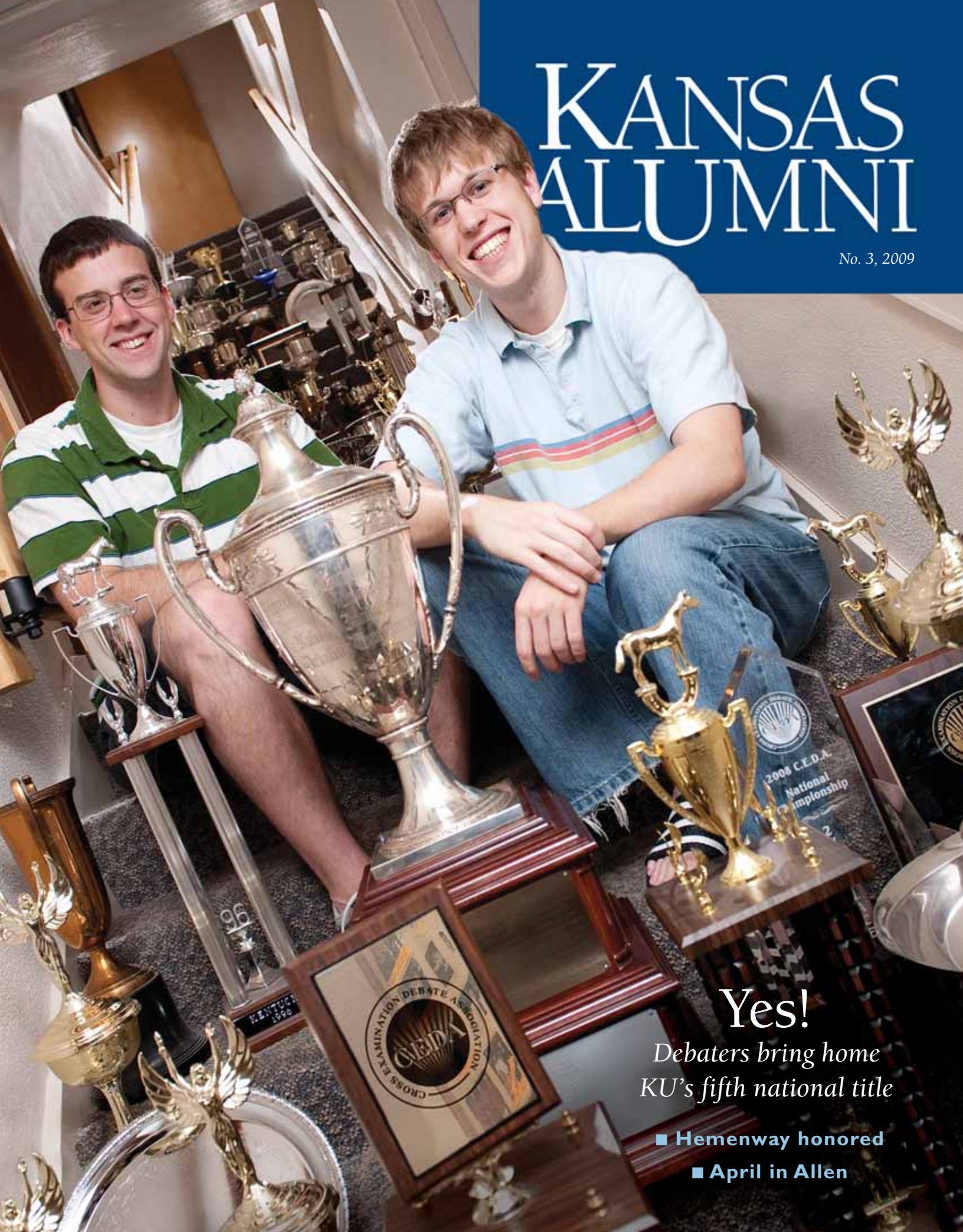


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rock chalk flock



Jayhawk Generations

If your Jayhawk is ready to leave the nest for KU, let us know! Your family's legacy of KU students will be featured in "Jayhawk Generations," KU Alumni Association's annual salute to crimson-and-blue heritage.

To be included, the student must:

- be a freshman in fall 2009
- have at least one parent who is an Alumni Association member
- have at least one parent who attended KU (that parent need not have graduated)

Second Generations

Please mail in your son or daughter's resumé and high school name. Please do not send student photographs for second-generation Jayhawks.

Third Generations and beyond

Mail in your son or daughter's resumé, along with information detailing high-school activities. Please provide information about your KU ancestors. Mail a photograph of the student and college-era photos of parents who attended KU. Photos of grandparents should be sent for fifth-generation students only. We will return all photos after the feature is published online in September 2009.



Deadline for all materials is June 30.

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BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

First Word



of a KU residence hall after multiple alcohol violations.

In May 5 messages to students, parents, faculty and staff, campus leaders outlined the new notification program:

—Officials will alert parents and/or legal guardians after the first known violation of KU policy or state law regarding drugs, after the first known violation involving

alcohol that endangered the health or welfare of the student and/or another person, or after the second known violation of KU alcohol policy.

—KU will notify parents after a known drug or alcohol violation that leads to the cancellation of a student's housing contract, or if the student is referred for second-level alcohol assessment.

—KU will provide amnesty from alcohol-related University and student-housing policies to students who seek immediate medical assistance for persons experiencing alcohol-related emergencies. "The big message is to remove every barrier we can," says Marlesa Roney, vice provost for student success. "We want students to know that friends can do the right thing without fear that they're going to get in trouble."

In addition, KU's alcohol education program will expand: Each new student will be required to take an online alcohol assessment within six weeks of attending his or her first class. Students whose responses indicate a high risk factor will be contacted by Student Health Services and be required to participate in a follow-

up program. If dangerous behavior continues, campus staff will contact parents, Roney explains.

KU strives to strike a balance between giving students the chance to take care of their own business, she says, and involving parents. "There are national studies that focus on the fact that parents are more involved with their children even after they go to college, and when we look at who influences student behavior, especially the generation we're working with right now, parents can provide the extra support the University needs."

Along with family relationships, student drinking behaviors have changed since the 1980s, according to Roney, who has worked at three universities during her career and has seen binge drinking reach new levels. A night out, she says, is no longer "about getting a buzz, and it's not about getting drunk. Some students are going out with the intent to pass out."

Since the announcement of the parental notification program, Roney has fielded varied reactions. Most non-student responses have been positive, she says, and she was pleased to see that student comments were about 70 percent supportive and 30 percent negative. "We're responsible adults," some of them say. And I say, 'Absolutely.' Only in those instances where there is a pattern of irresponsible behavior will we take action," Roney says.

In 1985, our story on the looming law change concluded, "Easing alcohol abuse and enforcing new drinking laws pose tough assignments for the University. There are limits to how much help students will accept and how much personal control they will stomach. Under today's laws, students are adults in many respects. But the concept of adulthood is hazy; no single event marks this metamorphosis."

Unfortunately, the haze persists. —

In a March 1985 cover story, *Kansas Alumni* examined the potential impact of the pending hike in the legal drinking age from 18 to 21. Years later, our society still grapples with the fact that many undergraduate students who choose to drink alcohol do so illegally.

KU leaders in May announced a parental notification program for alcohol and drug violations by students younger than 21. This is the first in a series of actions to deal with irresponsible use of alcohol.

The new policy and a new Community Alcohol Coalition have emerged following recent tragedies: Two KU freshmen died on or near campus in alcohol-related deaths. Dalton Hawkins, 18, of Shawnee, was found dead April 24. He died after falling from the roof of Watkins Scholarship Hall. He had been drinking alcohol, according to a preliminary report. He lived in Ellsworth Hall.

Jason Wren, 19, of Littleton, Colo., was found dead March 8 inside Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity after a night of drinking. He had been asked to move out



On the Boulevard

KATIE MOYER



■ Students interacted with an unusual art installation May 7 on the front lawn of Spencer Museum of Art. Six animals, rented from a local petting zoo, represented the global consumption of natural resources. The artist, Wang Tiande, is an experimental calligrapher and professor at the Shanghai Institute of Visual Art. He was invited to campus as part of a three-week residency supported by the Freeman Foundation through KU's Center for East Asian Studies.

■ Exhibitions

“Climate Change at the Poles,”
Spencer Museum of Art, through
May 24

“A Greenland Glacier: The Scale of
Climate Change,” Spencer Museum of
Art, through May 24

“A Tradition Redefined: Modern and
Contemporary Chinese Ink Paintings
from the Chu-tsing Collection,
1950-2000,” Spencer Museum of Art,
through May 24

“Trees & Other Ramifications:
Branches in Nature & Culture,”
Spencer Hall, through May 24

■ University Theatre

JUNE

26-28, July 1-3 “The Spitfire Grill,”

written by James Valcq and Fred Alley,
directed by John Stanianas

JULY

17-19, 24-26 “Almost, Maine,”
written by John Cariani, directed by
Boone J. Hopkins

■ Lied Center 2009-'10

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OCTOBER

3 “Darwin the Dinosaur”
4 Glenn Miller Orchestra
9 Orquestra de São Paulo with
percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie
23 Trey McIntyre Project
28 Cypress String Quartet

NOVEMBER

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11 “TAP DOGS”
14 Soledad Barrio and Noche
Flamenca

DECEMBER

12 Straight No Chaser

JANUARY

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28 Ballet Folklórico de México de
Amalia Hernández

FEBRUARY

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5 Pilobolus Dance Theatre
16 Gold Medalist
26 “The Aluminum Show”

MARCH

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10 SHIDARA
24 “Avenue Q”

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JULY

31 Summer classes end

AUGUST

20 Fall classes begin

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JUNE

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Science Day Camps,
www.nhm.ku.edu/Hdocs/Day-Camps.html

■ Jayhawk Generation Picnics

JUNE

25 Elkhart

JULY

- 9** Wellington
- 12** Leavenworth
- 12** Manhattan
- 12** Paola
- 12** Pittsburg
- 13** Atchison
- 13** Emporia
- 13** Topeka
- 13** Dodge City
- 14** Garden City
- 14** Great Bend
- 14** Hutchinson
- 14** Fort Scott
- 15** Colby
- 15** Lawrence
- 15** Kingman
- 15** Salina

- 16** El Dorado
- 16** McPherson
- 16** Hays
- 16** Wichita
- 23** Denver



■ Alumni events

MAY

- 24** St. Louis: Alumni day with the Cardinals
- 25** Dallas: Alumni happy hour
- 28** Jacksonville, Fla.: Chapter kickoff
- 29** Goodland: Northwest Kansas Chapter golf tournament and dinner
- 30** Garden City: Great Plains Chapter golf tournament and dinner

JUNE

- 5** Hays: Smoky Hill Chapter golf tournament and dinner
- 6** Kansas City: 'Hawks, Helmets and Handlebars—a bike safety event for future Jayhawks

- 6** Denver: Big 12 golf tournament
- 8** Pittsburg: Tri-State Chapter golf tournament and dinner
- 14** Dallas: Alumni day at Fair Park
- 21** Durham, N.C.: Central North Carolina Chapter alumni night with the Durham Bulls
- 22** Kansas City: Legends of KU golf tournament
- 26** Liberal: Southwest Kansas Chapter golf tournament and dinner
- 27** Salina: Steak Out event
- 28** Paola: East Chapter wine tasting

JULY

- 10** Wellington: Wheat Festival Parade
- 18** Denver: Rafting trip
- 22** Fort Collins, Colo.: Beer tasting
- 25** Albuquerque: New Mexico Chapter alumni picnic
- 25** Indianapolis: Alumni picnic
- 25** Philadelphia: Alumni night with the Phillies
- 25** Phoenix: Alumni volunteer day
- 26** St. Louis: Alumni picnic
- 30** Houston: Alumni picnic
- 30** San Antonio: Beer tasting

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KU main number	864-2700
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■ The installation, titled "Up/Down," is based on two Chinese characters, the shapes of which have been planted using native bluestem grass in the center lawn of the museum. The artist uses the characters to convey contrasting relationships: China and the U.S., tradition and modernity, and consumer and producer.

VALERIE SPICHER (2)



Jayhawk Walk

YouTuba sensation

Andy Chester always believed the tuba would one day take him to Carnegie Hall. The surprise was that his big break came thanks to the YouTube Symphony.

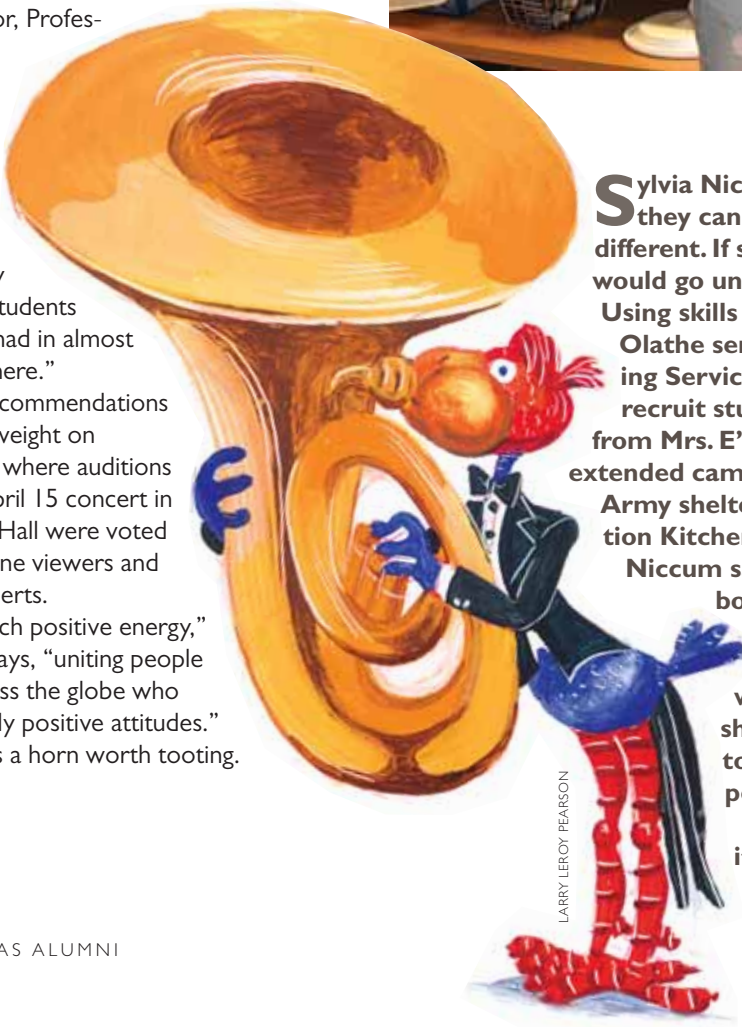
“What drew me to the audition is that I thought it was a great way to add an audience that normally doesn’t listen to classical music,” Chester, f’07, says from Chicago, where he’s in graduate school at DePaul University. “It’s a great way to put some life into classical music, by spicing it with our popular culture.”

Chester’s DePaul professor, Floyd Cooley, says Chester is a star of DePaul’s orchestra and wind ensembles. His KU mentor, Professor Scott Watson, describes Chester as “one of the more supremely talented students I’ve ever had in almost 30 years here.”

Still, recommendations carry no weight on YouTube, where auditions for the April 15 concert in Carnegie Hall were voted on by online viewers and music experts.

“It’s such positive energy,” Chester says, “uniting people from across the globe who share really positive attitudes.”

Always a horn worth tooting.



LARRY LEROY PEARSON



SUSAN YOUNGER

One good turn

Sylvia Niccum knew that restaurants often end up with food they can’t use; she figured KU’s campus cafeterias were no different. If some restaurants donate food that otherwise would go uneaten, she wondered, why couldn’t the cafeterias? Using skills honed during a summer research internship, the Olathe senior in education cooked up a plan to help KU Dining Services do just that. She organized Daily Bread to recruit student volunteers to pick up bread and produce from Mrs. E’s and six other Mount Oread eateries before extended campus breaks and deliver the goods to the Salvation Army shelter and the Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen.

Niccum says the idea grew out of a conversation with her boyfriend about what they hoped to accomplish in their last year on the Hill.

“Lawrence and KU have given us so much; we wanted to give something back to the community,” she says. “It’s kind of like, ‘Hey, thanks.’ We just want to do more for the community that has been so supportive of us.”

We say kudos to you, Sylvia. Or as you might put it, “Hey, you’re welcome.”

Sonnets for a song

Shall Polly Rolston compare thee to a summer's day? Yea, verily. For a fee.

Rolston, c'08, has enjoyed standing Shakespeare on his head since she won a high school poetry contest with an anti-sonnet about love gone bad. Now she crafts the 14-line rhyming verses for \$39.95 through her parents' mail order business, Victorian Trading Company (victoriantradingco.com). Customers fill out an online form detailing the unique traits, virtues and disposition of the recipient and the tone and message they'd like their custom sonnet to convey. Rolston does the rest.

The self-described "poetry nerd" enjoys the challenge of the strict form, and relishes the chance to shift sonnets from dusty academy to real-world relevance. Surely Shakespeare (celebrated, after all, as a poet of the people) would approve?



"I go back and forth on that," she says. "Sometimes I feel I'm prostituting the form, because here I am writing, 'You have a sexy hairy chest and you love NASCAR.'" On the other hand, she notes, "These sonnets are touching lives that maybe wouldn't have experienced the art form at all."

So take heart, hopeless romantics:

Even tangle-tongu'd dolts can attain chivalry/ Just allow three to four weeks for delivery.



Rock Chalk, Space 'Hawks

For two days in April, KU students, local schoolkids and space-age parents trekked by the hundreds to Learned Hall to touch a tiny, polished moon rock, collected in 1972 by Apollo 17—whose command module was piloted by the late Capt. Ron Evans, e'56.

During its brief visit to Mount Oread, Lunar Sample 70215 clearly had a job to do: Attract visitors, especially engineers (and voters) of the future, so NASA could spread the word about its return to manned lunar exploration.



JILL HUMMELS

"Celebrating the past with a vision of the future," read one panel in an exhibit that set forth an intriguing timeline: 2015 for a visit by the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle to the International Space Station and 2020 for a return to the moon, where NASA hopes astronauts will spend up to six months at a time, exploring for natural resources while learning to live and work in the harshest possible environment (or lack thereof).

And then? Wherever kids of today, turned on by this lunar touchstone, think we should go.

STEVE PUPPE (2)



Go pick your nose

After he figured out what the word Amucous means, Ian Tekolste and his buddy Alex Eason, students at Lawrence's Quail Run Elementary, gawked in disbelief at a quart of liquid that showed how much snot drains through the human body every day.

The duo joined thousands of youngsters who flocked to the Natural History Museum during Spring Break for



"Body Science: blood, boogers and bones." Besides pondering phlegm, kids shot Velcro balls at a giant nose—complete with giant nose hairs—to learn how the schnoz filters unwanted trespassers. Exhibit attendants exhorted kids to "Go pick your nose" and retrieve the balls.

Additional stations revealed how much sweat feet produce and what it would be like if humans hadn't evolved to move their necks.

The School of Engineering helped construct a larger-than-life-sized Anatomy Alex for the display; the piece resembled the game Operation, and kids removed the model's organs with kitchen tongs.

"The operation game was my favorite," Eason says. "I knew I was going to like it."

Fun like that is nothing to sneeze at.



Hilltopics BY STEVEN HILL

■ While the economic downturn is causing immediate budget pain, policy changes that give the University more autonomy point to a stronger future.



STEVE PUPPE

construction of privately funded new buildings on campuses—a move that KU leaders estimate could save 18 to 24 months for every project. And, in historic changes, the Legislature gave the Kansas Board of Regents sole authority to manage admissions requirements for state universities and to approve universities' proposals for partial tuition waivers (as *Kansas Alumni* reported in issue 2).

Following the governor's signature, KU proposed and the Regents on April 16 approved the Jayhawk Generations Scholarship plan for academically qualifying out-of-state students from KU families. The two-year pilot program is available for new freshmen enrolling for the fall 2009 semester. (For information about specific requirements and procedures, please contact Joy Larson Maxwell, c'03, j'03, who directs legacy recruitment for the Alumni Association, at jmaxwell@kualumni.org, and the Office of Admissions and Scholarships, 785-864-3911.)

On April 24, during the year's third campus budget forum, Provost Richard Larrivee said these historic changes in policy warranted optimism that KU and other universities would grow stronger over the next five years and beyond. "I'm hoping that out of this comes a relationship between the states and these wonderful, incredibly valuable, sacred institutions, where there is a greater degree of trust and recognition that if you've got the obligation to fulfill your mission, you also have to have the responsibility to shape your own destiny," he told faculty and staff.

"Look at this legislative session: This has been in some ways the most successful legislative session we've ever seen. We have seen control of admissions be relinquished by the Legislature to the Board of Regents where it belongs. They passed the Jayhawk Generations tuition plan ... Lawmakers are recognizing that they can't do what historically they have been asked to do."

Less money, more control

Pharmacy expansion, changes in admissions, tuition, could signal new era

Bleak state revenue estimates in late April forced the Kansas Legislature to deal with a \$328 million projected deficit in the fiscal year 2010 budget. In a wrap-up session that began April 29, lawmakers debated various combinations of program cuts and revenue increases. As *Kansas Alumni* went to press, they had not yet reached consensus.

But amid the fear and uncertainty, some bright spots emerged. The Legislature and then-Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, g'80, approved an additional \$30 million in bonding authority to complete funding for the KU School of Pharmacy expansion at the Wichita and Lawrence campuses that was approved in the 2008 session.

In addition, the Legislature approved policy changes that perhaps signal the start of a new era of increasing autonomy for public higher education in Kansas. Lawmakers no longer will oversee

Despite glimmers of optimism for years ahead, the KU community braced for the possibility of additional, damaging cuts in the fiscal 2010 budget. At the budget forum, Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway, Lariviere, chief financial officer Teresa Klinkenberg Gordzica, b'85, g'89, and KU state relations director Kathy Damron described the outlook for the pending legislative wrap-up session and the potential impact of more cuts.

The initial budget bill, which Sebelius signed in mid-April, called for a reduction of slightly more than 7 percent for the Lawrence and KU Medical Center campuses. But unfunded mandates, including 1 percent raises for classified staff and additional health insurance and utility costs, pushed the cuts to more than 8 percent, meaning KU's Lawrence and KU Medical Center campuses would have \$23 million less to spend in FY 2010 than was originally appropriated in FY 2009. At the forum, Chancellor Hemenway said that even though these initial cuts are substantial, they would be within the range that KU and other universities had prepared to deal with. "If our budget remains at this level, it puts certain investments on hold, but it ...would enable us to carry out our academic and research missions," he said.

But additional cuts could be dire, as the KU family warned lawmakers March 23-24, during the Senate's consideration of potential double-digit reductions in higher education. The cuts were defeated—at least for the time being—and Damron praised KU's advocacy partnership with the Alumni Association and Jayhawks for Higher

Education. "They have been terrific," Damron said. "In every one of the state's 105 counties, we have alumni who are active politically and know their state lawmakers. They have been a very productive, strong voice." Over two days in March, 573 alumni sent 582 e-mails to lawmakers, urging them to protect higher education from drastic cuts. And, as the wrap-up session convened amid more bad news regarding state revenue projections, alumni rallied again, sending nearly 300 messages to Topeka. As the debate stretched into early May, Jayhawks awaited the final budget decision.

—Jennifer Jackson Sanner



Shot in the arm

*Kansas Bioscience Authority
boosts KU cancer and biofuel efforts
with \$40 million in grants*

The University's bioscience research got an important vote of confidence and an infusion of cash with the Kansas Bioscience Authority's approval this spring of \$40.1 million in funding for projects connected to KU.

The biggest chunk of money, \$26.4 million, will help prepare space for cancer research on the KU Medical Center campus. The grant will help fund a \$50 million renovation of the Wahl-Hixon Research Complex, which will house 30 to 40

cancer researchers and \$16 million in research equipment. The money will be paid out over 10 years, but phase one of the renovation is expected to be completed by 2010.

■ Roy Jensen (left) directs the KU Cancer Center drive for NCI designation and Scott Weir heads the cancer center's drug discovery efforts, two key initiatives that attracted funding support from the Kansas Bioscience Authority.

"If you've got the obligation to fulfill your mission, you also have to have the responsibility to shape your own destiny."

— Richard Lariviere

STEVE PUPPE (2)





Head of the class

The School of Education rose from 13th to 10th and the school's special education program held its first-place spot in U.S.

News and World

Report's annual ranking of the top public school academic programs.

Overall the magazine

ranks 28 KU academic programs among the top 30 in their fields.

In addition, KBA will contribute \$250,000 for research into drugs that target the cells that lead to formation and growth of tumors, and \$500,000 for a system that uses KU's high-throughput screening capabilities to identify chemical compounds that have potential to yield cancer-fighting drugs.

"This is an investment on our part to expand an area where the University already has national and in some cases international capabilities," says Tom Thornton, CEO and president of the Kansas Bioscience Authority. "That strength is to a great extent in its drug discovery development and delivery area. It's a heritage that goes back to Tak Higuchi and the very strong pharmacy school. Our goal is to vitalize this strength and focus it on commercialization as well."

The grants will directly boost the effort led by director Roy Jensen to win a Comprehensive Cancer Center designation for the KU Cancer Center from the National Cancer Institute. The NCI has invited KU to submit its application in 2011.

"NCI designation is a very important goal, and a key part of seeking that designation successfully is the ability to attract and keep the best and brightest cancer researchers," Thornton says. "One way to do that is to provide the research infrastructure they require to be productive."

The KBA, created by the Kansas Economic Growth Act of 2004 to expand the state's research capacity and encourage bioscience research and business expansion, also promised \$3.25 million in matching funds to add a new building on KU's West Campus to house a bioscience business incubator. The facility would provide space for KU faculty to turn research into start-up business ideas.

KBA also approved the creation of two new centers. The Kansas Bioscience Innovation Center in Drug Delivery, a collaboration among KU, Kansas State and bioscience businesses, will receive \$5 million. The center will seek to bring drug discoveries from both schools to market. Scott Weir, director of the Institute for Advancing Medical Innovation at the KU Cancer Center, which oversees KU efforts to develop new cancer-fighting drugs, will be principal investigator on the project.

The second center, the Kansas Bioenergy and Biorefining Center for Innovation, will bring KU and K-State together with bioenergy corporations such as

Archer Daniels Midland. The goal for this \$4.7 million project, led by KSU professor Krista Walton, is to harness university research to develop commercially viable biofuels. The project could lead to construction of three biorefineries and \$600 million in sales of cellulosic ethanol over five years, according to KBA projections.



Surprise package

Spencer one of 50 museums tapped to receive Vogel works

Saralyn Reece Hardy can't say for certain why the Spencer Museum of Art was selected as the only museum in Kansas to receive works from the most celebrated gift the art world has seen in years.

The museum director knows only that she's happy to accept it.

"When you don't apply for it, it feels so much like a gift," Hardy says, "a gift of recognition for some of the work that you're doing."

The Dorothy and Herbert Vogel Collection: Fifty Works for Fifty States is a project to donate 2,500 works of minimalist, conceptual and post-1960s art collected by the New York City couple. One museum in each state will receive 50 works. Hardy and her staff learned this spring that the Spencer is the Kansas pick.

"I'm proud we were selected because of the democratic feel of it," says Hardy, c'76, g'94.



STEVE PUPPE

■ The Vogels' collection grew mostly from studio visits, gallery openings and personal friendships with artists, says Spencer Museum of Art director Saralyn Reece Hardy. That personal touch, she notes, "almost shines like an aura off their collection."

“We’re a very comprehensive museum; we’re focused on KU but we also serve a statewide audience.”

That Herbert Vogel, a retired postal clerk, and Dorothy Vogel, a former librarian, could amass such a huge collection is also something of a surprise. The couple lived on one modest salary and devoted the other to art, building a collection more than 4,000-pieces strong in 45 years. Though they previously pledged 2,000 paintings, drawings and sculptures to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., they decided the 2,500 works in this project would be too much for one museum.

Represented in their collection are well-known artists such as Sol Lewitt, Robert Mangold and Richard Tuttle, along with others who are still establishing their reputations.

Hardy says the Vogels built their collection by visiting artists in their studios and attending their gallery shows. They knew the artists and their works personally. That philosophy fits well with the Spencer’s.

“That’s so significant for us now because that’s one area we’re paying very special attention to,” she says. “Yes, we are a place for objects of meaning and significance, but we are also a place that wants to be hospitable, engaging, inviting to artists. We’re trying to create a climate in which culture is generated, not just reflected.”

She expects to receive primarily works on paper, including drawings made in the early stages of projects. These works fill an important niche for the Spencer, which does not currently have extensive holdings in minimalist and conceptual art. The additions also offer an especially important resource for students and researchers, because preliminary sketches give a glimpse of the artist’s mind at work. “This is art about thinking,” Hardy says. “You actually feel like you’re in the mind of the artist. It’s the moment where the artist is really grappling with a set of questions, and you get to look at it.”

The Vogels drew inspiration from the Kress Collection, which sent European masterworks to regional museums in the 20th century. KU received 17 Italian renaissance paintings from the Kress in 1960, and Hardy feels the 50-50 project can be similarly rewarding for museums.

“It’s one of those arts leadership moves that really begins to shift the landscape,” she says.

The museum will not know until this summer which specific works it will receive—one more surprise from a gift no one saw coming.

Visitor

Hiroshima’s tears

Sachiko Masuoka was a high-school girl when an atomic bomb obliterated her hometown, Hiroshima, Japan, on Aug. 6, 1945; the spry and tiny octogenarian, a Chicago resident since 1962, in recent years began sharing her memories to help inspire world peace.



CHRIS LAZZARINO

WHEN: March 8

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BACKGROUND: Masuoka and her classmates were at Monday assembly in their schoolyard when the first atomic weapon used in warfare detonated over her hometown. Her 6-year-old brother was incinerated; her 14-year-old sister died two days later.

ANECDOTE: Masuoka recalls gazing into a “sky so clear” when she heard a lone airplane flying high overhead. “I only saw a contrail. Then there was a flash, and I felt heat on my cheeks.” Later wandering in the blast zone, she looked down from a bridge and saw countless bodies of those who had fled to the river to douse flames engulfing clothes and skin. “I could not do anything about the bodies. What I could do was just to pray, in tears.”

QUOTE: “I am not able to express how horrible it was. I have never forgotten what I saw that day. I wish there could be no war, and we can bring peace into this world.”

—Chris Lazzarino

“People wandering the streets were all injured or burned and unable to utter a word. But they were the lucky ones. That scene made me think of hell.”

—Sachiko Masuoka

RESEARCH

Field Station welcomes public with hiking trails, lookout

Jayhawks are used to glorious valley views from KU, but thanks to a viewing platform built at the KU Field Station by School of Architecture students, anyone willing make a short hike can now take in a Kaw River Valley view of KU.

Funded by a gift from Dick and Sue Himes, the platform was designed and constructed at the KU Field Station north of Lawrence by students of Nils Gore, associate professor of architecture. It includes a curving wooden bench reminiscent of waving fields of wheat.

“It’s probably the first time in their lives, in their fledgling careers in architecture, that the students actually get to see the results of something they designed,” Gore says.

The results are panoramic: Perched on a cliff at the edge of KU’s Rockefeller Prairie, the overlook offers vistas of Rockefeller’s native grasses; the wooded Suzanne Ecke McColl Nature Reserve, a 160-acre tract donated to KU by Robert McColl in 2007; and much of the Kaw



STEVE PUPPE

■ A sturdy steel-and-wood platform designed and built by School of Architecture students at KU’s Rockefeller Field Station affords sweeping views of KU and the golden valley it towers far above.

River Valley. The Kansas River flows 240 feet below, and KU’s skyline, including the iconic twin cupolas of Fraser Hall, is visible on the horizon.

An ADA-compliant concrete pathway from the Rockefeller Prairie parking area should be complete in May, and hiking trails wind up the ridge from the McColl parking area. Both tracts are off East 1600 Road.

While enjoying the view, visitors can take advantage of newfound freedom to explore a bit of the 1,700 acres in KU Field Station’s holdings north of town.

“This is a completely new venture for us,” says Field Station Associate Director Scott Campbell, c’80, g’82, who notes that most of the University’s natural research areas are off-limits to the public. “This addresses what we see as our obligation to encourage public education.”

JOURNALISM

Daily Kansan writers win Hearst contest—again

For the third straight year, students in the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications have won the prestigious intercollegiate writing competition known as the “Pulitzers of College Journalism.”

KU’s entries in the The William Randolph Hearst Foundation Journalism Award Program were led by Matt Erickson and Megan Hirt, who took first and second in the most prestigious category, in-depth writing.

Erickson, Olathe senior in journalism and political science, won the \$2,000 first prize for his April 2008 story on students sued by the music industry for downloading music files. Hirt, c’09, j’09, took the \$1,500 second prize for her December story, “A Sobering Struggle.”

Other Jayhawk winners included Rustin Dodd, Overland Park senior in journalism, who placed first in sports writing; Patrick Luiz Sullivan de Oliveira, Roeland Park senior in journalism, environmental studies and history, who placed eighth in editorial writing;

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Class credit

Two Jayhawks have won Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships, the nation’s pre-eminent award for undergraduates in science, engineering and mathematics.

Brandon DeKosky, an Overland Park junior in chemical engineering, and Rebecca Getman, a Chesterfield, Mo., junior in chemistry, will receive up to \$7,500 for tuition, fees, books, and room and board. Since the program was established in 1986 to pay tribute to the retired U.S. senator from Arizona, 47 KU students have earned Goldwater Scholarships.

Christopher Martin, a Manhattan sophomore in mathematics and physics, and Richard Robinson, a Garnett junior in mathematics, received honorable mentions.

Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway congratulated all four students when the honors were announced in March. “As young scientists, each has demonstrated not only a desire to improve lives but also a drive to achieve at the highest level academically,” Hemenway said.



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DeKosky and Getman

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and Mark Dent, Overland Park senior in journalism, who placed third in personality/profile writing and fifth in sports writing.

In all, KU journalism students won \$10,600 in scholarships for themselves and \$20,600 for the school: \$10,600 in matching funds plus \$10,000 for the first-place finish.

—Whitney Eriksen

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS



McCluskey-Fawcett

LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Longtime KU administrator will lead Honors Program

Kathleen McCluskey-Fawcett, g'73, PhD'77, will become director of the University Honors Program July 1. The former senior vice provost for student affairs has worked with honors students at the administrative level since 1985.

Succeeding Stan Lombardo, professor of classics, McCluskey-Fawcett will oversee all operations of the honors program, including curriculum, student recruitment and fundraising. Her goals include a mentor system within the honors program to assist incoming freshmen, increased recruitment of minority students in partnership with the Office of Admissions and Scholarships and the Multicultural Resource Center, greater faculty involvement and more programming held in the Nunemaker Center.

If her schedule allows, McCluskey-Fawcett will continue to teach two classes each semester, including honors child psychology, which she has taught every year while serving in administration.

Milestones, money and other matters

■ **A \$1.12 MILLION GRANT** from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will help the KU Biodiversity Institute track and forecast the spread of bird-borne diseases such as avian influenza. A. Townsend Peterson, University distinguished professor of ecology and evolutionary biology and senior curator at the Biodiversity Institute, and Leonard Krishtalka, director of the Biodiversity Institute, are principal investigators on the project, which should double the amount of fieldwork and collecting by ornithology graduate students and faculty.

■ **GOV. KATHLEEN SEBELIUS**, g'80, resigned April 28 after confirmation by the U.S. Senate as secretary of Health and Human Services. Former Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson, l'84, succeeds Sebelius as governor.

■ **DONALD WORSTER**, c'63, g'64, Joyce and Elizabeth Hall professor of history, was named to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A nationally renowned pioneer in the field of environmental history and a faculty member since 1989, he is the author of many books, including, most recently, *A Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir*.

■ **CHANCELLOR ROBERT E. HEMENWAY** was named Kansan of the Year by the Kansas Society of Washington, D.C., a nonprofit society for Kansans in the nation's capital. Hemenway, who will step down as chancellor this summer to return to teaching and research, shared the award with retiring Kansas State president Jon Wefald.

■ **THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY EARNED \$17.6 MILLION** in research funding from the National Institutes of Health in fiscal 2008, which ranks KU third among schools of pharmacy that receive NIH funding. KU has ranked among the top five in funding from the NIH, the primary source of NIH funding for pharmacy schools, every year since 2001.

■ **ALICIA CLAIR**, f'69, g'75, PhD'79, will be interim dean of the newly formed School of Music. A professor of music education and music therapy, Clair has been on the faculty since she earned her PhD in music therapy from KU. The School of Music is part of a reorganization of the University's fine arts programs, which becomes effective July 1.

■ **KU CANCER CENTER'S PROSTATE CANCER** program was named one of the nation's 13 "Clinical Centers of Excellence" by Urology Times this spring. The magazine surveyed readers and industry leaders, patient outcomes, quality improvement initiatives, research, referrals and other factors in compiling the rankings. KU's was the only prostate cancer center in Kansas or the Kansas City metro area to make the list.

■ **STEPHANIE HILL**, Shawnee senior in chemistry and biochemistry, received the National Institutes of Health Oxford-Cambridge Scholarship. She's the first KU student to win the prestigious award, which funds two years of doctoral study at Oxford University or Cambridge University in England. Hill is a former Goldwater Scholar who plans a career in cancer research.



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UNIVERSITY RELATIONS





Sports

■ Tony Thompson celebrates after driving in the winning run for a sweep of Oklahoma State April 12 at Hoglund Ballpark. Thompson and the Jayhawks were ranked No. 23 in the country heading into the final week of the regular season.



Home is where hits are

Buoyed by dazzling new clubhouse, baseball sweeps powerhouses Texas, OSU

Maybe the first hint that KU baseball might be poised for a special spring came the first game of the season, when junior left-hander Shaeffer Hall threw a no-hitter against Air Force at the Service Academy Classic at USA Stadium in Millington, Tenn. Hall kept the Falcons off balance with three effective pitches; after walking the first batter, he retired 17 in a row before allowing another walk in the sixth. Coach Ritch Price said Hall's game, only the fifth complete-game no-hitter in 129 years of KU baseball, was "one of the best performances by a pitcher that I've seen in my 30 years of coaching."

OK, so maybe a complete-game no-hitter is a bit more emphatic than a mere "hint." Regardless of its predictive qualities, the no-hitter helped push KU to a 9-3 start, capped March 11 by a 8-0 home victory over KU's biggest nonconference rival, Wichita State.

The Jayhawks then traveled to Arizona, where they won one of three from No. 4-ranked Arizona State. Sophomore righty T.J. Walz threw 6 1/3 innings for KU's sixth quality start.

The Jayhawks lost the final game of the three-game set at ASU and were then swept in two games at San Diego State. Had the momentum crashed?

If so, nobody told KU.

The Jayhawks returned home and put the big hurt on top-ranked Texas, sweeping the Longhorns in three games at Hoglund Ballpark.

Hall pitched seven strong innings in the March 20 opener, leading KU to a 5-4 victory. The following day, junior second baseman Robby Price broke out of an 0-for-12 slump with an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh, giving KU a 4-3, come-from-behind victory. Sophomore outfielder Brian Heere, who led the Big 12 in on-base percentage (.497) late in the regular season and was second in batting average (.386), starred in the final game (a 4-3 KU win), going 2-for-4 and scoring the winning run on a sacrifice fly by senior catcher Buck Afenir.

"The big thing is that the players relish the opportunity to play the No. 1 team in the country," coach Price said. "They have incredible respect for Texas. When [the Longhorns] were here in 2005, we won the series and it was the only series they lost all year; they went on to win the national championship."



The Jayhawks then were swept in three at Texas A&M and lost two of three at home to Baylor. A pair of convincing nonconference victories over Iowa restored the momentum just in time for KU to sweep No. 17-ranked Oklahoma State, always a national and conference powerhouse.

After sophomore third baseman Tony Thompson drove in the final game's winning run with a 10th-inning, bases-loaded single, Price cited a most unusual source for his team's motivation: the sparkling new McCarthy Family Clubhouse, which for the first time gives the baseball players and coaches a first-class home base in their own stadium.

"I really believe that ever since we've built the clubhouse there has been some swagger to our program that wasn't there before," Price said after the OSU sweep. "Our players take great pride in our facility. They practically live in there, they love it so much, and I think that has carried over onto the field."

After the mid-April OSU series, highlights included a 7-3 victory over Missouri at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, a two-game sweep of Nebraska in Lawrence, taking two of three at ninth-ranked Oklahoma, then beating Wichita State in Wichita.

As *Kansas Alumni* went to press, the 23rd-ranked Jayhawks (34-16 overall, 12-9 in the conference) were prepping for a three-game series at Missouri, followed by three vs. Kansas State (one in Manhattan and two at home), and the May 20-24 Big 12 Championships at Bricktown Ballpark in Oklahoma City.

Five Jayhawks—Heere, .367; Thompson, .363; junior shortstop David Narodowski, .353; Afenir, .345; and freshman Zac Elgie, .317—were hitting over .300. Walz led the pitchers in wins at 6-1, while junior righty Brett Bollman was 5-0 with a stellar 1.98 ERA. And senior outfielder Nick Faunce was named a finalist for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, honoring the outstanding senior student-athlete in Division I baseball; balloting is open until May 31 at www.seniorclassaward.com.

—Chris Lazzarino

"I really believe that ever since we've built the clubhouse there has been some swagger to our program that wasn't there before."

— baseball coach Ritch Price

Hoops hopes arrive early

Returning stars, talented newcomers inspire title dreams for 2010

A lot has happened since the men's basketball team, going further in the NCAA Tournament than anyone expected, fell to Michigan State by five points in the Sweet 16.

Since KU concluded its season with a 27-8 record, coach Bill Self earned Associated Press Coach of the Year honors, freshman Quintrell Thomas and junior Tyrone Appleton chose to transfer in search of more playing time, and junior Mario Little had surgery to repair a stress fracture in his lower left leg. And it wasn't long after Jayhawk fans overcame the Sweet 16 loss that they began to ponder the future of KU basketball, starting with one question: Will the two team leaders stay or go?

Junior guard Sherron Collins and sophomore center Cole Aldrich put minds at ease when they announced at the team's awards banquet that they would forgo their chances in the NBA.

"That's two good recruits we just signed for next year," Self said. "I think we've returned the best guard in the country and the best big guy in the country."

So Aldrich gets one year closer to becoming the first college graduate in his immediate family, and Collins' mother gets something she has wanted since his freshman year at KU. "She gets her Senior Night," Collins said with a smile. "I get my degree, and hopefully we'll get



■ Guard Sherron Collins drives to the basket against Michigan State March 27 in Indianapolis. Collins and center Cole Aldrich both spurned the NBA draft to return to KU.

another national championship."

Just 10 days later, Self's squad celebrated another announcement: standout high-school guard Xavier Henry's intention to suit up in KU blue. The 6-6 Oklahoma City native signed a grant-in-aid agreement to play at Kansas for the 2009-'10 season. Henry originally signed a letter of intent with Memphis, but was released when coach John Calipari left for Kentucky.

Henry led Putnam City High School to the 6A state championship this past season, and finished with an average of 28.3 points, 6.7 rebounds, 2.7 steals and 2.1 assists per game. He brings with him brother and fellow guard C.J. Henry. C.J. signed a \$1.6 million signing bonus with the New York Yankees in 2005, but saw his professional baseball career end last year with a foot injury. He returned to basketball and sat on the Memphis bench as a redshirt freshman last season

before transferring to KU to play with his brother.

Xavier and C.J. will arrive already schooled in KU tradition. Their parents are former Jayhawks Carl, '85, and Barbara Adkins Henry, b'86. Carl led the 1983 KU squad in scoring under coach Larry Brown, and Barbara was a four-year letter winner for coach Marian Washington. The brothers' aunt, Vickie Adkins Summers, '86, is fourth on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,786 career points.

"I don't know if we've ever had a chance to recruit a family of this talent, that both the parents are alumni," Self says. "I think that makes it even more special for me, personally."

With five returning starters supported by Self's lauded class of newcomers, KU can confidently count on a top-five ranking next preseason, perhaps even No. 1.

Self predicts that the addition of "X" Henry to the stellar Collins-Aldrich duo will give KU a solid chance to make a deep tournament run in 2010, setting up another season of great expectations.

—Katie Moyer

Magic mile

Webb betters 4-minute mark

Alan Webb, who holds the American record in the mile at 3:46.91, won the Kansas Relays' Glenn Cunningham Invitational Mile April 18 in 3:58.9. Second-place finisher Peter Van Der Westhuizen also bested the 4-minute barrier, clocking 3:59.54. Webb broke Jim Ryun's high-school mile record eight years ago, and this time Ryun, j'70, cheered Webb on from the Memorial Stadium field. "It's early in the season, but he ran a good race," said Ryun, who still holds the Relays' record at 3:54.7, a mark he set in 1967. Though Webb appeared to get more of a thrill when Ryun greeted him and Van Der Westhuizen afterward than



he did from winning, Webb admitted that sub-4-minute miles remain magical. "It is still cool," he said, "to see that number."

Among KU highlights, junior Lauren Bonds won the women's 1,500 meters in

■ Assured of victory in the final strides, miler Alan Webb looks at a clock to check his final time in the Kansas Relays' invitational mile: 3:58.9. Even the second-place finisher broke the 4-minute barrier.

4:27.36, which qualified her for the NCAA regional meet May 29-30 in Norman, Okla. Two weeks later she clocked 4:20.95—the third-fastest 1,500 in KU history—while finishing ninth at a meet at Stanford University.

Jordan Scott, who is redshirting during his junior outdoor season, competed unattached and won the men's pole vault at 18 feet, 9 3/4 inches. Scott placed third in the NCAA Indoor Championships in March, and earlier won his third-consecutive Big 12 Indoor title. Senior Stephanie Horton won the Relays' shot put with a toss of 15.47 meters.

—Chris Lazzarino

Updates



Bunge

Softball coach **Tracy Bunge** shocked her team when she announced April 24 that she would step down at the end of the season. Bunge, '87, retires as the longest-tenured and winningest coach in KU softball history. As *Kansas Alumni* went to press, the Jayhawks were 21-30, 6-12 in the Big 12 and the conference tournament's No. 9 seed, and Bunge was 409-344-2 at KU. Bunge's teams had 10 seasons of 30 or more wins, made four NCAA tournament appearances and in 2006 won the Big 12 tournament; 81 of her players have been named Academic All-Big 12. Bunge was an All-America pitcher for the Jayhawks in 1986, when she threw 15 shutouts and hit nine home runs; she still holds KU's career ERA record at 0.68. "I will always be a Jayhawk," she said. "It is time for a change in my professional career, and I am eager to take on some new challenges." ...

Sophomore diver **Erin Mertz**, seventh in the 1-meter board at the NCAA Championships, became the first KU swimmer or diver named All-American since 1998. KU set eight school records in the Big 12 meet at Columbia, Mo., including five relays records that each fell by more than one second. ... Senior quarterback **Todd Reesing** led three scoring drives at football's spring game April 11. Coach **Mark Mangino** hopes redshirt freshman **Kale Pick**, of Dodge City, will be ready to take over as Reesing's backup, allowing senior **Kerry Meier** to work full time at wide receiver. The 'Hawks open vs. Northern Colorado Sept. 5 in Memorial Stadium. ... Junior golfer **Meghan Gockel** placed sixth and was named All-Big 12 at the conference tournament; her team was fifth at the Lubbock, Texas, tournament—its best Big 12 finish. The men's team placed seventh at Prairie Dunes in Hutchinson.



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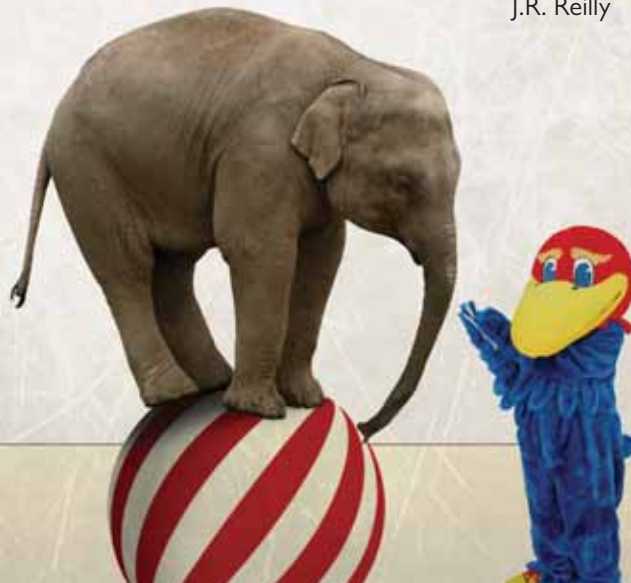
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Raise the Blue Banner

*There's no room
for argument:
KU's debate team
is the best in the land*

BY JOE MILLER

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WHILE OTHER KANSAS SENIORS ARE ENJOYING SPRING BREAK ON BEACHES IN FLORIDA AND MEXICO, BRETT BRICKER IS IN COLD, DAMP LAWRENCE, HIS NOSE BURIED IN BOOKS.

He reads all day, every day, taking short breaks now and then to grab some food. And he keeps reading while he eats. At night he can't sleep, so he gets up and reads some more, plowing through thick, mind-numbing books about the global economy and farm subsidies, and dense articles culled from peer-reviewed journals.

It's grueling, but this is March—tourney time. Bricker knows he must give his all if he wants to bring the national championship trophy back to KU.

When he needs a break from reading, he trudges across an empty campus to Bailey Hall, downstairs to the basement, to meet with his teammate, fellow senior Nate Johnson. It's a messy place, with tables and study carrels stacked with books and photocopied articles, reams and reams of them, and accordion file folders and pens and highlighters. And trophies. Lots and lots of trophies.

"There's too many trophies," he says. "Not enough room for all of them."

But Bricker, a math major, and Johnson, a double major in philosophy and political science, have spent four years doing all they can to add to the clutter. They first set foot in this place when they were high school students and were blown away by the winning tradition showcased on its walls, which are covered with banners: yellow and red for Final Four finishes, burgundy for ending the regular season ranked No. 1, and four KU blue ones for national championships: 1954, 1970, 1976 and 1983.

Debate's top prize

College debate offers several ways for schools to claim national championships. The National Debate Tournament, which KU won this spring for the fifth time, is the oldest and most prestigious. Established in 1948 and initially hosted by the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, it is the only national championship tournament that, like the NCAA basketball tournament, limits entries and requires qualification based on season record and performance at regional tournaments.

The Cross Examination Debate Association championship tournament is open; any college team in the country may participate. The first CEDA tourney was held in 1986.

Schools also compete for the Rex Copeland Award, given to the team with the top national ranking at the end of the regular season. Kansas earned this once, in 1982.

There also are several national championships for freshman and sophomores and junior-varsity debaters, two of which KU won this year: the Freshman/ Sophomore Nationals and the National Junior Division Tournament.

—J.M.



“When you get here, you want to work as hard as you can to enshrine your name here,” Johnson says.

Among the banners are several bearing their names, each for perfectly admirable accomplishments such as earning top seed in a championship tournament or finishing in the finals or Final Four.

But those aren't good enough for Bricker and Johnson.

The banners that bear their names aren't Jayhawk blue.



Folks sometimes compare KU's debate program to its storied basketball program. But that's really doing a disservice to debate.

Over the past 50 years, the Jayhawks won the National Debate Tournament four times, made it to the NDT Final

Four on 13 occasions, and have qualified for the tourney every year since 1968.

And, unlike basketball, they do it all without the benefit of full-ride scholarships. The Jayhawk debate squad, a perennial national top 10, is a team of walk-ons. “Our students debate because they love debate,” says coach Scott Harris.

Despite its success, Kansas doesn't attract the nation's top high school debaters the way rivals do. Other top-ranked debate programs, such as Northwestern, Emory, Harvard, Dartmouth and California-Berkeley, reload every season with champion debaters from the best prep schools in the country. Kansas builds its success with in-state students who had little opportunity to compete at the national level.

“Kansas has a great tradition of taking kids who weren't especially good debaters in high school and making



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them into champions,” Bricker says.

He and Johnson are perfect examples. Both debated in high school, Johnson in Manhattan and Bricker in Wichita. And though both qualified for the national championship tournament, along with hundreds of other kids, neither made it to elimination rounds, much less the Final Four or championship.

Yet now they’re heading into the final tournament of their college careers, the storied National Debate Tournament, as the second-ranked team in the nation, having been edged out of the top spot by Northwestern in February after a season-long, neck-and-neck battle.



It would have been nice to finish No. 1, of course. But in the big scheme of things, it doesn’t matter. All that matters now—indeed, maybe all that ever has mattered—is the NDT.

Last year, Kansas got knocked out in the Elite Eight. Same thing the year before.

Now the Jayhawks have one last chance to win it for themselves, and for their coach, who, despite an outstanding record in his 18 years in Lawrence, has never won the big one.



Harris came to Lawrence in 1991, after a five-year stint as director of debate for the University of Louisville, where, truth be told, he was beginning to feel disillusioned with the game. “It’s a high burnout activity,” he explains.

Observing Bricker and Johnson as they prepare for the NDT, it’s easy to see why. Each works more than 40 hours a week on debate during the regular season, much more at championship time. This is in addition to school. And neither of them sloughs off their schoolwork. Both are graduating with honors and have shored up plans to continue their studies, Johnson in law school and Bricker as a master’s student in KU’s communication studies program.

Coaching is even more demanding. In addition to managing several dozen debaters and nine assistant coaches (grad students in the communication studies department), and traveling to 18 tournaments a year, Harris also teaches two classes each semester.

■ Now in his 18th year as KU’s debate coach, Scott Harris (left) oversees a program rich in tradition. Among the countless banners and trophies that showcase success, a new prize gleams (p. 22): The national championship trophy captured in March by Brett Bricker and Nate Johnson.



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Yet he feels more excited about debate today than ever, he says, “because of the quality of students we’ve had here at Kansas. I really feel like I’ve been spoiled. We’ve had really good people. I don’t know what it is about Kansas. Maybe it’s something in the water that produces kids of high character.”

Also, he gets a lot of help from the administration and alumni. Support for debate has always been strong. It helps, for instance, that the chair of the communication studies department is not only a former KU debater but also a national champion: Professor Robert Rowland, c’77, PhD’83, won the NDT in 1976 with teammate Frank Cross, c’77. But support strengthened in 2001, when Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway formed the KU Debate Advisory Committee, a group of faculty and alumni that raises funds for the program and builds community across generations of KU debaters.

Mark Gidley, c’83, c’83, who serves on the committee and helped win Kansas’ last national championship, in 1983, says

the effort has benefited the program and alumni. “We’ve had a number of reunions,” he says. “It’s been amazing to make connections between debaters from the ’40s and ’50s and the ’80s and ’90s and to see that we all had the same experiences.”

But the greatest beneficiary, Gidley insists, is the University. “Debate is a fundamental University activity,” he says. “Rhetoric and the clash of ideas are fundamental to a free society. One place where ideas should be debated is on a college campus.”



A week before the NDT, in the waning days of Spring Break, Bricker and Harris head to Austin, Texas, site of this year’s NDT, to prepare free of hometown distractions. They check into a hotel, but spend most of their time in a nearby Denny’s, where the wireless Internet is faster. They work long into the night,

Bricker drinking coffee, Harris hot chocolate, and fine-tune the debate case Bricker began writing back home.

Though Bricker and Johnson are the best debate duo Harris has ever coached, he knows they face a fight. The 2009 tournament is the most competitive in years, with many of last year’s top teams returning intact. So he’s bringing a full arsenal—nine coaches, five student debaters to help with research, and so many bins of evidence that Bricker and Johnson have to cart them around on construction dollies.

The tournament starts well, with the duo easily winning the first three rounds. Then, in round four, they’re upset by a scrappy team from Towson State. Discouraged, they get even worse news when they’re matched for round five against an undefeated team from Emory. But the Kansans rise to the occasion, winning that round and all remaining, finishing the preliminary rounds 7-1, and entering the elimination rounds as the No. 1 seed.

The top ranking earns them a bye in the first elimination round. Bricker and Johnson can go back to the hotel for some much-needed rest while coaches scout their opponents and gather last-minute evidence for the octofinal round.

They’ll face Dartmouth, the team that



knocked Kansas out of the tournament in the final eight last year. And this year it's another tough battle. The judges take a full 90 minutes to reach their decision—long after all other rounds have been decided. Harris' hands are shaking so badly as he awaits the decision that he can't use his laptop.

The Jayhawks beat Dartmouth and win a 5-2 decision over Mary Washington University to make the Final Four. Word spreads among KU alumni. Out of the blue, Harris receives an e-mail from Danny Manning, c'92, saying, "Congrats on the Final Four!! Keep it rolling!!" He shares the message with his squad, and everyone feels a jolt of adrenaline, a sense of destiny. This tournament is beginning to feel eerily like last year's NCAA basketball title run, when KU was the underdog in a rare Final Four of all No. 1 seeds. In this year's NDT, the Jayhawks' opponents are the defending champions, Wake Forest; the regular-season champion, Northwestern; and last year's regular-season champion, Berkeley.

To strengthen the connection to their basketball counterparts, Harris pulls out his 2008 NCAA championship ring, which he earned as a faculty mentor for the men's basketball team. The debaters pass it around, channeling the champi-

onship spirit. And then they launch into an all-out clash of ideas with the team from California.

In another nail biter, the judges take more than an hour to reach a 3-2 decision. KU has advanced to the championship round. "When that decision was announced," Harris says. "I almost passed out."

For the title match, they break out the new case Bricker began putting together during Spring Break—a call for eliminating grain subsidies to U.S. farmers. Wake Forest, caught off guard, retaliates by running an astonishing 14 separate arguments against it. "They threw the kitchen sink at us," Harris says.

After the round, tournament director and KU debate alumnus John Fritch, PhD'94, collects the ballots and unfolds the first one. Wake Forest. He would later tell Harris that his heart sank.

But then he opens the second one, and it's Kansas. So is the one after that.

"The winner on a 4-1 decision," Fritch says, "the University of Kansas."

The KU entourage, 30 strong, erupts into applause, and the Jayhawks end their triumphant day with the Rock Chalk chant.

They'll celebrate back home, too, but not for long. After all, the Kansas debate squad has an enormous tradition to

■ Debate's time (and stress) demands are akin to those of a full-time job, so students who also carry full class loads find relief where they can before getting back to work. (Above, from left: Sean Kennedy, Dylan Quigley, Erum Shah, coach Scott Harris, Brett Bricker, Mark Wilkins and Nate Johnson.)

uphold. And if this year is any indication, there's a good chance the team will do just that. In addition to winning the NDT, KU debaters also won this year's Freshman-Sophomore Nationals and the National Junior Division Tournament.

Dylan Quigley, Wichita junior in philosophy and political science, and his partner, Sean Kennedy, Leawood sophomore in linguistics and Spanish, narrowly missed elimination rounds at the NDT this year. Quigley knows the pressure to keep the tradition alive is now on them.

"We've got a lot of trophies," he says. "But there's always room for one more."

There's room, too, for another banner. Something in KU blue is always nice. 🏆

—Miller is the author of *Cross-X*, the story of a championship debate team from an inner-city high school in Kansas City. He studies in KU's graduate writing program.



‘With Class and Dignity’

KU tips its cap to a man of many hats

Robert E. Hemenway, then chancellor of the University of Kentucky’s main campus, in early January 1995 accepted the Kansas Board of Regents’ invitation to become the 16th chancellor of the University of Kansas, and he succeeded Gene A. Budig June 1, 1995. But the frugal Midwesterner, a native Nebraskan whose parents had both been teachers, resisted the pomp that usually came with the circumstance, and his formal inauguration didn’t happen until Feb. 11, 1996—more than a year after he’d accepted KU’s top job.

“Amid austere economic times,” *Kansas Alumni* coverage noted, Hemenway had to be convinced of a need for ceremony. Why, he was asking, make such a fuss? Hemenway relented only after studying up on KU history—a topic of which he never tired—and realized that every chancellor since the second had been installed into office with a formal academic inauguration.

“The sense of tradition was the driving force for this event,” he told *Kansas Alumni* in 1996. Adding that he was startled to learn that KU’s line of succession since 1866 was only 16 deep, while in

the same time period the nation had inaugurated 26 presidents and Kansas had seen 41 governors, Hemenway said, “It makes you realize the continuity that the University of Kansas has given the state.”

The legacy of continuity in leadership was just one of countless important KU traditions Hemenway honored and amplified. Equally important, then as now, he honored his own values and tried his best to avoid a fuss, especially amid austere economic times.

The University wouldn’t take no for an answer this time, either, so on May 2 Hemenway and his extended family were



guests of honor at “Hats Off to Chancellor Bob Hemenway,” a Lied Center event celebrating a historic chancellorship that concludes June 30.

“Bob Hemenway would be the first to say that he’s been proud to stand on the shoulders of those chancellors before him who laid the groundwork,” emcee Bob Dotson, j’68, of NBC News, told the gathering. “We’re here to say thank you for the amazing progress KU has made under your leadership.”

Hemenway’s first personal trademark was the beret he wore that first cold winter here, in 1995. Bristling at the notion that it was some fancy affectation of academe, Hemenway explained that the little wool hat, which was easily stashed in a coat pocket, warded off winter’s windy chill; when he greeted friends and colleagues while strolling campus on hot summer afternoons, he reminded them to get a good hat to ward off the sun. His own summer hat, which he purchased from a vendor at a riverside festival, became an icon of Commencement regalia.

As speakers honoring Hemenway crossed the stage, each set out what became a succession of hats, including

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■ Chancellor Hemenway shared a laugh with his wife, Leah, during the celebration of his 14-year tenure, and later greeted friends and well-wishers at a reception that filled the Lied Center's lobby. A highlight of "Hats Off to Chancellor Bob Hemenway" was a spectacular performance by the KU African Drum Ensemble, honoring Hemenway's passion for African-American arts and traditions. Video tributes and other event highlights can be seen at chancellor.ku.edu/hemenway/tribute.shtml.

his tasseled tam, symbolizing academic achievement and intellectual curiosity; a surgeon's cap, representing research, particularly the chancellor's insistence that KU become a leader in cancer research and treatment; his own hardhat, recognizing tireless advocacy for campus development and private giving; and his cap from men's basketball's 2008 NCAA championship, recognizing the student, alumni, athletics and academic traditions he holds so dear.

Also included were video tributes from former Govs. Bill Graves and Kathleen Sebelius, g'80, the new secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; NCAA president Myles Brand; University of Georgia associate professor Valerie Boyd, who carried on Hemenway's legacy as a biographer of Zora Neale Hurston; Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV, commanding general of the

U.S. Army Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth; former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, '45; and men's basketball coach Bill Self.

Other highlights included a rousing performance by the KU African Drum Ensemble, whose members played drums purchased for the African Studies Resource Center by the Office of the Chancellor, and a commemorative poem written and recited by University of Arizona professor Luci Tapahonso. As a KU faculty member in 1996, Tapahonso also wrote and recited a poem for Hemenway's inauguration.

"This is a man who was raised with care; he lives a life built on love," Tapahonso said. "[His ancestors] instilled a belief that all people have talent, that one has to speak for others, for the disenfranchised, and that to strengthen one person through education is to strengthen

families, communities and our nation. They ensured that we would have a leader who walks on a path guided by the beauty of prayers, stories, humor and generosity."

Moments before the Marching Jayhawks dashed down Lied Center aisles and assembled for stirring renditions of our sacred songs, Hemenway took the stage and, finally and fittingly, broke with tradition.

He kept it brief.

"What has transpired here today represents everything the University of Kansas stands for," Hemenway said. "We do everything with class and dignity. Thank you very much for letting me be a part of it."

And with those words, Hemenway answered his own question:

Because class and dignity in leadership are worth all the fuss. 🐾



■ Sade Morris (20), Danielle McCray (4) and Ivana Catic (3) were cheered on in the WNIT title game by their teammates and coaches (right) and fans who filled Allen Field House bleachers right up to the windows.

Crowded House

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An improbable late-season run led to a sold-out Allen Field House for a women's title game. Now the 'Hawks are hungry for more.

The disappointing women's basketball season began to turn around Feb. 22. After losing eight of nine Big 12 games—capped by a loss at Colorado, the conference cellar dweller—the Jayhawks upset Iowa State, then ranked No. 21 in the country, 58-47 in Allen Field House. Three more conference victories followed, including a huge win over fifth-ranked Baylor.

Kansas beat Nebraska in the Big 12 Tournament before losing to third-ranked Oklahoma. Next came an offer to play in the Women's National Invitation Tournament, and a string of four WNIT victories led to the most improbable afternoon in the history of KU women's basketball:

Allen Field House packed to the windows, more than 16,000 fans screaming and chanting and cheering, the old

basketball barn as loud as it has ever been.

For a women's game.

"I'm not clairvoyant," coach Bonnie Henrickson said. "I wouldn't have predicted it."

The story of the 2008-'09 women's basketball team probably won't play soon in a theatre near you. Although so many other feel-good elements fell into place, the tale lacks the classic happy

ending. The University of South Florida Bulls were athletic and long, with arm spans, speed and depth that complicated every phase of the game for KU, and they emerged with a well-deserved 75-71 victory.

But still, the feisty Jayhawks trailed by only one point, 67-66, after sophomore center Krysten Boogaard made a layup off a seamlessly executed pick-and-roll, assisted by superstar Danielle McCray, with 2:22 remaining.



■ The title run fell one game short, but star power and team spirit reminded fans of the improbable '88 NCAA men's title team.

If crowd noise booming inside the field house seemed loud a minute earlier, when KU had cut the lead to three on a jumper by junior guard Sade Morris, now it positively thundered.

Seconds before the opening tip, South Florida guards Shantia Grace (later named the tournament's Most Valuable Player) and Jasmine Wynne shared something of a private laugh as Wynne, a freshman, tried to tell her senior teammate that it was so loud she couldn't even hear herself think. Henrickson realized early in the game that she couldn't get her players' attention by shouting; instead she resorted to whistling, and even that wasn't always effective.

As the game began tightening late, the crowd got louder and louder and, with every good KU play, louder still.

Maybe it was just the sound vibrations rattling our brains, but, for a fleeting moment, it felt as if a miracle

might be brewing.

Could the women's basketball team really be poised to win the WNIT championship? Could this really be happening in front of 16,113 fans, many of whom arrived hours before game time, stood in lines dozens deep and cheered the players as they entered the field house? Would the fans march merrily on downtown, as they did after the men's team won last year's NCAA Tournament?

In the end ... no. The Jayhawks did not win the game. There were no wild celebrations and there will be no championship banners.

But a miracle?

You'd better believe it.



Bonnie Henrickson's fifth season at KU could hardly have started worse. On the second day of practice, freshman guard Angel Goodrich, a high-school All-American and Oklahoma Player of the Year, tore a ligament in her left knee and was lost for the season.

But with a roster full of returning veterans, the Jayhawks kept the disheartening loss of their star freshman from ruining their early season by winning 11 of 13 nonconference games.

On Jan. 10, however, the 'Hawks plunged into the Big 12 season with a 72-39 dunking at Kansas State. After rebounding for a home victory over Missouri (which finished the season second-to-last in the Big 12), the Jayhawks lost four, beat Colorado at home Feb. 4, then lost four more.

And then they won four, the last of which made all the difference: Led by McCray's career-high 35 points, the Jayhawks scored their biggest win March 4 at home against fifth-ranked Baylor, 69-45.

But the home season didn't end there.

The Jayhawks, 6-10 in the conference and 18-13 overall after the Big 12 Tournament, were invited for the second consec-

utive year to play in the Women's National Invitation Tournament, which, after expanding in 2007, offers 48 teams not invited to the NCAA Tournament a chance to continue their season.

After a first-round bye, the Jayhawks beat Creighton, 79-64, March 23 in Allen Field House. In another home game three nights later they advanced to the WNIT's Elite Eight by dispatching Arkansas, 75-49. KU's only road game of the tournament, a 78-69 victory March 30 at New Mexico, brought them home for the April 1 semifinal vs. Illinois State, which beat Indiana, 66-55, to advance to Lawrence.

Athletics department officials reportedly expected a crowd of about 3,500; the final figure was 8,360, the fifth-largest in KU women's basketball history, and the big crowd cheered on a thriller. Though KU led the entire second half, Illinois State, regular-season champs of the well-regarded Missouri Valley Conference, trailed by no more than six in the final minutes (even briefly getting the margin to one, with three seconds remaining), until a pair of McCray free throws iced a 75-72 victory.

With more than 8,000 showing up for a midweek semifinal, would it be possible to double up for a Saturday afternoon championship game? Could the women's team *sell out* Allen Field House?

"Why not?" Henrickson asked. "Everybody bring a friend."

Lawrence Journal-World sports editor Tom Keegan teased in his column that a sellout would be impossible. "Surely ... there will be plenty of empty seats," he wrote. "No way 16,300 are going to show up so that, should Kansas win ... they can point to the banner years later and say, 'I was there.'"

Surely not. Right? Right?



Wrong. On a sunny Saturday afternoon, fans raised the roof on impossible, packing the Allen Field House stands quite literally to the rafters. From courtside,

supporters standing behind the highest rows appeared silhouetted against the windows.

“Guys, look at what you’ve done,” Henrickson later said she told the players when they emerged from their locker room. “Our players were a little shocked, but excited, too. When you win, and you play like they do, and they are who they are off the court, all of that matters and it makes people want to come and cheer for you.

“Plus, it’s the most basketball-crazy place in the world. It’s why we love it here.”

The 16,000-plus who filled Allen Field House—shattering attendance records for both KU and the Big 12—witnessed a championship game either team could have been proud to win and neither team should have been ashamed to lose, although the Jayhawks will probably be haunted by their poor shooting.

Junior guard Sade Morris scored 19 and four others scored in double-figures for KU, but McCray, the All-Big 12 guard/forward who had averaged 30.7 points a game during the tournament, was held to 24, shooting just 7 of 25 from the field.

“They were very long and athletic,” said freshman forward Aishah Sutherland, “and we were thinking they would block shots, so we were moving our shots around. Later they started to fall for us, but that’s why we altered our shots in the first place.” Added Morris, “We just couldn’t make a shot, and we just happened to not make shots at a bad time.”

South Florida shot 50 percent from the field in the first half and in the second half shot 50 percent from behind the three-point arc; KU shot just 37.9 percent for the game.

“We’re not celebrating, obviously. We didn’t win. We’ll let South Florida celebrate,” Henrickson said. “But there’s a lot of pride in that locker room for how well we played down the stretch and, all things considered, where we were when we started this run. I couldn’t be more proud of how they finished, how tough they played.

“They’re proud of this program, proud of where they go to school, and I think that shows.”

As soon as he sat down before the media, winning coach Jose Fernandez first praised not the opponent, but rather the opponent’s crowd. And keep in mind that USF plays in the Big East, which features the country’s best program, UConn, and is widely considered the country’s powerhouse conference for women’s basketball.

“Coming into an arena like this, a place so rich in history, is something our kids are going to remember the rest of their lives,” Fernandez said. “When we got down to that last minute and a half, when it was a two-possession game, I couldn’t hear myself think. It was just a great basketball atmosphere.”

As for McCray, Fernandez said, “She’s got an unbelievable future. She’s going to be a pro.”

At the end of a historic day for women’s basketball, KU players were focused only on the championship that had narrowly eluded their reach. They found little solace in the thrill of their late-season run. Or the sell-out crowd, or even the fact that here it was the first weekend in April and they were the only KU basketball team competing for a tournament championship.

The comfort they did find was summed with two words: next year.

The only starter they’ll lose to graduation is guard Ivana Catic. Her knee surgery a success, Angel Goodrich has already been cleared for full participation. The six-player recruiting class has been touted as a success.

They will have not only the players, but also the experience—and memories of a most remarkable day that ultimately proved unsatisfying.

“I’m going to work on my defense,” McCray quickly replied when asked about her offseason training plans. Indeed, she’d written “Play Hard” in tiny block letters on her left shoe and “Defend” on the right. “And I need to get better at ball-handling. Keep getting my shot better, working for different selections and moves for the shot. I’ll have all



■ Fifth-year coach Bonnie Henrickson guided her team through injuries and losing streaks, winning over thousands of new fans in basketball-crazy Lawrence.

that lined up for next year.


“This season’s over, we’re going to get back to it in a little bit, and then hopefully not be in this tournament again. We need to be in the NCAA Tournament.”

Will their exciting late-season run help maintain the exciting late-season support? While noting that fans will always turn out for winners—at 22-14, the Jayhawks had their best record in 10 years—Henrickson also reminded her players that their next event in Allen Field House also would be a sure-fire sellout.

“Next time we roll it out we’re going to be at Late Night in front of 16,000 people again, and that’s awful exciting,” Henrickson said. “Now we go back to work and grow the team and get in the other tournament.”

Indeed, the NCAA is the place to be. But for now, for this team in this time and this great old place, the WNIT was as sweet as it could possibly be.

In retrospect, we shouldn’t have been so surprised that boisterous basketball fans filled Allen Field House to watch their Jayhawks compete for a championship. At Kansas, that’s not called a miracle.

It’s called tradition. 

Association

■ KU leaders, including Kevin Corbett, Robert Clark, Roy Jensen, Karen Miller, Dale Seufferling and Lew Perkins congratulated Chancellor Hemenway.



Greatest show in KC

Rock Chalk Ball hails prominence of KU in KC during Hemenway era

Donald Hall, chairman of Hallmark Cards Inc., has seen chancellors come and go. In fact, he has known every KU leader since Deane Malott, c'21, the eighth man to guide the University. So there was perhaps no better authority to assess the tenure of KU's 16th chancellor for the 700-plus Jayhawks who attended the Rock Chalk Ball April 18.

Hall recalled Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway's early vow to make KU the research university of Kansas City, concluding that Hemenway had made good on his promise. "Bob has accomplished so much for the University in general and for Johnson County in particular," Hall told the

crowd at the Overland Park Convention Center. "He has dramatically expanded the Edwards Campus, both in facilities and programs, and has transformed the Medical Center."

The 14th-annual ball also featured the largest silent auction in the event's history, along with KU rituals led by the mascots and members of the marching band and Spirit Squad. As always, volunteers from the Alumni Association's Greater Kansas City alumni chapter and the Student Alumni Association assisted staff in ensuring the ball's success. In keeping with the circus theme, KU ringmaster and Voice of the Jayhawks Max Falkenstien, c'47, honored ball chairs John, d'68, and Diana Hadl and, following the program, the irresistibly festive sounds of 3 Ring Circus lured Jayhawks to the dance floor.

The ball also capped a century since local alumni first gathered in KU's name for a picnic in Swope Park. Since that slightly more sedate occasion, the loyalty and revelry have only grown. 🦅

The Greater Kansas City alumni chapter celebrated its 100th anniversary at the ball.



■ Before dinner, the Spirit Squad rallied the crowd. During the formal post-dinner program, at left, Barbara Atkinson, KU Medical Center executive vice chancellor; Don Hall, Hallmark Cards chairman; and Kevin Corbett, Alumni Association president, honored the chancellor. Following the tribute, Jayhawks headed to the dance floor, led by, l to r top, Brad Chindamo, assoc.; Ellen Chindamo, f'92; Corbett, c'88; Jill Corbett, c'88; Todd Sutherland, assoc.; and Laura Sutherland. The band for the evening, 3 Ring Circus, featured singers Joey Sauer, left above, and Bob Fulmer, j'82.

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■ Students gathered March 31 at the Alumni Center for Lunch 'n' Learn. The free pizza meal featured financial tips shared by staff from the Office of Student Financial Aid. Alumni Association staff member Stefanie Gerson, standing, has hosted varied student groups throughout the year.

The welcome mat

As the headquarters for student meetings, the Alumni Center gains fans

Since 1987, the Association has developed varied student programs and events with one idea in mind: If students venture inside the Adams Alumni Center, they are more likely to appreciate the Association's work and remain involved in KU after they walk down the Hill.

This year, the Association took that philosophy another step further by inviting the leaders of 30 student groups, including KU Ambassadors, Student Senate, Freshman Leadership Council and various Greek and multicultural organizations, to hold events in the Alumni Center. All 30 said yes.

The Association's student programs department covered the cost of room rental, and each group received a welcome from Stefanie Gerson, c'06 g'08, coordinator for student programs, or

Jennifer Alderdice, g'99, who until this spring led student programs as assistant vice president. The hospitality also included treats, a short presentation about the Association and a behind-the-scenes tour.

"Many students don't even know who works in the building, so I like to tell them about the records and communications departments and show them where everyone's located," Gerson says. "The goal is to get them in the door, give them someone to contact and let them know that students are welcome here and that we can help them. It's not just once they graduate."

By hosting student groups, Gerson hopes to educate a broad audience of students who are especially active on campus and supplement existing student programs and events. One successful event, Home Football Fridays, brought more than 400 hungry students for free hotdogs before each home football game last fall. These and other events give students a reason to stop by.

KU Student Ambassadors, one of 586 registered student groups, appreciated the invitation and information Gerson

provided. "Only a handful of Ambassadors had been in the building before," says Kristen Rash, a senior from Lee's Summit, Mo., and Ambassadors coordinator. "Stefani did a great job covering the broad aspects of the Alumni Center and gave us information that not only we can share with visitors, but can also be useful to us as students."

The ambassadors try to vary their meeting locations to learn as much as possible about different campus buildings. Many student groups hold regular meetings at the Kansas Union, a library or other location to avoid paying room rental fees.

Waiving rental fees and handing out hotdogs have proven successful in bringing students to the Alumni Center, and plans for additional student outreach events are underway. "The sky's the limit when it comes to students," Gerson says, "but you have to figure out why they'd want to come to this building and try to give them a real tie. The students are the future of the Alumni Association, and if they don't know about it while they're here, they're less likely to know about it when they leave."



Transition ahead

Celebrated magazine bonus to be published online

For nearly a century, the Association's Jayhawk Generations feature in *Kansas Alumni* has given readers a look at KU's legacy families. Second-generation freshmen were first celebrated in the 1920s in the *Graduate Magazine*, and since then our annual

showcase has grown to include third-, fourth- and fifth-generation 'Hawks. Recently, Jayhawk Generations had outgrown *Kansas Alumni*, requiring a supplemental publication that in 2008 stretched to 32 pages.

Because the nation's economic state has not spared the Jayhawk community, this year's supplement will be published only as an online feature in order to cut printing and postage costs. This fall at www.kualumni.org/kuua_jayhawkgenerations_home, you'll be able to download a PDF document of Jayhawk Generations 2009 and view it on your desktop or print out individual copies.

"This was not an easy decision to make, but, in the end, the savings were too significant for us to overlook, especially since we can deliver a polished Jayhawk Generations package online," says Dwight Parman, senior vice president for finance.

If you have a freshman son or daughter who will follow in your family's Jayhawk footsteps next fall, let us know. He or she must have at least one parent who attended KU and is an Association member. For second-generation freshmen, please send the name of your son or daughter's high school and parents' names.

For third-generation students and beyond, please send a resumé or list of high-school activities and names of KU parents and grandparents. For third and fourth generations, please send a recent picture of the student and college-era photos of Jayhawk parents. For fifth generations, please include college-era pictures of KU grandparents. We'll return all photos after the feature is published online in September. You can mail information to the Adams Alumni Center, 1266 Oread Ave., Lawrence, KS 66045-3169. You also can submit your child's information using our online forms at the Generations link above.

To announce sixth-generation Jayhawks (we're eagerly awaiting the first), or for questions regarding Jayhawk Generations, please contact Erika Bentson, j'07, at ebentson@kualumni.org or 800-584-2957.

Summerfield, Watkins and Watkins-Berger reunion



UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

■ Nearly 100 alumni gathered April 24-25 for the first reunion of the Summerfield, Watkins and Watkins-Berger Scholars. They attended classes on campus, gathered at the Alumni Center for discussion groups, and enjoyed dinner at the Dole Institute of Politics. Among those returning were Melissa Nabors, c'77, Lancaster, Calif.; Blaine Hollinger, c'57, m'62, and Judith Hollinger, Houston; and Cliff Reynolds, b'44, Ottawa.

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Gold Medal Club alumni return for spring reunion

Jayhawks who have marked more than a half-century since their graduation met April 18 for the annual Gold Medal Club festivities. More than 120 alumni enjoyed camaraderie at the Adams Alumni Center, a visit to the Anderson Family Football Complex and a Quantrill's Raid tour of Lawrence. Some also found time to enjoy a portion of the KU Relays at Memorial Stadium.

Legendary raconteur and coach Don Fambrough, d'48, regaled the crowd with KU football tales. He also shared the stage (grudgingly) with campus leaders, and supervised the presentation of 50-year citations to 11 alumni who had returned to the Hill for the first time

since their golden anniversaries. Among those receiving their 50-year pins were Harold, e'49, and Ellen Omohundro Grindle, c'48, who trekked from Wasilla, Alaska, for the occasion.

Gold Medal Club members also proclaimed the lifelong Jayhawk status of Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway and his wife, Leah. Throughout their time on the Hill, the Hemenways have attended 50-year class and Gold Medal reunions, personally greeting every returning graduate celebrating the 50-year milestone. So it was only fitting that Fambrough and his graduates surprised the Hemenways, presenting them their own citation, complete with their own Jayhawk pins. 



■ The Oread Singers serenaded, and coach Don Fambrough welcomed graduates. Gathering with Chancellor Hemenway and Fambrough, below right, was Jack Schroll, c'45, m'49, Hutchinson.

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Class Notes BY KAREN GOODELL

1945

Zendra Kass Ashkanazi, f'45, continues to make her home in St. Louis with her husband, Mel.

1949

Louise Morrow Peterson, n'49, lives with her daughter in Clinton, Ohio.

1955

John "Jack" Dicus, b'55, retired earlier this year after a 50-year career with Capitol Federal Financial, where he is chairman emeritus. He and **Betty Bubb Dicus**, b'55, live in Topeka.

1958

Thomas Pettit, '58, is retired in Palm Springs, Calif., where he and his wife, Lynn, make their home.

1961

Franklin Hamilton, EdD'61, makes his home in Flint, Mich., where he's a retired publisher.

1962

Jeanne Howell Kennedy, f'62, recently earned a signature membership in the Watercolor Society of North Carolina. She lives in Newport.

1964

Lee Ayres, c'64, g'66, is president of Sequoia Investments in Fresno, Calif., where he and his wife, Shelley, make their home.

David Trump, e'64, lives in Redondo Beach, Calif. He's retired vice president of Loyola Marymount University.

1965

Jon Alexiou, c'65, g'68, is president of EduVision Consulting in Miami, Fla.

Frank Grispino, EdD'65, recently was named a distinguished professor of educational leadership at Northwest Missouri

State University in Maryville.

James Oden, e'65, is junior vice commander for the U.S. Veterans of Foreign Wars Pacific areas department. He lives in Pathumthani, Thailand.

1966

Frederick Frailey Jr., j'66, retired recently as editor of Kiplinger's magazine. He lives in McLean, Va.

Ronald Wright, c'66, practices dentistry in Leawood. He recently served with the U.S. Army Dental Corps in Umm Qasr and Tallil, Iraq.

1967

Verlin Fisher, e'67, is a managing member and president of EagleVision

Research in Louisville, Colo.

Virginia Lewis, c'67, g'69, lives in Prairie Village. She's executive director of the KU Diabetes Institute and chief operating officer for the Midwest Diabetes Coalition.

1969

Sharon Woodson Bryant, j'69, g'75, manages media at First 5 LA in Los Angeles, where she makes her home.

James Kegerreis, e'69, is senior engineering adviser for ExxonMobil in Fairfax, Va.

Edward Noyes, c'69, lives in Oklahoma City, where he's a commercial real estate broker for Edward Noyes Real Estate Advisors.

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1970

Gary Davenport, d'70, is vice president of sales for Western Fireproofing Co. He lives in Alpharetta, Ga.

Eileen Morris Guenther, c'70, p'70, recently was elected president of the American Guild of Organists. She's an associate professor of church music at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, **Roy**, d'66, f'68, live in Vienna, Va. He's executive associate dean of arts and sciences at George Washington University, where he's also a professor of music.

Sandra Smith, j'70, g'72, owns Smith Communications and is a senior lecturer at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management. She and her husband, Jim Murphy, live in Wayzata, Minn.

Walter Stromquist, c'70, edits Mathematics magazine, a publication of the Mathematical Association of America. He teaches math at Swarthmore College in Berwyn, Pa.

1971

Charles Hoke, b'71, l'75, practices law in Wichita.

Keith, c'71, m'74, and **Rebecca Lamm Jantz**, s'79, make their home in Leawood. Keith is president of Kansas City Internal Medicine.

Julie Brewer Pike, n'71, g'80, is corporate director of risk management for the Martin Memorial Health System. She lives in Stuart, Fla.

Brenda Marzett Vann, d'71, g'72, coordinates the special education program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

1972

Suzanne Poirier, g'72, wrote *Doctors in the Making: Memoirs and Medical Education*, which was published recently by the University of Iowa Press. She's a professor emerita of literature and medical education at the University of Illinois in Chicago, where she lives.

Ronald Saunders, d'72, works as an

estimator for DH Pace. He and **Kathleen Swiderski Saunders**, j'73, live in Dallas, where she's vice president and general manager of KDFW Fox 4.

1973

Rex Crick, c'73, g'76, is CEO of Recycle Technologies International in LaBelle, Fla.

Anne Schenkein Putbrese, c'73, works as a physical therapist for Altru Health Services. She and her husband, David, live in Grand Forks, N.D.

1975

Ellen Blank, c'75, m'78, is an associate professor of pediatric gastroenterology at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Marty Kral, c'75, g'85, PhD'90, works as a research adviser for Eli Lilly and Co. in Indianapolis.

Gale Sayers, d'75, g'77, will be inducted in June into the John McLendon Minority Athletics Administrators

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Hall of Fame. Gale played football at KU and for the Chicago Bears. After serving as assistant athletics director at KU, he became the first African-American athletics director in Division I when he was named AD at Southern Illinois University in 1976. He's now president and CEO of the Sayers Group in Chicago.

Mark Staples, c'75, PhD'79, is a principal and consultant for Cusp Pharma Tech Consulting in Cambridge, Mass., where he and **Argie Koons Staples**, d'76, make their home.

Gregory Weisenstein, EdD'75, was named president of West Chester University in West Chester, Pa.

1976

Steven Busch, d'76, received a Government Information Security Leadership Award for his work with the U.S. Department of Defense Information Assurance Workforce Improvement Program. He is a consultant for IBM in Fairfax, Va.

David Coake, j'76, is editorial director

for Florists' Review Enterprises in Topeka.

Jane Mallonee Miller, d'76, g'92, teaches art at Santa Fe Trail Elementary School in Overland Park. She lives in Leawood.

1977

Joseph France, p'77, g'80, is a partner in Lenrock Management Group in New York City. He lives in Lenox, Mass.

Michael Goldstein, b'77, makes his home in Chesterfield, Mo. He's vice president of sales at Goldstein-Schwartz in Maryland Heights.

Robert Haneke, p'77, p'93, is a clinical pharmacologist with PharmaSource Healthcare. He lives in Sylvia.

1978

Steve Bannister, g'78, PhD'83, is a principal consultant for Hightower Pharmaceutical Services in Tampa, Fla.

William Burns, e'78, works as a principal process engineer for ConocoPhillips in Bartlesville, Okla. He lives in Owasso.

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Jack Chappelle, e'78, is president of Engineering Solutions & Design in Albuquerque, N.M.

Cindy Brunner McClannahan, c'78, l'81, a shareholder in Siegfried, Bingham, Levy, Selzer & Gee, makes her home in Prairie Village.

1979

Ralph Folles, e'79, is president of Process Protection in Lenexa.

Richard Keyser, e'79, recently became vice president of engineering and construction at NiSource Gas Transmission in Houston.

Erick Nordling, c'79, is a partner in the Hugoton law firm of Kramer, Nordling & Nordling.

Mark Olson, j'79, CEO of LTO Ventures, makes his home in Henderson, Nev.

John Plummer Jr., l'79, g'79, is assistant dean for administration services at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. His home is in Gainesville, Fla.

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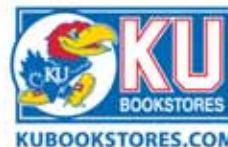


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1980

Susan Major Chastain, c'80, is vice president of Chastain Research Group. She lives in Omaha, Neb.

Steven Gebert, c'80, directs marketing for Northville Product Services in Wichita.

Samuel Johnson, j'80, is president and CEO of DRSTJ3 Consulting Group in Tinton Falls, N.J.

1981

Kim Koster, h'81, h'84, m'91, directs Pediatric Anesthesia Consultants in San Antonio.

1982

Farrokh Moshiri, c'82, g'83, lectures about management at the University of California. He lives in Beaumont. He wrote an article, "Oil and War: A Question of National Interest," which recently was published in the International Jour-

nal of Global Business and Economics.

Thomas Ralston, '82, is an applications engineer for FlowServe in Broomfield, Colo.

1983

Suzanne Hackmann Bonney, a'83, a'84, is an associate with Mancini Duffy in New York City.

John Dicus, b'83, g'85, recently became chairman of Capitol Federal Savings, where he's also president and chief executive officer. He and **Brenda Roskens Dicus**, b'83, make their home in Topeka.

Tonna Taylor LoVette, d'83, retired recently after 26 years of teaching. She lives in McAlester, Okla.

1984

Marcy Stonefield Gaynes, c'84, is a partner in Training@YourPlace in Olathe. She lives in Overland Park.

1985

David Franklin, e'85, recently was named a partner in the intellectual law

firm of Amin, Turocy & Calvin. He's a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves at Wright-Patterson AFB. He lives in Loveland, Ohio.

Col. **John Hernandez**, e'85, commands the Kansas Air National Guard's 184th Intel Group at McConnell AFB. He lives in Wichita.

Grady Phelan, f'85, recently became vice president of creative and strategic development at Pro Motion, a St. Louis-based marketing firm.

1986

John Egan, j'86, manages accounts for Elizabeth Christian & Associates, a public-relations firm in Austin, Texas.

John Heeney, j'86, is principal of Echelon Management in Cincinnati.

1987

Scott Campbell, '87, is president of Campbell's Company in Andover.

MARRIED

Stephen Ariagno, b'87, l'90, to Jessie

Prock, Sept. 27 in Wichita, where Steve is managing partner of Ariagno Kerns Mank & White.

1988

Andrew Williams, e'88, PhD'00, is an associate professor of computer and information science at Spelman College in Atlanta.

1989

Brian Bartlett, b'89, directs government accounting for General Dynamics

STATCOM Technologies in Richardson, Texas. He lives in Carrollton.

Christine Sowers Jennings, j'89, is general manager of Design Shutters in Austin, Texas.

Jenny Byrd Skillman, j'89, works as managing director at KINETIK in Washington, D.C.

1990

Debra Howland Burgess, c'90, manages commercial operations for GE Money. Her home is in Overland Park.

Kathy Freeman Jorgensen, c'90, s'00, commutes from Lawrence to Topeka, where she works for TFI Family Services.

Melanie Dick McMullen, l'90, directs business and legal affairs for the National Cable Television Cooperative in Mission. She lives in Holt, Mo.

John Pascarella, c'90, recently was named associate dean of faculty and research programs at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro.

Profile

BY STEVEN HILL

Locavore 'Chef K' remakes school lunch

Like many parents, Kiersten Gobetz Firquain saw what her child was eating for lunch at school and thought, "There has to be a better way."

A chef trained at the Culinary Institute of America in California's Napa Valley, she was already cooking for kids. In 2003 she started Bistro Kids, which organizes children's cooking classes and birthday parties. Requests from parents led to another business, In Home Bistro, that offers catering and personal chef services.

Seeing an opportunity to improve school lunch fare while introducing nutrition education to the curriculum, Firquain, c'90, launched the Farm 2 School Lunch Program in 2007 at two Kansas City private schools and recently added a third school in St. Louis. Organic and all-natural ingredients from local farms are used to prepare healthy kid-friendly fare.

"We don't take lightly the fact that lunch may be the most nutrient-rich meal kids have all day," Firquain says. "Let's face it—both parents work, a lot of times, and they don't have time to cook a meal at night."

Farm 2 School makes gradual changes and gives kids a say. Rather than ditch school lunch favorites, Chef K, as the children know her, improves them.

Farm 2 School pizza features whole wheat crust, grass-fed meats, local sauce and organic cheese. To make healthier spaghetti, Farm 2 School chefs gradually shift from a conventional recipe to whole wheat pasta and bison meat. Class time spent on nutrition education—including field trips and classroom visits with local farmers—smooths the way.

"We don't put bison on their lunch trays until we've had the buffalo guy come in and talk to the kids about bison, and we've worked with bison in the hands-on cooking class. That's the way to get kids to try healthy food. And if they don't like it, we may not serve it again."

Typical school lunch programs rely on frozen and canned foods, Firquain says, but her chefs prepare all meals from scratch. School gardens provide ingredients—and incentive for students to try new things.

"One of the winter crops last year was cabbage. The kids planted it, tended it, harvested it. When the chef made steamed cabbage, the kids couldn't get enough, because it was *their* cabbage."

Parents are surprised to learn that,



STEVE PUPPE

■ "We're really just getting back to the way it used to be," says Kiersten Gobetz Firquain, whose Farm 2 School lunch program uses fresh, local food to make healthy school lunches. "Our parents and grandparents knew where food comes from. Somehow we lost that in just a generation."

more often than not, kids embrace change. In the two Kansas City schools Farm 2 School serves, school lunch participation increased from 50 percent to 75 percent.

"Kids will try new things and then pressure everyone else at the table to try it," Firquain says. "It's peer pressure in a positive manner." 🍴

Class Notes

MARRIED

Stuart Gaynes, m'90, and **Kelly Howard**, c'00, h'05, Sept. 13 in Overland Park, where they live. Stu is an emergency physician at Olathe Medical Center, and Kelly is a clinical lab scientist at Olathe Medical Center and at the KU Medical Center.

1991

Mary Smarsh Edwards, p'91, works as a pharmacist for Dillons in Wichita.

She lives in Andale.

BORN TO:

Shane Brungardt, c'91, and **Coleen McCormick**, c'96, PhD'02, daughter, Ella Katherine, Sept. 15 in Shawnee.

1992

Ulf Becker, c'92, is a senior exploration geologist for ExxonMobile Technical Computing in Houston.

Immer Liza Ravalo, c'92, is an

assistant principal for the Clark County School District. She lives in Las Vegas.

1993

BORN TO:

Monica Spreitzer Lane, d'93, c'93, g'99, and **Peter**, c'94, son, Ethan Joseph, Oct. 22 in Overland Park, where he joins two sisters, Emma and Lucie, and two brothers, Michael and Matthew.

Profile

BY MARY O'CONNELL

Still helps Ford's celebrate Lincoln bicentennial

James Still was checking e-mail in an Internet café in Italy in 2005 when he found a message in his inbox: Ford's Theatre was commissioning a play about Abraham Lincoln to celebrate the theatre's 2009 grand re-opening and the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth. Might he be interested in writing it?

"I actually didn't say yes immediately," he says.

Tackling Lincoln seemed a bit daunting even for Still, c'82, an accomplished playwright who also has written widely for television and film.

He wondered if the world needed another play about Lincoln, arguably the most written-about person in history after Jesus Christ.

So before he signed on, Still traveled to Washington, D.C., to speak with the leadership at Ford's. He learned that only a few strings would be attached to the commission: The play must take place during Lincoln's presidency, and it must not be about his assassination.

Having worked at Ford's before, Still understood. The box where President Lincoln was shot can be seen from every seat in the theatre; Lincoln's blood-stained coat is on display in the newly

renovated lobby.

"Whenever you're at Ford's Theatre, no matter what the play is, there are a couple of plays going on," he says. "The one onstage, and the one people create for themselves ... the one they watch in their imaginations."

Still signed on to write the play and immersed himself in reading about Lincoln. He discovered that the iconic president was not the sepia stoic in the stovepipe hat, but a person with a delightful and strange sense of humor; that he loved Shakespeare and was himself an accomplished writer—a poet—who used imagery and rhythm in his political speeches; that he was both a shrewd, skillful politician and an emotional one, known for weeping in public.

"All this helped me have a feeling for the kind of play I was headed toward, in terms of it being poetic, and emotional. I wanted to collide both the private and public lives of Abraham Lincoln."

Still wrote about the country's anguished Civil War division and Lincoln's own broken heart. His play, "The Heavens are Hung in Black," set in 1865, is bookended by the death of Lincoln's son Willie and the delivery of the Emancipation Proclamation. It received critical acclaim and broke box office records. But there was one dramatic twist Still couldn't have foreseen.




COURTESY JAMES STILL

■ James Still, who grew up in Pomona, has written more than a dozen plays, which have been staged across the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. He also has received five Emmy nominations for his work in television.

"We elected a president whose personal hero is Abraham Lincoln, who announced his candidacy on the same state capitol steps as Lincoln."

President Obama and the first lady attended the gala grand opening at Ford's Theatre on Feb. 11.

"As an artist you just can't see any of that coming," Still says. "It was a wonderful surprise, history going forward and taking my play with it." 

—O'Connell, c'94, is a Lawrence writer.

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1994

Mark Dominik, d'94, has been promoted to general manager of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He lives in Tampa, Fla.

Eric Mersmann, a'94, is an architect with Perkins & Will in Chicago.

Mark Slyter, d'94, g'96, is chief operating officer and senior vice president of Mississippi Baptist Health Systems in Jackson.

BORN TO:

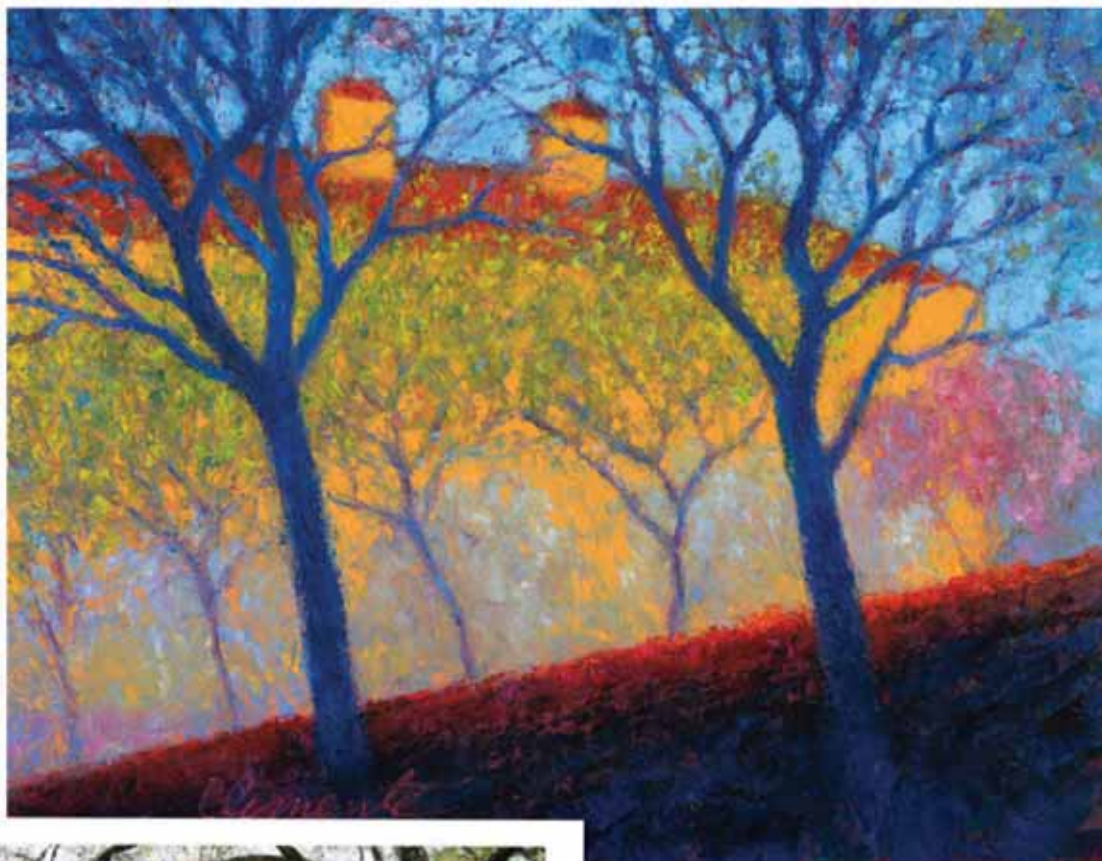
Angela Macke Hudgins, c'94, and Brian, daughter, Hayden Hartmann, June 24 in Berryton, where she joins a brother, Jackson, 6. Angela manages human resources for Wal-Mart in Paola.

Matthew, '94, and **Michelle Ferguson Speer**, s'05, g'07, daughter, Annabella Teagen, Nov. 22 in Bremerton, Wash., where Michelle serves as assistant department head of patient administration for the U.S. Navy.

1995

Clantha Carrigan McCurdy, EdD'95, is senior deputy commissioner of the

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Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. She lives in Natick.

Alan Pierce, c'95, c'96, coordinates projects at the UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Cathleen Reitz, c'95, works as a cardiology nurse practitioner with Cardiovascular Consultants in Phoenix.

1996

John Blair, c'96, directs legislation and

communication for U.S. Rep. Martin Heinrich. He lives in Washington, D.C.

Scott Freeman, c'96, and his wife, Kara, live in Overland Park with their daughters, Emme, 3, and Cait, 1. Scott is president of Southport Aviation in Belton, Mo.

Coleen McCormick, c'96, PhD'02, is a senior research and design scientist for Hennessy Research Associates. She lives in Shawnee.



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Chemical reaction: In 1965, a pharmacy student mixed experimental elixirs during class at Malott Hall. The School of Pharmacy expanded to include adult education in the 1960s, and extension programs were offered across Kansas to allow local pharmacists access to new techniques and modern research.

Aaron Sumner, j'96, coordinates projects for KU's Center for Research on Learning. His home is in Lawrence.

MARRIED

Tasha Elder, c'96, to John Brennan, May 17 in Mission Hills. They live in Nashville, Tenn., and Tasha is an oncology sales specialist with AstraZeneca.

Bethany Pendleton, c'96, j'96, l'03, to Mike Rocque, Nov. 15 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. They live in Boston, where she's a business development consultant for Thomson Reuters.

BORN TO:

Jeremy Bezdek, b'96, and Emily, daughter, Gracie Elizabeth, Oct. 6 in Wichita, where she joins two brothers, Jackson and Samuel, and a sister, Emma. Jeremy is general manager of Flint Hills Resources.

Todd, b'96, and **Melissa Close Hotze**, p'99, son, Dylan Christopher, Dec. 4 in

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Plano, Texas, where he joins a sister, Devon, 1.

1997

Micah Laaker, f'97, directs user experience for Yahoo! in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Michael Longfellow, a'97, is vice president of construction and development for Spectrum Acquisition Partners in Denver.

Jennifer Sherwood, c'97, supervises business development for TranSystems Corp. in Kansas City.

MARRIED

Jenni Carlson, j'97, to Ryan Reaves, Jan. 10 in Oklahoma City, where they live. She's a sports columnist for The Oklahoman.

BORN TO:

Jennifer Jeffery Kliever, c'97, and **Justin**, c'99, son, Cole Justin, Sept. 25 in Denver, where he joins a brother, Nolan, 3. Justin is vice president of brokerage

services and retail properties at CB Richard Ellis.

1998

Bradley Barnett, b'98, is a sales representative for Acushnet. He lives in Sacramento, Calif.

James Black, g'98, lives in Macon, Ga., where he's an assistant professor of journalism at Mercer University.

Jennifer Hitz Pozzuolo, b'98, does corporate recruiting for Garmin in Olathe.

John Warren, c'98, is a financial planner with Smith Barney in Denver.

David Wood, g'98, and his wife, Jenny, live in Sante Fe, N.M., with their daughter, Ellie, 1. David is a technical staff member at Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos.

MARRIED

Tim Evans, c'98, to Margot Gray, May 31 in Lawrence, where they live. He's an environmental scientist with the Kansas

Department of Health and Environment.

Shannon Sprinkel, j'98, to Gregory Reinhard, Aug. 23 in Dove Canyon, Calif. They live in Arlington, Va.

BORN TO:

Brent Joseph, j'98, and Hannah, sons, Oscar William and Judah Harris, Nov. 18 in Carmel, Ind. Brent is president of King David Dogs in Indianapolis.

Zachary Morin, j'98, and Sarah, daughter, Grady Maggi, Sept. 27 in Longmeadow, Mass., where she joins two brothers, Emmett, 5, and Finley, 3, and a sister, Briann, 3. Zachary is a territory sales manager for SAP America.

Christopher Warren, c'98, and Jennifer, son, Donovan Tempel, Jan. 22 in Alexandria, Va. Christopher is a special agent with the FBI.

1999

Trisha Maberly, c'99, is assistant director of corporate management for the University of Texas System in Austin.

ADOPTED BY:

Jennifer Mueller Alderdice, g'99, and Patrick, daughter, Emily Ruth, Feb. 16 in Lawrence. Jennifer was formerly assistant vice president of student programs for the KU Alumni Association, and Patrick is president of Pennington & Co.

BORN TO:

John, b'99, g'00, and **Emilee Hermreck Katzer**, j'03, son, William Lawrence, Nov. 11 in Stamford, Conn. John manages accounting standards at Deloitte & Touche, and Emilee is a senior consultant at Pennington & Co.

2000

Erik Ashel, j'00, produces special projects for Metro Sports in Kansas City.

Caleb Asher, c'00, is deputy secretary of the Kansas Department of Commerce in Topeka.

Karl Boyd Brooks, PhD'00, published *Before Earth Day: The Origins of American Environmental Law, 1945-1970*, with University Press of Kansas. He lives in Lawrence, where he's associate professor of history and environmental

science at KU.

Grant McKeenan, c'00, practices law with Sacks Tierney in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Molly McNearney, j'00, is head writer for "Jimmy Kimmel Live." She lives in West Hollywood, Calif.

BORN TO:

Julie Phillips Karpinski, p'00, and **Todd**, g'03, son, Elijah Carter, July 8 in Collinsville, Ill., where he joins a brother,

Luke, 2. Todd is director of pharmacy at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee.

Jimmie, p'00, and **Erin Oswald Kirkland**, p'03, g'05, son, Joshua Lynn, Dec. 17 in Basehor, where they live. Jimmie is a clinical pharmacist at the KU Medical Center, and Erin is a pharmacist at Providence Medical Center.

Dustin, c'00, m'04, and **Vinnie Narcisco Smoot**, n'00, daughter, Emmarie Brynn, Nov. 27 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Kendra Young Walton, c'00, and **Matthew**, son, Logan Walton, Dec. 12 in Olathe. Kendra is a lab technician at Stowers Institute.

2001

Stephen Adams, j'01, is president of Adams Land in Tulsa, Okla.

Aaron Bruening, g'01, is assistant women's basketball coach at Rockhurst University in Kansas City.

Profile

BY DIANE SILVER

Sociologist examines U.S. health care plight

If there is a gene for wanting to change the world, Jill Sobel Quadagno inherited it. When she was growing up, her father battled for civil rights as director of the Michigan office of the Anti-Defamation League. In the 1960s, he worked for the federal government and oversaw the desegregation of Southern schools.

She fondly remembers the day her father took her to see civil rights icon Bayard Rustin, who helped organize the 1963 March on Washington. In a packed hall, she heard Rustin speak and realized she wanted to follow his example. Rustin was addressing the American Sociological Association—the organization Quadagno years later would lead as president.

Though she describes herself as a politics junkie, Quadagno, PhD'76, has devoted her career to academe—with occasional forays into the political arena. After teaching at KU for a decade and being inducted into the KU Women's Hall of Fame, she became a professor at Florida State University, where she serves as the Mildred and Claude Pepper Eminent Scholar in Social Gerontology. Her most recent book is *One Nation, Uninsured: Why the U.S. Has No National*

Health Insurance (Oxford, 2005).

When Hillary Clinton ramped up her 2008 campaign for president, she called on Quadagno as a campaign adviser on aging and health insurance. When Barack Obama became the Democratic Party's nominee, his campaign asked Quadagno to work on the same issues.

Fierce opposition to reforming health insurance has a long history in the United States, Quadagno says, but President Obama's popularity and even the recession might make this the moment when universal coverage comes to America.

"In times of fiscal austerity other nations have not enacted new programs. They've cut existing programs," she says, "But this historical time is so unprecedented the normal pattern might not hold."

Quadagno admits she sometimes feels a bit guilty about choosing academe instead of public activism as a career, but she derives satisfaction from watching her students explore and discuss ideas—



COURTESY JILL SOBEL QUADAGNO

■ Quadagno, a former KU faculty member, studies assisted living facilities. Her research shows that the chief factor in determining residents' well being is their social integration. Friendships, shared interests and a sense of community all lead to better health.

not surprising from a woman who, as a KU student, eagerly devoured the more than 1,000 pages of sociologist Max Weber's three-volume opus, *Economy and Society*.

More important, Quadagno says, research and writing help her show fellow citizens how decisions in Washington, D.C., can directly affect their lives.

As her father and his generation of activists no doubt would attest, creating awareness is a vital first step toward change.

—Silver is a Lawrence freelance writer.

Class Notes

Christopher Genereux, l'01, practices law with Thomas, Means, Gillis & Seay in Birmingham, Ala.

Helen Lauen, j'01, recently joined Risdall Marketing Group in New Brighton, Minn., as strategic planning director. She lives in St. Paul.

MARRIED

Todd Agron, b'01, to Gena Garrison, Jan. 17 in Leawood. They live in Overland Park.

Jay VanBlaricum, f'01, l'04, and **Kathryn Jennings**, c'06, Aug. 23 in KU's Danforth Chapel. He's an attorney with the Kansas Court of Tax Appeals and sings tenor with the vocal ensemble Octarium. She owns Insect Art. Their home is in Lawrence.

BORN TO:

Timothy, b'01, g'02, and **Kyly Pyle Bateman**, b'02, g'03, son, Anderson James, Nov. 22 in Lawrence, where they

live. Tim works for RD Johnson Excavating, and Kyly works for Payless Shoe Source.

Anthony, g'01, PhD'05, and **Otilia Blaga-Romero**, g'04, daughter, Isabella, Sept. 25 in Westfield, N.J. Anthony is a senior research chemist with Merck & Co.

Mark, c'01, and **Katherine Coughenour Jennings**, d'01, son, Charlie James, Feb. 4 in Leawood, where he joins a brother, Barrett, 2.

Profile

BY STEVEN HILL

Irish had the wind under his wings in flying career

Be it luck or fortune or divine providence, things have always had a way of working out for Edelbert "Dusty" Irish.

From the moment he climbed on his father's lap to take his first airplane ride, at the Wheaton Fair in 1933, Irish has harbored a yen to fly.

Later he and two brothers started building their own plane from a pattern they found in *Mechanics Illustrated*. "It got to looking so much like an airplane that our mother got worried," he laughs. "She went out with an ax and chopped that thing up good."

After his parents lost everything in the Depression, college seemed out of the question for "a poor old Kansas farm boy."

But thanks to the V-12 Navy College Training Program, a World War II effort to boost the numbers of commissioned naval officers, Irish, e'45, was in the second class to graduate from KU's aeronautical engineering program.

His dream of flying, however, ran into an obstacle more daunting even than his mother's ax.

"When I joined the Navy, man, I prayed that I could fly," he recalls. "When I took the physical, the doctor said, 'Son, you'll never fly. You're color blind.'"

But his KU degree landed him a spot on the staff of Rear Adm. John "Black Jack" Reeves, who took a liking to the young officer. "He fixed it so I could fly," Irish says. In fact, when Irish finally got to flight school after a year at sea, the new commander of flight training was none other than his benefactor, Reeves. "I got my wings in 1949, in his office," he says.

Irish proposed to his wife, Shirley, on June 25, 1950. That was the same day North Korean forces crossed the 38th parallel into South Korea, starting the Korean War. Ten days later, he was aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Philippine Sea*, steaming to Asia. For 10 months he flew combat missions in an F4U Corsair, earning the title of Centurion, a distinction reserved for Navy pilots who make 100 carrier landings in a single deployment. One close call stands out.

His squad had taken delivery on a Corsair tuned for land rather than sea launches. "When I went off the deck I sank right down to the water," Irish recalls. "I was kicking up a rooster tail like a speed boat, but I got airborne and flew the combat hop."

Irish continued his military career after the war, eventually rising to captain and commanding the U.S. Naval Missile Center at Point Mugu, Calif., where he worked in missile development. In 1975



■ Dusty Irish traces his roots not to Ireland, but to England and Wales. That doesn't stop him from having fun with his surname. When he developed the Ohio land he lives on, he christened his own street Shamrock Lane.

he retired to a farm near Hillsboro, Ohio, and began a second career as a golf-course owner and condo developer.

"I was kind of privileged, I guess," he says, looking back on a charmed career. "I don't know why it worked that way. I guess the good lord was watching over me." 🍀

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2002

Erin Shultz Bittinger, c'02, and her husband, Michael, live in Lafayette, Ind., with their daughter, Ava, 1. Erin directs development at Purdue University in West Lafayette.

Phillip Buttell, l'02, g'02, recently became chief operating officer at Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence, Mo.

Stephen Faust, a'02, manages projects for EMC2 Architects Planners in Yuma, Ariz.

Jennifer Green, c'02, g'03, recently was promoted to study abroad adviser for SUNY at Stony Brook. She lives in East Setauket, N.Y.

John Hicks, l'02, is a partner in the Leawood law firm of Norris & Keplinger.

Kylie Polson, b'02, works as a trust officer at Farmers & Drovers Bank in Council Grove.

MARRIED

Kelly Gunn, c'02, to Robert Harvey,

Nov. 22 in Palencia, Belize. They live in Lawrence.

Julie Leach, '02, and **Andrew Fouts**, b'07, June 14 in KU's Danforth Chapel. They live in Lawrence.

BORN TO:

Summer Lewis Henry, j'02, and **Brandon**, l'03, son, Beckett, Oct. 29 in Kansas City. Summer owns Life Simplified, and Brandon practices law with Wagstaff & Cartmell.

Nicholas, d'02, and **Jennifer Barker Hosler**, f'02, daughter, Lauren Olivia, Nov. 25 in Lawrence. Nicholas coordinates projects for Wood N' Stuff Cabinets in Lecompton.

Jennifer McKenzie Knudtson, b'02, and Daniel, son, Reid James, Oct. 10 in Kansas City, where Jennifer is a client supervisor for Hallmark Cards.

2003

Nikki Wahle Barrett, b'03, is a loan processor at Citizen's State Bank in

Burlington. She and her husband, Matt, live in Waverly with their daughter, Brooklyn, 1.

Christopher Kennedy, e'03, works as a senior field engineer with Bechtel. He lives in Tonganoxie.

Katie Mitchell-Koch, c'03, PhD'09, is a chemistry lecturer at Emporia State University, where her husband, Jeremy, is an assistant professor of chemistry. Their daughter, Molly, is 1.

Ryan Peschka, c'03, g'08, makes his home in Kansas City with his wife, Amber, and their daughter, Lainey, 1. Ryan is a senior strategy analyst with UMB Bank.

Jamie Hays Szalc, d'03, is assistant director of development for Marquette Athletics in Milwaukee.

Jana Smoot White, j'03, c'03, practices law with Fowler Measle & Bell in Lexington, Ky.

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Kathryn Dubois, d'03, to Ryan Reed,

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July 5 in Baldwin City. They live in Lawrence, where she's a senior administrative associate in KU's Office of the Provost.

Megan Gray, g'03, to Ty Baker, Nov. 8 in Tulsa, Okla., where they live. She's a physical therapist with Carter Health Care and Hospice, and he's a sales manager with Tulsa Valve.

Jason Shumaker, d'03, to Kate Klepper, June 28 in Denver. They live in Leavenworth, and Jason is an offensive coordinator for the University of Saint Mary's football team.

Scott Thein, c'03, and **Katherine Watkins**, b'05, Jan. 24 in Fairway. He's an associate attorney with Aquila, and she's a real-estate analyst for Novogradac & Co. They live in Kansas City.

2004

Zeinab Mohamad Baba, c'04, is a senior clinical research assistant at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Trevor Chipman, b'04, works as a financial analyst for Garmin International. He lives in Olathe.

Molly Bogery Fritzel, c'04, is a speech-language pathologist for ECKCE. She lives in Eudora.

Mary Gilliland, c'04, works as a GIS specialist for Watershed Concepts. She lives in Atlanta.

Lisa Lung, c'04, works as a paraprofessional for the Shawnee Mission School District. She lives in Overland Park.

Julie May, c'04, coordinates marketing for the athletics department at the University of Pennsylvania. She lives in Philadelphia.

Samuel Ritchie, c'04, b'06, is legal counsel for the Missouri Public Service Commission. He lives in Columbia.

Marcie Rohleder, b'04, works as a coach specialist for the Studer Group in Dallas.

Joel Worthington, j'04, g'07, is a senior analyst with Sg2 in Skokie, Ill. He lives in Chicago.

MARRIED

Kirsten Larsen, f'04, to Peter Sharp, June 7 in Lexington, Ill. They live in Phoenix. Kirsten is an individual giving



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assoc.	Associate member of the Alumni Association



associate for the Desert Botanical Gardens, and Peter owns Elite Sodablasting.

Holly Wideman, p'04, to Ronald Gudenkauf, Sept. 20 in Holton. They live in Whiting.

BORN TO:

Misty Koch, c'04, daughter, Taylor Dawn, Aug. 19 in Sabetha.

2005

Bix Ellenbecker, e'05, is a structural engineer with Eipel Barbieri Marschhausen in New York City.

Christopher Ewing, p'05, works as a pharmacist at Walgreens in El Mirage, Ariz. He lives in Waddell.

Jacinta Langford, c'05, co-owns LangfordSevier, a marketing firm, in Lawrence.

Jana Szatkowski, c'05, is a sales representative for Shire Pharmaceuticals in Omaha, Neb.

MARRIED

Patrick Neville, b'05, to Jennifer Brenneman, July 12 in Minier, Ill. They live in Springfield, where they both study medicine at Southern Illinois University.

Jessica Solander, j'05, to Patrick Klein, Dec. 26 in Garnett. They live in Overland Park, and she's a regulatory specialist for Embarq Logistics. Patrick is a senior financial analyst for Waddell & Reed.

Tyler Trabon, b'05, and **Jennifer Hart**, c'06, Sept. 20 in Kansas City, where they live. She coordinates membership services events for Diversified Consultants.

Brian Wolf, b'05, l'08, and **Julie Baldwin**, n'06, Oct. 18 in Overland Park. They live in Prairie Village. He's an attorney for Polsinelli Shughart, and she's a nurse at St. Joseph Medical Center.

BORN TO:

Katie Pruitt Cheney, c'05, b'05, l'08, and Adam, daughter, Reagan, Oct. 28 in Beloit, where she joins a sister, Shea, 7.

Katie is an associate attorney with Frasier & Johnson.

2006

Carly Farrell, l'06, practices law with Edward Gillette in Mission.

Colleen Grosch, j'06, manages member engagement for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars in Washington, D.C. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

Jeda Hays, d'06, is an athletics marketing assistant at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

Derek Klaus, j'06, manages communications for the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Association. He lives in Mission.

Amy Lopez, a'06, teaches English as a second language at Salinas Adult School. She lives in Marina, Calif.

Stefany Samp, b'06, g'08, is a financial reporting accountant for Flint Hills Resources in Wichita.

Lindsey Stinson, c'06, works as an

assistant buyer for Twins Enterprise in Boston. She lives in Brighton.

Jeffrey Verkamp, a'06, is an architect with 360 Architecture in Kansas City.

MARRIED

Rob Werling, b'06, g'06, and **Courtney Keating**, '06, Oct. 4 in Overland Park. He's an auditor with KPMG in Kansas City, and they make their home in Mission.

2007

MARRIED

Gavin Englund, e'07, and **Amanda Jones**, h'08, Aug. 23 in Berryton. He's a purchasing engineer for United Conveyor Supply. They live in Round Lake Beach, Ill.

Bryan Meyer, l'07, and **Stephanie Wing**, '09, Sept. 27 in Lawrence. He's a staff attorney at Waddell & Reed, and she's a public information officer in the Kansas Secretary of State's office. They live in Shawnee.

Nicholas Ong, b'07, to Rachel Brandt, Aug. 30 in Kansas City. He works for Embarq, and she teaches fourth grade in Independence, Mo. They live in Kansas City.

Elise Tucker, c'07, and **Christian Neilson**, c'08, Jan. 16 in Kansas City. Their home is in Charlotte, N.C.

2008

Carl Hinkson, h'08, is a respiratory clinical specialist at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Auburn with their daughter, Audry, 1.

Adam Podschun, e'08, works as an engineer with Chesapeake Energy. He and his wife, Virginia, live in Weatherford, Okla., with their son, Lendy, 1.

Lillie Moore Sanchez, b'08, is a sales executive for Phoenix International. She and her husband, Michael, make their home in Overland Park with their son, Isaiah, 1.

MARRIED

Derek Nye, d'08, and **Andrea Grasmick**, '09, Jan. 3 in Denver. He's a com-

munications specialist at United BioSource in Kansas City, and Andie studies mathematics and political science at KU. Their home is in Lawrence.

Shaun Whisler, f'08, to Janelle Nuessen, Dec. 6 in Lawrence, where they live.

BORN TO:

Lacy Albrecht, s'08, daughter, Kaitlyn Lea Enyart, Nov. 3 in Lawrence. Lacy is a

hospital social worker.

Catherine Bryant Horn, s'08, and Travis, son, Jackson Lee, Nov. 14 in Lee's Summit, Mo. She's a social worker for the Shawnee Mission School District.

Bradley Young, g'08, and Shannon, son, Gavin, Dec. 19 in Monticello, Utah, where he joins a brother, Bronson, 8, and a sister, Avery, 4. Bradley is a nurse anesthetist for the San Juan Health District.

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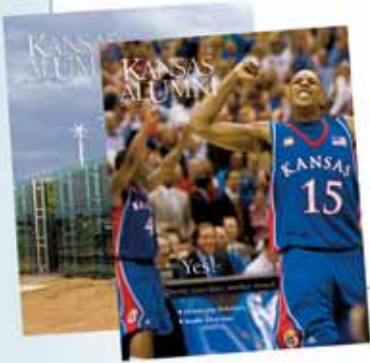
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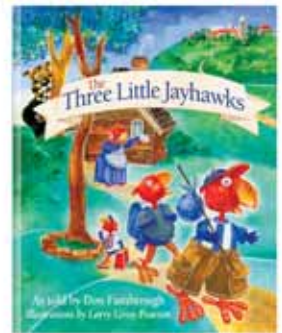
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1930s

Walter Cannady, d'38, 93, Feb. 5 in Van Nuys, Calif., where he was retired general manager/vice president of St. John Knits. A daughter survives.

Harold Engel, e'39, 94, Feb. 8 in Overland Park, where he was retired from Bendix. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by a son, a daughter, four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Helen Campbell Hansen, f'39, 91, Feb. 14 in Derby, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by two daughters, a son, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Breidenthal Jenkins, '36, 94, Jan. 31 in Overland Park. She is survived by a son; a daughter; a stepson; a sister, Barbara Breidenthal Sutherland, '43; and two stepgrandchildren.

Imogene "Gerry" Beamer Penner, c'37, 93, Feb. 13 in Lenexa. She is survived by two sons, Gary, c'68, and John, c'71; three daughters; 16 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mary Ruth Watermulder Petefish, c'36, 96, Jan. 15 in Lawrence, where she was a former junior high school teacher. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by two daughters, Mary Ann Petefish Grumman, d'69, and Susan Petefish Gold, d'73; a brother, David Watermulder, c'42; two grandsons; and four stepgrandchildren.

Alice Paden Robb, d'39, 91, Feb. 22 in Wildomar, Calif., where she was a retired teacher. Survivors include a daughter; a brother, Carl Paden, '51; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Eleanore Odell Rost, c'32, 98, Jan. 14 in Topeka. She is survived by a son, Thomas, b'59; a daughter; five grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

George McPhillamy Seymour, f'32, 97, Feb. 1 in Prairie Village. He was retired president of George T. Cook Railroad Supply. Survivors include a stepdaughter, Margaret Moran, b'78, l'83; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Earl Stuckenbruck, c'39, 91, Oct. 12 in Johnson City, Tenn. He was a minister and had taught Bible, Greek and German at Milligan College until retiring. He is survived by his wife, Ottie, three sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

David Thorne, e'34, 95, July 26 in Pittsford, N.Y., where he was retired from a 41-year career with Eastman Kodak. He is survived by two daughters, two sons, eight grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Laura Johnson Wright, d'39, 91, Jan. 31 in Pleasanton, where she was a retired music teacher. Two stepgrandsons and a stepgranddaughter survive.

1940s

Nancy Neville Adams, '45, 84, Feb. 1 in Houston. She is survived by her husband, K.S. "Bud" Jr., '44; two daughters; and seven grandchildren.

Dorothy Miller Allen, '46, 84, Feb. 6 in Topeka. She lived in Leavenworth and is survived by her husband, William Sr., c'44, m'46; three sons, William Jr., c'68, m'78, Timothy, m'76, and Mark, m'80; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Margaret Corson Bowlus, c'43, 87, Feb. 26 in El Dorado, where she was a retired mathematics teacher. She is survived by her husband, Burt, b'43; a son, James, c'67; and a brother, Dale Corson, g'35.

Jean Stodard Button, c'46, g'48, 83, Feb. 2 in Bethesda, Md. She is survived by three sons, two of whom are Alexander, c'72, g'73, and Vantries, '72; a daughter; a sister, Edith Stodard

Weigand, c'49; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Ludy Land Davidson, d'46, 84, Feb. 10 in Lee's Summit, Mo., where she taught physical education, health, English and math for 35 years. A son survives.

Anna Hoffman Fair, c'46, 87, Jan. 30 in Las Cruces, N.M. Survivors include her husband, Dale, three sons, three grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren.

Shirley Cundiff Haines, c'48, 82, Feb. 10 in Wichita. She was instrumental in establishing several scholarships at KU, including the Shirley Cundiff and Jordan L. Haines Study Abroad Fund and the Jordan and Shirley Haines Law Scholarship. She is survived by a son, Craig, j'75; and seven grandchildren.

Deneise Lemoine Herrick, c'40, 89, Jan. 20 in Bella Vista, Ark. She is survived by a son, Richard Amerine, d'65; a daughter, Rochelle Amerine Waugh, '69; two stepsons; a stepdaughter; five grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

Marjorie "Moh" Oliver Hertzler, c'43, 87, Feb. 25 in Wichita. She is survived by two sons, William, c'70, and Joseph, c'77; a daughter, Nancy Hertzler-Fuqua, s'73; a sister, Mary Oliver Wells, f'50; and three grandchildren.

Ervin Johnston, c'49, l'51, 82, Feb. 16 in Kansas City, where he had practiced law for 57 years. He is survived by his wife, Jean Trantum Johnston, '52; a son; a daughter; a brother, Kenneth Johnston, '47; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Stewart Jones, c'40, 89, Dec. 3 in Hamilton, Ohio, where he was retired president and CEO of Brewer, Jones & Feldman, an advertising and public relations firm. He is survived by his wife, Martie, two daughters, two sons, a brother, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Hubert "Bert" Kintzel, c'49, e'51, 82, Oct. 18 in Wichita, where he was retired from Beech Aircraft and Boeing. Surviving are his wife, Georgia Hamman Kintzel, '52; a son; a sister, Dorothy Kintzel Harris, c'45; a grandson; and a great-grandson.

Martha Roots Knox, n'42, 90, June 10, 2008, in Tucson, Ariz., where she was a

retired surgical nurse. Survivors include her husband, Robert, c'41, m'44; a daughter; a son; and two grandchildren.

William Leland, p'49, 84, Jan. 20 in Wichita, where he had owned Leland Pharmacy. Two daughters, two sisters, a brother, three grandchildren and a great-grandson survive.

George Newton Lewis, b'41, 90, Jan. 11 in Kansas City, where he had been assistant training director for the city. Survivors include his partner, Gordon Hansen, and a cousin.

Warren Lowen, c'42, g'47, PhD'49, 87, Feb. 11 in Woodstock, Ga., where he was retired director of the biochemical division at DuPont. A son, a daughter, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive.

Abraham Persky, c'48, g'50, 85, June 6 in San Francisco. He taught English drama, English as a second language and linguistics at San Jose State University, where he also was a foreign student adviser. Several nieces and nephews survive.

Lee Seybert, e'48, 88, Feb. 6 in Kansas City, where he was a retired civil engineer. He is survived by two sons, one of whom is Grant, '81; a daughter; a brother; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Allan Shontz, e'42, 89, Jan. 27 in Lenexa. He founded TelCon Associates in St. Louis and earlier had worked for Vendo. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Heine Shontz, g'77; two sons, one of whom is Philip, e'67; six daughters, five of whom are Anne Shontz Fenner, c'65, Nancy Shontz Hollingsworth, '72, Jennifer, f'75, Julia Carrel, b'81, and Kathleen Bishop, d'85; a sister; 17 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Jane Robinson Smith, c'42, 89, Feb. 21 in Atchison. She is survived by her husband, Fred "Fritz," b'42; a son, Charles, '77; and two granddaughters.

Robert Stevens, c'44, m'47, 86, Feb. 5 in Garnett, where he was a retired physician. He is survived by his wife, Mildred Julius Stevens, c'45, m'47; three sons, Rhoads, c'76, James, c'79, l'83, g'83, and Victor, m'82; two daughters, Laura, c'74,

m'76, and Leah Stevens Waage, c'77, m'81; a brother, Philip, c'50, m'54; a sister, Marie Stevens Huey, c'37; and 13 grandchildren.

Lloyd Swanson, b'49, 89, Jan. 20 in Overland Park. He was retired vice president of Iola State Bank. Among survivors are his wife, Lorraine; a son, Thomas, '73; a stepson; and two grandchildren.

Gordon Swinney, e'41, 91, Feb. 16 in Bartlesville, Okla. He is survived by his wife, Billie Jeune; a son, Robert, c'68, m'73; three daughters; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Jud Townley, c'46, 85, Feb. 10 in Topeka, where he was a retired minister. He is survived by a daughter; three sons; a sister, Isabel Townley Voss, c'37; and three grandchildren.

Sue Diggs Varvel, c'45, 84, Dec. 28 in Greeley, Colo. She is survived by three daughters, one of whom is Beth Varvel Richards, d'78; a son; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Emilio Weiss, c'41, 89, May 30, 2008, in Advance, N.C. He was a Navy microbiologist specializing in the physiology and genetics of rickettsiales, an order of small protobacteria. Two daughters, a brother, a sister and two grandchildren survive.

Gwen Couch Young, '44, 85, Dec. 2, 2007, in Denver. She lived in Colby, where she founded the bookstore at Colby Community College. A son, a daughter, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive.

1950s

Guy Akers, m'53, 88, Jan. 16 in Lawrence. He practiced medicine in Fort Scott for many years and is survived by his wife, Lorene; two sons, Greg, c'69, p'74, and Brent, j'79; and six grandsons.

Frederick Apt Jr., c'51, l'56, 79, Dec. 11 in Iola, where he had practiced law. He is survived by his wife, Denise; two sons, one of whom is Frederick III, c'77; a daughter, Barbara Apt Bukaty, '79; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Robert Becker, g'53, 86, Dec. 19 in Mobile, Ala., where he was retired from a career with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. His wife, Joan, and a daughter are among survivors.

Justyn Elliott Brown, '52, 78, Feb. 3 in Lawrence. She is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Marsha Brown Howe, b'78.

Richard Brown, c'50, 81, Jan. 13 in Lawrence, where he was retired from Capitol Federal Savings. He is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Marsha Brown Howe, b'78.

Kenneth Caldwell, b'50, 85, Jan. 7 in Silver Spring, Md. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a retired corporate finance executive. Surviving are his wife, Virginia, a daughter, two sons, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Harry Crittenden, j'56, 76, May 18, 2008, in Grand Island, Neb., where he had been advertising manager at the Grand Island Daily Independent and later was a store manager for Bosselman Truck Plaza. He is survived by his wife, Betty Lou McCoy Crittenden, c'55; a daughter; two sons; a brother; a sister, Hope Crittenden Miller Swamer, d'45; and seven grandchildren.

Jack Francis, b'59, 72, Feb. 17 in Overland Park, where he was retired from a 37-year career with General Motors. He is survived by his wife, Anne, his mother and stepfather, four sons, a daughter, three sisters, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Jean Waddell Harris, c'53, 77, Jan. 18 in Colorado Springs, Colo. She is survived by her husband, Dick, c'49, l'51; a daughter; two sons, one of whom is Richard, c'80; and five grandchildren.

Patricia Aurell Jones, f'54, 76, July 21 in Moreno Valley, Calif., where she was a retired occupational therapist. Four sons and a daughter survive.

Marilyn Hudson Jurden, c'54, 76, Jan. 27 in Prairie Village. She was a founding board member and later president of the Belles of the American Royal. Surviving are three sons, Frank, c'86, Leonard IV, l'89, and Joseph, c'90; a sister, Joanne Hudson Hamilton, c'50; and seven grandchildren.

Nancy Litwin Kelley, b'58, 73, Feb. 15 in Topeka. She was the first accountant for the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment

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Association. She is survived by her husband, Dean, '58; a son; and a brother, Michael Litwin, c'71.

William Littell, d'57, g'61, PhD'73, 72, Feb. 25, 2008, in Houston, where he had been a psychologist. Two sons survive.

Clyde Martin, c'55, m'58, 75, Feb. 17 in Fairfield, Calif., where he was a retired colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and a former forensic psychiatrist. Survivors include a son, Kyle, c'87; two daughters, Kerry Martin Cosgrove, '83, and Kristin Martin Lucero, c'84; and three grandchildren.

Dennis Molnar, e'59, 72, June 2 in Monroeville, Pa., where he was a retired engineer with Westinghouse. He is survived by his wife, Gabriella, a daughter and a sister.

Reese Pollard, d'51, EdD'71, 81, Feb. 15 in Overland Park. He coached football, taught math and was vice principal at Shawnee Mission North High School, and he later served as associate superintendent for the Shawnee Mission School District. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Audrey Oberhelman Pollard, g'80; three daughters, Chris Pollard Heider, d'76, g'95, Teresa Pollard Orr, p'79, and Jean Pollard Jennings, b'80; and seven grandchildren.

Jean Proudfit Roberts, '53, 78, Feb. 12 in Prairie Village. She is survived by her husband, Donald, d'50; a daughter, Kay Roberts Findlay, h'81; two sons, one of whom is John, j'77; a sister, Ellen Proudfit Williams, d'58; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Newell Rodewald, e'58, g'60, PhD'63, 71, Oct. 28 in Lakewood, Colo. He is survived by a brother, Richard, e'60, b'62; and a sister, Sara Rodewald Lindsley, g'68.

Ruth "Roonie" Anderson Sellers, c'58, 72, Feb. 26 in Hutchinson. She is survived by her husband, Merl, b'54; a son, Thomas, assoc.; two daughters, Susan Sellers Buttram, j'82, and Ann Sellers Comfort, b'89; and six grandchildren.

Worley "Jim" Stewart, p'56, 77, April 8, 2008, in Birmingham, Ala., where he was a retired physician. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, a sister and 11

grandchildren.

William Taggart Sr., j'55, 77, Jan. 15 in Reston, Va. He lived in Arlington. He had been staff director of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry and later was vice president of Martin Haley Companies, a public affairs and government relations firm in Washington, D.C. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Judith Ferrell Taggart, g'55; a son, William Jr., b'81; three daughters, Lura Taggart Svestka, '82, Carlene Taggart Bahler, '83, and Sara Taggart Crowson, '82; a brother; and five grandchildren.

Marilyn Jones White, c'51, 79, Feb. 20 in El Dorado, where was former vice mayor and had founded the tutoring program at Butler County Community College. She is survived by three sons, Theodore, c'75, d'77, Douglas, c'81, m'85, and Lucas, '84; a daughter; a sister, Jean Jones Haines, b'46; and nine grandchildren.

Mary Ann Taylor York, n'57, 74, Jan. 23 in Lincoln, Neb. She lived in Seneca, where she was a former nurse. Surviving are her husband, Velven, two sons and two grandchildren.

1960s

Douglas Coleman, b'61, 70, Dec. 15, in Panama City, Fla., and **Mary Traynor Coleman, '60**, 69, Jan. 30 in Lawrence. He was former owner of Coleman American Moving Service in Lawrence, and she was active in community service, including Meals On Wheels and Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen. Survivors include four daughters, three of whom are Elizabeth Coleman Brenner, '78, Mary Coleman Pederson, '85, and Nancy Coleman Roe, c'89; three sons, Michael, b'84, Andrew, b'87, and Christopher, c'96; three brothers; and 17 grandchildren.

Roberta Endacott-Graf, f'64, g'67, 66, Feb. 6 in Pensacola, Fla., where she owned Graf Enterprises, an interior design and graphic arts business. Two sons, a stepson, a stepdaughter, a brother and nine grandchildren survive.

John Frye, e'60, 68, July 7 in Fountain

Valley, Calif. He had been an engineer at Northrup Grumman, where he was a specialist in mathematical modeling of complex structures. He is survived by his wife, Roselyn; a son; a daughter; a brother, George, e'55, g'61; and two grandchildren.

Robert Hilke, e'63, 76, July 12 in Albuquerque, N.M., where he was retired from a career in the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, a son, a daughter, a stepson, a stepdaughter, two grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Jon Johnson, c'67, 63, Jan. 7 in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he worked for Russell Reynolds and later TMP. Survivors include a son; a daughter; his mother, Dorothea Simons Johnson, c'32; and two brothers, Charles, b'62, and Lance, c'60.

Robert "Babo" Ruzicka, c'63, d'65, g'65, 67, Dec. 11 in Concordia, where he taught 38 years at Cloud County Community College. He is survived by two sons, two daughters, a sister and 12 grandchildren.

Ronald Swanson, d'62, 69, Oct. 2 in Fairbanks, Alaska. He taught school for many years in addition to teaching piano. Survivors include his wife, Dixie, a daughter, his mother, a sister and a brother.

1970s

Richard Boss, c'74, 55, April 30, 2008, in Aspen, Colo., where he was a sales representative for the Disk Man. A son survives.

Jean Duncan Crowder, PhD'74, 77, Dec. 9 in Birmingham, Ala., where she was a psychologist and a medical consultant with the Alabama State Department of Education. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by her husband, Travis; two sons, one of whom is James Jr., '84; a daughter, Nettie Crowder Oliverio, '77; a stepson; a stepdaughter; two grandsons; and two stepgranddaughters.

Susanne Kaminski, g'73, 62, Feb. 4 in Lenexa. She taught school in the Turner School District for 11 years and in the Olathe School District for 23 years. Sur-

vivors include seven brothers, one of whom is James, '79.

Robert Lester, l'77, 61, Jan. 7 in Houston. He lived in Rocklin, Calif., and was a senior claims adjuster for the California Workers' Compensation Fund. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; two sons; his mother; his stepfather, James Mitchell, b'40; a brother, John, m'70; and a sister.

Robert Lichtenberger, g'76, 65, April 30, 2008, in Austin, Texas, where he was a retired colonel in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife, Sharron; three sons, one of whom is Robert Jr., g'03; a daughter; a stepson; 10 grandchildren; and a stepgranddaughter.

David Minden, b'77, 54, Jan. 20 in Lawrence, where he was a controller for B.F. Ascher Pharmaceuticals. He is survived by his wife, Kathy; a son; a brother, Gary, e'73, PhD'83; several stepbrothers; and a stepsister.

Patricia Sitlington, PhD'76, 62, Feb. 13 in Cedar Falls, Iowa, where she was a professor of special education at the University of Northern Iowa. A brother survives.

John Spencer, m'74, 61, Jan. 3 in Fort Scott, where he practiced medicine. He is survived by his wife, Janice, a son, a daughter, a stepdaughter, a sister and six grandchildren.

Robert Wentz, m'71, 65, Jan. 3 in Bismarck, N.D., where he was a retired pediatrician. He practiced medicine with the U.S. Air Force and served as North Dakota state health officer. He is survived by his wife, Leanna, and a sister.

Rudolph Wolf, c'72, 59, Jan. 10 in Overland Park, where he was a chemical engineer with Burns & McDonnell. Surviving are his wife, Judy Wittrock Wolf, g'83; three sons; a daughter; his mother; and four grandchildren.

1980s

Anthony Deluca, c'89, 43, Feb. 14 in Overland Park. He is survived by his mother, Carole, and a sister.

Craig Fiedler, PhD'86, 56, Jan. 4 in Neenah, Wis. He was a retired professor of special education at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Survivors include his wife, Sharon, two daughters, his

father and a sister.

Henry Goertz, l'84, 59, June 28 in Bristol, Ind., where he was a lawyer. He is survived by his wife, Alice, three sons, his parents, five sisters, a brother and two grandchildren.

Jason Harper Sr., l'86, 48, Feb. 16 in Germantown, Md. He was a principal with Deloitte Tax. Among survivors are his wife, Dawn; two sons, two daughters, his parents; a sister; and five brothers, one of whom is Cedric, c'82.

David Holt, f'86, 46, Feb. 1 in Lombard, Ill., where he owned Holt Creative. He is survived by a daughter, his parents and three brothers.

Devon Knoll, g'81, 69, Jan. 13 in Topeka, where he had worked for the Kansas Department of Parole and Probation and the Kansas Department of Corrections. He is survived by his wife, Janice Turner Knoll, s'81; a son, Chris, c'94; a daughter; five brothers, one of whom is Omer, '74; two sisters; and two grandchildren.

Charles Ross, c'80, 51, Jan. 9 in Bartlett, Tenn. He worked at St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Alice, assoc.; a son, Peter, e'09; two daughters; a brother; and a sister, Lynn, g'93.

Walter Singer, p'84, 47, Feb. 14 in Wichita, where he was a pharmacist and store manager for Gessler Drug Store. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowmen Association. He is survived by two sons, his parents and two sisters.

1990s

Stephen McKay, c'90, 41, Feb. 1 in Prescott, Ariz., where he was a physician. He is survived by his wife, Melanie, a daughter, a son, three stepsons, his parents, his grandmother, three brothers and a sister.

2000s

Joshua Bolt, c'05, 28, Nov. 12. He was a second-year medical student at KU Medical Center and is survived by his father, Michael, m'83; his mother; two brothers; and a sister.

Dimitri Mavridorakis, '06, 23, Feb. 7

in Merriam. He lived in St. Etienne, France, and was studying for a master's of business administration at KU.

Gus Rau Meyer Jr., b'05, c'05, 27, Feb. 13 in Overland Park. He was a project manager for Rau Construction. Surviving are his parents, Gus, e'80, and Cheryl Meyer; a brother, Jason, '07; and his grandparents.

Kathryn Rush, b'06, f'06, 26, Jan. 24 in Topeka, where she worked for Jostens and Sagetec Consulting. She is survived by her parents, Thomas and Barbara Lewis Rush, '81; a brother, Eric; and her grandparents.

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Gregory Cahill, m'90, 50, Dec. 23 in Houston, where he was associate professor of biology and biochemistry at the University of Houston. Earlier he had been research assistant professor of anatomy and cell biology at the KU Medical Center. Four brothers and a sister survive.

Donald Forsyth, g'73, g'75, 82, Feb. 16 in Lawrence, where he was retired executive officer of KU's Naval ROTC Unit. He later was a real estate appraiser and retirement programs officer at Lawrence Savings Association and Columbia Savings. He is survived by three sons, Pat, '81, Michael, '76, and Robert, '89; and six grandchildren.

David Grisafe, 70, Jan. 28 in Lawrence, where he had been a scientist and geologist at the Kansas Geological Survey for more than 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Karen Rae Grisafe, '81; two daughters, Jill Grisafe Brungardt, '94, and Joy Grisafe-Gross, c'04, g'08; a son; and six grandchildren.

Kenneth Howard, h'89, 70, Feb. 9 in Kansas City, where he was retired lab information system coordinator at the KU Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Rita, two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Loda Newcomb, d'33, f'33, g'34, b'43, 96, Jan. 18 in Lawrence. She had been in charge of secretarial training at KU from 1943 to 1966 and was assistant director of the University Placement Center from 1966 to 1982. A niece survives.



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■ Brian Pike, (right), and Gavin Strunk, (opposite page), are among the EcoHawks building hands-on engineering skills while refurbishing a VW Beetle.

A bug remade

In the ruins of a '70s classic, engineering students find a platform for the car of tomorrow

The 3-foot cutout in the rear body panel of the 1974 VW Beetle might look like a gaffe to some. To Lou McKown and Chris Depcik, it looks like ingenuity.

"I'm proud of that hole," says McKown, a mechanical engineering major from Downingtown, Pa., who spent a "fun afternoon" figuring out how to wedge an electric motor into the back compartment where the VW's engine once sat. The V-shaped gap, a noticeable disruption of the car's iconic bubble-shaped design, was the solution.

"This all looks fairly straightforward, and it is," he says. "But there have been so many little hurdles that it has been an incredible challenge, which makes it a really worthwhile project."

McKown is one of 11 mechanical engineering seniors wrapping up their KU careers with a special hands-on class designed by Depcik, assistant professor of mechanical engineering. The first-year faculty member is asking students in Design Project Option E to transform the old bug into a high-tech automobile capable of traveling 100 miles on a gallon of fuel. The plan is to build problem-solving skills they'll need in the job market by experiencing and solving the inevitable snags that arise.

"That's the thing about engineering: Nothing ever fits the first time," Depcik says. "Some of these students have absolutely no practical background; they've been sitting in courses learning theory. Making decisions and living with the consequences is part of the learning process."

After rescuing the car from a Lawrence repair shop, the students, dubbed EcoHawks, stripped it down and coated the body in gray primer. They attached the electric motor to the Beetle's original transmission via an adapter plate. Ten lead-acid batteries mounted where the back seat once sat

serve as the primary power source, and interchangeable generators under the hood—one powered by biodiesel, one by ethanol—offer backup power. Depcik hopes to one day commute to work in the car in order to gather road data for his students, but the goal this semester is a spin around the parking lot.

The point isn't to learn how to build a car. Like most of his fellow EcoHawks, McKown, whose specialty is large-scale power plants, won't be working in the auto industry. The point is to learn how the engineering process works in the real world.

"Engineering is unfortunately not as easy as sitting down and coming up with the answer and implementing it," Depcik says. "Budgets and deadlines are extremely important. It's all part of the process."

Students are organized into a design team that requires each to play a specific role. As support team leader, McKown has spearheaded the effort to basically build a company from scratch. Though the EcoHawks have earned support from KU's Transportation Research Institute and space to work in the school's aeronautical engineering facility at the Lawrence airport, they also have to raise money for tools and negotiate with vendors for deals on parts.



"Developing those skills is so valuable," McKown says. "Determining how much things are going to cost, being able to raise money from funders and communicate technical information to lay people, these are concrete skills this project forces you to develop outside the classroom."

Next year's seniors will take up where the first EcoHawks left off, turning the bug into a plug-in hybrid and building a solar filling station that will use sunlight to recharge the batteries. Subsequent classes will build on their start, mixing in power sources such as hydrogen fuel cells and more powerful, lighter batteries until they reach the 100 miles-per-gallon mark. When that happens, it will be time to retire the VW and build a car from scratch, with the goal of achieving 500 miles per gallon.

"When we're there, we'll know it," Depcik says.

McKown says, "It's a living project, and I look forward to coming back five years down the road and being able to say, 'That's something I had a hand in the birth of.' It really feels like a baby of mine."

And that gap in the body panel? Call it a beauty mark.

—Steven Hill



For posterity

Grant helps KU preserve three Centron films

George Gibbs' first viewing of a Centron film was a chance encounter, but the head of KU's music and dance library was immediately struck by two things. First, the film was really well done. Second, there, in the background in vintage 1950s black-and-white: Wasn't that Lawrence High School?

Founded in 1947 by Russell Mosser, c'40, g'44; Art Wolf, c'39; and Fred Montgomery, director of visual instruction at KU, Centron made education

films and fulfilled commissions from universities and corporations such as John Deere, Conoco and Phillips 66. Particularly well known was the Discussion Problems in Group Living series, which created open-ended dramatizations meant to spur classroom discussions on racism, bullying, juvenile delinquency and other divisive issues.

The company donated about 1,000 films to the Spencer Research Library's Kansas Collection when it shut down in the 1990s. Three are being restored, thanks to an \$11,000 grant from the National Film Preservation Foundation. KU Libraries is the first institution in the state to receive the grant.

Many Centron films were made in Lawrence, which makes the background as interesting as the foreground to some, according to Gibbs, who compiled a filmography of the Kansas Collection's Centron holdings. "You can really see what Lawrence looked like in the 1950s and '60s," he says.

That frozen-in-amber quality also makes Centron's output valuable to social historians and other scholars. The films are a kind of time capsule that reflects the cultural attitudes and social norms of a dramatically different era.

"In the late '50s and early '60s, before things kind of fell apart a bit, it was still possible to say what good behavior is in the classroom or on the school bus, what to do at a party or on a date," Gibbs says. "They still made films about things like that, and Centron made films I would consider very provocative and well thought out."

Mosser believes the Spencer holdings, which also include papers, is one of the finest and most unique small business collections in existence. "We were a film company in kind of an odd location," he says. "You think of Hollywood, New York or Chicago. The only reason we were here is Art and I wanted to live in Lawrence, and we figured a way to make it work."

Sherry Williams, interim director of the library and curator of the Kansas Collection, the KU Libraries' regional history division, says Centron is an impor-

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Williams and Gibbs

tant piece of local history. A pair of films being restored under the grant are particularly good examples.

“To the Stars,” a 1950 promotional film for KU, is “a slice of time in the history of our institution,” Williams says. “It shows not only what campus looked like, but it shows people interacting with campus. There’s a whole range of things people might be interested in.”

The film is in color, fairly rare for the period, and has held up well.

“You see a lot of people associated with the University who are just names now to most people, and in some cases there are buildings named for them,” Gibbs says. “It’s interesting to see.”

The second film is one of Centron’s best known and most enduring, “Leo Beuerman.” The 13-minute documentary portrayed the life of a rural Douglas County man who was deaf, nearly blind and only 3 feet tall; he was a fixture on Mass Street, where he sold pencils to support himself. Released in 1969, the film drew an Academy Award nomination in 1971.

The Beuerman film was made “completely backwards” from the way the company usually worked, Mosser recalls. “It was a film that just happened, and all for the good in my book. When Art and I saw the rough cut, we knew we had an unusual film on our hands.”

A Los Angeles lab will restore the films and make copies for viewing by the public and researchers. Williams hopes the small project can be a starting point

for preserving more Centron work.

“I constantly run across people in the KU community who have a connection to Centron,” she says. “It was a place people were proud to be associated with.”

—Steven Hill



Special delivery

Late chemist’s compounds could lead to drug-discovery breakthroughs

Shortly after his 91-year-old father died, in May 2004 in Melbourne, Fla., photographer David Burckhalter left his Tucson, Ariz., home to help his father’s widow, Julia Belton, sort through his things. Because his father was a world-class medicinal chemistry researcher, an inductee in the National Inventors Hall of Fame whose antimalarial compounds are still in use more than a half-century after their formulation, Burckhalter wasn’t at all startled to open a rented storage locker and discover thousands of glass vials of chemicals, carefully stored in dozens of cardboard boxes.

The only troubling question was, what to do with them?

Although Professor Joseph Burckhalter left KU for the University of Michigan

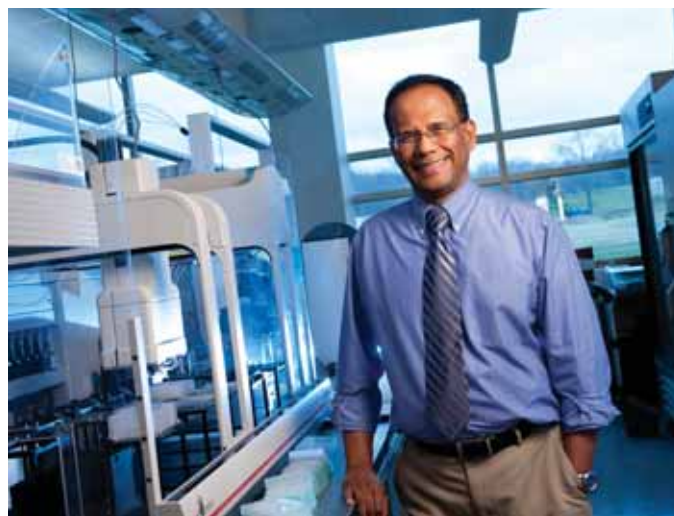
in 1960, he considered his 13 years on Mount Oread “the happiest time of my life,” as he wrote in 1992, and two of his children and two grandchildren had earned degrees from KU. So David Burckhalter, c’66, picked up the phone and called Lawrence.

Jeff Aube, professor of medicinal chemistry, had met Professor Burckhalter, certainly knew of his reputation and the legacy he left behind in KU’s department of medicinal chemistry, and immediately assured the family that KU would cherish such a gift. So Burckhalter loaded 42 boxes into a U-Haul van and drove them to Lawrence.

“The family and I knew that he really loved Kansas, and that’s where he did some of his earliest and best work,” Burckhalter says. “So we thought, that’s the place.”

The Burckhalter compounds are still undergoing preliminary examinations and cataloging, a process that researchers hope they can finish by the end of the year. Then they will be launched through the automated “high-throughput screening” machines supervised by laboratory director Rathnam Chaguturu, courtesy research professor of molecular biosciences.

Chaguturu confesses he has no idea what exactly the Burckhalter chemicals will yield; all he knows for certain is that the chemical explorations will be a thrill. He insists *talking* about Burckhalter, let alone examining his original chemical



■ While in private industry, biochemist Rathnam Chaguturu designed the first robotics used in high-throughput screening. Now he’ll apply the technology to analyze unique compounds donated by the family of the late Professor Joseph Burckhalter.

samples, is “quite an honor.” As for the treasure that awaits his machines, Chaguturu says, “This is not your random collection of compounds. These are meant for something.”

Modern “combinatorial chemistry” relies on extremely rapid, automatic synthesis to create new molecules, and every researcher in the field uses the same software. It is a process of massive numbers: Newly formed molecules might generate hit rates—or early indications of chemical effectiveness—of about .1 or .2 percent; in Burckhalter’s day, Chaguturu explains, chemists relied on intuition, experience and raw brainpower, so the Burckhalter compounds now being prepped for screening could score hit rates 10 or 20 times greater.

“That’s pretty remarkable,” Chaguturu says. “In his case, these are all ‘information rich’ molecules. And since this is all so information rich, my guess is they’ll be much more useful than most of the [chemical] library I have.”

Chaguturu says pharmaceutical companies have essentially exhausted possibilities for natural compounds, and are now turning to academe for intellectual input. KU also will share screening results and insights with investigators from across the country, and such research will be a cornerstone of efforts to secure National Cancer Center designation for the KU Cancer Center.

“We are not *only* researching the therapeutic targets and expanding the knowledge base on the biology and chemistry of cancer,” Chaguturu says, “but we are actually looking for the therapies, coming up with new drugs, with drug discovery. And that is not part of any other cancer center in the country. We are unique in that.”

Though he professes ignorance of chemistry, David Burckhalter says he and his family understand the implications. When told that KU researchers are utterly thrilled and enthralled with the compounds donated by his family, Burckhalter replied, “That’s good to hear. It’s good to know they ended up at the right place.

“Of course we all want to see the sort

of outcomes we’re talking about. That’s what my father dedicated his life to.”

—Chris Lazzarino



Formula for art

Student garners national attention for quark jewelry

Kristal Feldt might be the only student walking around campus with sketchbooks and a physics dictionary always in hand. In her free time, she likes to check out textbooks on vortices and thermodynamics, and she constructs whimsical versions of physics phenomena. But she’s not a physics student and doesn’t want to be.

“That’s the nice thing about being an artist—I can interpret things in a way so other people will grasp the concept a little more than if they had a real bubble chamber sitting in front of them,” Feldt says.

As an artist, Feldt gained recognition last fall at a conference for the national physics honor society Quadrennial Congress of Sigma Pi Sigma.

The St. Louis junior in metal-smithing won the conference’s Best of Show for “The Particle Decay Series,” a collection of jewelry that resembles the spirals that occur when charged particles transform into new particles. She also received Artist’s Choice for “Bubble Chamber Reliquary,” a sculpture with two bubbles balanced inside her take on a bubble chamber (a device filled with liquid to show movement of electrically charged particles). One of the bubbles resembles particle decay’s appearance and the other holds the numerical equation of particle decay.

“One’s supposed to symbolize my sister and one’s supposed to symbolize me and also our relationship together, which isn’t always stable,” Feldt jokes.

As the Best of Show, Feldt’s artwork

also appeared at the February meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers in Chicago, and the association has asked her to give a presentation at its summer conference.

Feldt was interested in science growing up, but her creative talents led her to KU’s School of Fine Arts. Physics became her muse with the help of her sister, Julie, a senior in physics and astronomy, and now Kristal attends KU’s Society of Physics Students meetings.

“Hanging out with her and her friends, I realized that sometimes people think physics is a bunch of scary numbers and formulas that read like Greek to most people,” Feldt says. “But there’s things that come out of it that are actually pretty cool.”

For class assignments this spring, she also constructed a tea strainer, spoon



■ Kristal Feldt creates award-winning jewelry and sculpture inspired by scientific topics that rarely provoke artistic commentary, such as quarks, particle decay and fluid dynamics.

and necklace using fluid dynamics and quark particles as inspiration. Feldt plans to beef up her portfolio with similar pieces and apply for graduate programs around the country after she graduates next year.

“I really wanted to do something different, and I would become heartbroken when I would get an idea for a project and find something identical that had already been done,” Feldt says. “For now, I can Google-search almost anything, and I cannot find physics jewelry.”

—Erika Bentson



Glorious to View



■ One of the best-kept secrets on campus is the Alumni Place fountain, a peaceful monument that burbles quietly in a lovely sanctuary behind Miller and Watkins scholarship halls. The large cast-stone fountain was purchased in 1953 at the suggestion of Chancellor Franklin D. Murphy. Deterioration damaged the fountain to such an extent that KU replaced it in 1981 with an exact replica produced by the original foundry, Erkins Studio of New York.

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