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A Marine tends to the fallen

- Goin' to the chapel
- Student oasis





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A good time had by all

This year our family has thoroughly enjoyed the tailgate celebrations at the Adams Alumni Center. Since we live several hours away, in Hutchinson, this is our first year as “regulars” at football games. The kids love seeing the band, cheerleaders and Big Jay and Baby Jay up close. Having lunch or dinner at the center has also been fun and very convenient. It is a wonderful family event.

My husband, John, j'88, g'91, and I are both KU graduates, and I am a third-generation Jayhawk! We have three kids who will no doubt be fourth-generation Jayhawks someday. This football season has been filled with lots of great family memories for all of us.

We appreciate the effort made by so many to make Game Day at the Adams so great!

Dia Montgomery, c'91, j'91
Hutchinson

Same standards?

I have just returned from spending three months traveling mostly through the pre-Holocaust Jewish communities of Eastern Europe: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia, among many other countries. I took the May *Kansas Alumni* with me to read at the airport. The story about Alan Mulally and his mother [“Local Hero”], as well as the report and pictures about “hidden treasures” on our campus [“Hidden in Plain Sight”], were magnificent.

I have a concern about the “Family and Future” item in Hilltopics. While I should like to see every American reach full potential in our society, I do wish to be assured that the recruitment and retention of students in certain minority

groups is not an attempt to appease “politically correct” and affirmative action types, and that the same standards apply in admitting, promoting and graduating ALL students. I have enormous pride in KU and hope that I shall never see the standards I remember compromised.

Dennis A. Klein, d'65, g'67
Plano, Texas

Editor's note: At the annual faculty and staff convocation, Richard Lariviere, provost and executive vice chancellor, spoke of the need to attract more students of color by recruiting faculty of color. “This is a necessity for KU not because it is politically correct, but because it is a necessity for the state of Kansas,” Lariviere said. “For example, the fastest growing demographic in Kansas is the Hispanic community. We have a growing obligation to educate the children of this community.”

We stand corrected



I just read your article about Aqib Talib [“Everywhere at once”] in the Sports section of the September issue of *Kansas Alumni*.

There is a factual error in the article. It states, “Talib, who had a child over the summer with his girlfriend,

former KU sprinter Cortney Jacobs, is eager to provide for his family...” Jacobs is not a former sprinter; she is a current member of the track and field team.

Janiece Richard, j'07
Lawrence

Editor's note: Though Jacobs did not run track and field last year, she is on the team this year. We apologize for the error.



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Ruth Starr, liberal arts '48, and **Richard Starr**, architecture '50, appreciated the results of their first charitable gift annuity so much, they gave to create a second. The remainder of the Starrs' gift annuities will support scholarships in the schools of Fine Arts and Architecture and Urban Planning.

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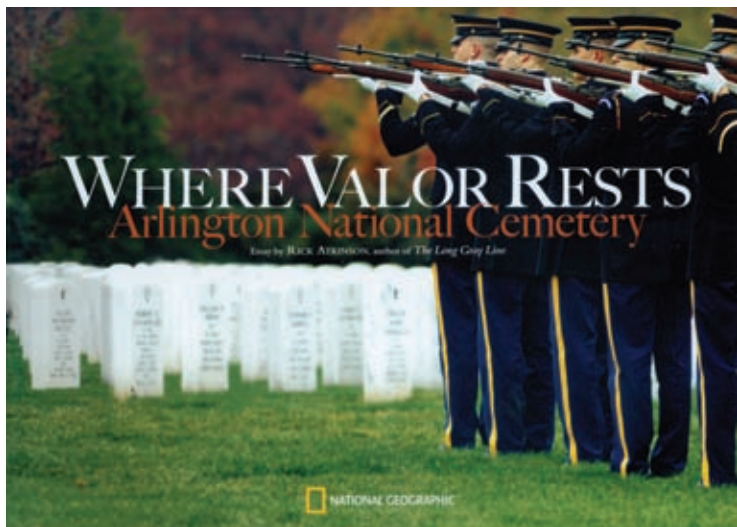
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BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

First Word



The true majesty of Arlington National Cemetery overwhelms me each time I visit. I'm compelled to return every few years, eager for replenishment from a sanctuary like no other. With loved ones by my side, I have wandered in reverence. I have wondered and wept over the splendor and sacrifice.

Last Feb. 9, images of Arlington filled a darkened Woodruff Auditorium in the Kansas Union, and again I wept. When photographer and editor Rich Clarkson, j'55, concluded his preview of a commemorative book on Arlington, I stood and applauded, along with the entire awestruck audience.

Where Valor Rests appeared in bookstores as our nation marked another Memorial Day. This fall, as we contemplated our cover story on one Marine Cpl. Josh Goetting and his comrades, who provide painstaking care for those killed in action before sending them home to their families, I thought again of Arlington and this remarkable book.

Clarkson shared glimpses of *Where Valor Rests* with his KU family in February, when he accepted the William Allen White Citation from the School of Jour-

nalism and the White Foundation. He describes the project as patriotic, not political, and he explains that the retail book pales in comparison with the first 5,500 copies, which were the true goal of the project.

John Metzler Jr., superintendent of Arlington, wanted to create a keepsake for families who are burying their loved ones in Section 60 of Arlington—reserved for service members who have died during active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. To achieve his goal, Metzler in 2004 met with a team from Rich Clarkson and Associates, a Denver-based photography and publishing firm; Lt. Col. Michael Edrington, representing the Armed Forces; and staff from the book division of National Geographic.

Three years later, grieving families have their keepsake. Following a funeral for an active-duty service member, Metzler presents the family a personal edition of *Where Valor Rests* that he has prepared by embossing a seal on a special cover, inscribing a serial number and signing each book. Finally, he tucks a photograph of the gravesite inside the cover. "So many of those families may never get back to Arlington to visit that gravesite again, so this is very special," Clarkson says.

Donations to the nonprofit Arlington National Cemetery Commemorative Project funded the book, and retail sales will support future editions.

Where Valor Rests opens with an essay by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Rick

Atkinson on Arlington's past and present, which are central to the saga of our nation. In the following pages, photo essays by distinguished military photographers and six renowned feature photographers capture the seasons that unfold in the lush landscape, the people who care for the cemetery year-round, the monuments and rituals that honor a nation's history, and the ceremonies that salute new sacrifices and comfort mourning families.

Clarkson personally chose the memorable photos, and the words accompanying each section offer rare insights into the personal stories and dedication that move Metzler to call the cemetery "a living monument." Many images and descriptions draw gasps as the pages turn: the look on 3-year-old Dillon Letendre's face as he accepts the folded flag that draped the casket of his father, Marine Capt. Brian S. Letendre, who died in Iraq; the words of Firmin Benoit, whose daily duties at Arlington seem sacramental. "I personally clean 700 to 800 headstones a day, plus monuments, and every Thursday I wash John F. Kennedy's grave," he says. "When I read his quote, 'Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country,' I swore I would wash this place special."

The book aptly concludes with the words of Metzler, who has lived at the cemetery since age 4, when his father became superintendent. The staff of Arlington, like Cpl. Goetting and the men and women of our story, pride themselves on compassion and precision. "The individuals who work here attend to every detail," Metzler writes, "so that this shrine to valor called Arlington National Cemetery presents and represents the values of America and of those at rest beneath every headstone."

A nation can pay no greater respect.



On the Boulevard



■ Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, g'80, led the Nov. 3 Homecoming parade, which featured colorful student-made floats and one of the biggest fan turnouts in years.



STEVE PUPPE (2)

■ Exhibitions

KU Student Sculpture Exhibition, Art and Design Gallery, through Nov. 30

“Aaron Douglas: African American Modernist,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Dec. 2

KU Design Department Faculty Exhibition, Art and Design Gallery, Dec. 2-8

“A New York Picture Post: Gotham in the 20th Century,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Dec. 8

“An Idyllic Vision: The Modern Japanese Landscape,” Spencer Museum of Art, Dec. 1 through the spring semester

■ University Theatre

NOVEMBER

29-30, Dec. 1-2 “The Death of Romance,” by Adam R. Burnett

DECEMBER

4-6, 8 “Fool for Love,” by Sam Shepard

■ Lied Center Events

NOVEMBER

27 KU Symphonic Band

28 “Peter Pan”

30 Kansas Brass Quintet (Edwards Campus)

DECEMBER

2 Holiday Vespers

4 Bales Chorale Concert, Bales Organ Recital Hall

4 University Band

6 Jazz Vespers

6 Collegium Musicum, Bales Organ Recital Hall

8 Eileen Ivers, “An Nollaig” (An Irish Christmas)

JANUARY

19 Royal Philharmonic Orchestra with Pinchas Zukerman

25 Chiara String Quartet

■ Lectures

JANUARY

28 Chuck Owens, Hallmark Symposium, 3139 Wescoe Hall

■ Special events

NOVEMBER

26 Alumni Panel and Networking Event for KU students, Adams Alumni Center

DECEMBER

10 Tradition Keepers finals dinner, Adams Alumni Center

■ Academic calendar

NOVEMBER

21-25 Thanksgiving break

DECEMBER

6 Fall classes end
7 Stop day
10-14 Final examinations

JANUARY

17 Spring classes begin

Lied Center	864-ARTS
University Theatre tickets	864-3982
Spencer Museum of Art	864-4710
Natural History Museum	864-4540
Hall Center for Humanities	864-4798
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KU main number	864-2700
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■ Alumni events

NOVEMBER

19 Wichita Chapter: Lunch with Bill Self and Bonnie Henrickson
23 Kansas City: Border Showdown Spirit Rally, Corinth Square
24 Kansas City: KU vs. Missouri pregame tailgate, Arrowhead Stadium

DECEMBER

2 Newton: Harvey County 'Hawks basketball watch party, KU vs. USC
4 Kansas City Chapter: Alumni Legislative Reception
5 Philadelphia Chapter: KU Alumni Night with the Philadelphia 76ers
15 Raleigh: Central North Carolina Chapter Jayhawks & Habitat for Humanity

18 North Central Watch Party, KU vs. Georgia Tech

JANUARY

5 North Central Watch Party, KU vs. Boston College
12 Newton: Harvey County 'Hawks basketball watch party, KU vs. Nebraska
19 Newton: Harvey County 'Hawks basketball watch party, KU vs. Missouri
30 North Central Watch Party, KU vs. KSU

For more information about Association events, call 800-584-2957 or see the Association's Web site, www.kualumni.org.



STEVE PUPPE

Bowl bound

KU 76, Nebraska 39

Wherever KU is invited to play in a postseason bowl game, the Alumni Association will be there to help alumni and fans cheer on the Jayhawks in festive style. As soon as the plans are set, details will be available at 800-584-2957 or www.kualumni.org. Those interested in group travel and game tickets can contact KU Athletics at 800-34-HAWKS or visit www.kuathletics.com.



Jayhawk Walk

BY HILL AND LAZZARINO

SUSAN YOUNGER (2)



Wake up and smell the Shakespeare

It's hardly a trade secret that so-called "e-books"—once considered the imminent and inevitable champion to finally dethrone déclassé Gutenberg-era paper books—are so far about the least exciting development of the digital age. Turns out that which we call a book, by any other name would not smell as sweet.

An August survey of 600 college students by Zogby International, as reported by Reuters, found that more than 40 percent of respondents cited smell as "the quality they most liked about books as physical objects," and 30 percent cited "mustiness" as a quality they associated with books they adore. In response, a purveyor of electronic textbooks, CafeScribe.com, told Reuters it would now send out musty, old-book scratch-and-sniff stickers with each e-order it receives.

Book historian Rick Clement, head of special collections at KU's Spencer Research Library, says the future of e-books is promising, in specific areas: Books that need to be consulted, rather than read cover to cover, are easily searched in a digital format, and specialized editions, such as academic monographs that can cost \$100 or more in extremely limited print runs, will likely be all electronic within five years.

But, Clement insists, a musty card stuck to a computer screen won't entice readers to curl up with the final Harry Potter.

"We're in a real period of flux. It's hard to know how things are going to shake out," Clement says. "But scratch and sniff stickers? I'm just appalled."



When you care enough ...

Eight hundred pieces of birthday cake were dished out at the Student Alumni Association's annual "Celebrate KU" bash Sept. 12 on Wescoe Beach, but sweeter still were some of the sentiments students inscribed on a stand-up birthday card, congratulating their favorite university on its 141st birthday:

"You don't look a day over 140!"

"141 never looked so good, you sexy thing!"

"KU R TITE"

"KU, sorry I didn't get you a gift, but I owe you \$30,000."

"Happy Birthday, darling. I love you."

"Happy Birthday! I never want to leave you! I (heart) you! PS: Let's get drunk."

"You didn't look that old last night!"

"Bon anniversaire!"

"KU, I love you sooo much I signed your card twice!"

And our favorite:

"Happy B-day, U!"



Metcalfe baseball's newest power Ranger

Travis Metcalfe has hit plenty of home runs—he's KU's career leader with 29—but none were as memorable as the grand slam he cranked out of Oriole Park at Camden Yards Aug. 22.

Called up from Triple-A Oklahoma earlier that day, Metcalfe, '04, a big-hitting third baseman, joined the Texas Rangers just in time for a doubleheader in Baltimore.

Metcalfe celebrated his promotion with a grand slam, helping the Rangers to a 30-9 victory in the opener, then drove in four more RBIs in the nightcap, for a total of eight RBIs before he'd unpacked his bags.

"It was AMAZING in capital letters!" the jubilant rookie told reporters after the Rangers set the league record for runs in a doubleheader at 39 and scored the most runs in a game since the Chicago Colts routed Louisville 36-7 in 1897.

Metcalfe finished his first season in the bigs with five home runs, 12 doubles, 21 RBIs, 41 hits and an on-base percentage of .307 in 57 games—SWEET in capital letters.



LARRY LEROY PEARSON

Two of a kind

When Patrick Huse, b'08, headed out to Las Vegas in July for the World Series of Poker tournament, he was hoping to use his card skills to generate some cash. After a brief stand as chip leader on day two of the 12-day tournament, the finance major, who honed his game playing against dorm-mates in McCollum Hall, finished a very respectable 128th in his first big-time tournament. His take: \$58,000.

When Edward Fensholt, an Olathe high school senior entering KU this fall, decided to take the ACT college entrance exam a second time—despite scoring a whopping 34 of 36 the first time around—he was hoping to use his academic skills to cash in a different jackpot: KU's Perfect Achievement Scholarship.

Fensholt scored a 36 on his second try and became the fourth student to claim the scholarship, which goes to any Kansas high school graduate who posts a perfect score on either the ACT or SAT.

The approximate value of the four-year full ride, which includes tuition, room, board and a book allowance: \$58,000.

Just goes to show there's more than one way to make aces pay.



JAMIE ROPER

Hot doughnuts no more

What's this we hear? The bakery that sustained many a late-night doughnut run for KU students may be gone for good?

Say it ain't so, Joe's.

"I'm sure not going back into that business," Ralph Smith told the Journal-World in October, after Joe's Bakery closed. "I'd love somebody to get in there and take a good swing at it."

Smith sold the business—which his father, Joe Smith, started in 1952—two

years ago, but he still owns the building and the trademark to the name. The new owners reportedly shut down after an anticipated boom in business at the beginning of the fall semester never materialized.

While Smith says he doesn't want to resurrect Joe's, he did hint that his children might want to try their hand at the family business—in 10 to 15 years.

Just in time for the Class of 2021.



Hilltopics

BY STEVEN HILL



UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

■ KU Medical Center will receive more funding and more slots for medical residents under a new agreement with Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City.

New partnership *Affiliation agreement between KU Med and Saint Luke's aids research and physician training*

The first of a planned three-part effort to expand the KU Medical Center's service to the state and region was completed in October, when the University finalized a long anticipated affiliation agreement with Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City.

The partnership is intended to increase the number of medical residents trained at KU and create opportunities for research collaborations between the medical center and Saint Luke's.

"This agreement will expand our ability to train more doctors at KU, helping to meet the state's growing need for health professionals," said Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway. "It will also enhance research collaborations, which are vital to our effort to make new treatments available to Kansans."

Step three, according to Hemenway, is to work out how Saint Luke's and the University of Kansas Hospital will support the KU Cancer Center. A separate affiliation deal on that issue will be finalized later.

"The long-term vision here is for new discoveries leading to new cures and first-rate care provided by doctors who have had

the opportunity to train at both KU Hospital and Saint Luke's," Hemenway said.

The affiliation agreement, which runs for 10 years, calls for both parties to review the amount of Saint Luke's unrestricted financial support to KUMC after four years. In addition to the

\$1 million annual payment, Saint Luke's will also spend at least



\$15 million annually on medical education and clinical research, pay for access to medical center facilities such as the Hoglund Brain Imaging Center and fund research initiatives on a project-by-project basis.

In return, Saint Luke's can bill itself as a major teaching hospital of the KU Medical Center. Saint Luke's medical staff who help train med students and residents also are eligible for faculty titles with the KU School of Medicine.

The agreement stresses that the number of residents rotating at the KU Hospital and at partner hospitals in Wichita will not be reduced and that the University of Kansas Hospital remains KU's primary teaching hospital.

The establishment of research ties between KU and Saint Luke's is seen as a key driver in the University's bid to gain National Cancer Institute designation for its cancer center. That designation would help bring the latest treatments and clinical trials to cancer patients across the state and region.

"Our goal is to give Kansans access to breakthrough treatments that could save their lives," said Barbara Atkinson, executive vice chancellor of the KU Medical Center.

To view an executive summary or the entire affiliation agreement online, visit www.kumc.edu.

Tough love

As strict standards boost dismissals, College hopes grad rates follow

A new probation and dismissal policy enacted last fall by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences increased by about 50 percent the number of CLAS students who were asked to leave the University last year.

But administrators say the tougher standards—which require students who don't maintain a minimum GPA to raise their grades at another school before returning to KU—are designed to do a better job of making sure that students stay on course to graduate.

"The old policy, while lenient, didn't clearly communicate to students where they stood," says Kim McNeley, assistant dean for student aca-

ademic services in the College. "We had far too many students in the College who thought they were moving toward graduation because they were completing courses at C- or D-level work, but because they were digging themselves further and further in the hole with regards to GPA requirements, they were essentially treading water."

Students need 124 credits and a minimum GPA of 2.0 to graduate. McNeley recently met with a student who had completed 200 credit hours in a bid to post a 2.0.

The new policy aims to intervene far earlier to get students back on course for graduation. Students whose cumulative GPA drops below 2.0 are put on academic probation. They must meet with an adviser to review the dismissal policy and learn about various advising, counseling and tutoring options available to them. They must also sign a contract that confirms they understand what is required of them.

- To return to good academic standing, freshmen and sophomores must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 each semester until their cumulative GPA hits 2.0. Juniors and seniors must earn a 2.5 GPA until their cumulative GPA reaches 2.0. Those who fail to meet those targets are dismissed.

- Dismissed students must complete at least six hours with a 2.5 GPA at another school. Those

"The goal is to adjust students' behavior pretty quickly and focus in on their academics."

—Kim McNeley



McNeley

STEVE PUPPE



Key victory

■ Robert Horton, PhD'03, won first place in the fifth-annual Mikael Tariverdiev International Organ Competition in Kaliningrad, Russia, in September. An assistant professor of organ at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, Horton beat six competitors at the finals, held in the Concert Hall of Kaliningrad Philharmonic Society.


who haven't fulfilled their core math or English requirements must do so before returning to KU.

- After first dismissal, students must wait one semester before applying for readmission. After a second dismissal, they must wait one academic year. A third dismissal is final.

During the fall 2006 and spring 2007 semesters, 984 CLAS students were dismissed, up from 654 during the fall and spring of 2005-'06. That represents less than 5 percent of the College's total enrollment.

The policy is good for students in two ways, according to McNeley.

"For the individual student, it clearly communicates what it's going to take to be successful at KU," she says. "The goal is to adjust their behavior pretty quickly and focus in on their academics with the goal of graduating in a timely manner."

"For the campus population, I really believe it improves our learning community. If we have a higher percentage of people in our classrooms who are committed to learning, who are coming to class prepared, it simply benefits everyone." 



Research response

A new center in the works at KU could spearhead Kansas effort to help autistic children and families

More money for research and training, better support for families, and enhanced technical assistance for schools and social service agencies are the goals of a new autism center now in the planning stages at KU.

The proposed Kansas Center for Autism Research and Training would put the University's research and training expertise to work addressing what many say is a burgeoning public health concern.

"There is a growing awareness and a growing prevalence of autism spectrum disorders," says



STEVE PUPPE

■ Debra Kamps, from the Juniper Gardens Children's Project, and Matthew Reese, of the Center for Child Health and Development, are leading a drive to establish an autism research center at KU.

Debra Kamps, g'76, PhD'83, a senior scientist at the Life Span Institute and associate director of the Juniper Gardens Children's Project. She notes that a study released last spring by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated the prevalence of autism spectrum disorders at one in 150.

"Prior incidence levels were four to five per 10,000," Kamps says. "That's a big change."

Autism is a developmental disorder of the brain characterized by impairments in communication and social interaction, and a tendency to display restrictive, repetitive behavior. Symptoms are usually evident before the age of 3. Autism spectrum disorders include autistic disorder, Asperger syndrome, Rett's syndrome and childhood disintegrative disorder.

While some say Kansas has been slow in addressing this surge in autism diagnoses, that, too, is changing, Kamps believes.

The Legislature established an autism task force during the 2007 session, another bill was introduced (but later shelved) to help support autistic children and their families, and a Medicaid autism waiver is set to take effect in Kansas on Jan. 1, she notes.

KU could have a key role to play in helping make sure that the know-how is in place to help the state follow through on its plans.

"Our state is now responding, and we want to make sure that training is available," Kamps says.

“It’s not enough that families have insurance payments and Medicaid payments for service; we need to make sure that Kansas has people out there who can provide these services.”

Kamps chairs the Work Group on Autism Research and Training, and Matthew Reese, director of the Center for Child Health and Development at the KU Medical Center, is co-chair.

Together they have enlisted 36 scientists who are currently involved in autism research or who have an interest in the field to serve on the group. The effort is drawing scientists from a wide range of disciplines (child development, psychology, psychiatry, speech-language-hearing and occupational therapy, to name a few) and from the Lawrence and Medical Center campuses. They began meeting earlier this year to start laying the groundwork for a center, and they hope to have it up and running by 2008.

In addition to training those who work with children and their families, the new center could also help draw more research funding for autism at the University by putting researchers in touch with one another.

“One of the things we want to do is foster more collaboration between faculty and research staff,” Kamps says. “We want to increase externally funded autism research, and in order to do that, it often takes more collaboration among investigators.”

The hope, of course, is that more research will lead to more effective therapies. Much of the response to autism now focuses on starting treatment early—as young as 18 months, Kamps says—and research suggests that early intervention yields the best results.

A center with dedicated space and a permanent staff would help KU respond more quickly to parents of children with autism as well. That need became particularly acute after an autism resource center at KUMC closed last year. Center programs for families may include informational seminars for parents or parent-to-parent activities. As the working group moves forward over the next year, members will use focus groups to seek input from parents.

“We’ve been contacted by parents who’ve asked for more of a presence from KU in this area,” Kamps says. “That has helped create the impetus that we needed to start working toward a center. It’s overdue.”

To get more information or provide input on the proposed autism center, visit www.lsi.ku.edu/autism/

Visitor

Life stories

Biographer Arnold Rampersad delivered the Richard W. Gunn Memorial Lecture on “The Enigma of Ralph Ellison.”

WHEN: Sept. 27

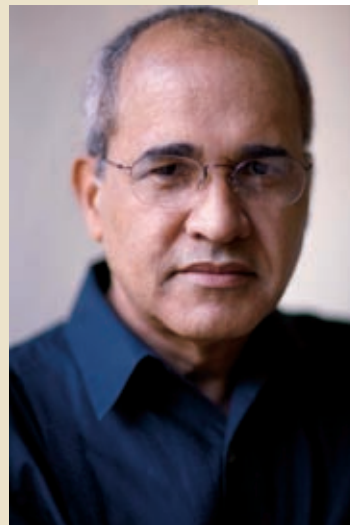
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BACKGROUND: The eminent biographer has written about Langston Hughes, Jackie Robinson and W.E.B. Du Bois. His most recent book, *Ralph Ellison: A Biography*, portrays the writer who soared to fame in 1952 with his first novel, *Invisible Man*.

ANECDOTE: When he proposed an Ellison biography to his publisher, Rampersad says he assumed that he would find little that could chip away at the “veneer of invulnerability” with which the author presented himself to the world. “I was wrong about the absence of the sensational,” Rampersad says. “I encountered the sensational at every stage of his life. He was an extraordinarily complex man.”

QUOTE: “To hear him tell it, he never learned a thing from a black writer,” Rampersad said of Ellison, who was famously dismissive of the black writers who encouraged his early efforts. “He considered Hughes and [Richard] Wright his relatives, and the writers in his pantheon [Hemingway, Dostoyevsky, Faulkner and Joyce] his ancestors. You have to be very careful of people who praise their ancestors and heap scorn upon their relatives.”



COURTESY ARNOLD RAMPERSAD

“The doors of American culture were opening [in 1952, when Ellison published *Invisible Man*], and he was poised beautifully to rush right in and get one of the best seats.”
—Arnold Rampersad

FINE ARTS

Dean says he'll step down at end of academic year

Steven Hedden will resign in May, ending his five-year tenure as dean of the School of Fine Arts. A nationwide search has begun to have a new dean in place by Aug. 1.

During his time in Murphy Hall, the school increased external funding, including a \$500,000 grant from Hallmark; added new degrees in interaction design, design management, photomedia and a bachelor's of music with a concentration in jazz; and raised \$150,000 through the Feather the Flock campaign to replace the 22-year-old uniforms worn by the Marching Jayhawks.

Hedden, g'64, g'69, PhD'71, will remain at the school where he received his own graduate education. He's looking forward to a return to teaching.

"I've been fortunate in my career that exciting new opportunities have presented themselves every few years, and that's true now," he says. "I've always thought there couldn't be better life's work than to be a college professor. I look forward to my new opportunities as part of the energetic and extraordinarily talented faculty here."

MEDICINE

KU hospital garners handful of top ratings

The University of Kansas Hospital has earned a three-star designation for its heart surgery program from the Society for Thoracic Surgeons, the highest rating the STS grants.

The rating, which follows a recent article by U.S. News and World Report that ranked the heart program fourth best in the country for low mortality rates, should give Kansans confidence that they can get the best heart care in the world close to home, according to Michael Gorton, m'86, thoracic surgeon at the hospital.

"It tells them they don't necessarily need to go outside of the area to get as good quality heart care as they can get



COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS HOSPITAL

■ A three-star rating for the new Center for Advance Heart Care's heart surgery program is the latest in a string of high marks for the University of Kansas Hospital.

anywhere in the world," Gorton says. "We rank on an equal basis with places like the Cleveland Clinic, the Mayo Clinic and Johns Hopkins."

Gorton says hospitals submit to STS some 200 data "characters" on each heart surgery patient. The data includes information on length of stay, complica-

tions and mortality rates. The STS then takes into account the relative complexity of the cases a hospital treats to come up with an expected mortality rate, which is compared with the facility's actual mortality rate. Only 10 to 15 percent of 746 hospitals that participate in the program receive three stars, Gorton says. The rating is the latest in a string of high marks for the quality of medical education at KU. In September, the American Academy of Family Physicians announced that the KU School of Medicine leads the nation in the number of family medicine graduates. Also this fall, the University HealthSystem Consortium, an organization of 97 academic medical centers led by former University

Update

The birdbath featured on the cover of issue No. 3 was severely damaged by unknown vandals Sept. 27. Situated on the small lawn west of Lippincott Hall, the birdbath was donated in 1913 by the Class of 1903 and was the first outdoor piece given to the University as a class gift; after suffering the ravages of time, it was recently restored by volunteers with the Historic Mount Oread Fund, placed on a new concrete pad, and a commissioned poem by Professor Stanley Lombardo was etched into a nearby marker.

The bowl was found shattered and is thought to be beyond repair; the column and stand, though not damaged, were removed for safekeeping.

"For more than 90 years nothing happened to that birdbath, and now, six months after we rededicate it, it's destroyed," says Distinguished Professor Emeritus Ken Armitage, president of the Mount Oread group. "It's just terrible."

With photos of the restored original bowl provided by architect and HMOF volunteer Craig Patterson, a'72, the University is working to replace the bowl.

—Chris Lazzarino



JAMIE ROPER

of Kansas Hospital CEO Irene Cumming, ranked the hospital in its top five for quality and accountability.

FINE ARTS

New leaders take batons for orchestra and bands

Student musicians from jazz bands to classical symphony are taking their cues from new directors this fall.

David Neely, the former director of the opera program at the University of Texas, will direct orchestral activities and serve as an assistant professor of music at KU. Neely hopes to attract more string players to the orchestra program, start a concerto competition for students and perform more student compositions. The 103-year-old orchestra program is among the oldest in the nation.

Scott Weiss, formerly associate director of bands at Indiana University, is the new director of KU bands. He'll oversee the University's concert, athletic and jazz bands. Weiss hopes to continue the recent success of the Wind Ensemble while bolstering the music program's other bands. He also wants to boost membership in the Marching Jayhawks; with around 180 members, it is the smallest marching band in the Big 12.



Neely and Weiss

Milestones, money and other matters

■ **A \$3.4 MILLION GRANT** from the U.S. Department of Education will fund a language and literacy project in Wyandotte County that involves the Juniper Gardens Children's Project at KU's Life Span Institute and Project Eagle at the KU Medical Center. Wyandotte County Early Reading First helps students from Head Start and El Centro preschools in Kansas City, Kan., enhance language, literacy and pre-reading development.

■ **HIGUCHI/KU ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION RESEARCH AWARDS** recognized the outstanding research of three KU professors this fall. Ann Turnbull, professor of special education and co-founder of the Beach Center on Disability, received the Balfour Jeffrey Award in Humanities and the Social Sciences. A. Townsend Peterson, University Distinguished Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, received the Olin Petefish Award in Basic Science. Charles Little, professor of anatomy and cell biology, won the Dolph Simons Award in Biomedical Sciences. In addition, Paul Seib, professor of grain science and industry at Kansas State University, received the Irvin Youngberg Award for Applied Sciences. Funded by the late KU professor Takeru Higuchi and his wife, Aya, the program awards recipients \$10,000 to advance their research.

■ **CYNTHIA CARROLL, G'82, AND LINDA ZARDA COOK, E'80**, are among the 100 most powerful women in the world, according to Forbes Magazine. Carroll, seventh on the magazine's list, is the first woman chief executive of Anglo American, one of the world's largest independent mining companies. Cook, 44th, is executive director of gas and power for Royal Dutch Shell.



Carroll

■ **THE 2007 ROBERT J. DOLE LEADERSHIP PRIZE** was presented to U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., Oct. 21 at the Lied Center. Lewis led the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in the 1960s and took a prominent role in the Civil Rights movement. He has represented Georgia's 5th Congressional District since 1991.

■ **JENNIFER SHAW SCHMIDT AND JERRY AUSTIN** are the Dole Institute Fellows for 2007. Schmidt, I'94, formerly chief of staff for Kansas House of Representatives Speaker Kent Glasscock, R-Manhattan, and Austin, president of Gerald J. Austin and Associates Inc., a political consulting and marketing firm, will lead weekly study groups for students.



Cook

■ **EDITH TAYLOR**, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology and senior curator of paleobotany, has earned the Merit Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Botanical Society of America. The award recognizes her research on plant fossils, which brought to light the diversity of plants that once thrived in Antarctica.

■ **DAN ROCKHILL**, a faculty member in the School of Architecture and Urban Design since 1980, was named the J.L. Constant distinguished professor of architecture. Rockhill has gained international acclaim for his work with Studio 804 and Rockhill and Associates.



Sports

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO



■ A bruising 235 pounds, fullback Brandon McAnderson powers through defenses with a rare combination of strength, speed and surprising agility.

Believe it

With an offense scoring basketball numbers and a defense holding firm, 'Hawks roll, 9-0

As he readied his workspace in the bustling Memorial Stadium press box a couple of hours before kickoff, a veteran Kansas City sportswriter deadpanned, “I don’t know what the big deal is. It’s KU-Nebraska. One team is undefeated and favored by 20; the other’s coach is in danger of losing his job. Isn’t it just business as usual?”

Ironic spin was the only way to view the Nov. 3 KU-Nebraska game as business as usual. Because this time, in KU football’s season of dreams, a once-in-a-century victoryfest, the roles were reversed. This time, it was KU that romped into November on an undefeated stride. And it was the Cornhuskers who were reeling with a

sub-.500 record and coach Bill Callahan toiling under the wrath of restless fans and the steely gaze of his new boss, the legendary former coach Tom Osborne, who, decked out in a red sport coat that might have matched his temper, watched the startling game from the visiting athletics director’s suite.

Nebraska had beaten KU every year since 1969. But through all the painful drubbings, never did the Huskers score more than 70 on the Jayhawks, who laid on the lopsided score sure to be memorialized in vanity license plates and T-shirts: 76-39. On Homecoming, no less.

“It feels pretty good, but I don’t know about payback,” says senior fullback Brandon McAnderson, who rushed for 119 yards and *four* touchdowns. “Stuff like that is mostly for the fans. A lot of fans have seen bad, lopsided wins by the other side. So this feels good for them. As a team, it doesn’t feel all that different.”

As of press time—awaiting games at Oklahoma State, home against Iowa State, and the much-anticipated Nov. 24 showdown vs.

Missouri at Arrowhead Stadium—the Jayhawks were 9-0, leading the Big 12 North, ranked No. 4 in the Bowl Championship Series poll, and, as one of three undefeated teams in the country, perhaps—gasp!—even in position to play their way into the national championship game.

The conjecture has had all of Lawrence and the Jayhawk Nation buzzing. Coaches and players were glad for it, but they weren’t yet enjoying victory’s spoils.

“That’s part of being a fan,” coach Mark Mangino said after the Nebraska game. “They get to talk about where they think we’re going to go, how many we’re going to win. They haven’t had that at Kansas for a long, long time. Our fans

deserve this; they deserve the chance to say, ‘Can you believe this?’

“When I came in here, there was talk that Kansas fans didn’t care about football, and that no matter what you did they’d never jump on board. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our fans have been absolutely terrific, and they’re enjoying the ride.”

How can we not? This is a loop-de-loop, you-must-be-this-tall, E-ticket thriller.

Against Nebraska, the Jayhawks scored touchdowns on 10 consecutive drives (except a kneel-down to end the first half). Sophomore quarterback Todd Reesing threw six touchdown passes, breaking a school record set in 1938 by future Hall-of-Fame basketball coach Ralph Miller, d’42. KU amassed a record-tying 34 first downs and 572 yards of total offense, and had no fumbles, no interceptions, and only two penalties for 10 yards.

“It’s a group of kids who are pretty smart, tough as nails and play hard,” Mangino says. “Because they play smart, they don’t make mistakes and we don’t beat ourselves.”

Through their first nine games, the

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—coach Mark Mangino

Jayhawks averaged 46.22 points, while allowing opponents just 13.44 points a game; both marks were tops in the Big 12 and second nationally. No KU football team has been 9-0 since 1908, and only the 1899 team won 10. KU held its first five Big 12 opponents to fewer than 80 yards rushing, and the Jayhawks were the only team in the country with at least two kickoff returns and two punt returns for touchdowns.

Offense. Defense. Special teams.

KU won at Kansas State for the first time since 1989 (30-24, Oct. 6). The Jayhawks scored 30 or more points six straight times, and posted the most points ever scored against Nebraska in that team’s storied, 117-year history, in front of a Memorial Stadium record crowd of 51,910.

And, perhaps most pleasing of all to a coach who relentlessly preaches fundamentals, the Jayhawks had committed

the fewest penalties in the country (3.78 per game) for the fewest penalty yards in the country (32.89 per game).

“I’m not going to stand here and tell you I thought we’d be 9-0. That’s foolishness,” Mangino says. “But I thought we had a chance to have a really good football team. I felt that way about the kids through winter, through spring ball, summer, training camp; that if some kids step up, and we get settled at quarterback, some defensive positions and the interior of the offensive line, then perhaps we’d have a chance to have a pretty good football team.

“Those kids *have* stepped up, they *have* developed, and here we are.”

Amid the dreams of team glory, two potential individual honors had not yet received much attention.

Barring a stunning series of losses, Mangino will be a favorite to win Big 12 and national coach of the year honors,



■ Two keys to balanced offense are sophomores Jake Sharp (above), a three-time state long jump champion at Salina Central, and Todd Reesing (right), a KU Honors Program student. “He has a chance to be the best [quarterback] I’ve ever been on the same side of the field with,” Mangino says of Reesing. “He still has some things to prove, but knowing him, he’ll prove it. He’s bent on doing things.”



STEVE PUPPE (3)

Updates

The softball team on Sept. 29 scored one of its most important victories, generating \$5,400 for breast cancer research with its first Jayhawk Pink Classic four-team tournament. “We were able to raise more money than I expected,” says coach **Tracy Bunge**, ’87, “and players from all four teams learned about breast cancer awareness.” The tournament was part of KU’s Breast Cancer Awareness Week, sponsored by the Emily Taylor Women’s Resource Center, which raised about \$9,500. “It’s a tribute to the things different sports and on-campus organizations are doing,” Bunge says. ... Led by 18 kills from freshman **Jenna Kaiser**, the volleyball team upset No. 18 Oklahoma in five games Nov. 3 at the Horejsi Family Athletics Center, ending a six-match losing streak. ... The soccer team landed its eighth-consecutive berth in the Big 12 tournament with six victories and two ties in its final nine games, including a 2-1 victory over Missouri on Senior Day at the Jayhawk Soccer Complex. ... Defending Big 12 men’s cross country champion **Colby Wissel** ran fifth at this year’s championships in Lubbock, Texas. Sophomore **Lauren Bonds** was the women’s team’s top finisher in 30th. ... Sophomore guard **Brady Morningstar** has decided to take a redshirt this season. He will continue to practice and travel with the men’s basketball team but will not play in games. ... Four-time Olympic discus gold-medalist **Al Oerter**, ’58, died Oct. 1 in Florida (In Memory, p. 67). ... Former guard **Michael Lee**, c’05, is now graduate student manager for the men’s basketball team. ... **Debbie Herd Van Saun**, d’73, g’92, formerly Lawrence assistant city manager, is now associate athletics director and senior women’s administrator.

especially notable because KU’s sixth-year coach also was named national assistant coach of the year, when he was offensive coordinator for Oklahoma’s undefeated, national-championship season in 2000.

And there’s Reesing, a 5-foot-11 quarterback from Austin, Texas, who is undefeated as a starter; leads one of the most improbable success stories in all of football; threw 119 consecutive passes without an interception; was ranked in the top 25 nationally in pass efficiency, total offense and passing yards; and, just for grins, listed snake wrangling among his favorite hobbies in his media-guide bio.

It’s time to talk Heisman Trophy. If not now, certainly in 2008.

“The numbers he puts up, I think he deserves to be in that discussion,” says senior receiver Marcus Henry. “And I don’t think it would be a distraction to our team. We’re pretty focused on what we have to do. Just knowing how hard we had to work to get to where we are, we don’t want anything ruining that.”

Indeed, “focus” appears to be the key word around the KU clubhouse. Players talked about it at Media Day in August, expressing their disgust over four fourth-quarter meltdowns in 2006 and their insistence that this season would be very different. They have invoked the power of focus after every win, and—through nine games, at least—they had yet to betray a hint of distraction.

“I think it is attitude more than anything,” says sophomore running back Jake Sharp. “This team wants to win, this team knows how to win, and last year, I don’t believe that was the case.”

Asked how the Jayhawks police themselves to avoid overconfidence, McAnderson replied, “We don’t. It’s not an atmosphere to breed overconfidence. It’s just not. This is something we expected,



and we’re a mature group.”

Says junior linebacker Mike Rivera, “My philosophy is the same as Mangino’s. I go to the next day, the next practice, the next game. I don’t want to look ahead because there’s not any reason to.”

As he came off the field Nov. 3, junior center Ryan Cantrell—whose leadership on the offensive line is an absolute key to all of the offensive success—allowed himself to briefly absorb the enormity of what he

and his teammates had just accomplished: 76-39, against *Nebraska*.

“I thought back to when I committed here,” Cantrell said in the postgame clubhouse. “I think the first game I watched, we lost, so when I saw that scoreboard, I had that flashback in time. And, maybe a flash forward, to the future, to what else we have coming on.”

And, as quick as that, the reverie was done.

“But myself,” Cantrell said, “this game’s history. We’re going to watch film tomorrow, and we’re going to be on Okie State before you can blink.”

In other words ... business as usual.



Finish strong

Long on seniors and possible early draft entrants, Jayhawks eye ultimate prize

With the talk among both reporters and players focusing on how last year’s Elite Eight loss to UCLA might motivate this year’s team to settle for nothing less than a Final Four run, coach Bill Self offered a more immediate concern during media day in October: Avoiding the slow start that last year saw the Jayhawks drop two games in the sea-

son's first month, the first a home loss to Oral Roberts.

"Last year I don't think we used the Bradley loss [in the first-round of the 2006 NCAA tournament] enough as motivation," Self said as his team prepared to kick off the season with traditional Late Night in the Phog festivities. "I think we practiced a little satisfied last year. I don't think this team will do that."

The reason: an abundance of players who are (or may be) finishing out their KU careers.

"Last year, we had no senior leaders, and this year you have five seniors who know it's their last go around," Self says. "And you've got a couple of other guys who could possibly be in their last go around."

The "other guys" are Brandon Rush, who entered the NBA draft last summer, then withdrew after injuring his knee in a pickup game, and Darrell Arthur, who already is facing questions about a possi-

ble NBA jump after his sophomore season.

Rush's return is projected as Dec. 1, though the date could move up or back, depending on his progress with rehab. Arthur, who left USA Basketball's Under 19 team this summer after sustaining a stress fracture in his leg, is already back at full speed.

Only Julian Wright, a first-round draft pick of the New Orleans Hornets, is missing from the squad that won a third straight Big 12 conference title and second straight Big 12 tournament on the way to a 33-5 record. Leading the way are seniors Russell Robinson, Sasha Kaun and Darnell Jackson, who played significant roles last year, and Rodrick Stewart and Jeremy Case, who will be asked to step in for the injured Rush.

"With Brandon hurt, guys need to step up," Stewart says. "With me being a senior, I think it's probably going to be my job to help us win some games, and

I'm definitely looking forward to it."

Success will depend on several things. While the backcourt of Robinson, Mario Chalmers and Sherron Collins is rated among the best in the country, Self will look for more production this year from his big men, Arthur, Jackson and Kaun, as well as newcomer Cole Aldrich. "I think we can play through our post men more than we did last year," Self says, "and when you're not playing well on the perimeter you need to be able to do that."

Rush's recovery from knee surgery will be a major factor as well. Self looks for the junior to develop "better technique" to help make up for the potential loss in athleticism, noting the injury could make him better in the long run. "They say Jordan got to be a better basketball player when he was less athletic," Self says. "I think Brandon's going to be a better basketball player."

Another reason the Jayhawks give Self reason to believe this could be a special

"We tasted it last year. The more you taste it, the more you want it. So I don't see how they could keep from allowing the UCLA game to be motivational."

—coach Bill Self



STEVE PUPPE (3)

■ The Jayhawks' backcourt, led by Russell Robinson (above), is among the best in the nation, but frontline players like Darrell Arthur (left) will be expected to produce more offense this season.

Henrickson cites team athleticism



■ Two players fourth-year coach Bonnie Henrickson will count on this season are junior point guard Ivana Catic (left) and sophomore forward Danielle McCray (below), who scored 20 points and grabbed seven rebounds in the Nov. 4 win vs. Pittsburg State. “I’m really excited about our speed and athleticism,” Henrickson says. “I’m cautiously optimistic that we have a chance to be pretty good.”



year: Last year’s close-but-no-cigar tournament run. After two consecutive years of first-round losses, the Jayhawks ended last season only a game away from the Final Four.

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allowing the UCLA game to be motivational.”

Ranked fourth in the ESPN/USA Today coaches’ preseason poll behind North Carolina, UCLA and Memphis, Kansas will get its first big test Nov. 25 at home against No. 17 Arizona; the matchup doubles as game four of the

Jayhawk Invitational and a highlight of the Big 12/Pac 10 Challenge. A week later the Jayhawks travel to Los Angeles to take on O.J. Mayo and 18th-ranked USC. A return match with DePaul, a team that clipped the Jayhawks last year in Chicago, 64-57, awaits Dec. 8 in Lawrence. Road games with Georgia Tech Dec. 18 and Boston College Jan. 5 will further test Kansas before the Big 12 season tips off at Nebraska Jan. 12.

Along with its lofty preseason ranking in the national polls, Kansas also won the nod from Big 12 coaches as the team to beat in the conference race. Self noted that the seniors have a chance to do something only one other KU recruiting class in the past 70 years has done: Win four consecutive league crowns.

While that would be an impressive feat, it would be just a first step for the veteran players who have been around long enough to remember the 2005-’06 season, when the graduation of seniors Keith Langford, Michael Lee, Aaron Miles and Wayne Simien, and the transfer of J.R. Giddens, produced a team that started the year in unfamiliar territory—unranked in preseason polls and picked to finish third in the Big 12.

They’ve been through a lot since, says Jackson, who has endured more off-the-court travails than anyone, and it has only made team chemistry—that intangible force considered so essential to championship runs—stronger.

“Everybody’s a leader on this team; it’s always been like that,” Jackson says. “Now that it’s the last go around, we know we have to play as a team and do things together, to keep that circle complete like we’ve always had it the last couple of years.”

“We have a lot of history together,” Stewart adds. “You don’t take anything for granted when you know it’s your last go around. It would mean more than anything now to try and win the national championship.”

With the 20th anniversary of the last Kansas title coming up in March, these experienced Jayhawks would love to make a little more history. —

—Steven Hill



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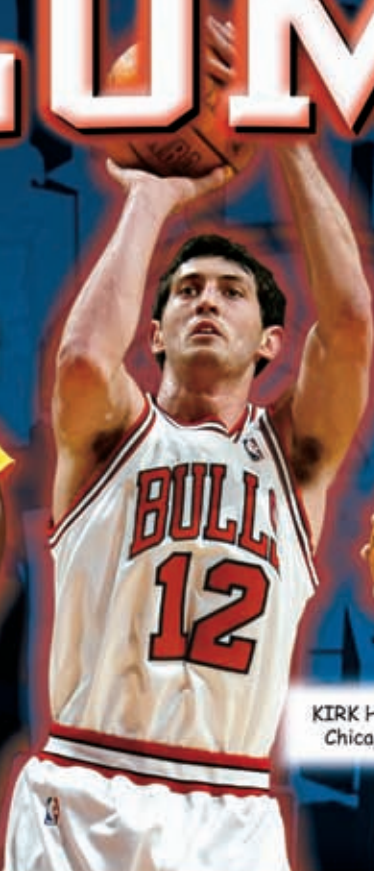
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- 30 at Kansas State



Women's basketball

NOVEMBER

- 23-24 at SMU Tournament, Dallas
- 27 Creighton

DECEMBER

- 2 Saint Louis
- 6 Marquette
- 9 Indiana
- 16 UC-Riverside
- 19 at San Jose State
- 21 at Cal-Berkeley
- 30 Boston University

JANUARY

- 4 at Xavier
- 9 Oklahoma State
- 12 at Nebraska
- 16 at Baylor
- 19 Missouri
- 22 at Colorado
- 26 Texas A&M
- 30 at Oklahoma



■ Late Night in the Phog, the annual fun fest launching men's and women's basketball seasons, included the Rock Chalk Dance team, high-steppin' Baby Jay and stylin' players (l to r) Darrell Arthur, Sherron Collins and Brady Morningstar.

Indoor track & field

DECEMBER

- 8 at Kansas State All Comers Meet

JANUARY

- 11 at Arkansas Invitational
- 19 Kansas Invitational
- 25 Jayhawk Invitational

Swimming & diving

NOVEMBER

- 29-Dec. 1 at Houston Diving Invitational

JANUARY

- 6 at Winter training trip meet, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 19 Nebraska
- 26 vs. Iowa, at Columbia, Mo.



STEVE PUPPE (3)



WITH HONORS

Like other Jayhawks, Josh Goetting interrupts his studies to serve in a war zone

U.S. Marine Corporal Josh Goetting studies law at KU. He is from Leavenworth. His is not a military family, but the culture pervades his hometown, and he grew up wanting to wear an American uniform and serve the American cause. The terror attacks of September 2001 struck when he was a senior in high school.

“I think probably that kept me from joining any earlier, because I didn’t want to be one of the guys who run out and do it for this one reason,” Goetting says. “I wanted to do it because I sincerely wanted to do it and it wasn’t just a heat-of-the-moment thing. That’s why I waited until ’04 to join.”

By the time Goetting, c’06, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, he was a sophomore majoring in political science and Chinese—technically, East Asian Languages and Cultures with an emphasis in Chinese language and literature. In summer 2004 he completed boot camp and Marine Combat Training; after the following school year, he spent nine weeks at ammunition school in Alabama to learn the job required of his Topeka-based unit: “Ammunition technicians—‘ammo techs’—are jokingly referred to as bullet counters,” he says. “You make sure all the ammo is accounted for, taken care of, and



stored properly. It’s not a very exciting job.”

Because he grew up with friends whose parents were active duty or retired Army officers, or had joined the Army themselves, few understood his desire to become a Marine.

“They kind of laughed at me, thinking I was going a little bit overboard,” Goetting says. “But I thought it was the biggest challenge, the toughest service to get into. It added to my sense of accomplishment, not only doing service for my country, but doing the toughest service I could.”

In a first-floor conference room in the Adams Alumni Center, Goetting stands at attention, obeying commands (requests, really, but his snappy responses makes them seem like orders) from photographer Steve Puppe, who has brought out the full studio treatment. Two expensive lights mounted on high-tech tripods, a black backdrop, camera bodies and lenses



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that would make any amateur photographer, and most professionals, drool with envy.

The business of being a U.S. Marine is, especially now, deadly serious. But Marines also play the dashing part as well as any in the U.S. Armed Forces. They look great in their uniforms. As Goetting fiddles with this jacket and belt, I notice how highly tailored and snug it is against his torso. I comment that it must be a Corps incentive to keep their Marines fit. He laughs and nods in agreement. I ask him to be truthful: Was the uniform part of the reason he became a Marine?

He smiles. "Maybe just a little bit."

Puppe gets into a rhythm with his photography, frame after frame after frame. Goetting remains parade-ground straight. I move to a corner of the room and observe from an armchair. As I watch Cpl. Goetting I think of my grandfather, who resigned his commission in the U.S. Army to join the Marines as an enlisted man and fight in the South Pacific; after accepting a battlefield commission, my grandfather, Earl Larson, was felled by the tropical diseases that claimed so many thousands of others.

He never fully recovered, and died shortly after the war.

Perhaps because I never got to see him as a young man in uniform—or at all, in fact—I think of my grandfather whenever I meet young Marines. I wonder what might have been for my grandfather, had he not been so attracted by their esprit de Corps, and I wonder what might await Goetting now that he, too, has chosen to wear the uniform.

For some reason I am struck by an image of Cpl. Goetting as an embassy guard. It is duty the Marines do particularly well, in part because their commanding presence halts most confrontations before they begin. And Goetting is smart enough, certainly well spoken enough, to handle himself in trying conditions in unfamiliar lands.

Maybe I'm imagining Goetting as an embassy guard because I'd rather not dwell on the reality of the job he did in Iraq. The flag he holds in our cover photograph is his only memento from the months he served in Al Anbar Province. It flew over the air base where his detachment of Marines was stationed.

Goetting and the other Marines in his unit volunteered for Personnel Retrieval

and Processing, or, in more common military parlance, Mortuary Affairs.

Combat fatalities. Angels. Comrades.

"All the guys we got in, and even the few Iraqis, we felt that we definitely owed them the best work we could do," Goetting says. "The circumstances were difficult, and there was always weird stuff going on, but we always felt a sense of duty to everybody who came in. They were wearing the same uniform as us, they went through all the same training, they might have been guys we knew at one point."

The work came, obviously, with unique stresses. Sgt. Laura Wright, of Wellsville, confirms that some service members from outside of their unit were wary of interaction with those who handled the dead. "A lot of people have issues even talking with us," she says. "As soon as somebody finds out what you do, they turn away from you. It's sort of like a superstition."

Their training taught them not to let Marine bravado keep emotional reactions bottled inside. So they talked among themselves. A lot.

"We were definitely really close," Goetting says of his Iraq unit, composed of

■ With pilots and crew standing at attention, U.S. Marines (at left, clockwise from top center) Lance Cpl. Jake Perry, Lance Cpl. Dane Stephen, Lance Cpl. Joshua Wade, Cpl. Aaron Todd, Cpl. Josh Goetting and Cpl. Billy Crum begin the first step in a long journey home for the flag-draped remains of a fallen American serviceman.

Marines (right, l to r) Cpl. Aaron Todd, Lance Cpl. Philip Burch, Lance Cpl. Jake Perry and Cpl. Josh Goetting relax at their Topeka base.

Goetting and his fellow Marines (below) board a bus that will take them to a practice ceremony for their unit's U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Nov. 2 in Topeka.



STEVE PUPPE (2)

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nine Marines from his Topeka base, plus another 20 or so from Georgia and Washington, D.C. “It’s really hard not to be close, given the nature of our work, seeing some of the stuff we did.”

In the room with us during the photo shoot is Kim Perry, an Alumni Association records specialist. Her son, Lance Cpl. Jake Perry, serves with Goetting out of the Topeka Marine base and also volunteered for mortuary affairs in the Iraq combat zone. She stands nearly as still as Goetting, watching with unblinking eyes. I sense another reason for the uniform: The pride that swells Kim Perry while watching Josh Goetting is all about the pride she feels in her son, and in the other Marines, all of whom offered frank conversation and trusting companionship to lessen the mental strains of their work, so that each would come home

healthy. And alive.

They did their best, too, for the angels who were the reason for their mission, the comrades-in-arms whom they could care for only in death.



Rightly or wrongly, *Kansas Alumni* to date has attempted very little coverage of the events transpiring in Iraq and Afghanistan. Perhaps it’s because the gravity of it all seemed difficult to encapsulate in our little magazine dedicated to stories of teaching and research, alumni accomplishment, and the cheeky side of life as it plays out in the insular, manicured world of Mount Oread.

When Kim Perry introduced us to Josh Goetting, and explained what it was

■ Goetting rarely tells classmates that he served in a mortuary affairs unit: “Generally people give you a funny look, so I just kind of say I was in Iraq, kicking around sand for six months.”

that Goetting and her son and the others in their unit did in Iraq, we saw that an opportunity had presented itself. We still feared trying to present an omnibus of student involvement in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the supporting missions, because we knew without doubt somebody would be overlooked.

But one man. One student. One Marine. One story.

We can do that.
Josh Goetting agreed.



When the commanding officer of General Support Ammunition Platoon-Topeka announced that billets were available for a tour of duty in Iraq, Josh Goetting listened. “There were a lot of us who just wanted to go, and I was one of them,” he says. “I wasn’t too interested in the work I was going to be doing; I wanted to be able to go over there and contribute. That was how most of us ended up doing it.”

Because of the nature of the duty—processing combat fatalities—only volunteers were accepted, and those who agreed first spent two days witnessing five autopsies conducted by the Shawnee County Coroner, mainly to make sure nobody was repulsed by the chore of examining and handling the dead.

“We weren’t really told much in the beginning, except a basic overview,” Goetting says. “We were told it was a tough job, that if we had any fears about having [posttraumatic stress disorder] or that we couldn’t cope with seeing not-too-pleasing images, we probably shouldn’t get into it. But other than that, until we actually started our training and began doing the job, they kind of kept it under wraps. The sense I get is they don’t want to get too far into it because it’s not something a lot of people want to know about or hear about.”

Goetting walked down the Hill May 21, 2006, and within the week he was mobilized. He and the other Marines in his new unit first trained at Quantico, Va., where they crammed a nine-week course into a three-week boot camp. They then drilled “pretty intensively” for a month and a half at Camp Pendleton, near San Diego. “By the time we got to Iraq,” he says, “we were pretty confident in what we were doing.”

Except that by the time they arrived at Al Asad Air Base in the tumultuous western Iraqi province of Al Anbar, the mission had changed. Trained in retrieval as well as processing, Goetting and the others had honed special skills to recover all remains, even from the gruesome road-

‘Until They Are Home’

Tending to fallen comrades is a mission that continues long after conflicts have cooled. For the 88,000 missing veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War, the Hawaii-based Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, currently under the command of Brig. Gen. Michael C. Flowers, c’77, assures that every effort will be made to keep the government’s end of a sacred bond.

“We have full support from the president on down, and we have resources to do this mission,” Flowers says. “It’s important for families and comrades to come to closure about their missing loved ones, and we do our best to make sure that happens.”

JPAC currently has field teams working in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Germany, and investigation teams in Hungary and France. Through the first 10 months of 2007, JPAC had identified the remains of 80 missing Americans, and to date has identified more than 1,300.

JPAC employs forensic anthropologists, historians, analysts and laboratory scientists, and is the only U.S. military organization authorized to negotiate with foreign governments.

When remains are identified, family members are flown to Oahu, where they are briefed on the details of the discovery. They then escort the remains home.

“The emotions run very high,” Flowers says, “and it’s very satisfying.”

Flowers attended high school in Topeka, where his father was stationed with the Air Force, and he joined Army ROTC at KU. He is a Ranger and helicopter pilot, a veteran of numerous conflicts, and past commanding officer of numerous high-profile groups, including the Center for Army Leadership at Fort Leavenworth. After his promotion to brigadier general, Flowers was made chief of staff for NATO forces in Kosovo, and he retires from the Army April 1.

In November he returned to the Hill to join Army ROTC’s Hall of Fame. He brought along JPAC’s chief scientist, who discussed career and internship opportunities with anthropology students.

“Our motto,” Flowers says, “is ‘Until They Are Home.’ Everybody in JPAC understands that motto and works very hard to bring all these folks home.”

Surviving family members who have not yet done so are encouraged to contact a military casualty office, or JPAC, to see whether DNA samples might help identify remains. More information can be found at www.jpac.pacom.mil.

—C.L.



Brigadier General Flowers

side bombings so often making headlines back home. But the geography was simply too immense, even when covered by helicopter, to arrive on scene fast enough to have any confidence that another combat situation or ambush might not already be developing.

Their regimental commander declared the Marines trained in mortuary affairs to be “critical personnel,” not easily replaced, so they were not allowed to leave the base. Instead, combat fatalities were brought to them.

Goetting and the other Marines worked quickly but thoroughly. They described wounds on anatomical charts and made preliminary assessments of causes of death. They cataloged and preserved personal items, then prepared the remains for shipment to Kuwait. From there it was on to Dover, Del.—sometimes within two days—so scores of the world’s best mortuary science experts, embalmers, reconstructionists and tailors could complete the process.

“Basically, every combat casualty is treated like a murder investigation,” Goetting says. “It’s our job to be the first line, to make sure everything is preserved the best they can be, given the conditions, so that hopefully they can be given an open-casket funeral and their families and loved ones can see them one last time.

“At this multimillion-dollar facility in Dover, they brag that they have the best uniform shop in the world, because anybody who comes through there, no matter what the nature of their injuries are, they’re going to get a brand-new uniform, and they’re going to send them out in style.”

Here’s a detail Goetting shares that few of us non-combatants would ever consider: wallets.

“By far the worst part,” he says. “Finding pictures of their family, letters home, stuff like that ... that was always bad. And no, there’s no standard-issue wallet. I’m surprised the Marine Corps hasn’t come up with that. But it could be anything. Whatever you carry with you back home, you carry with you over there. And when it arrives in our hands ...

yeah, that’s hard.”

Sgt. Wright says one of her fondest memories is of Cpl. Goetting sitting at the picnic table at their “C.P.”—collection point, or a unit’s gathering area—smiling, chilling out, projecting “a really good aura.” Which, considering the circumstances, the sergeant appreciated.

“You try not to look at it a whole lot, but your mind automatically takes up on certain things, and you do empathize quite a bit with the angels who are in your possession and the family members who are left behind,” she says. “You get in tune with the angels who come on deck when you are going through their personal items. You appreciate life, and the lives these people might have led.”

I ask Cpl. Goetting whether this stressful, delicate, demanding work, the solemn charge of tending to fallen comrades, made him a better Marine. He pauses only a moment before replying, “I don’t know if it makes me a better Marine. I think it makes me a better citizen, maybe. Or a better person.”



Goetting and his unit returned from Iraq last March. By May he was enrolled at the School of Law, which he’d been accepted to, and deferred, before shipping out overseas. He has wanted to be a lawyer nearly as long as he’s wanted to be a Marine, but he won’t mix the two. When the time comes, he hopes to put his Mandarin fluency to use by specializing in international law—in the private sector.

But he joined the Marines as an enlisted man with the idea that it might one day make him a better officer, and he is currently talking with the Marine Corps about testing himself in Officer Candidate School as soon as his law studies allow.

“Without a doubt, I think he would be a stellar officer, and I would love to see him pursue that,” Sgt. Wright says. “He’s seen the best of the best and the worst of the worst. He’s a person who would learn from others’ mistakes, not

just his own. And he gains the respect of everybody. Not just his peers, not just those under him, but those above him, as well.”

Wright serves on a veterans and military affairs advisory committee, at the request of U.S. Rep. Nancy Boyda, and she plans to see that Goetting is asked to join them. “I think he would do a wonderful job,” she says. “It is such a long and drawn-out conflict, and I think you hear a lot of negativity, as far as the politics go, and that kind of loses sight of the veterans. But there are a lot of people out there trying to change that.”

Goetting says his personal views about the war and the general state of contemporary affairs—views he does not reveal—have not changed because of his service in Iraq. What has changed, he says, is his perspective.

“Certain aspects ... especially when it comes to stuff like casualty counts, it kind of angers me now. People throw around figures, throw around numbers, and they don’t realize what they are talking about.”

That the numbers aren’t just numbers, but people?

“Exactly. Exactly.”

Goetting pauses. Briefly.

“One of the weirdest things in Iraq ... we’d get the Marine Corps Times every week or two when it came into the PX, and seeing people in the casualty list whom we’d actually seen a week or two before ... I don’t want to say we knew them, but we had a connection to them ... a connection nobody else would have.”

As I watch Cpl. Goetting pose so proudly for the images you now see in this magazine, my attention is drawn away from the handsome uniform and perfected posture. I see now only the flag he cradles in his gloved hands.

“We took great pride in ceremonies,” he says. “We did ceremonies for every fallen Marine, soldier, airman and sailor who came in, just because that’s what they deserve.

“It don’t think it was anything we were taught. It was just something we carried on ... because it was something those guys deserved.”



STEVE PUPPE

■ A selection of current KU students who have served—and might again—in Iraq or Afghanistan (l to r): Peter Holmes, Shawnee; Virgil Barnard, Topeka; David Wilson, Ingalls; Sean Borton, Lawrence; Brandon Gray, Topeka; Mark Hamman, Prairie Village; and Felix Zacharias, Wichita. “We try to fit in,” Hamman says. “If other students want to ask questions, that’s fine, but we don’t usually go too far into it.”

From class to combat and back again

Joan Hahn, KU’s Veterans Affairs certifying official, posted a request from *Kansas Alumni* to the e-mail listserver maintained for on-campus student veterans. Within a day, we received nearly two dozen replies from veterans of Iraq, Afghanistan and affiliated missions.

It has been a long, hard slog since Sept. 11, 2001, and many KU students have since taken up arms. What follows is a tiny sampling of their stories:

Sean Borton, a KU junior in political science and international studies, was Noncommissioned Officer In Charge at the Ramadi Detention Facility for Intelligence Operations until December 2005, when he was flown to Germany with excruciating back and hip pain. Army doctors found aggressive cancer had spread throughout his body. He returned to his family in Lawrence and underwent a year of chemotherapy at KU Medical

Center. Granted medical disability retirement, he re-enrolled at KU.

“After being in the military and having those experiences,” Borton says, “it changed my outlook on what I can do, what I’m capable of, and what’s possible for the future.”

Brandon Gray, Topeka sophomore, spent a year in Kyrgyzstan with the Air Force, and will soon return. “I feel I missed out on a bunch of college life,” he says. “But the mission is exciting.”

Texas native Karissa Nelsen was called to active duty in August and now serves as a senior airman with the intelligence squadron at McConnell Air Force Base, near Wichita. She is 33, and faces age limits that will prevent her from becoming an officer if she does not complete her degree by 2009.

“The communication studies department has been wonderful,” she says.

“They are jumping through hoops to help me out as much as possible.”

Brandon Utter, of Salina, left KU after two and a half years when his Army National Guard unit was activated for duty in Iraq; he served a year as a combat medic on the streets of Baghdad. Back at KU, he enrolled in pharmacy.

“Trading rifles for pens and pencils ... let’s just say it was a difficult transition,” Utter says.

Scott Boland, a Shawnee junior studying genetics, served as an infantry sergeant in Afghanistan and Iraq from 2002 to ’04. He joined the Army in May 2001.

“I had a conversation with my mom when I went in, and she said, ‘Well, what are the odds another war is going to start?’ And I said, ‘Well, you never know; a lot of stuff could happen between now and when I get out.’” —C.L.

Green Dream

Alumna sees desert extremes as the ultimate challenge for eco-friendly design

As a freshman biology student at KU, Nadia Zhiri dreamed of curing the world with herbs. And though she traded her beakers for a drawing board, she continues to dream on a global scale.

Today, as a Lawrence architect, Zhiri is leading the design of a college housing complex in the emirate of Qatar that, if vision translates into reality, will rank as the most environmentally friendly student living quarters in the world.

The residence halls, apartments and commons for 1,200 students at Educa-

tion City, in the capital Doha, will tap sun and wind energy and employ a wall of living plants to filter waste water. With five neighborhoods linked to a central plaza, the complex will resemble a traditional Islamic village. Its aim is a healthy environment that promotes social, spiritual and academic life.

“We’re shooting for the stars,”

Zhiri says.

The route to this job began when Zhiri attended a solar energy seminar in Albuquerque, N.M., in 1979. “It hit me



like a lightning bolt; I wanted to do architecture,” she recalls. “It’s art, science, physics, history, psychology, sociology; it’s such a wonderful blend of subjects.”

She changed majors and graduated in 1985 with degrees in architecture and environmental design. She is now a principal at Treanor Architects, with offices in Lawrence, Kansas City, Topeka and St. Louis.

The Qatar project pulls Zhiri back to her roots and onto the global stage. Her Treanor team, working with engineers from Burns & McDonnell in Kansas City, beat top international architects to win the design competition. Their “extreme green” approach was a major selling point.

BY CAROL CRUPPER



Indeed, the housing complex is on target to become the first of its kind to earn a platinum rating, the highest issued by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, a rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council that promotes energy efficient building.

The design converts the climate's harshest features into alluring assets. Sculpture-like wind turbines and photovoltaic cells provide electricity while fiber optic cables transfer natural sunlight into hallways. That biomass wall doubles as a backdrop to outdoor seating while it conserves Qatar's scarcest resource, water. "All this is concept," Zhiri cautions. The challenge now is to convert concept to reality.

The plan calls for recycled building materials, the bulk of which will travel no farther than 500 miles, thick thermal walls and self-shaded courtyards. Paint, furniture and flooring will be free of hazardous chemicals and vapors.

Going green will add high-tech living in sustainable ways. Students will benefit from wireless computer systems and smart-room technology, which allows them to control temperature, lighting



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and music simply by entering the room. As an added benefit, Zhiri thinks students who live here will learn to be good stewards of natural resources.

The architect is learning, too. Before this project, she knew of Qatar mainly from a “60 Minutes” feature she saw on CBS. The piece noted the emirate’s burgeoning economy and vast natural gas reserve. Interviews highlighted the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, and his wife, Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al-Missned, as partners working to advance democracy, women’s rights and education.

During visits, Zhiri has witnessed their progress. “It’s very admirable what they’re trying to create,” she says. And she’s happy to be involved in one of the most interesting projects of all.

On its 2,500-acre campus, Education City offers everything from primary to university schooling. Several major American universities already have established branches there. Carnegie Mellon offers business studies; Cornell, medicine; Georgetown, foreign relations; Texas A&M, engineering; and Virginia Commonwealth, fine arts.

Students, primarily Muslim, arrive from around the world. To meet their needs, members of the Treanor team researched Islamic art, culture and archi-

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ecture—then worked to blend what they learned into a modern living facility. In the plan, a prayer room faces Mecca, a traditional courtyard occupies the heart of the complex, and women’s quarters offer a great amount of privacy.

While harsh climate, distance and cultural differences presented unique challenges, the project also played to Zhiri’s strength: her expertise in student housing.

“Nadia’s extremely passionate about the student life experience and she works hard to meet the needs of today’s students,” says Joe Stramberg, a’94, who had Zhiri as a teacher at KU and who has been her colleague at Treanor over the past decade. Zhiri and Stramberg, along with Steve Malin, a’89, lead Treanor’s 15-member student life team, which boasts 110 projects on 57 campuses.

Be they greek villages, residence halls or student unions, Zhiri’s designs foster tight-knit communities, where students can create memories and develop a sense of belonging. She believes students need

both interaction and privacy, living and learning areas. Each project is different, she says. “You need to understand the kind of culture they want to create, and design to help make that happen.”

Her designs can be seen on small parochial campuses and at large universities such as South Carolina, Kansas State and Missouri. At KU, her work includes Amini, Rieger and Krehbiel scholarship halls, and the redesign of Hashinger Hall. Many of her buildings feature green components (Rieger, for example, employs geothermal heating and cooling), but none are as extreme green as the Qatar project.

Three finalists interviewed with Sheikha Mozah for the Qatar contract, and Zhiri walked away with the job. “I think it helped that I’m half Arab,” Zhiri says. “It helped me feel more comfortable coming up with solutions that would be viable.”

Her father, a former commissioner of education in Morocco, met her mother while both were students at Emporia State University. Nadia was born in Morocco, and the family spent many years in that North African country.

Her husband, Jim Regan, and daughters, Ava and Elsa, all support her architectural passion. As Zhiri juggles the many aspects of her life, this newest job seems more meaningful than most. “On a personal level, I feel this connection to my own heritage that doesn’t come out often,” she says. “It’s invigorating.

“It’s a unique experience, as a company, to do something significant and culturally different. We feel very grateful to have this opportunity.”

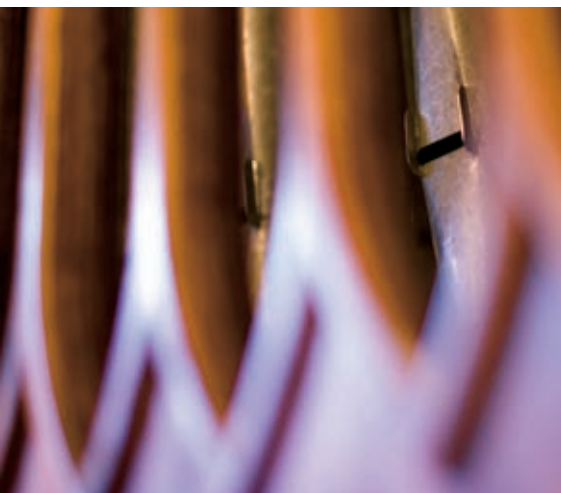
Looking ahead, she envisions more such ventures. “You realize it’s a big world out there,” Zhiri says. And she definitely wants to be part of it.

Crupper, d’67, is a Lawrence free-lance writer.



■ At the women’s housing complex on Education City’s 2,500-acre campus (top), five residence halls with shaded courtyards will cluster around a student center. A similar complex will house men. Zhiri’s design includes turbines to capture energy from desert winds (far left) and photovoltaic cells and fiber optic cables that convert sunlight into electricity and lighting. The center’s commons area includes a lobby (left), dining hall and prayer room.

DANFORTH'S BIG DAY



*Beloved campus chapel
shines anew*

Even when it hosted its first wedding, in late March of 1946, it is doubtful that Danforth looked better than it does today, after a summer-long renovation added a new bride's room and put the spit and polish to almost every square inch of the 61-year-old campus treasure.

As Julie Welsh, d'04, prepared for her Oct. 13 wedding (above) to Nicholas Coachman, '02, she enjoyed the new dressing room, which is connected to the chapel by a wood-paneled corridor

(p. 39) that allows the bridal party to make a dramatic entrance from the back of the sanctuary without having to go outside. Abundant windows, ample lighting and plentiful mirrors help the bride look her finest.

There are lots of practical touches in the new Danforth, from the addition of a wheelchair ramp and accessible restrooms to the inclusion of clothes hooks and extra electrical outlets in the bride's room. But there's beauty, too.

In the sanctuary, stained glass windows gleam, restored to their original luster and newly secured in refurbished

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frames. New plaster and freshly painted beams create a sharp, clean look that brightens the famously dark interior and emphasizes the simple elegance of the original design. The old organ (pp. 36 and 39) has been restored as well, with the help of a gift from the Class of 2007. Outside, new porch timbers frame the front and back doors, while landscaping funded partly by the Class of 2005 improves the site's drainage and accents the building's fresh look. Everywhere the

“THE CHAPEL IS READY FOR ITS NEXT 61 YEARS.”



combination of old and new is seamless.

Funding for the \$900,000 project came from private gifts, including major donations from John T. Stewart III, b'58, and Linda Bliss Stewart, '60; Larry, b'62, g'67, and Nancy Borden; Bob, b'52, and Sara Lawrence Dunne, c'58; Thomas, c'92, and Dru Stewart Fritzel, c'92; Tim, '80, and Cindy Hodges Fritzel, c'80; Andy and Diane Shelton Fritzel, '85; the family of Monte, b'59, g'67, and Kay Rathbone Johnson, d'69; Robert H.

Malott, c'48; Betty Muncy, c'41; the Sunderland Foundation; and Chet, b'59, g'63, and Patsy Straub Vanatta, '59.

The support of these donors and many other alumni will ensure the chapel's future is as storied as its past, as Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway noted at the Sept. 22 rededication. “The completion of Danforth Chapel's restoration and addition project means the chapel is ready for its next 61 years,” he said. “And it's bigger and better than ever.”

—Steven Hill



Back by popular demand!
Jim Hamil's Campus Skyline print

The popular fall print from the Jim Hamil Campus Series is back by popular demand. The original print by renowned watercolor artist Jim Hamil, £58, sold out nearly a decade ago. With the offering of the new second edition, it is now possible to collect the complete set of campus scenes featuring Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. This second edition is limited to 1,500 and prints are signed by the artist.

For those new to collecting the series, please note that the original Spring and Summer first-edition prints are in very limited numbers. Prints are 14 x 24 3/4 inches.

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Association

Millie would be proud *Local KU ambassadors earn thanks, recognition from the Association*

If volunteers are a measure of an organization's strength, then the Alumni Association and the University it serves are in good hands. This fall the Association honors eight stalwart Jayhawks for longtime service in their communities. Each will receive the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award at a local KU community event. The honor recalls the extraordinary devotion of Association staff member Mildred Clodfelter.

The 2007 winners are all Kansans: Al Frame, c'56, l'62, Kinsley; Rob Gale Jr., b'75, l'78, Syracuse; Jeff Kennedy, j'81, Wichita; Robert Nicholson Jr. c'69, l'72, Paola; Erick, c'79, and Debbie Foltz Nordling, d'79, Hugoton; Pat Thompson, l'80, Salina; and Roger Tobias, b'73, m'76, Lyons.

Frame has represented the Kansas Honors Program for 35 years, nearly the entire history of the tradition. He coordinates the local events to honor the top 10 percent of high school students in the Kinsley area. He is vice president of the new West Central Kansas chapter of the Association, and he contacts Kansas legislators in KU's behalf as a member of Jayhawks for Higher Education. He has assisted the Office of Admissions and Scholarships in recruitment as a HAWK volunteer. He is a life and

Jayhawk Society member of the Association.

Frame is a partner in the firm of Wilson and Frame, where he has practiced law since 1962. He also operated a wheat farm and cattle ranch for 30 years. As a KU student, he was a Summerfield Scholar, a member of Phi Beta Kappa and senior class president. He was an All-America cross country athlete, helping KU win nine conference titles and the 1953 NCAA title; he won nine individual conference titles and



Frame



Gale

the 1954 NCAA individual championship. He is a member of the Track and Field Hall of Fame and the KU Sports Hall of Fame. Before entering law school, he pursued graduate studies in American history as a Woodrow Wilson scholar. He and his wife, Sally, have five Jayhawk children and 10 grandchildren, the eldest of whom is a Jayhawk.

Gale, a Syracuse native, began volunteering for his alma mater virtually the moment he graduated, coordinating the local Kansas Honors Program for nearly 30 years. Gale also is a member of Jayhawks for Higher Education, and he has been a driving force behind the Association's Great Plains alumni chapter. He is a member and president-elect of the KU Law Society Board of Gover-

nors. He is an Association life member, Gale began his legal career as a prosecutor in Johnson and Hamilton counties; in 1979 he founded Gale & Gale Attorneys, where he remains a partner. He also is the Syracuse city attorney.

On the Hill, Gale lettered in football and graduated magna cum laude. He and his wife, Linda, '78, have two sons, both Jayhawks.

Kennedy has volunteered for KU in



Kennedy



Nicholson

the Wichita area for more than 15 years. Now president of the Wichita alumni chapter, he frequently emcees and coordinates KU events and makes personal calls to alumni to encourage their participation. He is a member of the KU Endowment Association's Chancellors Club, the Williams Education Fund of KU athletics, and the Alumni Association's Presidents Club. At the School of Medicine in Wichita, he serves on the steering committee for Dean S. Edwards Dis-muke. He is a life and Jayhawk Society member of the Association. He and his wife, Patricia Gorham, assoc., have provided a fund to assist KU student-athletes.

He began his career as assistant general counsel to the Kansas Corporation Commission, specializing in oil and gas and environmental issues. In 1986, he joined the Wichita firm of Martin Pringle, where he is managing partner. Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, g'80, in 2006 appointed Kennedy to the Kansas Energy Council.

As a student, Kennedy worked on the University Daily Kansan and for KJHK and was a member of the Interfraternity Council.

Nicholson, a Paola native, has served the Kansas Honors Program for 22 years, often assisted by his wife, Kathy. They

The late Mildred Clodfelter, b'41, befriended many Jayhawks in her 42 years with the Association. When she retired in 1986, the staff created an award in her honor for longtime local KU volunteers.



Nordlings

also have hosted events for the East Kansas alumni chapter; he is a board member. He also advocates for KU as a member of Jayhawks for Higher Education and a student recruiter for the HAWK program. He is an Alumni Association life and Jayhawk Society member.

He has practiced law in the Miami County area since 1972 and in 1984 founded the firm of Nicholson and Hartley. He also works as a part-time municipal judge in Paola.

Nicholson attended KU music and art camps in high school; as a KU law student, he edited the School of Law's alumni magazine and was president of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. His son currently attends KU.

The Nordlings have carried KU's banner in their region for 20 years as Kansas Honors Program coordinators, and Erick now leads the Southwest alumni chapter, while Debbie chairs the membership committee. They have hosted Jayhawk Generations picnics to welcome new students to KU, and they have volunteered for both Jayhawks for Higher Education and the HAWK program. The Nordlings are Alumni Association life members and members of the Presidents Club.

After teaching elementary school

for 10 years in Derby, Topeka and Hugoton, Debbie became an agent for State Farm Insurance. Erick is executive secretary of the Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association, a nonprofit, 2,600-member organization founded to protect land-owners in the Hugoton Gas Field. He also is managing partner in the law firm of Kramer, Nordling & Nordling.

The Nordlings met in Lawrence on Debbie's third day as a KU student, following her transfer from Barton County Community College. Two years later they were married, and they walked down the Hill together in 1980. The youngest of their three children is a KU junior.

Thompson helps lead the North Central Kansas alumni chapter as a board member and is celebrating 21 years as site director for the Kansas Honors Program. He also recruits students as



Thompson



Tobias

a HAWK volunteer and communicates with lawmakers as a member of Jayhawks for Higher Education. He is an Alumni Association annual member.

He has practiced law in Salina since 1980 and became a partner in the firm of Thompson and Heidrick in 1992. He also works as a guardian ad litem for children in need of care, and he teaches continuing legal education classes on the duties of the guardian ad litem and other topics. He and his wife, Patricia, have two children.

Tobias, a family physician with the

Lyons Medical Center, has volunteered for the Kansas Honors Program in McPherson for 25 years and is known by all his patients as a devoted KU ambassador. He is a member of Jayhawks for Higher Education, the HAWK student recruiting program, and the School of Medicine Alumni Association as well as a life and Jayhawk Society member of the Alumni Association.

As a student he was a member of the Interfraternity Council. He and his wife, Deborah, have three children, all KU graduates.

Roundup revelry



■ "Reinventing the Wheel" was the theme of the Jayhawk Roundup Oct. 20. The annual event hosted by the Wichita chapter paid homage to KU's famous watering hole and drew a record crowd of 650 alumni and friends to the Murfin Stables. The celebrants included Russell Scheffer, c'87, m'91, the new chair of psychiatry at the School of Medicine-Wichita, along with (l to r) Paul, e'02, g'07, and Melissa Mangan, and Eric and Cara Campion Payne, b'01.

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Association



KC in springtime

Following this year's success, Rock Chalk Ball set for April

When Kansas City's premier KU event moved from February to April, Jayhawks warmed to the idea, turning out in fine feather for the black-tie gala last April.

Buoyed by an attendance increase of

more than 200 in 2007, the 2008 Rock Chalk Ball is set for April 12. The tradition moves to a new location, the New Grand Ballroom of the Kansas City, Mo., Entertainment and Convention Center in the downtown district.

Ball chairs Michael and Blish Conner, j'97, are leading the efforts of the Greater Kansas City Chapter for the event, which began in 1996. Alumni and friends who attended the 2007 Ball helped raise more than \$108,000 to expand Alumni Association outreach programs and engage more alumni in student recruitment.

The Association will mail invitations

in early January and post more details on changes in the format of the event at www.rockchalkball.org. For information please contact the Alumni Association at 800-584-2957 or kualumni@kualumni.org.



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Class Notes

BY KAREN GOODELL

1947

Virginia Gorrill Coffin, f'47, and her husband, **Bruce**, e'49, celebrated their 60th anniversary last summer. They live in Sun City West, Ariz.

1948

Dorothy Brenner Francis, f'48, wrote *Cold-Case Killer*, which was published last spring. She and her husband, **Richard**, '49, make their home in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Robert Ready, c'48, makes his home in Sarasota, Fla. His novel, *Condemned To Be Free*, was published earlier this year.

1957

Jay Davenport, c'57, c'61, m'65, owns Davenport Art Studio in Mountain Iron, Minn.

1958

Ray Wyatt, f'58, makes his home in Wichita, where he's retired from a career with Boeing.

1962

Mary Rorison Caws, PhD'62, wrote *Surprised in Translation*, which was published last year by University Press of Chicago. She's a distinguished profes-

sor of English, French and comparative literature at City University's Graduate Center in New York City.

1963

Kent Converse, d'63, recently received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award. He studies Vietnamese at Hanoi University and is working on a project to build libraries in Vietnam.

1964

Ellen Hassler Boles, d'64, retired from a career of teaching music last spring. She lives in Starkville, Miss.

1965

Andrzej Bartke, PhD'65, is a professor of internal medicine and physiology at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He recently received an honorary doctorate from Lodz Medical University in Lodz, Poland.

Douglas Dedo, c'65, recently was named the Palm Beach County Volunteer Physician of the Year. He practices at the Palm Beach Institute of Cosmetic Surgery in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Loren Obley, l'65, is CEO of Kanberra in San Francisco.

The Rev. **John Piper**, c'65, serves as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian

Church in Westminster, Colo. He lives in Denver.

Terry Snapp, p'65, g'69, is executive vice president of Hartsook Companies. He lives in Independence, Mo.

Eugene Sparks, p'65, works as a staff pharmacist with CVS Pharmacy in Sun City Center, Fla.

1966

John Butler, PhD'66, is a professor of microbiology at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. He recently received distinguished veterinary immunology awards from the International Union of Immunological Sciences and the American Association of Veterinary Immunologists.

Janice Sutton Pierce, s'66, recently retired as director of the Little House Activity Center. She lives in Mountain View, Calif.

1969

Cheryl Decker Davis, f'69, owns cdavis creative in Lawson, Mo., where she and her husband, James, make their home.

Kraemer Winslow, c'69, g'72, owns Make Your Point Communications. She lives in San Rafael, Calif.

1970

Bush Lane, j'70, is a principal with Blane Consulting Group. He lives in Leewood.

Jack Lundy, g'70, PhD'78, lives in Burlington, Ky., where he's a retired teacher and administrator.

1971

Eric Hyler, d'71, g'78, EdD'89, chairs the education department at Bethany College in Lindsborg. His home is in Lawrence.

Mark Johnson, c'71, wrote *The Meaning of the Body: Aesthetics of Human Understanding*, which was published last

1974 JAYHAWKER YEARBOOK



THEN AGAIN

Trendy trio: Their fashion sense may have inspired the wild 'n' crazy guys from Saturday Night Live, but these stylish 'Hawks were all business on the 1974 Jayhawker yearbook staff. **Barry Hamilton**, d'76; **Ron Rosener**, b'74; and **Rob Baker**, c'75, contributed their managerial know-how, not to mention a penchant for plaid, to the yearbook's business crew.



For **Harriet Wilson**, reading began as a childhood pastime that turned into an exciting career and lifelong passion. As one might expect, this admitted bibliophile studied literature in college and earned a bachelor's degree in English. She went on to teach in the English Department at KU, spent years reading to her four children, and still had time to volunteer at the library. When the opportunity arose to own and run a bookstore in Taos, New Mexico, she and her newly retired husband started packing. The next five years were spent immersed in books and surrounded by book lovers. Today, Harriet's reading continues to be a way to experience new worlds and keep her mind active.

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summer by University of Chicago Press. He's the Knight professor of liberal arts and sciences at the University of Oregon-Eugene.

1972

Norman Bos, c'72, practices orthopedic surgery with the Tanner Clinic in Layton, Utah.

James Campbell, g'72, PhD'76, received the 2007 Undergraduate Alumni Advising Award from Virginia Tech, where he's a professor of geography. His home is in Blacksburg.

Marianne Cramer, c'72, is a manager at Socorro General Hospital Audiology in Socorro, N.M.

Nancy Holmes, c'72, practices medicine with Central Pediatrics in St. Louis, where she and her husband, Arthur Kramer, make their home.

Larry Johnson, l'72, recently was appointed hearing office chief adminis-

trative law judge for the Social Security Administration's Office of Disability Adjudication. He lives in Litchfield Park, Ariz.

Carmelo Monti, a'72, is technical director of Baker Barrios Architects in Orlando, Fla.

1973

Roger Berger, c'73, chairs the departments of math sciences and applied computing and integrated natural sciences at Arizona State University in Phoenix.

Beverly Brockmann Bissell, d'73, is a special-education teacher at Oak Hill Elementary School in Herndon, Va.

Thomas Lafferty, b'73, lives in Overland Park and is president of LPS Consulting.

Timothy Rosson, b'73, is regional president of Compass Bancshares in Fairhope, Ala.

Beth Brozen Schwartz, j'73, directs marketing for International Architects Atelier. She lives in Lenexa.

Deborah Herd Van Saun, d'73, g'92, recently became associate athletics director and senior women's administrator at KU. She and her husband, **Paul**, f'77, live in Lawrence, where he owns Van Saun Decorating Service.

1975

Stephen Braun, c'75, is executive director of Tarrant County Access for the Homeless in North Richland Hills, Texas. He lives in Hurst.

Jeffrey Hodges, d'75, g'78, directs band and orchestra at West Middle School in Kansas City. He commutes from De Soto.

David Petrie, e'75, g'76, is capacity manager for Reuters in Creve Coeur, Mo.

Danny Warner, b'75, works for Midway Ford Truck Center, where he's executive vice president and general manager. He lives in Overland Park.

1976

Joyce Hudson Martin, c'76, g'80, is chief administrative officer for the YWCA in Topeka.

Rachel Lipman Rieber, j'76, l'84, practices law with Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer in Overland Park.

Fred Robinson, c'76, is a senior research manager for SurveyDepartment.com in Wichita.

Janice Curtis Waldo, d'76, teaches French at Topeka High School, where she chairs the world language department.

1977

Noreen Carrocci, g'77, PhD'79, recently became president of Newman University in Wichita.

Fred Conboy, c'77, is executive director of development at the University of California-Irvine.

Douglas Hill, c'77, works as a rock-music journalist for the Norman Transcript in Norman, Okla.

1978

Larry Haas, b'78, is a senior cost man-

agement analyst for Spirit AeroSystems in Wichita. He lives in Augusta.

Dale Haase, b'78, lives in Milan, Italy, where he's vice president of Marcon.

Jon Jones, c'78, m'83, commutes from Lawrence to Topeka, where he's a physician at Stormont-Vail HealthCare.

David Little, c'78, l'82, is assistant country director for CARE-Kenya in Nairobi.

Eric Morgenstern, j'78, lives in Overland Park, where he's president and CEO of Morningstar Communications. He recently was inducted into the inaugural class of the Public Relations Society of America's Strategic Advisors for Growth and Excellence program.

1981

Alice Greenwood Russell, g'81, retired last spring after 37 years of teaching. She and her husband, Walter, live in Overland Park.

1982

Dale Pfeifer, g'82, recently became cor-

porate treasurer for Hawthorn Bancshares in Lee's Summit, Mo. He lives in Shawnee.

1983

Barbara Durbin, h'83, is rehabilitation coordinator for the Rehabilitation Institute of Kansas City. She lives in Lee's Summit, Mo.

BORN TO:

Gregory Everage, c'83, and Laura, daughters, Keely Marie and Addison Lee, Dec. 30 in Mill Valley, Calif., where they join a brother, Grayson, 4, and a sister, Nicole, 2. Gregory is general manager of post production with Goodby, Silverstein & Partners in San Francisco.

1984

Devon Cadwell Bazata, j'84, recently received a master's in journalism from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She's a project editor at Harcourt School Publishers, and she makes her home in Winter Springs, Fla.

Judith Roesler, c'84, l'89, is chief patent counsel for bioMerieux in Durham, N.C.

1985

Craig Cain-Borgman, g'85, is senior commercial development manager for Air Products and Chemicals in Allentown, Pa.

Juan Munoz, c'85, lives in Irving, Texas, and is regional vice president for Time Warner Cable in Arlington.

1986

Michael May, g'86, recently became a professor of geology at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

BORN TO:

Dan, a'86, and **Nicole Cook Sabatini**, a'99, daughter, Geneva Marie, June 15 in Lawrence, where she joins a sister, Maya, 5, and a brother, Elijah, 2. Dan is president of Sabatini Architects, where Nicole works as an architect.

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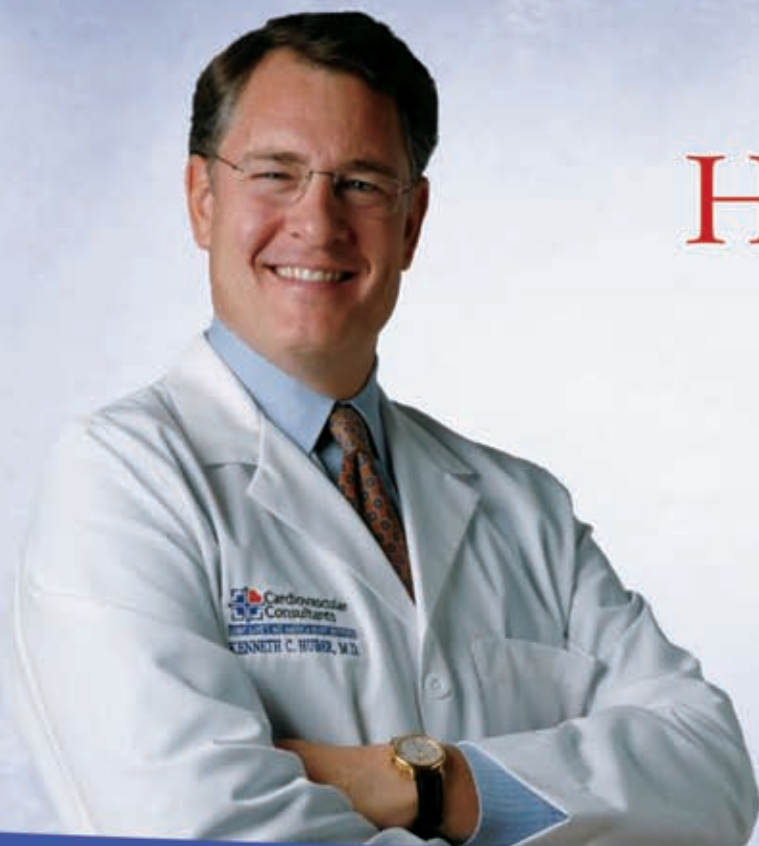


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1987

Clay Henning, c'87, practices dentistry at Haskell Indian Health Center in Lawrence. He lives in De Soto.

Mary "Betsy" Rhodes Repine, c'87, makes her home in Lenexa. She's an auditor with the U.S. Treasury.

BORN TO:

John Clever, l'87, and Rita Feldmanis, daughter, Molly Elaine Clever, March 12 in Eugene, Ore., where she joins a sister, Josephine, 3. John is assistant director of athletics for compliance at the University of Oregon.

Steven, c'87, and **Sara Russell Hall**, '87, son, Shane, May 10 in Gilbert, Ariz., where he joins a sister, Stephanie, 17.

1988

Amy Lucas Blankenbiller, c'88, recently became president and CEO of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, Duane, live in Topeka.

Jeff Foster, c'88, is an account execu-

tive with Jayhawk Sports Marketing in Kansas City.

Timothy Greenwell, s'88, teaches world geography at Bryan Adams High School in Dallas.

1989

Scott Mathews, j'89, owns Midwest Cast Stone. He lives in Mission Hills with his wife, Sarah, and their sons, Parker, Duncan and George.

Walter McDaniel, c'89, is sales manager for TruGreen ChemLawn. He lives in Antioch, Tenn.

Anshu Vats Mitchell, c'89, is chief prosecutor in the Harris County District Attorney's Office in Houston. She and her husband, Michael, live in Bellaire.

1990

Craig Campbell, j'90, owns Video Soup, a video production company, in Lenexa. He lives in Olathe.

John Cary, c'90, is general manager of Blue Sky Bio. He makes his home in

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Daune Rogers, j'90, works as a business consultant for IMS in Falls Church, Va.

Charles Rotblut, j'90, is vice president of Web content with Zacks Investment Research in Chicago.

Paul White, c'90, lives in Shawnee and is vice president of Swiss Reinsurance America Corp.

1991

Michelle Anschutz, e'91, is an area construction engineer with the Kansas Department of Transportation in Horton.

BORN TO:

Ignacio Espinosa de los Monteros, e'91, and Amber, son, Benjamin Scott, Aug. 27 in Indianapolis, where Ignacio manages strategic initiatives for United Technologies.

Robert Venable, c'91, and Heather, daughter, Victoria Kathleen, March 30

in Leawood. Robert is a salesman with American Century Investments in Kansas City.

1992

Gary Valentine, b'92, is a controller with Wolfe Automotive Group. He lives in Lenexa.

MARRIED

Kevin Welch, d'92, g'00, and **Anita Lundy**, '07, June 6 in Kansas City.

BORN TO:

Denise Disney, a'92, and Billy Hodges, daughter, Lillian Bea, March 25 in Swarthmore, Pa., where she joins two sisters, Grace, 6, and Rose, 4, and a brother, Nathaniel, 2.

1993

Matthew Comeau, d'93, g'95, PhD'00, is an associate professor at Arkansas State University in State University, Ark.

He lives in Marion.

Lance Niles, '93, executive vice president of Home National Bank, lives in Arkansas City.

Leona Dalavai Scott, c'93, j'94, lives in Bedford, Texas, with her husband, Robert, and daughter, Jaia Ruth. She is an editor for the Automotive Service Association.

BORN TO:

John Mullies, b'93, h'07, and Carrie, daughter, Carrie Jane, May 22 in Overland Park. John is a senior architect with Cerner Corp.

Nancy Racunas Saugstad, c'93, l'96, and **Lee**, e'95, son, Reid Leland, Jan. 18 in Overland Park. Nancy is a shareholder with Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus in Leawood, and Lee serves as a major in the U.S. Marine Corps.

1994

Cynthia Roy Eplin, g'94, is a certified

registered nurse anesthetist at Brigham Anesthesia South. She lives in Pinckneyville, Ill.

Corina Kelly, c'94, teaches third grade at Skipcha Elementary School. She lives in Harker Heights, Texas.

Christina Leonard Korte, p'94, is a pharmacist at Humboldt Pharmacy in Humboldt, where she and her husband, Gregg, live with their sons, Tyler, 9, and Zach, 7.

Karen Korte Rose, c'94, works as a solution engineer with SAP Americas

in Miami. She lives in Tampa.

1995

John Pepperdine, c'95, g'04, directs development for the University of Colorado Foundation in Boulder. He and **Carrie Hoffmann Pepperdine**, e'96, live in Broomfield with their children, William, Leah and Josephine.

1996

Daniel Mudd, j'96, is director of sales for Pinnacle Foods in Rogers, Ark.

Stephanie Rawe, b'96, supervises financial reporting for Assurant Employee Benefits in Kansas City.

MARRIED

Trina Ramirez, c'96, and **Sean Mawhirter**, '07, Aug. 11 in Lawrence, where Sean lives. He's a collector for RH Donnelly in Leawood. Trina studies for a doctorate in higher education administration at Iowa State University in Ames, where she lives.

Profile

BY JANICE ARENOFSKY

Low-cost wheelchairs help doc aid world's disabled

Michael Bayer, c'76, m'79, watched as a young, malnourished Indian girl crawled across the dirt floor of her home. An orthopedic surgeon visiting India as a medical volunteer, Bayer made a silent pledge to help the disabled teenager.

Enter Don Schoendorfer, a mechanical engineer and fellow Californian. Schoendorfer had produced a sturdy wheelchair for only \$44. He asked Bayer to co-found Free Wheelchair Mission and volunteer as the nonprofit's medical director.

Since 2001, Bayer has done just that, helping the group donate more than 240,000 wheelchairs to needy people in 70 countries. Free Wheelchair Mission distributed 77,000 wheelchairs in the last year, and hopes eventually to give away 20 million.

Bayer formed his career goals at KU, where he earned a chemistry degree. Ironically, his passion for medicine grew out of another passion: basketball. An NAIA standout at Newman College, he shot baskets with three KU medical students. "I went along with them a few times when they were dissecting cadavers," Bayer says. "At first I freaked out."

But soon medical school appealed to him more than an offer to play pro basketball on a European team.

At KUMC, residents and professors distinguished themselves as role models, passing on "intangible things," says Bayer. After graduation from the School of Medicine, he completed a five-year residency in orthopedic surgery at UCLA. He and a professor studied 50 patients with rotator cuff injuries, repairing them with a new procedure Bayer devised. The findings were published in the American volume of the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery* in 1986.

By 1997, with his practice in Fullerton, Calif., now flourishing, Bayer closed his office to spend more time with his children after his wife died. He traveled once or twice a year on medical missions to Africa, South America, China and Southeast Asia. "I saw a mass of 300 people living on the ground in India, risking snake bites and disease," Bayer says. "It overwhelmed me, and I decided I could help more people by doing this [charity work]."

Bayer's for-profit doctoring days may be permanently over, but fundraising keeps him busy. He bicycled across the country with Schoendorfer this summer to raise \$580,000 for Free Wheelchair Mission, which recently increased the price of its chairs to \$48. While rolling



COURTESY MICHAEL BAYER

■ Michael Bayer led Ride for Mobility 2007, a cross-country bicycle trip that raised more than \$500,000—enough to fund 12,000 wheelchairs. (See www.freewheelchairmission.org for more information.)

through Kansas City, Bayer visited the Medical Center, where he received a massage to soothe aching muscles. Addressing students and alumni, Bayer said, "The medical community needs to take responsibility for disabled people, who often are abandoned by their culture and their parents. For \$48, you can change a life and restore dignity."

—Arenofsky is a free-lance writer in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Class Notes

BORN TO:

Todd, b'96, and **Melissa Close Hotze**, p'99, daughter, Devon Ryan, July 12 in Chicago. Todd is a district manager with Starbucks, and Melissa is a pharmacy manager with Walgreens.

1997

David Byrd-Stadler, c'97, g'04, coordinates employee relations for KU's Business Career Services Center in Lawrence.

John Claxton, b'97, g'99, is chief financial officer for Catalyst Equity Group in

Overland Park.

Christina Dankenbring Driggs, b'97, g'04, and her husband, Timothy, make their home in Tecumseh with their son, Patrick, 1. Christina manages accounting for Gaches Braden Barbee & Associates.

Michael Longfellow, a'97, works as an architect with Fentress Bradburn Architects in Denver. He and **Jody Groton Longfellow**, j'97, make their home in Littleton.

Jennifer Sherwood, c'97, lives in Overland Park and works for TranSystems.

Brad Spickert, e'97, and his wife, Alyson, live in Atlanta with their son, Daniel, 1. Brad directs strategy for the Coca-Cola Co.

BORN TO:

Drew, b'97, and **Christine Waite Condra**, b'97, daughter, Anja Paige, May 9 in St. Louis. Drew is financial administrator at La Chef and Company, and Christine is office manager at Colliers, Turley, Martin, Tucker.

Michael White, b'97, and Stephanie,

Profile

BY TOM KING

Williams urges clients, 'Get a life coach!'

"Nice try, Freud!" Pat Williams laughs. "You studied the mind and body, but what about the spirit? Humanistic psychology is more about potential than pathology."

Known in his field as the "ambassador of life coaching," and the co-author of four books, Williams, c'72, leads the pack in a rapidly emerging profession, one that U.S. News and World Report rates as the nation's second-largest consulting industry, surpassed only by management consulting. Williams founded the Institute for Life Coach Training in 1988; based in Palm Coast, Fla., it also has offices in Korea, Turkey, Italy and Australia.

So what exactly is a life coach? "That's the question I hear most often," he says, chuckling. "We're not therapists in the traditional sense. Therapists deal with the clinical—angst and depression; life coaches deal with the possible."

Williams notes that life coaches generally sidestep deeply regressive therapies, such as psychoanalysis, reluctant to traumatize clients. "We just look at the past; we don't stare at it."

Different, too, is the life coach's perception of the client: not so much ill as

uncertain. "We believe our clients come to us whole, capable and resourceful. We ask powerful, evocative questions and coach people to find their own answers. The magic of conversation leads to wisdom from within."

In 1970 Williams enrolled in Professor Maynard Shelley's "Psychology of Satisfaction" when he was shut out of a Psych 101 section. "That class was a milestone for me," he says. "It was the first time I'd heard psychology speak of the spirit."

After earning degrees in speech communication and psychology, Williams moved on to the University of West Georgia—at the time, one of two schools offering a master's in humanistic psychology. In 1977 he earned a doctorate in "Transpersonal Psychology," which addresses the relationships of mind, body and spirit, including intuitive and transcendent states of consciousness.

His past clients include executives at IBM, Kodak and Hewlett-Packard. While he still takes on some corporate clients, Williams now prefers to work over the phone: "Tele-coaching is the new trend. It's very low impact, low stigma."

Most of his current students are therapists looking to add life-coaching skills to their practices; Williams estimates he's trained more than 1,500 "helping professionals," and enrollment at his



COURTESY PAT WILLIAMS

■ Pat Williams has long been a leader in "life coaching," which relies on the principles of Transpersonal Psychology. The field is based on the ideas of William James, Carl Jung and Abraham Maslow.

institute is rising at a steady clip.

What's next for the man whose maxim, "Aspire to Inspire," is on the back of his business cards and always on the tip of his tongue?

"Disney World, with my granddaughter," Williams laughs. "Got to have family time."

—King is a Lawrence free-lance writer.



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son, Paul Raymond, Feb. 8 in Lenexa. Michael is a vice president and portfolio manager at Commerce Trust Co. in Leawood.

1998

Paul Brune, c'98, m'02, practices medicine with Kansas City Infectious Disease Associates. He lives in Prairie Village.

Erik Crane, c'98, manages program projects for Sprint Nextel in Overland Park.

Tully, c'98, g'07, and **Nicole Schnellbacher McCoy**, j'01, celebrated their first anniversary in August. They live in Overland Park. He's a consultant with Legacy Financial Strategies in Prairie Village, and she directs admissions and marketing at Pembroke Hill School in Kansas City.

Samantha Bowman Mortlock, c'98, is a law clerk in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. She and her husband, David, live in San Francisco.

Janeen Phillips Savage, f'98, does recruiting for Accretive Health in

Chicago. She and her husband, Rex, celebrated their first anniversary in September.

BORN TO:

Vance Lassey, c'98, c'99, m'04, and Erin, son, Luke, April 25 in Holton, where Vance practices medicine at Holton Community Hospital.

Tracee Badzin Lee, c'98, and Joshua, c'00, son, Maxwell Logan, July 24 in Lincolnwood, Ill.

Trevor, m'98, and **Laura Yamhure Thompson**, g'99, PhD'03, daughter, Kaia Grace, May 23 in Lihue, Hawaii, where she joins a brother, Carter, 4. Trevor is a dermatologist at Kauai Medical Clinic.

1999

Rachel Kesselman, j'99, is a marketing specialist with FedEx. She lives in Memphis, Tenn.

Bill Nelson, e'99, works as a staff network engineer for EarthLink in Atlanta.

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

a	School of Architecture and Urban Design
b	School of Business
c	College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
d	School of Education
e	School of Engineering
f	School of Fine Arts
g	Master's Degree
h	School of Allied Health
j	School of Journalism
l	School of Law
m	School of Medicine
n	School of Nursing
p	School of Pharmacy
PharmD	School of Pharmacy
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THEN AGAIN

Campanile contrivance: KU Alumni Association staff members Mildred Clodfelter, b'41, and Mary Sommerville studied a scale model of the Campanile built by KU senior Allyn Browne, b'51. The KU World War II Memorial Campanile and Carillon was constructed in 1950 and dedicated in 1951, and since then has become a Mount Oread landmark.

BORN TO:

Matthew, b'99, and **Sarah Brockman Todd**, d'99, g'04, daughter, Hannah Marie, April 6 in Lawrence.

Nicholas Walker, b'99, and Theresa, daughter, Gabrielle Renae, April 10 in Wichita, where Nicholas is a business systems analyst at Flint Hills Resources.

2000

Azadeh Amani-Taleshi, c'00, g'03, is a senior account executive with Young & Rubicam in New York City.

Sheryl Chapman, s'00, teaches in Wichita State University's social work department. She and her husband, Darrell, live in Derby.

Rebecca Lang, b'00, manages commercial credit for UMB Bank Colorado in Denver.

Amanda Shaw Newsome, j'00, and her husband, Britt, celebrated their first anniversary in September. They live in Birmingham, where Amanda is an executive producer with Alabama Public Televi-

sion. Earlier this year, she won two Southeast regional Emmy Awards in the documentary and scriptwriting divisions.

Erin Miller Weiss, s'00, s'06, directs the child-assessment program at Sunflower House in Shawnee. She lives in Lenexa.

Shannon Zilligen, d'00, works as a physician assistant at Northwest Metropolitan Urology in Park Ridge, Ill. She lives in Chicago.

BORN TO:

Timir Bhakta, c'00, and Sima, son, Kaden, June 15 in Olathe, where Timir owns Arbor Creek Chiropractic and Acupuncture.

Megan Herring Cottrell, c'00, and Wade, son, Finnegan Thomas, June 10 in Perry, where he joins a sister, Cecilia, 4. Megan is a chapter services coordinator for CREW Network in Lawrence.

Logan, b'00, and **Morgan Wilson Overman**, b'00, daughter, Langley Benton, Jan. 24 in Fairway. Logan practices

law with Berkowitz, Oliver, Williams, Shaw & Eisen, and Morgan is senior vice president of marketing for the Wilson Group.

Jacob Speer, g'00, and Kimberlee, son, Maxwell O'Neil, Dec. 29 in Sachse, Texas.

2001

Alan Block, g'01, is a manager with Georgia-Pacific in Atlanta.

Robert Gill, b'01, a product manager for NBC Universal, makes his home

in Lawrence.

Pamela Reinbold Hill, b'01, and her husband, Derrick, celebrated their first anniversary Nov. 11. Their home is in Wichita.

Michael Mercer, e'01, is a salesman with Hughes Machinery. He and **Renee Scholz Mercer**, e'01, live in Olathe.

Andrew Rieke, b'01, is an advertising consultant with Idearc Media Corp. in Englewood, Colo.

Katie Slaughter, j'01, manages special events for Power & Light District,

in Kansas City.

Christopher Stoppel, b'01, g'02, is associate director for new student orientation at KU. He lives in Lawrence.

MARRIED

Shawn Hutchinson, j'01, and **Katie Guyer**, b'05, July 29 in Kansas City. They live in Olathe, where Katie is an accountant for Grasshopper Lawn-mowers.

Janelle Moore, p'01, to Sean Smith, Aug. 7. They live in Mission,

Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

No matter the forum, Riggins relishes spotlight

Hall of Fame running back John Riggins now says he never really wanted to leave Centralia, the Kansas farm town where he grew up. "I had my identity," Riggins says. "I knew everybody. I felt comfortable."

Once pushed out of the small-town nest, Riggins came to Lawrence, and in his first varsity season he helped the 1968 Jayhawks reach the Orange Bowl. After his KU career concluded in 1970, Riggins, '81, was the sixth-overall pick of the NFL's New York Jets; yet again, he didn't want to leave.

"I didn't really think I'd be in New York City all that long," Riggins says from his home—in New York City. "I wasn't exactly the most confident guy, even though I was the No. 1 draft pick."

If ever a great athlete seemed destined to haul his riches back to a nice spread of land stocked with fish and game, a good dog at his side in the cab of an old pickup, it would have been Riggins. "Yeah, I'm with you there," he says. "I don't disagree."

The seeds of change were planted by the late Jack Kent Cooke, then owner of the Washington Redskins, which Riggins joined in 1976 and led to a Super Bowl

victory in 1983. It seems Cooke asked his star fullback, the Super Bowl's Most Valuable Player, what he had planned for life after football. "Oh, I don't know, I like to hunt and fish," Riggins answered. When Cooke scoffed, "Aw, John, you can't hunt and fish the rest of your life," Riggins thought, "Watch me."

But the conversation stayed with him after his 1985 retirement; although he owns 160 acres in Nemaha County, Riggins chose to remain on the East Coast.

"I asked myself, 'What have I been doing all these years?' Well, I'm an entertainer. Football means something to everybody, but still, people come and pay money and they sit and watch it. It's not all that different from being on the stage."

Riggins found work in radio, then television, then studied acting before landing a recurring role on "The Guiding Light" and a part in an episode of "Law & Order: Criminal Intent." Now that he has an afternoon radio show in Washington, D.C., and continues in his 14th year on the Redskins' weekly TV show, Riggins says he has more or less decided to leave acting and concentrate on broadcasting.

His colorful lifestyle gave rise to countless "Riggo" legends, including Lawrence barbershop lore that had him hiking and camping his way back from



STEVE PUPPE

■ John Riggins saw his name added to Memorial Stadium's Ring of Honor during halftime of the Oct. 13 KU-Baylor game: "Of all the honors that have come my way, this would probably make my parents the most proud. ... I'm deeply honored."

Kansas City International Airport after the '83 Super Bowl.

"No, I've got to dispel that one," Riggins says, "but it sounds like something I would have liked to have done. ... I've had a heck of a lot of fun. I got my laughs in—and still have a few more to go, I hope." 🍴

Class Notes

and Janelle is a clinical pharmacist at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

Stacie Warner, c'01, to Raymond Rupp Jr., Dec. 2 in Osawatomie. They live in Grain Valley, Mo., and Stacie owns Gambino's Pizza in Lee's Summit.

BORN TO:

Seth, b'01, and **Kimberlee Smithyman Bouska**, c'01, son, Zachary Shane, Feb. 21 in Hillsboro, Ore. Seth is information technology manager for Nike,

and Kimberlee is a certified financial assistant with First Tech Credit Union.

Melissa Long Loe, j'01, and **Tyson**, '02, son, Judson James Long, April 22 in Austin, Texas. Melissa directs communications for the Lake Travis Independent School District, and Tyson is a photographer.

2002

Russell Pine, c'02, is a project leader with Huhtamaki in De Soto. He lives in Overland Park.

MARRIED

Randall Foster, c'02, to Emily Morris, May 19 in Key West, Fla. They live in Nashville, Tenn. Randy manages licensing and content services for Naxos of America in Franklin.

Shana Rambo, c'02, to Jeremy Mumert, April 14 in Temecula, Calif. Shana is a senior events coordinator with Nobel Biocare USA, in Yorba Linda, and they live in Anaheim.

Anna Saxhaug, f'02, and **Brandon Gainey**, a'03, June 23 in Lawrence. She's

Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

FDIC boss raises interest in renewed savings habits

Sheila Bair, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. oversees 4,500 staff members in a historic federal agency that insures more than \$3 trillion in deposits at U.S. banks. In previous career stops she has been assistant secretary for financial institutions at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, senior vice president of the New York Stock Exchange and counsel to U.S. Sen. Robert Dole, '45.

Yet the complex financial world in which Bair, c'75, l'78, is so deeply immersed ultimately depends on a simple habit too few Americans practice: saving money. To encourage young people to accumulate wealth with FDIC-insured savings accounts, Bair wrote *Rock, Brock, and the Savings Shock*, an illustrated children's book.

The tale features twin brothers offered savings incentives by their grandfather: \$1 weekly allowances, with their savings also matched each week. Soon the frugal boy has more than \$500, while his broke brother stares forlornly at piles of junky toys. The book includes basic math on compound interest and tips for building lifelong savings plans.

"People have forgotten what it's like to sock money away and save for a while

before they spend," Bair says. "We need to talk with children about this early. They start being interested in money at a young age; they are often asking about allowances even by 3 or 4."

Bair says the mortgage crisis rocking financial markets and creating credit chaos for millions of American homeowners is without precedent and likely will continue through 2008. She's also confident that the FDIC and others have given lenders incentive to restructure loans, rather than foreclose, when possible, and that regulators, Congress or a combination of both will write rules preventing such high-finance chicanery from again preying upon, and ultimately crushing, so many homeowners' dreams.

"There have been some practices out there that are abusive and shouldn't be tolerated," Bair says. "I support markets, but markets need rules and I think it's clear we need stronger rules."

Bair, a native of Independence, studied philosophy and law at KU; one of her first jobs was as a government attorney specializing in race, gender and disability discrimination cases. When Dole's judiciary subcommittee began work in 1981 on an extension of the Voting Rights Act, she joined the Kansas senator's staff to help sort through civil rights and constitutional issues.



■ Sheila Bair was nominated by President Bush and confirmed in June 2006 to lead the FDIC. She returned to campus in September to deliver the 11th Anderson Chandler Lecture, sponsored by the School of Business.

"I've always been interested in government as a force for good," she says. "We're certainly not perfect; we can be too bureaucratic and sometimes too slow to act, but for the most part, people in government want to serve the public interest and make government work for the people." —

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Michael Ferguson, j'03, works as a sourcing consultant for Lehman Brothers in New York City.

Erin Lockley, b'03, is annual fund coordinator for Sacred Heart Schools in Chicago.

Tanner Lucas, c'03, g'06, works as a communications specialist for the city of Garden City.

Susan Shumaker, g'03, is an academic adviser in the business college at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Amy Wong-Thai, c'03, works as a cytotechnologist at the Regional Medical Center in San Jose, Calif. She lives in Burlingame.

MARRIED

Bethany Brown, c'03, b'05, g'07, and **Richard Friesner**, c'04, g'06, May 27 in Lawrence. Their home is in Richmond, Va.

Sara Lounsberry, c'03, to Michael Zima, June 11 in Orlando, Fla. They live in Gilberts, Ill.

2004

Eric Braun, b'04, is a senior financial analyst at Emerson Process Management in Hazelwood, Mo. He lives in Ballwin.

Angela Cicero, d'04, teaches school in Kansas City.

Danielle Clock, b'04, is a supply chain analyst for Maurice Sporting Goods in Northbrook, Ill.

Katherine Glendening, h'04, commutes from Lawrence to Topeka, where she works for the Kansas Department on Aging.

Andrew Knopp, b'04, manages operations for BuildASign.com. His home is in Manhattan.

Brian Reddy, a'04, works as an architect with Suttle-Mindlin Architects in St. Louis. He and **Kathryn Bailey Reddy**, c'02, live in Chesterfield. She's a counselor at Visitation Academy.

MARRIED

Molly Fruetel, c'04, and **Patrick Fritzel**, '05, July 7 in Naples, Fla. She's a speech-language pathologist at Nottingham Elementary School in Eudora, and he's a job superintendent with Gene



THEN AGAIN

McCook's Honey: Known campus-wide as "Honey," Charley Wilson was a longtime caretaker of McCook Field, always ready to lend an encouraging word to members of the 1917 football team before they hit the field.

a business-development representative with Humanscale, and he's an architect with Gould Evans Associates. Their home is in Prairie Village.

BORN TO:

Lindsey Lowe Kaminski, b'02, and Jeffrey, daughter, Sadie Erin, June 9 in Lee's Summit, Mo. Lindsey is a staff accountant with HCA Midwest.

2003

Lindsey Karns Brees, b'03, and her husband, Rory, live in Topeka with their daughter, Taylor, 1. Lindsey is an enterprise risk analyst at Federal Loan Bank.

Melissa Studley Donahoo, j'03, is membership coordinator for KCUR 89.3 FM at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She lives in Overland Park with her husband, Douglas, j'03, a promotion producer at KCTV-5.

Alison Farley, d'03, is a graduate teaching assistant in the band department at the University of Louisville. She lives in Louisville, Ky.

Class Notes

Fritzel Construction. They live in Lawrence.

BORN TO:

Heath, d'04, and **Carrie Robertson Peterson, c'04**, son, Beau Kent, Aug. 18 in Lawrence, where Heath directs Kansas programs for the KU Alumni Association. Carrie is a third-year dental student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

2005

Kenneth Albers, b'05, is a staff accountant with Busby Smith & Ford. He lives in Cheney.

Jacinta Langford, c'05, directs public relations for Absorbent, Ink in Lawrence.

Ramsey Mohsen, b'05, is a project manager with Digital Evolution Group in Overland Park.

MARRIED

Lora Lafferty, p'05, and **Kenyon Thornburg, '07**, June 16. They make their home in Olathe.

Erika Muth, d'05, and **Jeffrey Short, d'05**, June 2 in Wichita. He's an officer with the Shawnee Police Department, and she's a teacher in De Soto. Their home is in Lawrence.

2006

Alexander Benson, c'06, is a marketing specialist with Cerner Corp. in Kansas City.

Lauren Erickson, c'06, j'06, recently was promoted to account executive with Morningstar Communications in Leawood.

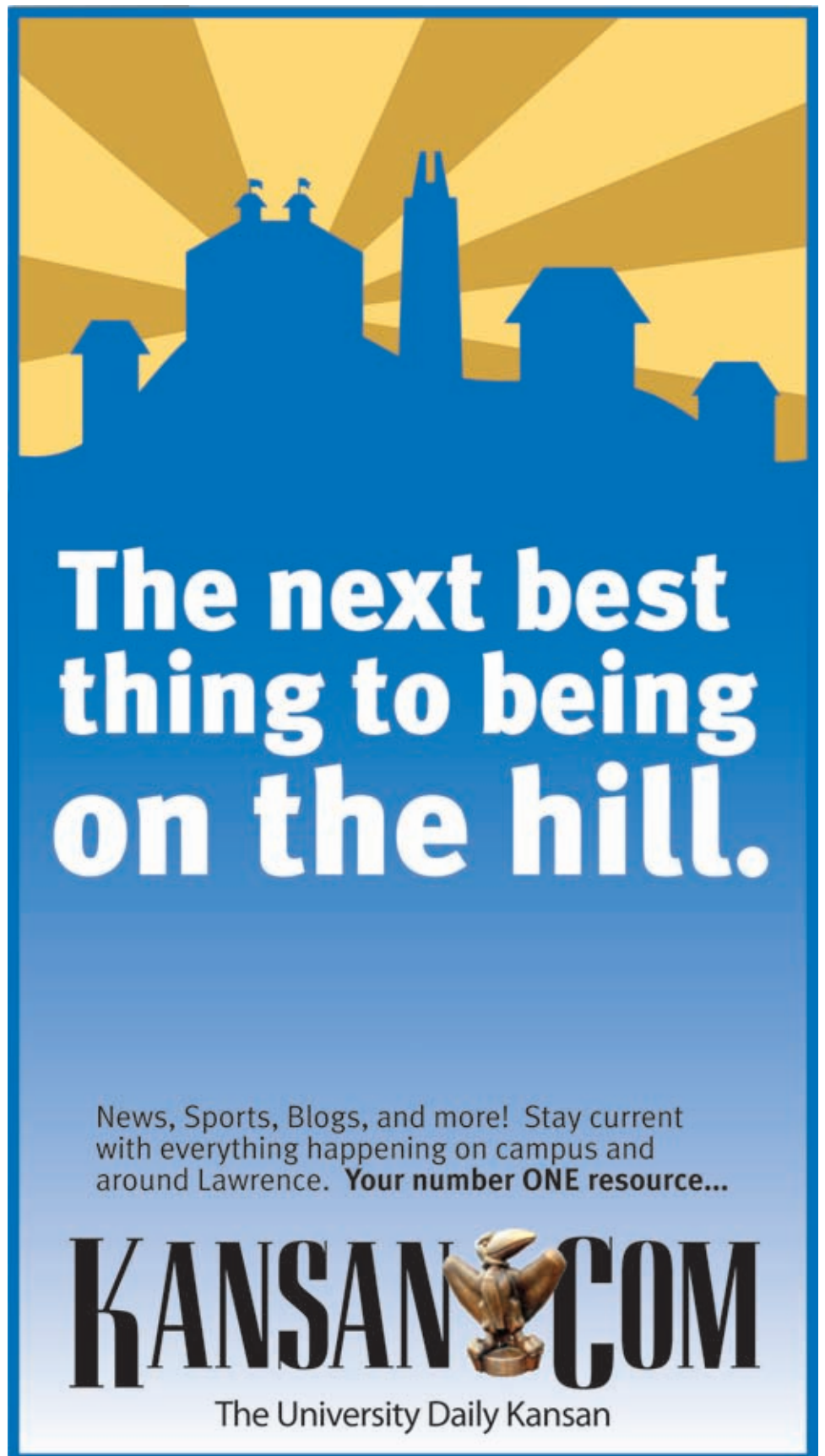
Christa Keel, c'06, is a talent recruitment assistant for Teach for America in Chicago.

Scott Murray, c'06, does financial advising for GCG Financial in Greenwood Village, Colo.

Brandy Williams, p'06, is an adult-medicine specialist at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Okla.

MARRIED

John Kanaga, c'06, and **Stacy Sippel, e'06, b'06**, June 9 in Overland Park. They live in Leawood.



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Kevin Goldstein, j'07, is a sales and account manager at Hannon Hill Corp. in Atlanta.

Scott Goldstein, b'07, works as an associate product manager at Medline. He lives in Highland Park, Ill.

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Michael Krost, c'07, works as an agent with New York Life Insurance in Dallas.

Andrew Marsh, b'07, is an accountant with the U.S. General Services Administration in Kansas City.

Megan Brigham Neville, p'07, works as a pharmacist at Walgreens in Lenexa.

Shellie Pash Vadnais, h'07, is a cytotechnologist at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

MARRIED

Megan Brigham, p'07, to Steven Neville, May 29 in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Their home is in Shawnee.

Ashley Pugh, c'07, to Adam Kleiber, June 23. They live in Hillsboro.



In Memory

1930s

Genevieve Clarke Balyeat, f'30, 99, July 15 in Lee's Summit, Mo. She lived in Lawrence and was retired women's editor at the Lawrence Journal-World. A sister, two nieces and two nephews survive.

Paul Borel, e'34, 95, July 7 in Southern Pines, N.C., where he was retired from the Central Intelligence Agency and earned the agency's Trailblazer award. He had served on the Alumni Association's national Board of Directors. He is survived by his wife, Miriam; four daughters, Elaine Borel Foster, '65, Nancy Borel Ellis, d'63, Julia, j'68, l'84, and Jane Borel O'Brien, d'71; two sons; a sister; a brother, Mark, '49; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

William Corcoran, b'35, 93, July 13 in Mission. He was retired secretary-controller for Francis Gee Garment Co. and is survived by five sons, four of whom are John, b'69, Paul, d'76, Mark, b'78, and James, b'78; four daughters, one of whom is Kay Corcoran Roberts, h'69; 28 grandchildren; and five great-grandsons.

Sallie Munson Dannenberg, c'39, 88, Oct. 1, 2006, in Honeoye Falls, N.Y. A daughter, two grandchildren and two great-granddaughters survive.

Bernraine Winegar Hamilton, c'30, 98, Nov. 29, 2006, in Los Angeles. Two sons and a daughter survive.

Cramer Mansur, c'31, 98, July 14 in Chillicothe, Mo., where he taught at Chillicothe High School. A brother survives.

Ruth Page, c'36, m'43, 94, June 28 in Wichita, where she was a retired physician. Several nieces and nephews survive.

1940s

Janet Barker Artman, c'48, 82, July 22 in Hays. She is survived by her husband, Norris; a son; three daughters, two of whom are Debbie, g'78, and Lisa Artman Barkley, '77; and five grandchildren.

Laurence Clark, m'42, 94, July 24 in Wamego, where he practiced medicine. He is survived by his wife, Aldean; two sons, one of whom is Fritz, b'69; a daughter; a sister; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Clare Colman, e'48, 83, July 27 in Burlingame, Calif., where he was retired from a 37-year career with Mobil Oil Corp. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Kay, a daughter, two sons, six grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Charles Freeburg, a'49, 72, June 25 in New Rochelle, N.Y., where he was a retired architect. He is survived by his wife, Josephine, two sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren.

Dorothy Curtis Griffith, c'42, 90, July 12 in Iola. She is survived by a son, Richard, c'72, m'75; a daughter, Marsha Griffith Weisert, d'69; a sister, Ruth Curtis Brigham, '43; a brother, William Curtis, '53; three grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

Harlan Hobbs, b'47, 83, July 21 in Lincoln, Neb., where he was former president of American Home Life Insurance. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jones Hobbs, assoc.; a son, Harlan Jr., b'70; two daughters, one of whom is Michelle Hobbs Hamilton, d'77; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Donald Stebbins, e'42, 89, July 11 in Prairie Village, where he was a retired chemical engineer with Phillips 66 Refinery. Two daughters, a sister and four grandchildren survive.

Charlotte Steel Tuttle, f'41, 88, May 9 in Cincinnati, where she was a retired teacher and an artist for Hallmark Cards. A daughter, two sons, seven grandchildren and a foster grandchild survive.

Ada Kopke Wiedemann, b'47, 83, Aug. 19 in Denver, Colo. She is survived by two sons; two brothers, Charles Kopke, b'47, and Earl Kopke, b'51; and four grandchildren.

1950s

James Allen, e'55, 73, May 10 in Whitney, Texas, where he was a retired engineer with Texas Instruments. Among survivors are his wife, Ginny; two sons; a daughter; a sister, Jayne Allen Powell, d'59; and five grandchildren.

Anna Rees Baker, g'57, 81, July 26 in Topeka, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by her twin sister, Mary Alice Rees Parmley, assoc.

William Bilderback, e'56, 74, July 13 in Woodstock, Ill. He is survived by his wife, Joan Howe Bilderback, c'57; three daughters, two of whom are Caroline Bilderback Sosin, n'81, and Susan Bilderback Salo, n'85; a sister, Snowdie Bilderback Martin, g'82; and eight grandchildren.

Lawrence Davenport, f'55, 74, Aug. 3 in Kansas City, where he was a retired commercial artist. He is survived by three sons, one of whom is Lawrence, c'82; three daughters; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Arden Weston Glenn, d'59, 69, Aug. 6 in Broken Arrow, Okla., where she taught school. She also had been an adjunct professor at the University of Tulsa and principal and superintendent of schools for the Catholic Diocese of Tulsa. She is survived by her husband, Jerry, b'60; three sons; a daughter, Jeannene, c'93; a brother; and six grandchildren.

Sally Waddell Graber, c'57, 72, Aug. 7 in Lawrence, where she was an administrative assistant for the Kansas Department of Insurance and a housemother for Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Surviving are two daughters, Juliet Graber Hendrix, c'83, and Sarah Graber Hazelitt, d'93; a son; two sisters, Harriet Waddell Hawkins, c'49, and Marty Waddell Smith, '52; and five grandchildren.

Harley "Doc" Holladay, f'50, 84, July 20 in Dodge City. He is survived by his wife, Anna Hemphill Holladay, j'49; three sons, one of whom is Don, p'80; a daughter, Julie Holladay Owen, '84; a

brother; and two grandchildren.

Robert Karnes, d'50, 81, July 12 in Mesa, Ariz. He was retired director of athletics at Drake University. While at KU, he was one of the top distance runners in the University's history, winning 13 Big Eight Conference track titles and breaking the mile record previously held by Glenn Cunningham. He is survived by two daughters, a brother, three granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

Ronald Keener, e'54, 80, June 14 in Roanoke, Va., where he was an engineer with Hercules. He is survived by his wife, Marlene; four sons, one of whom is David, '82; a daughter, Norene Keener Laggart, '88; a brother, Robert, e'58; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Al Oerter, '58, 71, Oct. 1 in Fort Myers Beach, Fla. He won gold medals in the discus in four consecutive Olympics from 1956 to 1968, setting an Olympic record in each victory. At KU he was a two-time NCAA champion, two-time All-American and seven-time conference champion. He is survived by his wife, Cathy, two daughters, a sister and three grandchildren.

William Piggott, c'50, 81, May 14 in Overland Park, where he was a retired field agent with the U.S. Social Security Administration. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a son, a daughter, four stepdaughters, two grandchildren and five stepgrandchildren.

Marguerite Schonholtz, n'54, 77, Feb. 12 in Saginaw, Mich. She had been director of nursing at the Hawthorn Center in Northville and taught at Nazareth College and Saginaw Valley State University. Surviving are two brothers and several nieces and nephews.

Joseph Schroeder Jr., e'57, 76, April 18 in Topeka. A son, Jed, g'90, survives.

Robert Terss, PhD'52, 81, April 13 in Wilmington, Del., where he was retired from a career with DuPont. He is survived by his wife, Eugenia, and three sisters.

Herbert Winer, m'54, 80, July 15 in Kansas City, where he was an obstetrician and gynecologist and a clinical

professor at UMKC. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis; a son, Richard, m'80; a daughter; a sister; and five grandchildren.

1960s

Edna Samuelson Caffrey, g'60, 92, Aug. 5 in Topeka, where she was a retired teacher. A daughter, a brother, a sister, two grandsons and five great-granddaughters survive.

Alan Donaghue, d'60, 69, July 14 in Prairie Village, where he was retired vice president of sales with Russell Stover Candies. He is survived by his wife, Mary Susan Eggleston Donaghue, d'60; a daughter; a son, Paul, d'93; and two granddaughters.

Leslie "Lee" Monroe, b'60, 69, Aug. 7 in Newton, where he was a retired partner with Knudson Monroe Accounting. He is survived by his wife, Karen; a daughter, Amy, d'93; two sons, Kevin, d'89, and Gregory, e'91; two brothers; two sisters; and four granddaughters.

Donald Vollmer, e'66, 74, July 17 in Livermore, Calif., where he was retired from a career at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, two daughters, two sons, three brothers, a sister, five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

1970s

Katherine Dugger Hawley, n'74, 55, July 30 in Olathe, where she was a nurse. She is survived by her son, Theron, c'04; her parents; and a sister, Susan Dugger Robertson, d'84, g'95.

Larry Nolte, c'79, 62, April 7 in Hiawatha, where he was a farmer. Surviving are a daughter, a foster brother, his mother and a granddaughter.

1980s

Mark Barackman, c'82, 51, Aug. 13 in Wichita, where he worked for Boeing. He is survived by his parents and a brother, Martin, c'76.

Felix Burkhart, c'81, 90, Aug. 13 in Lawrence, where he was a retired air-traffic controller with the Federal Aviation Administration. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; two sons, one of whom is

Robert, c'74; three stepsons, two of whom are David May, c'78, and Douglas May, c'81; a brother; a stepsister; and three grandchildren.

Steven Fumagalli, c'84, 51, July 10 in Valley Center, where he was a self-employed salesman. He is survived by his wife, Denise, his mother, five brothers and two sisters.

Barbara Huninghake, s'87, 43, July 14 in Seneca. Her mother survives.

Jane Chamberlain Wilkins, c'84, 56, July 24 in Lawrence, where she lived. She was an assistant counselor for the Drug and Alcohol Education Center in Olathe. Her husband, Jack, and a brother survive.

Jane Stutzman Young, g'85, 61, April 14 in Overland Park. She had been a technical hazards specialist for FEMA and is survived by a son and a sister, Nancy, j'59.

1990s

William Seidl, e'92, 38, July 24 in Olathe, where he was an engineer with Sprint. He is survived by his wife, Lori, a son, a daughter, his mother, a sister and a brother.

The University Community

Mary Ann Flood, '84, 66, July 18 in Kansas City, where she was a retired assistant professor of nursing at the KU Medical Center. Three brothers and a stepsister survive.

Kermit Krantz, 84, July 30 in Prairie Village, where he was retired chairman of obstetrics and gynecology and former dean of clinical affairs at the KU Medical Center. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Doris, two daughters, a son and six grandchildren.

Phillip Paludan, 69, Aug. 1 in Springfield, Ill., where he was retired from teaching history at KU for more than 30 years. He also had been a distinguished professor at the University of Illinois-Springfield. Surviving are his wife, Marty; two daughters, Karin Paludan-Sorey, f'94, and Kirsten, c'98; three stepsons; a stepdaughter; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.



Rock Chalk Review

STEVE PUPPE



Respect for elders

Professor strives to ‘raise the bar’ on designing nursing homes and elder-care centers

Keith Diaz Moore was working for a prominent architecture firm in New York City when his grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease.

It was the late 1980s, and he visited her in a nursing home that was “typical for the time.” Alzheimer’s patients were kept in locked wards, to prevent them from wandering around the facility.

“Because people with dementia have a great deal of energy, you would hear this alarm go off all the time, which would raise the agitation level in all the patients,” recalls Diaz Moore, chair and

associate professor of architecture. “It was a vicious cycle all day long.”

When he finished his architecture degree, Diaz Moore says, he had set out to be “the starchitect, like everyone wants to be.” He expected to design museums and other grand buildings. His visit to the nursing home “changed my career path on a dime,” he says. “I realized that my design abilities could really serve these people.”

Two decades later, Diaz Moore is internationally known as an expert in the design of environments for the elderly. His 2006 book, *Designing a Better Day: Guidelines for Adult and Dementia Day Services Centers*, co-authored with Lyn Geboy and Gerald Weisman, won the 2007 Joel Polsky Prize from The American Society of Interior Design. The award recognizes the year’s most significant contribution to design research.

In his own work and in lectures to students, Diaz Moore tries to frame the behaviors of dementia patients in a positive way. Instead of regarding the tendency to wander as a negative behavior that needs controlling, for example, he asks clients and students to consider that roaming may indicate a need to explore and connect that is otherwise unmet. “They are looking for something to do, something that engages them,” Diaz Moore says. “Let’s design for that.”

That approach leads not only to more elegant and beautiful architecture, but also to healthier living environments, he believes.

For example, Diaz Moore says the typical dementia day care or nursing home has large rooms with rows of tables: “the church basement setup.”

While good for large gatherings, such rooms do little to encourage conversation and social engagement, which are considered tremendously therapeutic for Alzheimer’s patients.

To counter that, he replaces large open spaces with small rooms and seating areas with multiple conversational “cues,” where chairs, lighting and other props are arranged to encourage small groups to gather and talk.

“Rather than discourage wandering, let’s provide different opportunities—maybe it’s a living room where they can read the paper, or a kitchen where they can help make coffee—let’s provide

those kind of environments they might come across while they are exploring.”

Diaz Moore contends that nursing homes and elder-care centers have typically been designed to simply meet the regulations that govern their design. “That’s a minimal standard, and we need to raise the bar on that,” he says.

Demographic trends make such improvements all the more urgent. As the average life span of Americans continues to lengthen, the demand for elder-care facilities will only increase. And as baby boomers age, Diaz Moore predicts, there will be a tremendous push to rethink the design of these facilities.

“If that generation didn’t want their father’s Oldsmobile,” he says, “they’re not going to want their father’s nursing home.”

—Steven Hill



Portable Puccini

Alumnus brings opera to Kansas aficionados with new concert company

Bass-baritone Stanford Felix based his singing career in New York City for 14 years, so he knows what it takes to succeed on opera’s big stage. But he also knows there is plenty of talent in middle America.

“We have a lot of talented singers in Kansas, but they just don’t have enough venues to sing in,” says Felix, f’82, g’08. “They have to go to New York to get auditions.”

To give Kansas singers more exposure and bring more music to the state’s opera fans, Felix formed the Kansas Concert Opera. Using a production style he says is popular in New York and Europe, the company presents a stripped down version of opera: there’s no acting, no staging and no costumes.

In the company’s debut performance, Sept. 28 at the Lawrence Arts Center, the cast stood side-by-side on stage, a copy of



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■ Andrea Garritano is one of the many KU singers who joined Stanford Felix in Kansas Concert Opera’s production of “Tosca.”

the score open on music stands in front of them, and belted out the three acts of Puccini’s “Tosca” with only piano accompaniment and a backing chorus.

“The main purpose for the performers is to have the highest level of singing,” says Felix, who has performed extensively on opera and concert stages. “It’s a chance to really get it right in the voice before you take it on the stage. If you have it right in the voice, then you can concentrate later on blocking and all that.”

Fans get the chance to see opera in a venue that wouldn’t support a full production with its grand costumes, elaborate stage sets and full orchestra—none of which comes cheap.

“A full production takes massive amounts of money,” Felix says. “Concert opera is portable. You can take it to places where opera doesn’t usually go.”

Felix plans to do just that. Each opera will get one performance in Emporia, where Felix is associate professor of

opera at Emporia State University, and another on the road. He hopes to cover the major Kansas cities first, and plans to eventually form an understudy group, made up largely of students, that could take the shows into smaller towns around the state.

That means lots of roles for Kansas singers—many of them Jayhawks, if the casting of “Tosca” is any indication. Besides Felix, who sang the role of Scarpia, performers included Hugo Vera, g’02; Andrea Garritano, ’08; Tyler Simpson, ’08; and doctoral student Christian Elser. Mark Ferrell, director of KU’s opera program, provided piano accompaniment.

While the minimalist production creates opportunities a full opera doesn’t, it also creates challenges, Felix notes.

“With a concert version, you have to have great singers,” he says. “Audiences concentrate on the voices, because there’s nothing else to look at.”

—Steven Hill

Malevolent muse

Newspaper columnist Norman Fuller has just come oh-so-close to winning a Pulitzer Prize, and he knows how hollow those “It’s an honor to be nominated” proclamations truly are. He feels no honor or pride—only gloom and frustration.

Just as he begins to worry he’ll never write another decent column, his muse suddenly speaks, sending him on mysterious missions to unravel diabolical corporate intrigue and murder.



Evil Business
By John Nienstedt
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Thus begins *Evil Business*, the second novel by John Nienstedt, c’60. The book continues the story of Fuller, also the protagonist of Nienstedt’s first novel, *See the Monkey*. In both stories, Fuller’s unusual muse calls the shots. Though many writers may think of

their inspiration as “voices,” Fuller’s proclaims itself to be the Voice of Evil.

Nienstedt, a former U.S. Navy captain, has published four books since trading his military career for management consulting and writing. Using the Voice as an innovative device, he guides Fuller through an adventure filled with fast-paced dialogue and lively characters. Though Nienstedt lives in Surprise, Ariz., he weaves into *Evil Business* sites and landscapes from Kansas City, where he lived for 17 years.

As Norm Fuller debates his muse and grudgingly follows its bizarre assignments, he finds stories the public needs to hear and regains his momentum as a writer. He also finds true honor—far removed from awards, riches or fame.

OREAD READER

Where does she go from here?

A daughter and mother cope with the unthinkable in Moriarty’s second novel

Although her own daughter is only 3, Laura Moriarty already is wise in the ways of motherhood. In her second novel, *The Rest of Her Life*, she maneuvers deftly through the minefield of mother-daughter relationships, telling a story both raw and compassionate. She exposes the truths buried beneath a scarred landscape and helps her sympathetic, all-too-real characters make their way safely to the other side.

From the perspective of Leigh Churchill, a well-meaning, slightly inept mom, Moriarty describes the awkward, anguished exchanges between Leigh and her teenage daughter, Kara. The story begins with a senseless tragedy of Kara’s own making and travels through a summer of unexpected transition. Leigh and her husband, Gary, a college professor, presumed they would help Kara cross the territory between her shining high school career and presumed college success. Instead they must watch her navigate purgatory, haunted by a mistake she will forever yearn to take back.

While Moriarty, s’93, g’99, creates engaging, genuine dialogue, she truly excels in crafting the silent conversations so many moms have in their own minds: the endless choruses of words we should have said or should have squelched; the replays of sweeter,

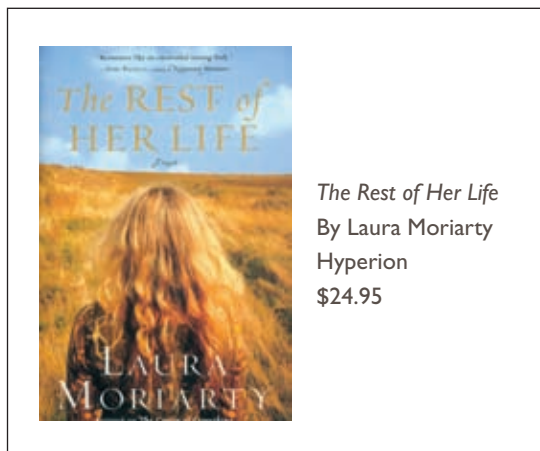
simpler moments from years gone by; the aching vows to do better, to say the right thing next time.

Moriarty, who began her career as a social worker following her first KU degree, draws on her expertise to explore not only the dynamics of one family, but also the interplay between families in different social and financial strata. The Churchills’ collective sense of guilt is compounded by the fact that Kara’s deed has forever ruined a second, less affluent family in Danby, the painfully small Kansas college town of the novel. (Though Moriarty is careful not to model the fictional Danby after Lawrence, her alma mater figures into the story, and fellow alumni will recognize the names of two beloved English professors, the late Carolyn Doty and the late Bud Hirsch, to whom she dedicates her book.)

The Rest of Her Life begins in tragedy but does not wallow in it. Moriarty finds hope for Leigh and Kara in crystal-clear moments of truth. As her daughter begins to take the first steps toward her own life, Leigh sees the ways in which her own childhood has influenced her conversations with Kara—and the incessant unspoken lectures to herself and her daughter she has muttered in her mind.

She begins to glimpse her daughter as separate from herself, to view Kara, in Moriarty’s poignant words, with “not just love but a pure and grudgeless respect.”

Parents young and old can learn from



The Rest of Her Life
By Laura Moriarty
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this mother-daughter journey. Though we strive to give our children everything we ever wanted, they may want something entirely different. Ultimately, their future is what they, not Mom or Dad, make it.

—Jennifer Jackson Sanner

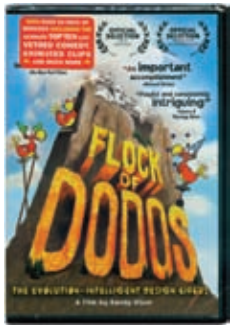
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Flight of the Dodo

It's showtime for documentary

After 18 months of public screenings at film festivals and college campuses, Randy Olson's "Flock of Dodos" is finally off the ground.

The documentary film, which takes a humorous look at the 2005 debate between intelligent design and evolution in Kansas, will air on the Showtime cable network for the next two years. "Flock of Dodos" is also available on DVD (New Video, \$26.95) as part of the acclaimed Docurama series.



Olson, j'79, himself a marine biologist who abandoned an academic career at 38 to attend film school, faults scientists for failing to communicate clearly when discussing

evolution. Intelligent design advocates, on the other hand, earn high marks for speaking plainly. If scientists don't learn to talk to ordinary folks, the film playfully suggests, they too may go the way of the dodo.

Olson's hopes for a theatrical release weren't realized, he told fans in a recent e-mail, because distributors "felt it was too academic/educational/information heavy." Evolutionists, on the other hand, "felt the film was too lightweight." The opposite reactions illustrate what Olson calls the central dilemma of communicating science.

The DVD (available at newvideo.com) includes a Q&A with Eugenie Scott, director of the National Center for Science Education, and a panel discussion between scientists and theologians sponsored by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

—Steven Hill



COURTESY FLOCK OF DODOS (2)



■ Randy Olson premiered his documentary on the "Evolution-Intelligent Design Circus" at New York City's Tribeca Film Festival in 2006, accompanied by actors in dodo costumes modeled after cartoon characters that bridge scenes in the movie.



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■ Inscription on this rare photo of 1891's "Champions of the West": "Kansas University Foot-Ball Team—which won renown in the fall of 1891, not being defeated ONCE. ... Rock-Chalk! Jay-Hawk! K.U.!!"

Kansas City crimson

Colorful chapter in KU history might soothe fans seeing red over KC game

The KU-Missouri football game is not to be trifled with. Just ask Chancellor Frank Strong, who in 1910 implored the Kansas Board of Regents to insist the game be played in Lawrence or Columbia, rather than Kansas City, where it had become a rowdy tradition spiked with booze and gambling, and, in Strong's judgment, tarnished tender reputations for both universities.

Indeed, KU last played Missouri in Kansas City on Nov. 24, 1910, to an ignominious 5-5 tie; Kansas City-area alumni never forgave Strong, and historian Clifford S. Griffin later surmised the episode was a factor in Strong's eventual resignation, in 1919.

Now, 97 years later to the day, the game returns to Kansas City. Again the move—this time in reverse—is controversial, as some fans and merchants

grouse that KU gave away home-field advantage and robbed local businesses of precious revenues. So perhaps we can use history to ease hurt feelings and temper harsh words: Peer past the schism of 1910, and focus instead on the *first* KU-MU game, played in Kansas City Oct. 31, 1891.

As the debut of KU's second football season approached, a mild campus controversy simmered over the school colors. Maize and light blue, adopted in 1873 by the first KU graduating class, represented Kansas corn and skies, but while they made for lovely lapel ribbons at oratorical contests, they didn't fare so well on the dusty fields of intercollegiate athletics.


Historian Robert Taft tells us that on Oct. 19, 1891, the athletics board voted to scrap them in favor of the sturdier crimson. Many students (who didn't have to pay for, or clean, wool uniforms) objected, so the *Weekly University Courier* suggested it be settled at the upcoming Missouri game in KC.

"If you are a crimsonite, buy a bolt of flannel or buy all the red ribbon in town," the paper appealed. "If you favor the yellow and the blue cause a scarcity in the supply of those ribbons."

KU won that game in Kansas City, the first against Missouri, 22-8, and as crimson ribbons outnumbered their rivals at the historic game, yellow and sky blue were forever banished. "The advantage of crimson ... is settled beyond all possibility of a doubt since our trip to Kansas City," the student paper reported.

Indeed, crimson was KU athletics' official color through 1895, when it was shockingly suggested in a letter to the editor that the color was merely a Harvard affectation. Col. John McCook, the New York lawyer who donated funds for KU's first campus athletics fields, suggested the matter be resolved with the addition of blue or black, and in May 1896 the athletics board adopted the crimson and the blue.

Rock chalk, Jayhawk, see what a game in Kansas City can do? —



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