of a grower’s work and worry into something tangible: a commodity to be measured, weighed, valued. In *The Witness of Combines*, Kent Meyers describes grain “pouring from the spouts and brimming in the trucks, lapping against the sideboards like labor liquid and refined.” Myers was writing of the last corn harvest on his family’s Minnesota farm, but he could have been describing any grain harvest anywhere in the world.

For Golden, who’s spent the last few days with one eye on the crop and another on the skies, there’s a sense of relief and satisfaction.

“You’re just glad to see the crop coming out of the field, regardless of yield,” he says. “There are so many challenges you have to overcome that when you come out with something that rewards your efforts, there’s a feeling of elation.”



As day slips into twilight, Farris’ combines march on, trailing their plumes of diesel and dust. Trucks buzz alongside to relieve full hoppers, then ferry their prize to a Goodland elevator. The sun disappears beyond the Colorado border, and still the combines roll. They’ll work until the elevator shuts down for the night, then fill the trucks so they’ll be ready to unload when it opens again in the morning.

In the lead machine, Pat Farris rides with his dog, a sweet Lab mix named Molly, tucked in beside him. He started working for his uncle when he was J.J.’s age and joined full time after graduating from KU. He’ll take over the business after Rick retires.

Like his uncle, he realized there was nothing he’d rather do than be a part of the harvest ritual. In the off-season there is time to ski and hike in Colorado. During the harvest, days are long but the pace suits him.

“I have a corner office,” Farris says, gazing out the big wraparound windows

## Crash injures crew intern

While advances in technology have made the harvest safer than it once was, accidents still happen. On July 4, just a few days after *Kansas Alumni* visited Farris and his crew in Goodland, two grain trucks driven by interns collided on a dusty gravel road in Sherman County.

Local rescue workers worked for 20 minutes to free Ian Talbot, a 22-year-old from Birmingham, England, from the crushed cab of one truck, and he was flown by air ambulance to Denver. Doctors there amputated Talbot’s foot.

“These kids become like your own family,” Farris says. “It’s tough to have anything happen to them.”

In years past, according to Farris, one of his interns had received an emergency appendectomy and another was treated for a rattlesnake bite. This is the first work-related accident for his crew in 40 years.

“This has really made me rethink my training program,” Farris says. “And our program has been a model for others in the industry.”

Talbot will remain in Denver through September while he recovers from the accident.

—S.H.

of his air-conditioned cab, “and the view is always changing.”

Later, when the last of the trucks have been filled and the combines have been cleaned and gassed up for tomorrow, Rick Farris rolls toward home. It’s almost midnight, and the dark country is lit only by a blaze of stars and the occasional strobe that signals all’s well with an irrigation pump.

Farris’ cell rings again and again on the drive back to town, and he patiently dispenses updates and assurances. When the last call is done, he stashes the phone back in his coveralls and says with a tired grin, “I’ve got to put my farmers to bed every night.”

You can see the farmhouse lights winking out all over western Kansas.



# Association BY RACHEL NYP

## Spirited Jayhawks

*Alumni leaders earn Ellsworth Medallions for exceptional KU loyalty*

The Alumni Association, with the help of the Chancellor's office, KU Athletics and the KU Endowment Association, each year selects alumni who have given back to their alma mater in the selfless tradition of the legendary, longtime Association secretary Fred Ellsworth, c'22.

This year's recipients of the Ellsworth Medallion for unique and significant service to KU are Larry Borden, b'62, g'67, Colorado Springs, Colo.; A. Drue Jennings, b'68, l'72, Prairie Village; and Joe Morris, b'61, Leawood.

Borden, vice president and chief operating officer of Winslow Motors, began his volunteer career as a chapter leader, hosting countless events for Jayhawks in Colorado, and helping to recruit students and support athletics programs. For his efforts as a local ambassador, he won the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award in 1989, the year he began assisting KU on a national scale. He served his first term on the Alumni Association's national Board of Directors from 1989 to '94. In 2002, he returned to the Board. During the 2004-'05 year, he led the Association as national chair, guiding the organization through the transition to a new president and CEO. He has contributed to numerous programs

through the years, including the Rock Chalk Ball in Kansas City.

For the KU Endowment Association, he is a Chancellors Club member who served as chair of the group's advisory Board. He and his wife, Nancy, have continued to host KU events in recent years.

Their hospitality also is evident in Lawrence, where this year the Bordens' generosity provided an outdoor renovation at the Adams Alumni Center,



Borden



Jennings



Morris

including extensive landscaping and enhanced lighting, to create a more inviting space for alumni to gather when they return to the Hill. The Borden Family Plaza also complements the new gateway to the northeast entrance of campus.

Time and time again, Drue Jennings, senior counsel for the law firm of Shughart Thomson & Kilroy, has stepped in for the University when needed. A former football letterman, he filled a gap at KU Athletics in 2003 as interim athletics director, helping KU to hire men's basketball coach Bill Self and current Athletics

Director Lew Perkins. Lately he has championed KU's cause in Kansas City as a member of the Edwards Campus advisory board and chair of the Advancement Board for the KU Medical Center and the University of Kansas Hospital. His efforts with the Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute are vital to reaching KU's goal to become a national cancer center.

His long record of service to the Kansas City community helped him earn KU's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Citation, in 1999.

Jennings also currently serves KU Endowment as a trustee, budget chair, and executive committee member. He was a donor to KU First and Campaign Kansas.

From 1999 to 2004, he advised the Alumni Association as a member of the national Board of Directors. During the 1990s, he represented alumni on the KU Athletics Corp. board and offered guidance to the School of Law as a

The 2006 Fred Ellsworth Medallion winners will be honored Sept. 22 at the Adams Alumni Center.

member of its board of governors.

For years Joe Morris, chair of The Capital Corp., has shown his KU loyalty in numerous ways. He is currently a trustee of KU Endowment, for which he is also a Chancellors Club member, Elizabeth Watkins Society member and a donor to both KU First and Campaign Kansas. In 2002 he established an endowment to provide unrestricted funds, along with support for athletics and three professional schools: business, architecture and journalism. He also helped the school that gave him his start as a member of the School of Business board of advisors, and he has served on an advisory committee for advanced heart research at KU Medical Center.

For the Association, Morris remains a stalwart as 2006-'07 chair-elect of the national Board and a driving force behind the Association's recent improvements in bylaws and governance. In addition, he has served on the finance committee and the resources task force. He has volunteered for Jayhawks for Higher Education, traveled with Flying Jayhawks and faithfully attended both the Rock Chalk Ball and Southwest Open Golf Tournament.

CHRIS LAZZARINO



■ Sarah Blaney (l to r), Christine Lester and Betsy Winetroub, c'05, serve as coordinators for key Association programs. Blaney works with the Kansas Honors Program, which honors the top 10 percent of high school seniors in Kansas each year. Lester helps organize special events, including reunions and the Rock Chalk Ball in Kansas City. Winetroub assists with membership acquisition and retention.



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## Jayhawk Roundup

*Wichita alumni, friends  
to gather Oct. 21*

The KU Endowment Association and Wichita alumni are preparing for the fourth edition of the Jayhawk Roundup Oct. 21 at the Murfin Stables.

The roundup raises funds to support clinical programs at KU Medical Center's Wichita campus and provide scholarships each year for one Wichita-area student on the Lawrence campus and one third-year student in the School of Medicine-Wichita. Last year's roundup drew more than 500 alumni and friends and raised \$70,000. The Murfin Stables, owned by David, b'75, e'75, and Janet Lusk Murfin, d'75, of Wichita, provide a unique and inviting home for the event.

This year's theme, "Year of the Hawk," highlights Asian culture. The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with a silent auction and reception, followed by dinner, a live auction and dancing.

For information or to register for the event, visit [jayhawkroundup.org](http://jayhawkroundup.org) or call Lynn Loveland, development director for the School of Medicine-Wichita, at 316-293-2641.



■ Incoming students (l to r) Hillary Vogan and Whitney Kimball were greeted by alumni Aug. 3 at the Eastern Kansas Jayhawk Generations Welcome Picnic, hosted by Association board member Becky VanWyhe Thomas, e'86, and her husband, John, j'83. Association staff and local volunteers organized picnics in nine Kansas cities, drawing 107 new students and 368 alumni. Eleven national picnics drew 139 students and 447 alumni.



■ More than 2,300 students filled the Adams Alumni Center parking lot Aug. 14 for the annual Ice Cream Social. The 'Hawk Week event, hosted by the Student Alumni Association, featured cool treats, music and prizes as a prelude to Traditions Night in Memorial Stadium. Big Jay and Baby Jay helped serve frozen concoctions and dished out free T-shirts, and students headed indoors to roam the Alumni Center on a scavenger hunt.

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## Saturday, Oct. 7



Enjoy other activities all week long, here in Lawrence, with fellow Jayhawks!

## Sept. 30–Oct. 7

Check the homecoming Web Site for the latest schedule of events!





# Class Notes

BY KAREN GOODELL

## 1948

**Charles Harkness**, c'48, g'54, EdD'63, makes his home in Woodbury, Minn. He completed a two-year Peace Corps assignment at Arabaev University in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, where he helped develop the international students' program.

## 1951

**Marcene Dameron Grimes**, c'51, is executive director of the Alzheimer's Association in Topeka. She lives in Tecumseh and wrote *Ill Blows the Wind*, a novel that recently was published by Leathers Publishing.

**James Paddock**, c'51, l'56, was honored earlier this year by the KU School of Law. He's a retired judge and former member of the Kansas Commission on Judicial Qualification. James and his wife, Ruth, live in Lawrence.

**Earl Windisch**, e'51, a retired senior partner in Black & Veatch, makes his home in Overland Park.

## 1953

**James Amend**, e'53, stays busy during retirement with travel, church work and volunteering. He lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

## 1954

**Phil Hahn**, c'54, collaborated with five other authors on a book titled *Naked Wednesdays*. He makes his home in Coos Bay, Ore.

## 1955

**Lee**, '55, and **Sylvia Hyde Lowder**, s'80, celebrated their 50th anniversary earlier this year. They live in Allen.

**James Perkins**, b'55, is a partner in the Sage Moon Gallery in Charlottesville, Va.

**John Trombold**, c'55, m'58, a founding medical director of the Scripps Cancer Center in La Jolla, Calif., also

helps with the center's annual auction, which this year netted more than \$1.3 million. John and his wife, Marcia, live in Del Mar.

## 1960

**Carolyn Jeter**, d'60, is an associate adjunct professor at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park.

**Joseph Reitz**, b'60, a KU professor of business, received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the school. He makes his home in Eudora.

**James Williams**, b'60, is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force and a retired senior technical specialist with Northrop-Grumman. He lives in Riverside, Calif.

## 1961

**Donald Brada**, c'61, m'65, was named associate dean for graduate medical education and designated institution official at the KU School of Medicine in Wichita.

**William Hines**, l'61, recently was honored by the KU School of Law. He's the Joseph F. Rosenfield Chair in Law at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

## 1962

**Wayne Wolsey**, PhD'62, is a professor at McAlester College in St. Paul, Minn.

## 1964

**Parker Lessig**, c'64, g'66, PhD'70, this spring received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the KU School of

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Business, where he's a professor.

### 1965

**Charles Mosley**, e'65, teaches chemistry and coaches football at Free State High School in Lawrence. **Sondra Schutte Mosley**, f'65, g'93, teaches music at Central Junior High School.

### 1968

**Martin Bebb**, c'68, teaches math at Tulsa Central High School in Tulsa, Okla.

**James Hughes**, g'68, PhD'71, is a professor emeritus of geography at Slippery Rock University. He lives in Grove City, Pa.

**John Kelly**, b'68, l'71, practices law and mediation in Houston. He lives in Katy, Texas.

### 1969

**Leland Helmle**, c'69, develops air traffic management software for Aerospace

Computing at NASA Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, Calif. He lives in Cupertino.

**Clyde Toland**, c'69, l'75, is executive director and curator of the Allen County Historical Society in Iola, where he and **Nancy Hummel Toland**, g'74, make their home. She teaches fourth grade for USD 257.

### 1970

**Dan Clutch**, c'70, is chief of personnel security and ethics for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Rockville, Md. He lives in Silver Spring.

**Kathleen Hird Kostner**, f'70, works as a photographic artist and jeweler at Hird Photography and Design Center in Lawrence.

### 1971

**Brenda Pine Dulny**, d'71, g'87, teaches kindergarten at Benninghoven

Elementary School in Shawnee. She lives in Lenexa.

### 1972

**Jacqueline Zastera Kenny**, d'72, g'76, teaches German and Spanish at Neosho High School in Neosho, Mo.

**Allyn Risley**, e'72, is vice president of global LNG shipping at BG US Services in Houston.

**Christopher Smith**, l'72, practices law with Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in Washington, D.C. He lives in McLean, Va.

**Charles Spitz**, a'72, was honored earlier this year by the Grand Masonic Lodge of New Jersey and the U.S. Coast Guard for his service to Boy Scouts of America. He's an architect, planner and code consultant in Wall Township, N.J.

### 1973

**John Brazelton**, j'73, serves as chief of video production services for the U.S. Air

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

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<b>b</b>	School of Business
<b>c</b>	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
<b>d</b>	School of Education
<b>e</b>	School of Engineering
<b>f</b>	School of Fine Arts
<b>g</b>	Master's Degree
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<b>m</b>	School of Medicine
<b>n</b>	School of Nursing
<b>p</b>	School of Pharmacy
<b>PharmD</b>	School of Pharmacy
<b>s</b>	School of Social Welfare
<b>DE</b>	Doctor of Engineering
<b>DMA</b>	Doctor of Musical Arts
<b>EdD</b>	Doctor of Education
<b>PhD</b>	Doctor of Philosophy
<b>(no letter)</b>	Former student
<b>assoc.</b>	Associate member of the Alumni Association

Force in Los Angeles. He lives in Redondo Beach.

**Leonard Clark**, l'73, is assistant director of athletics at Wichita State University.

**Paul Stevens**, g'73, recently was inducted into the Missouri Press Association's Newspaper Hall of Fame. He's central region vice president of The Associated Press, and he lives in Lenexa.


### 1974

**Herbert Haines**, c'74, g'78, g'82, PhD'83, received a SUNY Research Foundation and Scholarship Award earlier this year from State University of New York, where he's a professor of sociology and anthropology. Herbert lives in Homer, N.Y.

**Charles Hilton**, e'74, is a senior principal engineer for Computer Sciences

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Corp. in Washington, D.C. He lives in Dumfries, Va.

**Paul Post**, l'74, practices law in Topeka.

### 1975

**Stephen Braun**, c'75, is executive director of Tarrant County ACCESS for the Homeless in Fort Worth, Texas. He lives in Hurst.

**Thomas Cobb**, j'75, lives in Olathe. He's vice president of Farmers Bank

and Trust in Overland Park.

### 1976

**Timothy Cahill**, a'76, is vice president of architecture with HNTB Companies in Kansas City. He recently was named 2006 Distinguished Alumnus by the KU School of Architecture and Urban Design.

**Kenna Giffin**, c'76, j'76, received a bachelor's of music earlier this year from

the University of North Texas in Denton, where she lives.

## 1977

**Robert Berglund**, a'77, is vice president of strategic programs at Merrick & Company in Aurora, Colo. He lives in Parker.

**James Conley**, c'77, serves as pastor of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish in Wichita.

**Jeffrey Jordan**, c'77, g'79, works as a senior cost engineer with Project Time

& Cost in Westminster, Colo. He lives in Littleton.

## 1978

**Christopher Banta**, b'78, was promoted to vice president of grocery merchandising with Marsh Supermarkets. He lives in Fishers, Ind.

**Nancy Budd Fultz**, s'78, is a clinical social worker with Comcare in Wichita.

**Charles Mitts**, b'78, owns DirtyWork in Wichita.

**Eric Morgenstern**, j'78, is president

and CEO of Morningstar Communications in Overland Park. He received the Bronze Quill Award earlier this year from the Kansas City International Association of Business Communicators.

**Mohamed Razik**, e'78, g'81, PhD'84, directs programs for L-3 Communications/Integrated Systems in Greenville, Texas. He lives in Rockwall.

## 1979

**Kathryn "Kay" Potter Crask**, f'79, d'79, serves as an orchestra adjudicator

# Profile

BY TAMMY DODDERIDGE

## Lenexa chief wins praise as national leader

As chief of the Lenexa Police Department, Ellen Tyler Hanson makes decisions that affect the safety of her community and the integrity of her staff. She's not afraid to make the tough call.

"She is not about making the easy decision; she is about making the right decision," says Capt. Steve Smith, a 29-year veteran of the force.

Her integrity and leadership, long respected within her department and community, are also drawing national praise. This spring, Hanson, c'75, received the Leadership Award from the Police Executive Research Forum in Washington, D.C.

Since 1984, the Leadership Award has recognized law enforcement professionals who make outstanding contributions to the field and exemplify the highest principles and standards of a true leader in policing. She joins the ranks of law enforcement leaders in Chicago, Boston and New York City who've received the national award.

Modest about her achievements, Hanson credits the department for the honor and is excited for the recognition it brings the city.

"It is something everyone here can be

proud of," she says.

During 16 years as chief, Hanson has been a leader in creating community and regional initiatives that have become models for excellence in several areas of police work.

Among them are the Safe School Program and the Kansas City Metro Disaster Tactical Response Team. Another program, Party Patrol, which targets underage drinking, received national attention on the CBS show "60 Minutes."

Hanson takes pride in her work and has the foresight to plan. But the success of her programs can be traced to her management skills.

"She has the best interpersonal communication skills of anybody who is a chief law enforcement officer," Smith says. "She does not micromanage. She inspires others to reach their maximum potential. She leads by example and mentors people unselfishly. She also is very receptive and supportive of new ideas and encourages risk-taking."

One of Hanson's ongoing goals is to develop her staff members into strong leaders. She does this by providing them



JAMIE ROPER

■ "Most of the chiefs who have been recognized with this award have been from huge cities, so this says we are doing the work of major cities," says Lenexa police chief Ellen Tyler Hanson, who this spring earned the Leadership Award for her contributions to law enforcement.

a number of training opportunities, both within and outside the department. She also sets the tone for decision-making.

"One of the things I have worked hard on and would like to see passed on is instilling my staff with the ability to make tough decisions," she says. "I have seen my peers and others who struggle because they don't make the tough decisions that impact a department. If you have a problem, you need to deal with it."

—Dodderidge, j'83, is a Lenexa free-lance writer

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for the Southern California Band and Orchestra Association. She lives in Yorba Linda, Calif.

**Jay Smith**, e'79, g'81, is president of Lunamar Homes. He lives in New Port Richey, Fla.

### 1980

**Thomas Dinkel**, c'80, is an account executive with Fox Sports Net Ohio in Cincinnati.

**Michael Stucky**, b'80, is vice president of manufacturing at Foxworth Galbraith in Dallas.

**Nancy Woodbury Whitney**, c'80, recently became director of human resources for the Elkhorn, Neb., public schools.

### 1981

**Scott Smith**, g'81, recently became president of the HNTB Corp. in Kansas City.

**Mary Stadler**, b'81, is vice president and assistant controller at Sprint in

Overland Park.

**Gregory Tanner**, b'81, owns Gregory Tanner LLC in Chandler, Ariz.

### 1982

**Jill Yates Bagby**, j'82, president of Message Point, lives in Leawood.

**Greg Baker**, c'82, b'83, is president of Arvest Bank in Branson, Mo.

### 1983

**William Pfeiffer Jr.**, '83, is president and CEO of Commercial Lithographing in Kansas City.

### MARRIED

**William Raack**, j'83, to Kimberly Bettisworth, Oct. 22. They live in St. Louis, where he's news director at KWMU-FM at the the University of Missouri.

### 1984

**Lee Carvell**, e'84, manages the plastics technical center for Chevron



## Then & Now

The annual freshman migration to the KU campus is always a sure sign that the fall semester has begun. Adjustments to group living are part of the ritual, as this young man in the early '90s finds out. Shaving in a residence hall bathroom with floor mates is all part of the fun.

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## Class Notes

Phillips Chemical Company. He lives in Bartlesville, Okla.

**Lonnie Dillon**, e'84, works as senior engineer at Modern Technology Solutions in Alexandria, Va. His home is in Henderson, Nev.

**Robert Holmes**, c'84, is president of R.E. Holmes Enterprises. He lives in West Sacramento, Calif.

**George Sherwood**, c'84, is a commander in the U.S. Navy assigned as an attache in Azerbaijan.

**Daniel Young**, c'84, is a senior IT

analyst with American Identity in Overland Park. He lives in Olathe.

### 1985

**Susan Evans Wollenberg**, b'85, is vice president of financial planning for Kansas City Southern. She lives in Overland Park.

### 1986

**Kevin Dilmore**, c'86, j'88, writes for Hallmark Cards in Kansas City.

**Wendy Kraft**, c'86, is sales and

account director for EnergyGateway. She lives in Brecksville, Ohio.

### BORN TO:

**Mark**, b'86, f'02, and **Elizabeth Kiene Logan**, '87, daughter, Grace, May 5 in Lake Quivira. Mark practices law in Shawnee.

### 1987

**Caryne Finlay Mount**, f'87, owns Caryne Finlay Art to Wear in Livermore, Calif.

**Carl Saxon**, b'87, lives in Allen, Texas.

## Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

### AMA president defends doctor-patient sanctity

**W**illiam Plested III, president of the American Medical Association, was a young chest and heart surgeon in Los Angeles, fresh from his residency at UCLA, when California found itself embroiled in a medical liability crisis that resulted in both the 1975 Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act and Plested's determined advocacy for the patient-physician relationship.

"It all kind of came out of the blue for me," he says from his Colorado vacation home. "I always thought that if I worked hard, took an outstanding residency and was a good surgeon, that I would be assured of a practice and a livelihood. Little did I understand that some trial lawyer could come in and make up some kind of case against me and do me in. I never even considered it."

Plested, m'62, became president of the 10,000-member-strong Los Angeles County Medical Association, joined the board of the California Medical Association and eventually became that group's president. He continued a similar rise within the American Medical Association, leading to his election in 2005 as the AMA's president-elect.

That put him in line for a yearlong

term as president, which began this past June, and a term beginning in June 2007 as immediate past president.

Together the three presidents serve as the influential group's primary spokesmen, and Plested clearly intends to use his time in office as an aggressive defender against what he sees as serious ills.

"All along my motivation has remained the same," Plested says. "We need to protect the practice of medicine from outside influences, and goodness knows there are plenty of them."

Plested says neurosurgeons can expect to be sued every one to three years, obstetricians every three years, and the outlook is similarly dire for cardiac surgeons.

"The more training you have, the more you will be sued," he says. "It makes no sense."

Plested says his education at KU was "second to absolutely none," and he intended to remain and study plastic surgery. But his mentor suggested he consider a general-surgery residency at UCLA; there he became enamored with cardiac surgery, then a young field, and in 1970 he set up practice in Los Angeles.

When given the chance he enjoys outdoor sports around his summer home, near Durango, Colo., but



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■ Surgeon William Plested, president of the AMA, cites medicine's recent embrace of information technology as critical: "Electronic medical records will transform the practice of medicine. It makes things a lot safer for patients, so it's an exciting time."

Plested understands that, for now, he'll more likely be testifying for a Congressional committee or addressing a distant Rotary club than relaxing in the mountains.

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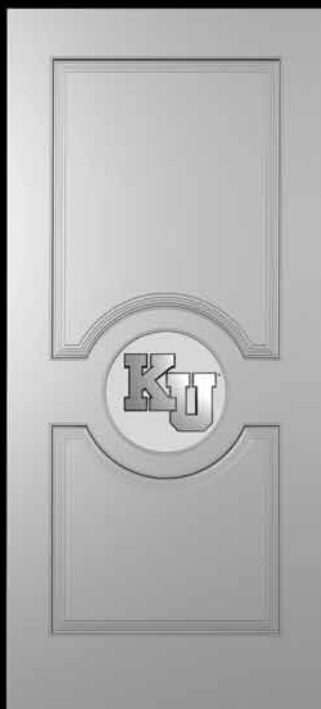
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#### BORN TO:

**Mark**, b'87, and **Susan Schmidt Henderson**, j'96, son, Thomas Luke, March 28 in Lawrence, where he joins a brother, Andrew, 3.

**Sharon Price Love**, e'87, and David, daughter, Katherine Ruth, April 4 in Olympia, Wash., where Sharon is an environmental program manager for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

#### 1988

**Angela Meyer**, c'88, m'93, practices medicine in Derby, where she and her husband, **Arlen Sheldon**, c'88, make their home with their children, Aria, 4, and Aden, 2. Arlen works for Cessna.

**Brian Moore**, c'88, g'92, directs development for Avila College in Kansas City, Mo.

#### 1990

**Mark Briggs**, c'90, is a partner in the Phoenix law firm of Quarles & Brady Streich Lang. He also serves on the Arizona Commission for Appellate Court Appointments.

**Brenda Eisele Jackson**, c'90, is a health care consultant for Mercer. She lives in Lawrence.

**Eric Montgomery**, j'90, lives in Topeka, where he's chief of staff to the majority leader of the Kansas Senate.

#### MARRIED

**Stephen Gingerich**, c'90, to Heather Pollock, June 17 in Akron, Ohio, where they live. He's an assistant professor of modern languages at Cleveland State University.

#### 1991

**Holly Lawton**, j'91, recently was promoted to sports editor at the Kansas



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City Star. She and her husband, **Christopher Ralston**, j'90, live in Overland Park.

**Jeffrey Petillo**, b'91, is senior market manager of Unum Provident. He lives in Seattle.

**BORN TO:**

**Trisa Leibig Koberowski**, j'91, and Craig, son, Cole Lee, Dec. 7 in Pottsboro, Texas, where he joins two sisters, Kayle, 9, and Chloe, 2. Trisa is a publications advisor for the Sherman Independent School District.

**1992**

**John Cain**, b'92, owns Crew Creative Advertising in Los Angeles. He lives in Valencia.

**Julia Mayden Holmes**, b'92, is business manager for the Family Care Clinic in Abilene.

**Brian Usher**, p'92, works as district manager for USA Drug. He lives in Afton, Okla.

**1993**

**Daniel Deaver**, e'93, manages

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engineering for Industrial Project Management Associates in Overland Park.

**Harry Herington Jr.**, l'93, recently was promoted to president of NIC in Olathe. He commutes from Lawrence.

**Thomas Hilbert**, d'93, and his wife, Dari, live in Topeka with their sons, Maurice, 3, and Abraham, 1.

**Darin Stephens**, c'93, is regional director of Gap Inc. in Toronto.

### 1994

**Michelle Blackwell Bradley**, h'94, directs health information services for Wichita Specialty Hospital.

**Tony Campbell**, b'94, is senior manager of the professional practice department of KPMG. He and **Catherine Bubb Campbell**, b'94, live in New York City.

**Rikki Schreiber**, e'94, is lead design engineer for Spirit AeroSystems. She lives in Derby.

**David Stearns**, c'94, works as a GIS data source specialist with NAVTEQ

in Overland Park.

**Rebecca Rourk Steinhaus**, j'94, writes copy and is a creative consultant for Copygirl Ink in Orlando, Fla.

### 1995

**Christopher Earl**, b'95, sells real estate for Stephens Real Estate in Lawrence.

**James Mardock**, c'95, is a professor of English at the University of Nevada-Reno.

### 1996

**Kendra Hopkins**, c'96, is a proof reader and copy editor for the American Hospital Association in Chicago.

**John Lee**, c'96, m'00, works as a pediatric radiologist at Fairfax Radiological Consultants in Fairfax, Va. He lives in McLean.

### BORN TO:

**Kevin Cattaneo**, c'96, and Carrie, daughter, Calista Diane, Jan. 5 in

Fairway. Kevin is a dentist in Prairie Village.

**Meredith Wittmer Crenshaw**, n'96, m'03, and Charles, son, Nathan Edward, Feb. 8 in Madison, Wisc. Meredith is an anesthesia resident at the University of Wisconsin Hospital.

### 1997

**Marjory Eisenman**, c'97, is a ssistant to the dean of students at Marymount University. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

**Sonya Gulati-Brown**, g'97, and **Troy**, c'00, make their home in Poway, Calif. She's vice president of professional services at Del Mar Database.

**Amy Richmond**, j'97, manages marketing projects for Discover Card in Riverwoods, Ill. She lives in Chicago.

### MARRIED

**Julie Baker**, c'97, to Les Brin, Oct. 1. They live in Park City, and Julie coordinates publications for Alternative Gifts

International in Wichita.

**Kyle Helmer**, '97, and **Kylie Colgan**, j'02, c'02, May 5. They live in Stilwell. He's a mortgage underwriter for Capital One Home Loans in Overland Park, where she's an account coordinator for Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising.

**Jason Leiker**, c'97, l'02, g'03, to Shawna Mersbergen, Feb. 4 in Kansas City. They live in Lenexa, and Jason works for Duggan Shadwick Doerr & Kurlbaum in Overland Park.



## Then & Now

The women's tennis club of 1892, among the earliest women's sports groups at KU, included 17-year-old Edith Huntington Snow (center, seated), daughter of Chancellor Francis Snow.

## Profile

BY TOM KING

### Zwahl uses his bean to brew business his way

Every Thursday, Mark Zwahl cups eight coffees. Cupping, in the lingo of java connoisseurs, means tasting. "The best cup of coffee has a taste band, a range of flavors that fit together nicely to make a complete character," says Zwahl, c'83, g'85, owner of two Z's Divine Espresso coffee shops in Lawrence.

As a global commodity, coffee is second only to oil. Zwahl had that fact in mind after graduating from a fast-track small business course at KU in 1996. "I wanted to build a socially responsible business," he says, "and coffee seemed like the perfect vehicle. I hoped I could make a living in Lawrence and do things a little differently."

Zwahl's flagship store, opened in 2000 on East 23rd Street, featured the first drive-through coffee window in town and he roasted his beans in a hot-air popcorn popper. "I started from scratch," Zwahl laughs, "on every level." To educate his palate, he joined a "somewhat academic" coffee club and cupped his roasts against the experts' selections.

Zwahl's first store got off to a slow start. Undaunted, he devoted his attention to research and development, convinced that building a better cup of coffee

would translate to better sales. He went to roasting school in Idaho, he cupped incessantly, his coffee improved, the drive-through caught on and sales took off.

In 2001, Zwahl opened his second store, downtown. Business was booming. And then in 2003 he came down with West Nile virus. In Kansas that year, 17 cases of West Nile, including one fatality, were documented. For nearly two years, Zwahl felt like a wrung-out rag.

Once again, downtime meant study time. He honed his vision of responsible business, of being "more than just a nice sales ringout." He examined sustainability and fair-trade issues, and set stringent standards for his conscience: "A business shouldn't just serve the community; in a smaller way, you also have to serve the whole world."

Today, both Z's Divine Espresso locations are Lawrence fixtures. Zwahl employs a full-time roaster and turns out 500 pounds of roasted beans a week. In May, he traveled to El Salvador to serve on an international jury for the presti-



■ Mark Zwahl recycles coffee grounds for fertilizer and discounts prices for patrons who bring their own cups, just two of the policies that helped Z's Divine Espresso in 2003 win a statewide award for pollution prevention.

gious Cup of Excellence competition. Zwahl has his steam back.

He also is launching Coffee for a Cause, which challenges coffee drinkers to put their money where their mocha is, and he's the regional recruiter for the Mankind Project, an international men's group. Ideas for coffee tastings, classes and educational DVDs also are in the air.

Zwahl smiles as he looks around his bustling downtown store, waving to the regulars. "A lot of people love coffee," he says, "and I've always been a 'change the world' kind of guy."

—King is a Lawrence free-lance writer.



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**BORN TO:**

**Jennifer Joseph Johnson**, j'97, and Scott, daughter, Jane Joseph, Jan. 1 in Denver. Jennifer is a marketing manager for Sports Authority in Englewood.

**1998**

**Patricia Alm**, n'98, is a nurse at St. Joseph Medical Center in Kansas City.

**Patrick Brown**, c'98, works as a financial adviser for Smith Barney Financial Services in Kansas City. He lives in Lawrence.

**Michael Goodwin**, g'98, recently was promoted to vice president of information technology at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City.

**Allison Arbuckle Taylor**, j'98, lives in Overland Park and works for AT&T.

**Steven Tramba**, c'98, is a senior operations analyst for W.W. Grainger Inc. in Lake Forest, Ill. He lives in Arlington Heights.

**Erin Veazey**, j'98, manages partnership marketing and sales for Pier 39 in San Francisco.

**Christopher Warren**, c'98, is a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He lives in New York City.

**BORN TO:**

**Kimberly Johnson Cathey**, c'98, and **Brian**, e'99, son, Joshua Andrew, May 4 in Friendswood, Texas, where he joins a brother, Jacob, who'll be 2 in November.

**Jarret**, b'98, and **Julie Goin Rea**, c'00, son, Jackson Dylan, Feb. 22 in Lawrence.

**1999**

**Aaron Bolton**, l'99, teaches Spanish at Francis Howell High School in St. Charles, Mo. He lives in Webster Groves.

**John Katzer**, b'99, g'00, is an assurance and advisory senior for Deloitte in Wilton, Conn. He lives in Stamford.

**Blair Williamson**, b'99, is a business analyst with Avenue A/Razorfish in San Francisco.

**MARRIED**

**Heather Jones**, l'99, to Michael Lee,

Feb. 19. They live in Arlington, Va., and she's an associate with Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in Washington, D.C.

**BORN TO:**

**Andrew**, e'99, and **Elizabeth Sigg Hineman**, c'99, m'03, son, Kalo Andrew, Feb. 2 in Prairie Village. Andy is president of AdAstra Metro Golf, and Libby is a family-practice resident at Research Medical Center.

**Kristina Spangenburg Rosenthal**, c'99, and **David**, c'00, son, Andrew Jakob, Jan. 14 in Lawrence, where they live. Kristina is CEO of Budget Blinds of Topeka, and David manages Midwest Estates in Lawrence.

**2000**

**Allison Underwood Burwell**, b'00, is an association and conference coordinator for Diversified Consultants in Shawnee Mission. She lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

## Class Notes

**Robert Easterling**, c'00, works as an intake specialist with the Kansas Human Rights Commission in Topeka.

**Tanner Hancock**, '00, has a chiropractic practice in Wichita.

**Shawn Stone**, PhD'00, was promoted last year to associate professor of physics at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

### BORN TO:

**Christine Mondt**, p'00, daughter, Mara, Jan. 27 in Assaria. Christine man-

ages the pharmacy at Walgreens in Salina.

**Michael**, c'00, l'03, and **Tiffany Afanador Siegrist**, c'04, son, Aden, March 21 in Overland Park. Michael is an associate attorney with Commercial Law Group in Leawood, and Tiffany sells insurance for California Casualty.

### 2001

**Jessica Bristow**, g'01, g'03, works as an intern architect at Neumann Monson Architects in Iowa City.

**Shannon Clements**, g'01, makes her home in Grain Valley, Mo. She's a senior business analyst for Addams-Gabbert & Associates in Lee's Summit.

**Alison Hickman**, b'01, g'03, works as an accountant for the Hyatt Worldwide Reservation Center in Omaha, Neb.

**Lindsay Puett**, b'01, manages marketing programs for Bluetooth SIG. She lives in Kansas City, Mo.

**Frank Sciara**, b'01, is a real estate analyst for Collateral Mortgage Capital in Kansas City.

## Profile

BY STEVEN HILL

### Cyclist finds his niche as promoter and coach

On one end of Jim Whittaker's coaching spectrum are the "itty-bitties," the cycling coach's nickname for the kids who show up on tricycles and training wheels to compete in the CycleWorks Twilight Bicycle Races he organizes each summer at Haskell Indian Nations University.

At the other is Gary McGregor, owner of Reynolds' Bicycles in Atchison, who under Whittaker's tutelage won the 2005 national championship in the Senior Olympics road race for cyclists aged 70 to 74.

Between are several dozen talented riders nationwide who Whittaker, c'91, g'00, guides in his personal coaching enterprise VeloTek Performance, or as head coach of the Kansas City-area GP VeloTek cycling team.

Whittaker rode his first bike race in 1975 and decided to make his career in the sport after earning his master's degree in exercise physiology and sports psychology. The lack of cycling events in Lawrence at the time inspired him to start promoting races, in part so he'd have a place to compete. That grew into Revolution Racing, a promotion company that stages races across northeast-

ern Kansas. Now the three business ventures intersect to the point that Whittaker picks up coaching clients from the riders who show up at his races.

It's sometimes a challenge to generate interest in a European dominated sport that, before the recent surge in popularity fueled by Lance Armstrong, was barely known in America, much less in Lawrence.

"In a ball-dominated town, I have to grow my audience from scratch," Whittaker says.

The Twilight Races draw proven Category 1 roadies and promising junior cyclists in addition to big-wheel riding beginners. Many juniors join the GP VeloTek team, where they are making their mark nationally. VeloTek riders won three events at the U.S. Cycling Federation Nationals this year and another team member, Kansas State student Mark Smelser, won the criterium race held in downtown Lawrence at the 2006 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships.

"Development isn't very glamorous, because everyone would rather talk about pro cycling," Whittaker says. "But once you realize that every pro



JAMIE ROOPER

■ Jim Whittaker has parlayed his love for two wheels into a career as a cycling coach and race promoter. "What drives me, ultimately, is to be able to grow the sport I love," he says.

starts as a beginner, this is where the excitement is."

He clearly has a knack for bringing out the most in his young riders. As he prepares to start the race, the itty-bitties watch and listen raptly as Whittaker reminds them of three rules: Have fun, be safe and go fast.

"The great thing about cycling is you can be any age and ride a bike," he says after they charge off. "Once the kids get into it, the whole family is hooked." —



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**Corey Snyder**, d'01, recently became a sports-medicine physical therapist at the University of Michigan. He lives in Ann Arbor.

### BORN TO:

**Christopher Clemence**, c'01, and Jing Jing, daughter, Adelaid Bechtold Zhang, June 3 in Houston.

### 2002

**Christopher Brandon**, c'02, j'03, manages accounts for NASCAR in New York City. He recently completed a master's in education at New York University.

**Brianna Livergood**, j'02, coordinates traffic and accounts for Kate Spade in New York City.

### BORN TO:

**Myriam Vuckovic**, PhD'02, and Robert Schlotterer, son, Benjamin Paul Schlotterer, March 3 in Bethesda, Md.

### 2003

**Hilary Smith**, d'03, is a physical therapist at KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

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**Jared Spletstoser**, g'03, PhD'05, is a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia University in New York City.

**Jessica Stretz**, c'03, works as a program administrator for the Urban Institute. She lives in Arlington, Va.

**MARRIED**

**Eva Davis**, n'03, and **Shawn Chevreux**, '06, June 24. They live in Tucson, Ariz.

**2004**

**Claudia Borge**, j'04, coordinates accounts for Grapevine Communications in Bradenton, Fla.

**Jason Machtley**, b'04, works as a financial analyst with DST Systems. He lives in Overland Park.

**Emily Monahan Peak**, d'04, and her husband, Adam, celebrated their first anniversary June 24. They live in Olathe, and she teaches math at Spring Hill





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High School.

**Nathan Reeves**, f'04, is a worship and arts associate at Antioch Bible Baptist Church in Kansas City.

**Ross Schroeder**, e'04, works as an engineering associate for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Great Bend.

**Elizabeth Springer**, j'04, coordinates sponsorship sales and marketing for LIME Media in New York City.

**Tony Vyhanek**, b'04, is a team leader with Cbeyond Communications in Oak Brook, Ill.

### MARRIED

**Brandt Pangborn**, c'04, to Julie Maughan, June 24. They live in Omaha, Neb., where he's district sales manager for Worldwide Express.

**Lorissa Powell**, f'04, to Calvin McGuire, May 28 in Parkville, Mo. They live in Lawrence.

### BORN TO:

**Eric Moore**, n'04, and Christina,

Madelon Sue, April 23 in Wellington, Colo., where she joins a brother, Brody, 2.

### 2005

**Amy Cox**, j'05, directs communications for the Gilbert (Ariz.) Chamber of Commerce. She lives in Scottsdale.

**Eric Kelting**, j'05, manages accounts for Complex Litigation Support in Kansas City.

**Dustin Lanning**, e'05, is a software engineer for Cerner. He lives in Overland Park.

**Erika Ecklund Postula**, c'05, works for the YMCA in Detroit. She lives in Northville.

**Andrew Reed**, p'05, lives in Parsons and works as pharmacist in charge at the Oswego Drug Store.

**Paige Worthy**, j'05, lives in New York City, where she's an assistant editor at Harris Publications.

### MARRIED

**Betsey Johnson**, p'05, and **Nicholas Gallinger**, p'05, April 28. They make

their home in Fort Collins, Colo.

### 2006

**Ryan Forster**, c'06, works for Lanier Worldwide. He lives in Gardner.

**Emily Huffhines**, '06, is an account executive for Nicholson Kovac. She lives in Overland Park.

**Dena Seibel**, '06, works as an analyst with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas. She lives in Lawrence.

**Tina Shea**, '06, teaches in the Kansas City school district. She lives in Lenexa.

**Rob Werling**, b'06, is an auditor with KPMG International in Kansas City. He lives in Lawrence.

### Associates

**David Shulenburg** is vice president for academic affairs at the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. He and his wife, **Carol Prentice**, d'69, g'79, make their home in Washington, D.C.



# In Memory

BY KAREN GOODELL

## 1930s

**Lela Siebert Gilbert, c'38, l'42, g'46,** 90, May 8 in Lakewood, Colo. She had served in the Colorado House of Representatives and had worked in the real estate business. Survivors include a daughter, three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Andrew Glaze, e'37,** 91, April 19 in St. Joseph, Mo., where he was a retired engineer and architect. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Betty Howe Glaze, assoc.; two sons, one of whom is Lawrence, b'78; and three grandchildren.

**Norine Howard Johnson, '33,** 95, May 21 in Topeka. She is survived by a daughter, Ann Johnson Havenhill, d'58; two sons, one of whom is Howard, c'59; eight grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

**Wilbur Leonard, c'39, l'41,** 89, June 14 in Topeka, where he was an attorney. He served as U.S. attorney for Kansas during the Eisenhower administration. Survivors include his wife, O'Thene Huff Leonard, c'41; three daughters, two of whom are Nancy Leonard Dietze, '00, and Jodi Leonard Kaigh, c'81, m'88; a brother, Alvin, c'41; a sister, Elaine Leonard Vick, c'85, s'92; and five grandchildren.

**John McDonnell, c'38, m'41,** 88, June 10 in Kansas City, where he was a retired physician. He is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Mary, c'65; three sons; a sister, Alice McDonnell Robinson, c'44, g'47; eight grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren.

**Eldon Smith, c'39,** 87, Sept. 25, 2005, in Sarasota, Fla. He was retired comptroller of the infrastructure of NATO in Brussels, Belgium. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. A sister, Virginia, c'42, survives.

**Helen Krug Treger, c'37,** 91, June 6 in Topeka, where she had been office manager for a medical practice for more than 40 years. She is survived by a son, Herbert, c'70, l'73; a grandson; three stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

## 1940s

**Preston Burtis Jr., b'41,** 86, March 22 in Garden City, where he had a career in the automobile business. He is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Becky, d'73; and two sons.

**William Coleman, b'48,** 85, April 24 in Overland Park. He is survived his wife, Ruby; two sons; three daughters, one of whom is Sherri Coleman Hanna, f'98, g'06; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

**Frank Eberhardt, e'46,** 86, Nov. 21 in Mercer Island, Wash., where he was a retired civil engineer. He is survived by a sister, Margaret Eberhardt Wilson, c'48.

**Evelyn Kamprath Edwards, c'42,** 84, May 20 in Abilene. She was president of Gus Edwards Co., and is survived by a son and four grandchildren.

**David Francisco, c'41, m'44,** 85, May 20 in Prairie Village, where he was an orthopedic surgeon. He also had directed the cerebral palsy clinic at the KU Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Jean; two daughters, including Marci, a'73, a'79; a son, Duke, c'75; a sister; and four grandchildren.

**Harriet "Hattie" Davis Grant, c'45,** 83, May 29 in Topeka, where she was retired from the Menninger Foundation. A son and two grandchildren survive.

**Victor Hildyard, m'42,** 89, March 17 in Denver, where he was a retired professor and otorhinolaryngologist. He is survived by his wife, Cleo; two daughters a son, Victor, c'69; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

**Frederick Sutton, e'49,** 83, June 10 in Lawrence, where he had owned Audio-

tronics. He is survived by his wife, Ida Mae Woodburn Sutton, c'48, c'51; a son, Michael, e'89; a daughter, Elizabeth Sutton Hamm, '87; and four grandchildren.

## 1950s

**Robert Bell, c'50, d'53,** 82, April 7 in Mill Creek, Wash., where he retired from a career with Boeing. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; a son; a daughter; a sister, Maxine Bell Wilkes, '49; a brother; and five grandchildren.

**Karen Eddy Brennan, d'57,** 70, Jan. 22 in Indianola, Iowa, where she was a teacher. She is survived by her husband, Joe, three sons and eight grandchildren.

**James Cazier, j'55,** 75, May 4 in Wamego, where he was a hospital administrator. He is survived by three sons, David, b'82, Daniel, '77, and James, '89; a daughter, Joyce Cazier Orban, c'75; two sisters, Joyce, d'54, and Judith Cazier Peddicord, assoc.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Daniel Dibble, b'54,** 73, May 25 in Mission Hills, where he was managing partner of the law firm of Lathrop and Gage. He is survived by his wife, Jean Gordon Dibble, d'55; a daughter; two sons, one of whom is David, c'82; a brother, Paul, b'58; and eight grandchildren.

**Walter Fuller, e'59, g'68,** 70, May 30 in Overland Park, where he was retired from Bendix Allied Signal. He is survived by his wife, Jean Lowry Fuller, '77; a daughter; a son; three sisters, Debbie Fuller Shapiro, b'76, Laura Fuller Fisher, b'78, and Susan Fuller Lyon, '62; and two grandchildren.

**Harvey Grandle, c'52,** 76, July 28, 2005, in Bellevue, Wash., where he was retired director of internal audit with Boeing Computer Services. He is survived by his wife, Mary Crews Grandle, '53; two daughters; and five grandchildren.

**Douglas Kent, c'51**, 76, April 3 in Evanston, Ill., where he was retired from the U.S. Postal Service. A sister, Doris Kent Fox, c'37, survives.

**Bruce Laughlin, b'50**, 79, May 12 in Shawnee Mission. He lived in Olathe and had directed the Career Planning and Placement Center at Kansas State University. Survivors include his wife, Elaine Knecht Laughlin, d'49; two sons, one of whom is Ron, a'78, a'80; two daughters, one of whom is Jan, '83; a sister; nine grandchildren, including Jill Woodworth Nachtrab, d'97; and three great-grandchildren.

**Sue Haines Ott, d'58**, 69, May 20 in Prairie Village. She was a teacher and had worked at Johnson County Library. Surviving are her husband, Ron, c'59; a son; a daughter; a sister, Marcia Haines Roulier, d'61; and five grandchildren.

**Karen Hansen Petitt, c'56**, 71, Jan. 20. She divided her time between homes in Naples, Fla., and Rochester, Minn. Surviving are her husband, Robert, c'50, c'56, m'61; two daughters; a brother, Hal Hansen, b'58; and three grandchildren.

**Louis Petrie, c'56**, 73, May 16 in Kalaheo, Hawaii. He is survived by his wife, Ferne, a daughter, a son and five grandchildren.

**Richard Provost, '52**, 82, April 26 in Denver. He was a former retail developer in Venezuela and is survived by two daughters, two sons, a sister and three grandchildren.

**Walter Quiring Jr., c'50**, 80, Aug. 21, 2005. He owned an insurance firm in Plano, Texas, and is survived by his wife, Mary, two sons and three grandchildren.

**Alvaro Wille, c'54, g'55, PhD'59**, 78, June 11 in Costa Rica, where he was a professor and had founded the entomology museum at the Universidad de Costa Rica. Survivors include a daughter, Leticia Wille Bozzoli, '81, and a son.

**Helen Amyx Wilson, c'51**, 77, June 11 in Lawrence. A son, a brother and three grandchildren survive.

## 1960s

**John Toland, c'66, l'69**, 61, June 2 in Kansas City. He practiced law in Iola and

is survived by his wife, Karen Jeffries Toland, '01; three sons; a daughter, Carol, c'04, l'06; his mother, June Thompson Toland, c'36; and a brother, Clyde, c'69, l'75.

## 1970s

**Michael Gilliam, j'77**, 52, June 6 in Overland Park. He is survived by two daughters; three brothers, one of whom is Donald, c'86; and a sister.

**Paul Margheim, d'79**, 51, June 7 in Andover. He was district sales manager for Cramer and is survived by his wife, Debra; two daughters, one of whom is Mollye, '06; a son; his parents; his grandmother; two sisters, Patricia Margheim Edwards, n'79, and Lois Margheim Sukolics, '80; and a granddaughter.

**Ernest Plagge, g'70**, 69, Aug. 29, 2005 in Wichita. He was principal of Goddard High School and is survived by his wife, Judith Cranmer Plagge, d'60; two daughters, one of whom is Erika Plagge Strandell, g'98; a brother; a sister; and two grandchildren.

## 1980s

**Karen Hearn Suman, d'85**, 44, March 6 in Windsor, Colo. Surviving are a son; a daughter; and two sisters, Daphne Hearn, b'88, and Stephanie Hearn, j'85.

**Susan Bloomfield Welsch, c'82**, 54, May 22 in Butte, Mont., where she was executive director of the Butte Symphony Association. She is survived by her husband, Tom, l'81; a son; a daughter, Kelly Welsch Lowman, '92; her mother; two brothers, one of whom is Timothy Bloomfield, '72; two stepbrothers; a stepsister; and a grandson.

## The University Community

**Vernon Branson, m'42, c'47**, 88, June 19 in Lawrence, where he was a pediatrician. He established the Birth Defects Center at the KU Medical Center, where he taught pediatrics for many years. He is survived by his wife, Jessie Cassidy Branson, n'42; a son; three daughters, two of whom are Martha Branson Berger, c'75, n'77, g'83, and Rosemary Branson Jones, m'85; and eight grandchildren.

**Jack Culvahouse**, 76, June 7 in

Lawrence, where he was a retired professor of physics. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Roberts Culvahouse, '80; two sons, John, c'78, d'79, and Jeffrey, e'83; a daughter, Alison Culvahouse Hodges, '79; a sister; and six grandchildren.

**Deborah "Misty" Gerner**, 50, June 19 in Baldwin. She was a professor of political science and is survived by her husband, Philip Schrodt, her parents and a brother.

**Robert Wilson**, 96, June 26 in Lawrence, where he was a professor emeritus of paleontology. A daughter, Margaret, '87, survives.

## Associates

**Lenora Heim**, 91, April 23 in Lawrence. Surviving are her husband, John, assoc., a son; two daughters, one of whom is Deanna Workman McWilliams, '60; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

**Jerry Hutchison, g'67, PhD'70**, 73, July 14, in Flat Rock, N.C. Through nearly 30 years at KU, he had worked for the Alumni Association, held several administrative positions in the Office of Academic Affairs, and taught in the School of Education. Survivors include his wife, Ellen; his former spouse, Janis Brown Hutchison, '72; four daughters, Jamie Kennedy, d'77, Julia Martin, j'80, Susan Stocker, '83, and Jennifer Purvis, '83; a son, Jeffrey, '88; two stepsons; two grandsons, Adam Kennedy, '04, and Sean Kennedy, student; three granddaughters; and two stepgrandchildren.

**Martha Peterson, c'37, g'43, PhD'59**, 90, July 14, in Madison, Wisc. She had been dean of women and received KU's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Citation. She later served as president of Beloit and Barnard colleges and was inducted into the KU Women's Hall of Fame. Her partner, Maxine Bennett, survives. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association.

**Martha Rath Uplinger**, 96, March 31 in Syracuse, N.Y. She is survived by a daughter, Karen, c'70, son, Robert Jr., d'65; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a stepgreat-grandchild.



# Rock Chalk Review

## Buyer beware

*Professor's research suggests that college savers must choose 529 plans with utmost care*

**F**or parents eager to save money for their children's college tuition, 529 plans seem like a can't-miss investment.

The state-sponsored savings plans offer a twofold tax advantage. First, IRS rules allow 529 contributions to grow tax free, and withdrawals are tax free if used for eligible higher-education expenses. Second, many states sweeten the deal by granting a state tax deduction to residents who contribute to an account.

But Raquel Meyer Alexander, b'93, assistant professor of business, has found that 529s are far from sure things. Investors must choose carefully from a daunting number of options, and her research suggests that they are not choosing well.

"In the 529 market, the average investor is college educated, high wealth, and older, yet they are doing a poor job picking 529 plans," Alexander says. "They are getting taken."

Alexander and LeAnn Luna, research assistant professor at the University of Tennessee, conducted a study last year that looked at which plans investors chose. They discovered that 529s with the highest fees attracted the most money, while states that offer the biggest income tax deductions attract less. Investors are passing up tax breaks from their state plans and instead opting for higher fees in other states. In fact, some plans draw 98 percent of investors from out of state, typically charging nonresidents much higher fees than residents.

"Why are Maine and Rhode Island, two tiny states, among the top five largest plans?" Alexander asks. "Why

would someone choose those states when they could stay home and get a state tax deduction and pay lower fees? Advisers are pushing those plans."

She believes complexity is driving the trend. Every state offers at least one plan, and each tries to make its plan stand out. Faced with so many choices, consumers turn to professionals for advice.

"We ask people with expertise for help, but experts don't provide expertise for free," Alexander says. "Their incentives are to provide a good plan and make a living."

Professional help makes sense for those who find it cheaper to pay for advice than to spend time researching the many options, Alexander notes, and some markup is to be expected. But low- and middle-income investors should consider how much they are paying in fees and what they are getting in return. One plan Alexander and Luna studied charged a whopping 10 percent in fees. About 80 percent of 529 investors use brokers, even though many of the plans these advisers recommend are age-based portfolios, which diversify among stocks, bonds and other asset classes in a preset formula that adjusts periodically as a child gets closer to college age.

"It's not clear to me why you would pay an adviser to put you in an age-based portfolio when their only question is, 'How old is your child?'" she says. "They're not picking stocks for you."



JAMIE ROFFER

■ Assistant Professor Raquel Meyer Alexander advises parents to seek simplicity in their tax-exempt education savings plans.

Alexander would like to see simplification in the 529 industry, which has attracted \$75.1 billion in investments, and she sees progress now that states have started disclosing returns and the SEC is looking into the industry. SEC Investigators have requested Alexander and Luna's research for their inquiry.


Meantime, Alexander offers these recommendations for investors:

**Look first at your home-state plan:** Most states that offer a tax deduction do so only for state residents, and many waive maintenance fees for residents.

**Buy direct:** Opt for direct-sold plans, which you can set up directly with the state. These usually offer lower fees, which makes a difference in the long run. "The finance literature has looked at this long and hard, and the biggest predictor of returns is low fees," Alexander says.

**Choose an aged-based portfolio:** These automatically adjust to keep your money invested appropriately as the

child gets closer to college.

It also pays to keep informed on changes affecting 529s. This summer, Congress made permanent the federal tax exemption for the plans (which had been scheduled to sunset in 2010), and Kansas announced that in 2007 it will become one of only three states that give residents a tax break for contributing to any state's 529 plan (not only Kansas' Learning Quest plan). Kansas also announced that it will start a matching program for low-income families. 

—Steven Hill



## SNAP judgment

*Alumnae hope teaching young girls to handle hard feelings avoids serious troubles later*

**A**nger management programs for girls are rare, according to school psychologist Kim Grant, but it's not because girls lack anger.

In fact, Grant says, up to 5 percent of elementary schoolgirls show aggressive behavior that by high school can lead to bigger problems, including academic failure, peer rejection and teen pregnancy.

To help prevent such troubles, Grant, g'07, took an anger management program developed by the Child Development Institute in Toronto and adapted it for use in elementary schools. She

and Hana Dreiling, c'03, g'07, tested the program in a local school as part of a graduate research project.

Called SNAP, the program teaches girls 7 to 12 years old to recognize signs that they are becoming angry and develop skills to manage those feelings.

"There are some long-term effects we don't want our girls, our sisters and daughters, to go through," Grant says. "We need to better understand how girls understand anger, so we can provide some services addressing those needs."

SNAP, which stands for "Stop Now And Plan," emphasizes self-control and problem-solving strategies. Because girls are generally more verbal than boys, Grant says, she modified the program to focus on girls' need for talk. Discussion plays a big role in the group sessions.

Girls also feel anger differently than boys, Grant says. "Girls tend to be more covert in their aggression. Boys will hit each other. Girls are more likely to shun, to gossip."

That may be one reason there are more anger management programs for boys, says Grant's faculty adviser, Robert Harrington, professor of psychology and research in education.

"With boys you're probably going to know they're aggressive; they're throwing chairs and swearing at you," Harrington says. "Kim's project brings awareness that girls can show aggression too, but in a different way. We need to be aware that aggressive girls are sometimes harder to identify."

Grant found that girls benefited from




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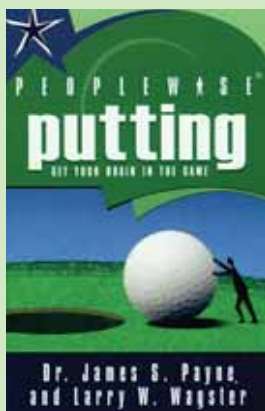
Kim Grant

the sessions by learning to talk about their feelings instead of lashing out. By the end of the 13-week program they exhibited problem-solving abilities that had been missing at the start.

There were also signs that SNAP helps girls deal with problems in self-image that, Grant and Harrington say, often affect aggressive girls. Whereas boys act out, girls tend to "act in." Their anger leads to depression and anxiety. Hurting others, they hurt themselves.

"I learned I can do a lot more things than I used to," one student said of the program. "I felt before the SNAP group that I was not as good as anybody else and now I know that everybody has the same amount of goodness." 

—Steven Hill



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
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James S. Payne, g'69, EdD'70, professor of special education at the University of Mississippi and the creator of a self-improvement system he calls "PeopleWise," offers something new. His slim, snappy book, *PeopleWise Putting*, written with former Mississippi golf coach Larry W. Wagster, presents modern brain research that

can help golfers lower their scores.

"Putting is 43 percent of the game," Payne writes, "but few golfers master it."

Payne's methods might be discarded by traditionalists who fret over swing mechanics or equipment, but the book should be a welcome addition to the libraries of golfers who explore their passion with open minds. 

—Chris Lazzarino



# Oread Encore

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

## The All-American Boy

*His name now more familiar than his story, Oliver Spencer should not be forgotten*

Thirteen names circle the north rim of Memorial Stadium. All-Americans all, but not all remain familiar. So, as we find our seats and again spend fall afternoons scanning the Ring of Honor, a history lesson:

Just who was Oliver Spencer?

Spencer, d'53, grew up on a farm in Hopewell, between Pratt and Dodge City. His mother, Estella, died young. As Ollie, the third of four surviving brothers, neared high-school age, Clark Spencer and his sons left Hopewell, where schools played six-man football, and moved to Ulysses, in southwest Kansas, so Ollie could play on an 11-man team.

"Three boys and the father would work in the fields all day and one would take care of the house and do the cooking, and after two weeks they'd switch off," recalls former coach Don

Fambrough, d'48, who recruited Spencer as an assistant to coach J.V. Sikes. "I'll tell you, that house was spotless. You could eat off the floor."

Mr. Spencer greeted the KU coaches warmly, but feared he couldn't spare Ollie from the farm. Shortly before school was to begin, he asked Sikes and Fambrough to return for one more visit.

"It was the four boys and the father and coach Sikes and myself, sitting in that small house, and I never will forget: Mr. Spencer looked up, had this big smile on his face, and said, 'Well, I've gotten together with the boys, and we've decided that we can double up on the workload and let Ollie go to college. We've never had anybody in our family to ever go past high school. He's got a chance to get a

college education, and we're not going to stand in his way.'"

As a sophomore, Spencer backed up future Pro Football Hall of Famer Mike McCormack, '51, then started alongside 1951 All-American George Mrkonic, d'53. Also on the team was fellow southwest Kansan Galen Fiss, of Johnson City, with whom Spencer shared his frightening first trip to Lawrence. Fiss, d'53, who died July 17, became a Pro Bowl fullback with the Cleveland Browns.

Spencer, named All-American in 1952, was a sixth-round draft choice of the Detroit Lions and started on their 1953 NFL championship team. He joined the Oakland Raiders in 1962 as an assistant coach, spent the '63 season as a player-coach, and resumed his full-time coaching career in 1964.


As the Raiders' offensive line coach, Spencer assembled and coached one of the game's greatest pools of talent, including Hall of Famers Art Shell, Gene Upshaw, Jim Otto and Bob Brown.

"Ollie loved football with all his being," says his daughter, Shari Spencer Horton, d'76. "Two absolutely truthful things that can be said about him are that he was a fine line coach and an extraordinary judge of talent."

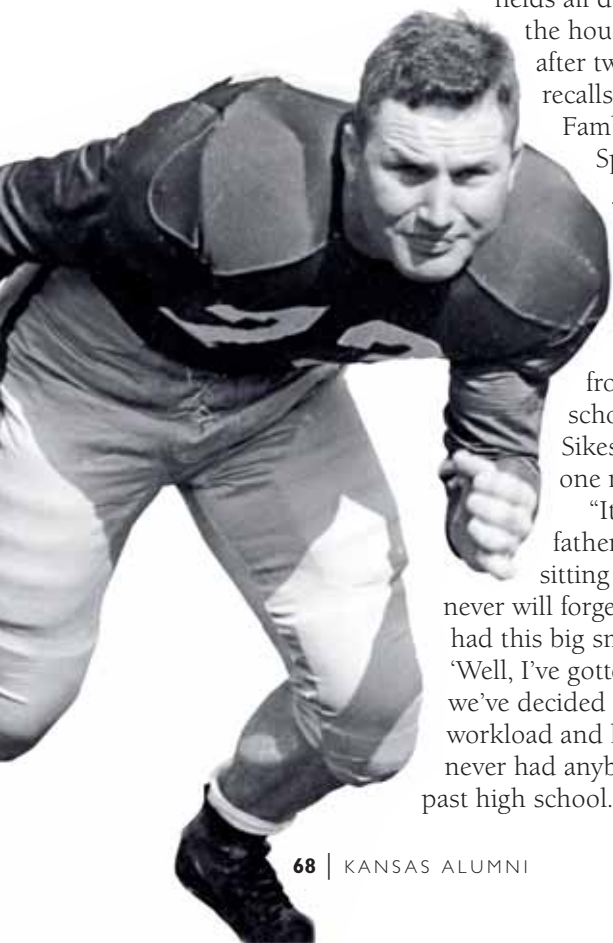
Another of Spencer's Oakland linemen was Lindsey Mason, '78, whom the Raiders drafted out of KU after Spencer watched him beat running back Billy Campfield, '78, in a game of racquetball.

"You don't run across many people who have a sense of being true to themselves in an environment where so much is inflated," Mason says. "As a young man, I was very blessed to have Oliver Spencer in my life."

Spencer won a Super Bowl ring with the Raiders' triumph in January 1977; when the team moved to Los Angeles after the 1981 season, Spencer chose to remain in the Bay Area, where he opened an insurance agency. He died of a heart attack on April 28, 1991.

"You know, every time I walk in that stadium ..." Fambrough says, pausing to suppress a surge of emotions, "... I see Ollie's name up there ... A lot of great memories. A lot of great memories." 

■ After his 1953 graduation, All-American lineman Oliver Spencer spent nearly 30 years as a player and coach in the NFL.





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