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I enjoyed the article about KU's national championship debate team ["Raise the Blue Banner," issue No. 3]. Do you happen to know who were KU's 1954 national championship debaters?



John F. Elvig, e'55, g'59
Round Top, Texas

Editor's note: The 1954 national champion debaters were William Arnold, c'55, and Hubert Bell, c'55, m'62. In 1955 Bell followed up the national title by topping 84 other college debaters to win the coveted "Best Speaker Award."

Poetry power

I was delighted with Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg's opinion that "art should not belong to a particular group, but should be right there at the grass roots," in

Steven Hill's "Poetry for the people," [Rock Chalk Review, issue No. 2].



Goldberg

These words from Kansas' new poet laureate seem fortuitous for Bret Waller, g'58, Tom Lisenbee and me: We have just published a book of prose sketches and poems, *Three from*

Osage Street, about growing up in Girard in the 1940s and '50s.

The book originated when the three of us discovered, at our 50th high-school reunion, that we were all writing poetry. Waller had retired as director of the Museum of Art in Indianapolis, Lisenbee had retired after a successful international career as a classical musician, and I had retired from teaching and was writ-

ing children's stories—with a collection of rejection slips similar to those Mirriam-Goldberg detailed.

After that reunion, our e-mails flew thick and fast, and we had much fun writing and sharing with each other as we composed *Three from Osage Street*. Mirriam-Goldberg got it right when she said people do "their most powerful writing in community."

Kay Z. Meyers, d'61
Wayne, Penn.

Editor's note: Three from Osage Street is available at amazon.com or authorhouse.com.

I always read the alumni magazine with surprise and delight, although I must admit there is very little any more about grads from the '30s and '40s. They seem to be living longer, too!

I was particularly interested in the article about Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg, the new poet laureate of Kansas.

Several Kansas poets have entered the annual poetry contest of Virginia and have won awards in the category "Prairies," which I have sponsored with the Williamsburg Poetry Guild. It would be interesting to know of similar contests in Kansas.

Thanks very much for keeping us all together and informed.

Philomene Bourassa Hood, c'39, g'45
Williamsburg, Va.

Editor's note: Mirriam-Goldberg will sponsor a series of poetry contests next April. Check the Kansas Arts Commission's poet laureate page next spring for more details: arts.ks.gov/poet_laureate/index.shtml.

Celluloid memories

Your article in the May *Kansas Alumni* about the Centron films set for restoration ["For Posterity," Rock Chalk Review, issue No. 3] brought back memories.

I was an "actor" in several Centron movies in the early 1950s. The biggest by far was "To the Stars," produced for the Alumni Association. I had a featured role opposite Shirley Strain, c'53, who later married Tom Rea, c'49, g'52, a KU theatre professor. Fred Ellsworth, c'22, longtime head of the Association, made a point after the film was released to tell me how much the movie was enjoyed by audiences at the many alumni chapters around the country—even in New York.

I would love to view the restored film to see how well I've held up compared to all the other KU relics in "To the Stars."

Mark S. Gilman, d'54
Mission Hills

Editor's note: When restoration is complete this summer, "To The Stars" will be open to public viewing as part of the Spencer Research Library's Kansas Collection.

The stage is set

As president-elect of KU Friends of the Theatre, I'd like to thank *Kansas Alumni* for "Stagecraft" [issue No. 2].

I'm a longtime theatre consumer, attending dozens of shows annually in Topeka, on Broadway and at KU. Great writing and strong acting make a show wonderful, but I also get excited by imaginative stagecraft.



Lighting and sets can transport an audience to another place and time, and often the overall look of a production is what I most remember. It's amazing how the right costume can greatly enhance a characterization.

The KU team does a great job with stagecraft, and I know your article will add more depth to the theatregoer's experience. I also hope it will entice your readers to try our wonderful University Theatre shows.

Larry Tenopir, d'72, g'78, l'82
Topeka

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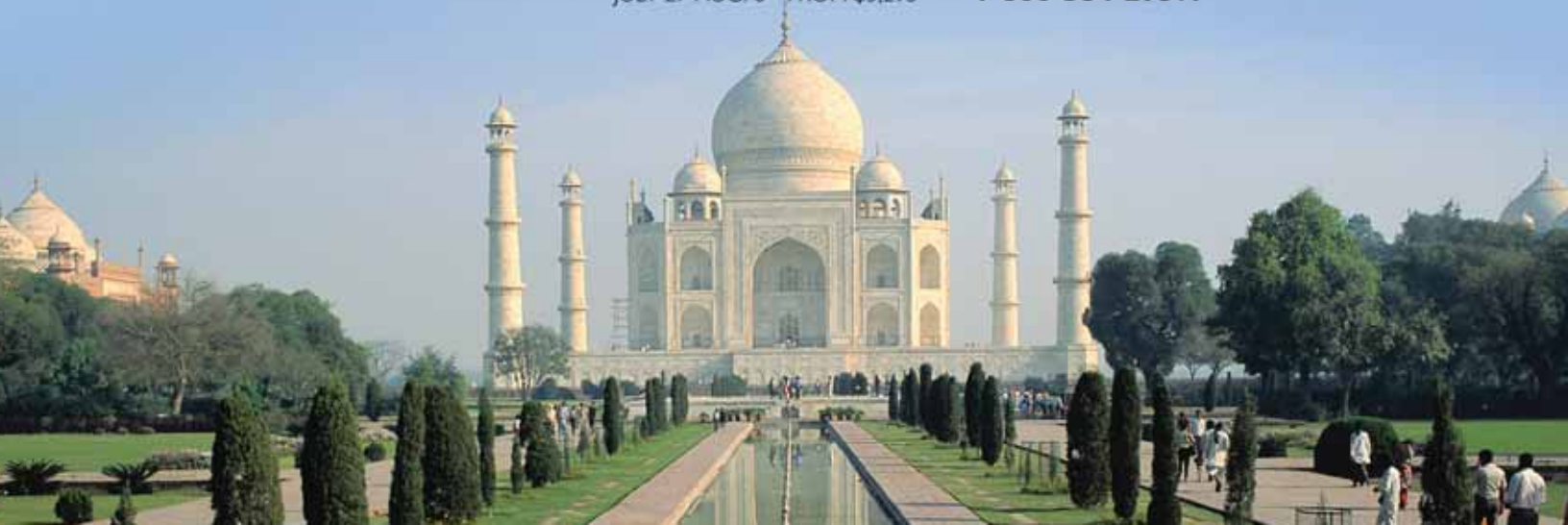


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BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

First Word

JEFF JACOBSEN



Association in stunned reply to the news.

An obituary for Frederick, d'62, g'64, EdD'84, appears on page 63 of this issue. It briefly chronicles his career, including his years as athletics director from 1987 to 2001, but it cannot convey, nor can I, Frederick's enduring role in the KU story.

His was not a merely a profession but a calling—to create opportunities for young men and women and bring honor to the University.

KU volleyball coach Ray Bechard, speaking at the memorial service on behalf of his fellow coaches and athletics department colleagues, put it best. He described his former boss as “a servant” in the noblest sense: a true leader,

teacher and friend. “Dr. Bob was ethical. He was consistent. He was fair,” Bechard said. “He was always interested in the success of the group or individual.

Personal praise or acclaim was very secondary.

“He was there to support us. He desperately wanted us all to succeed, and he celebrated our victories and applauded our efforts. Great effort by student-athletes would get him out of his seat and on his feet.”

Bechard then invited all those gathered to get out of their seats to honor Dr. Bob. They needed no persuasion. The loud, sustained applause, though unconventional for the occasion, made perfect sense.

Little more than two weeks earlier, the campus community gave a rousing ovation to welcome a new Jayhawk, Bernadette Gray-Little. On May 30, the day after her selection as KU chancellor by the Kansas Board of Regents, the Kansas Room on the Kansas Union's sixth floor overflowed with elated well-wishers eager to meet Gray-Little.

First to speak was Drue Jennings, d'68, l'72, chair of the search committee, which began its work Feb. 2 and, after mid-May interviews, forwarded the names of three finalists to the Regents. He praised the committee's dedication to its formidable task. None of the 18 members missed a meeting, he said, and despite differences and lively debate, votes on every critical issue were unanimous.

Committee member Jeff Aubé, professor of medicinal chemistry, described Gray-Little's interview with the group. “She clearly articulated a very compelling vision for higher education, while not shrinking from the challenges that we all face,” he said. “She impressed us with her insight, her integrity and her humanity.”

To the new chancellor, Aubé offered this promise: “You will find the entire KU family to be willing, enthusiastic, hard-working and capable of doing wonderful things.”

After all, we are Jayhawks. And, like Bob Frederick, we love this place.

STEVE PUPPE



As nearly 2,000 somber Jayhawks arrived June 17 for the memorial service honoring Bob Frederick, his wife, the indomitable Margey, beamed. Amid hugs she said quietly, “He loved this place.”

Frederick's deep loyalty to his alma mater and its mission guided his career. Countless Jayhawks have returned the affection—and their profound respect—for the former longtime KU athletics director, who died June 12 following a bicycle accident the previous day.

Before the memorial service, the Rev. Peter Luckey wisely counseled Frederick's family that their church, Plymouth Congregational, could not possibly accommodate the mourners, some of whom would travel great distances to attend the service. So the family chose a campus site, the Lied Center. For several days, tributes and condolences appeared in the press. Jayhawks sent a record number of e-mails to the Alumni



On the Boulevard



■ KU Commencement No. 137 once again blossomed with Mount Oread's usual flowering of light-hearted happiness: a Commencement chorus line, some serious love shown Big Jay, and gowned grads gathering at the Campanile. Tedde Tasheff, c'78, Alumni Association national chair, welcomed the Class of 2009 to the ranks.

■ Exhibitions

"Friends & Neighbors," Spencer Museum of Art, through Aug. 16

"xy," Spencer Museum of Art, through Oct. 5

"A Greenland Glacier: The Scale of Climate Change," through fall 2009, Spencer Museum of Art

■ University Theatre

JULY

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

■ Lied Center Events

AUGUST

21 Amanda Shaw

■ Lectures

AUGUST

25 Lewis Hyde, Humanities Lecture Series, Kansas Union

■ Special events

AUGUST

17 Ice Cream Social, Adams Alumni Center

SEPTEMBER

4-6 KU Spirit Reunion

18-20 Jolliffe Scholarship Hall Reunion

24-27 Class of 1959 Golden Anniversary Celebration

25-26 Family Weekend

26 Jayhawk Generations Breakfast, Adams Alumni Center

26 Band Day

■ Academic calendar

JULY

31 Summer classes end

AUGUST

20 Fall classes begin

■ Jayhawk Generations Picnics

JULY

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
- 19 Washington, D.C.
- 25 Albuquerque
- 26 St. Louis
- 30 Houston

AUGUST

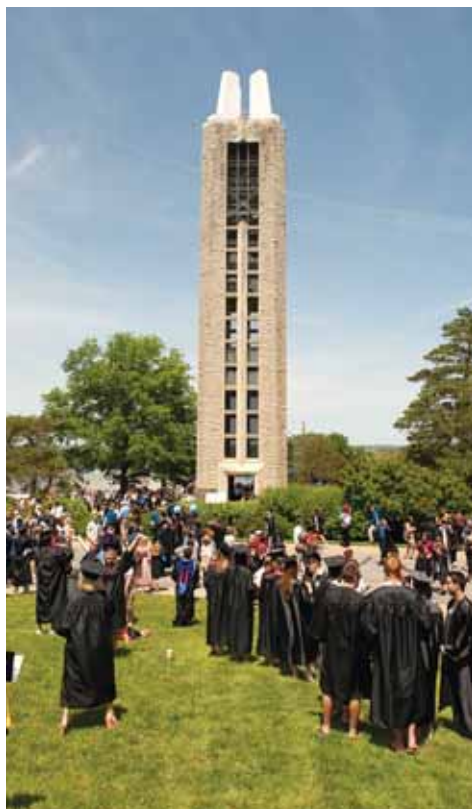
- 1 Austin
- 1 San Diego
- 2 Dallas
- 2 Kansas City



■ Alumni events

JULY

- 12 Boston: Alumni night with the Brockton Rox
- 18 Denver: Rafting trip
- 18 Jacksonville: Alumni night with the Suns



18 London: Jay-hawks Theatre Night

18 New York City: Alumni evening at the Metropolitan Museum of Art

23 Denver: Mile High picnic

25 Indianapolis: Summer family picnic

25 Philadelphia: Alumni night with the Phillies

25 Phoenix: Alumni volunteer day

30 Albuquerque: New Mexico Chapter alumni night with the Isotopes

30 Wichita: KU football rally

31 Emporia: East Central Chapter KU football rally

31 San Antonio: Beer tasting

AUGUST

1 Denver: Day in the sun at Water World

1 New York City: Big 12 alumni night with the Staten Island Yankees

1 St. Petersburg: Alumni day with the Tampa Bay Rays

2 Los Angeles: Wine tasting

4 Sacramento: Wine tasting

5 Reno: Summer family picnic

6 San Francisco: Alumni cruise

6 Winfield: South Kansas Chapter alumni banquet

7 Portland: Beer tasting

8 Seattle: Art museum tour

8 Joplin: Tri-State Chapter wine tasting

12 Boise: Summer family picnic

13 Phoenix: Big 12 happy hour

14 Las Vegas: Summer family picnic

15 Phoenix: Summer family picnic

21 Kansas City: KU football rally

22 Denver: Alumni night with the Colorado Rockies



23 Des Moines: Sand volleyball tournament and family fun day

25 Chicago: Alumni night with the Cubs

28 Charlotte: Alumni happy hour

29 Creedmoor: Central North Carolina Chapter summer family picnic

SEPTEMBER

12 Albuquerque: New Mexico Chapter bus trip to KU vs. UTEP football game

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

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Jayhawk Walk



LARRY LEROY PEARSON

Polly wanna (be a) Jayhawk?

Even birds, it seems, are not immune to the lure of self-improvement.

To wit: A video surfaced on YouTube recently of an African Gray Parrot that performs a passable version of the Rock Chalk Chant.

Despite the best efforts of our crack investigative team, we haven't tracked the back story of this tropical troubadour, who frankly looks a little drab next to our primary-hued mascot. While we admire his effort to emulate the Jayhawk, we think he'll need to step up his game if he wants to join our tribe. Get yourself some yellow boots and master the Alma Mater, Polly, and maybe we'll talk. Until then, don't call us, birdy; we'll call you.

'83, we hardly knew ye

The first KU class banner appeared in the 1907 Commencement ceremony, carried by alumni of the Class of 1900. The notion immediately took hold, and within a year alumni fashioned retroactive banners for their own classes as far back as 1873.

Outside of a handful of 19th-century classes, only four were missing: 1909, 1971, 1982 and 1983. Until, that is, a mid-April mail delivery brought home the Class of 1983 banner, with an unsigned poem:

I have traveled the world / Since leaving school in 83 / I have lived my life / With sorrow and glee / I have prospered and benefited / From my engineering degree / I think it time I return to campus / This symbol of the graduating class / To fly high in the rafters so / Prominent and Free. Thanks for the ride.

Alumni Association records specialist Betty Otto, who for more than 30 years draped the banners around the Kansas Union ballroom for the All-University Supper, says the '83 banner never made it to University Archives after Commencement, and she only knew it existed because our late colleague B.J. O'Neal Pattee, c'46, assured her that it had been carried in the walk down the Hill. Neither Pattee nor anybody else at the time recalled whether the Class of '82 made a banner, and the fate of the '71 flag is equally uncertain.

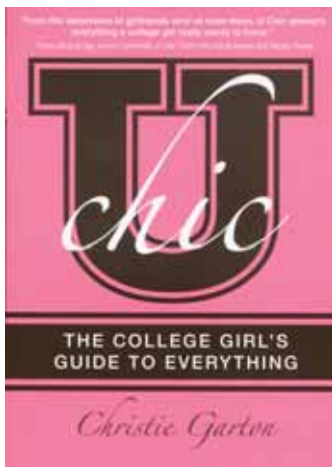
If these ensigns do exist, their return would be a class act and banner news.

"I never thought we'd see it," says our beloved Miss Betty, who wept tears of joy when she unfurled the purloined pennant. "I am thrilled beyond words."

STEVE PUPPE



Otto



Girls' guide to college chic

Christie Garton grew up in Olathe without the helpful advice of a wise older sister, which she especially needed when she left home for life in Lawrence as a KU freshman. So she learned the secrets to collegiate success the hard way: trial and error.

This was the inspiration behind Garton's book, *U Chic: The College Girl's Guide to Everything*. Founder and president of UniversityChic.com, an online magazine and networking community for college women, Garton, b'01, c'03, hopes to provide girls with the invaluable guidance she never had.

"After a few detours, roundabouts, and restarts," Garton writes, "I eventually found my way through college and into the real world." Indeed, the former KU Student Alumni Association member became a company founder, author, columnist and University of Pennsylvania law grad. But, she allows, "things would have been a whole lot easier with the right advice."

Right advice—on dating, roommates, classes—makes *U Chic* the go-to guide on the issues most pertinent to today's college girl. Even if she does have a sister.

To move ahead, run in place

Students working out at the Ambler Student Recreation Fitness Center this fall can help cut the facility's utility bill under a plan hatched by Andrew Stanley, c'09.

Stanley convinced KU's Student Environ-

mental Advisory Board to pay a Florida company called ReRev about \$15,000 to adapt 15 elliptical trainers to generate electricity that will help power the building. He sees the project as a way to demonstrate support for sustainable and renewable energy.

"This really engages students," Stanley says. "Exercise suddenly means something, because you're helping power the facility. It makes the workout more meaningful because you're working for something instead of just sitting there spinning."

Mary Chappell, director of recreation services, says the effort (which should be complete by August) is a small step the center can take to reduce its operating costs and environmental impact. It could lead to bigger steps. Much bigger.

"If they'd just invent something that harnesses the energy of all the people running up and down our basketball courts," Chappell laughs, "we could power the whole University."

News travels swiftly

One Monday in late April, a low rumble disrupted the robin's song and shook the last surviving tulips as cell phones buzzed with the news:

Taylor Swift was on campus. The young singer-songwriter had been spotted in 110 Budig Hall and word spread more swiftly than her rise to stardom.

Tipped off by text messages, Twitter updates and Facebook photos, students flocked to Budig to catch a glimpse of the

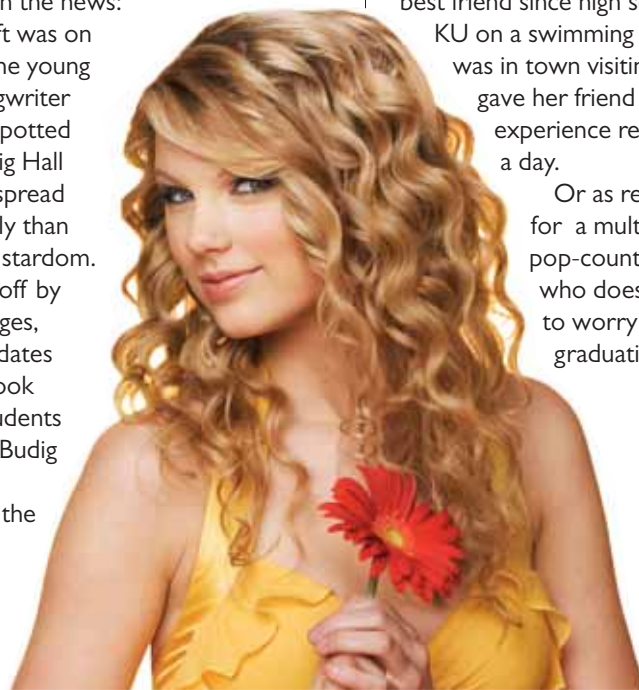


CHARLIE PODREBARAC

stunning songstress. When journalism professor Chuck Marsh, c'77, g'80, g'83, PhD' 85, ended his lecture, Swift took time out of her temporary class schedule to sign autographs and pose for photos with backpack-laden fans, a bodyguard standing close by.

Abigail Anderson, a sophomore from Hendersonville, Tenn., has been Swift's best friend since high school and came to KU on a swimming scholarship. Swift was in town visiting Anderson, who gave her friend the chance to experience real college life for a day.

Or as real as it can be for a multi-platinum, pop-country superstar who doesn't exactly have to worry about the post-graduation job market.



COURTESY OF BIG MACHINE RECORDS



Hilltopics

BY STEVEN HILL

STEVE PUPPE



■ Lauren Ashman and England Porter are part of a campuswide surge in student activism that's fueled by growing concern for the environment.

In bloom

Campus activism is back in style, and the color of the day is green

In the past year, England Porter helped plant a rain garden at the Ambler Student Recreation Fitness Center; joined the Lawrence Fruit Tree Project, an effort to plant and harvest fruit trees across the city; led the student drive to rejuvenate Potter Lake; co-founded EcoJustice, a student group that seeks to extend environmental justice to disadvantaged communities; and chaired a Student Senate advisory board that oversees the campus sustainability fee, a student-approved levy that funds campus projects intended to reduce the use of fossil fuels.

The Independence senior in environmental studies admits her full load of extracurricular activities is not exactly typical of the average Jayhawk. "Sometimes I've been so involved that I haven't always focused on school work," she says, laughing.

Porter's impressive list of projects is notable not for what it says about her, but what it says

about campus life these days: Students concerned about the environmental health of their University and their planet are coming up with many, many ways to act on those concerns. And they are driving most of these green initiatives themselves.

Kelly Kindscher, associate scientist at the Kansas Biological Survey, has for the past 10 years served as the faculty adviser for KU Environs, a student group that promotes awareness of environmental issues. He says the number of green ventures on campus has skyrocketed, as students look for ways not simply to voice their worries about the environment, but to improve the health of the planet.

"It's really obvious that there is a much greater environmental concern that the students have right now," says Kindscher, c'79, PhD'92. "The stu-

dents seem to be particularly thoughtful, energetic, and they actually want results. It's not just, 'I want this on my resumé; I'll show up.' There's sincere interest in doing something."

Greater student engagement manifests in a number of ways, Kindscher says. Enrollment is up in the environmental studies program; KU Environs saw more student interest than ever last year; and because of a proliferation of student groups with an environmental focus, that group is no longer the University's sole option for green students.

"We used to be *the* student environmental group," says Ryan Callihan, Lenexa senior in environmental science and president of KU Environs. "Now we have to compete with other groups for members and find a niche to focus on."

In addition, Callihan says, groups like his now draw members from a wider range of majors. "It's not only environmental studies majors who are



Kindscher

getting involved. We see students from business, architecture, engineering. And a lot of those schools now have their own green student groups as well.”

This shift comes after two decades in which students nationwide were widely thought to be disengaged politically. Student protests,

which closed campuses and spilled into surrounding communities in the '60s and '70s, were much less frequent and far-reaching by the '80s and '90s. Students were sometimes maligned—fairly or unfairly—for supposedly focusing on only one thing in those go-go economic decades: making money.

Now some of the old idealism is returning to campus, says Kindscher, who witnessed the tail end of '70s activism during his undergraduate days. But there's a difference.

“I would say many of us were very high-minded and idealist, and I think that's sort of coming back in that students are taking on these issues without knowing entirely what the outcomes are,” he explains. “Global warming and a lot of other environmental issues—these are not easy problems for a student group to solve.”

The difference now, Kindscher says, is that students exhibit “a little more practicality” in their approach to solving big problems. At the same time, they are thinking much more about how they can parlay their idealism into careers. “When

I was an undergrad, I didn't expect to have a job when I graduated, and I wasn't thinking how things were going to directly relate to a job,” Kindscher says. “Now students are really thinking about that.”

Creative but practical solutions distinguish recent projects. Students planted a rain garden to help mitigate storm water runoff generated by the new rec center expansion. Plants soak up rain, filter pollutants and beautify the grounds while reducing mowing needs, which improves air quality. A campus garden behind University Relations' Jayhawk Boulevard office reclaims neglected green space, and student gardeners donate their vegetable crop to a local food pantry. The Potter Lake Project, which looks to spruce up a campus icon and encourage more use by students and alumni, recently stocked the lake with carp to control algae growth that chokes aquatic life and causes odor problems. The campus sustainability fee—initially set at \$1.50 per student but reduced by budget cuts to 25 cents for this fall—purchased wind energy credits to power Anschutz Library and insulation to wrap campus steam pipes and reduce heat loss.

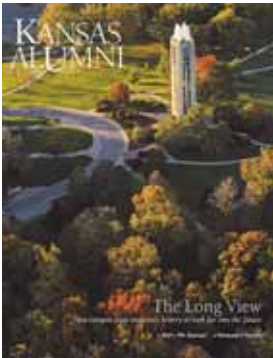
Idealism has morphed, as groups such as EcoJustice combine big ideas with more nuts-and-bolts efforts. A primary aim of the group is to open a conversation with students at Haskell Indian Nations University, who Porter feels have too often been ignored by the KU community. In addition to supporting Haskell students in their opposition to the South Lawrence Trafficway, EcoJustice also would like to help construct a boardwalk to improve access to wetlands on Haskell property.

“Environmentalism should not be dismissed as some kind of left wing extremist thing. It's not. It's where our food comes from; it's how we drive around. It's all that.”

— Ryan Callihan



■ Student-run projects are cleaning up Potter Lake, absorbing storm water at the student rec center and converting an abandoned playground to food production behind University Relations.



Heritage honor

The Campus Heritage Plan, the comprehensive planning document unveiled by KU last fall (“The Once and Future Campus,” issue No. 6, 2008) to preserve the historic elements of campus and guide new development, won a Preservation Advocacy Award from the Kansas Preservation Alliance in June. The award honors groups and individuals for commitment to historic preservation in Kansas.

Students also are careful not to let their passion for a cause detract from their mission.

Lauren Ashman, a St. Louis senior in environmental science who participates in several environmental projects, discusses her ideas in the context of science. Her explanation for doing so suggests another reason students now prefer practicality to idealism.

“If you talk too much about your passion, you get branded as too ‘hippie,’” she says. “And then people can forget there’s serious science backing your ideas.”

Rather than get discouraged by the immensity of the issues, Ashman and other students say, they have felt urged into action. They share a sense that the problems have gotten too big to ignore.

“Global climate change is everywhere now, and it’s kind of hard not to pay attention to it,” Ashman says. “We’ve lost our way in terms of really understanding how ecosystems function and how we can alter that function in ways that directly affect us. We need to conserve while still being able to utilize these things in a sustainable fashion. That’s what really drives me, halting some of the destruction we constantly participate in.”

Says Porter, “A lot of us see that we’ve come to a point in our collective path where we can’t go on with business as usual and we really do need to see a change. If we want to have a productive, long-lasting future—if we want to have the kind of successes our parents had—we need to change things now. The time is past for us to say someone else will do it. It’s about us doing it now.”



A voice for vets

Student group tries to clear obstacles to former soldiers’ college success

As a 23-year-old just off a five-year stint in the Marine Corps, including two tours of duty in Iraq, Daniel Parker found the transition to college different from that of most freshmen: easier in some ways, harder in others.

Getting up in the morning, making it to class on time, completing complex assignments—no problem for one accustomed to exacting military discipline. But writing one big check for tuition and fitting in with classmates, most 18-year-olds



UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

■ Iraq war veteran Daniel Parker formed the Collegiate Veterans Association to help KU students with military experience.

on their own for the first time—those were bigger challenges.

Negotiating the administrative maze that’s part of life at a big university, Parker, c’09, saw several bureaucratic hurdles between veterans and a college degree. For one, the University asks students to pay tuition at the beginning of the semester, but veterans receive GI Bill benefits monthly. He also found little help learning about financial aid for veterans.

On the social side, he felt a need to make contact with like-minded people, those who’d been through the wars, literally, and shared the same frame of reference.

Parker and a couple of friends founded the KU Collegiate Veterans Association, a student group that advocates for improved services and promotes social networking to help those with military experience find their place on campus.

“The current trend is that a lot of veterans don’t finish school, not because they’re failing out, but because they couldn’t meet the financial obligations,” he says. “Our group is here to make sure there are as few barriers as possible on the administrative side, but that there’s also a community they can rely on for support.”

Parker says the obstacles he encountered stem from a common misperception: People believe veterans are being taken care of.

“Hardly ever do we encounter resistance; it’s just that no one is thinking about these things or managing these problems,” he says. “People are surprised to learn we’re underserved.”

In three years the group has worked with University administration to start a plan that allows

veterans to pay tuition over the course of a semester, and with KU Bookstores to spread book payments over 90 days, interest free. They also lobbied the state's congressional delegation to vote for the new GI Bill, which provides better tuition support and living expenses for veterans.

"They are bringing some things to our attention, and they are making things happen," says Betty Childers, manager of the student records center for the registrar's office and a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs certifying official for KU. "We are trying to focus on what we can do for veterans," including surveying vets to find out what new services are needed, printing new brochures to publicize services already offered and working with admissions to customize new-student orientation for those with military experience. The registrar's office is working with CVA and the office of professional military graduate education to construct an improved Web site that will serve as an online gateway to direct veterans to people who can answer questions about a range of topics. The office has even stepped forward to take responsibility for the annual Veteran's Day celebration. "A lot of this has come about because of the CVA," Childers says. "I give them a lot of kudos."

One direct change accomplished by CVA: In October the group will open a resource center in the Burge Union to serve as a study space and social hub for student veterans. Parker hopes a full-time staff member eventually can be hired to answer questions about scholarships, health care and other issues specific to students with military experience. Until then, CVA's center and Web site (kuveterans.org) will encourage veterans to seek guidance in navigating college life by putting them in touch with fellow students who know what they're going through.

"I think it's important to provide that social framework for vets to fall into, so they are not just completely blown away by being in a new environment where they have nothing in common with anyone," Parker says. "When you meet other veterans, because of the shared experience, the common things you've gone through, there's an instant social connection."

Veteran enrollment at KU now totals about 300, but the registrar's office expects the numbers to increase with recent passage of a new GI bill, according to Childers. "The veterans are small in number, but personally I feel they've paid a higher price to get here to use their benefits," she says. "We need to do all we can." —

Visitor

Political partners

Former Sens. Bob, '45, and Elizabeth Dole presented the 2009 Dole Lecture.

WHEN: May 3

WHERE: Dole Institute of Politics

BACKGROUND: Each spring the Dole Lecture features a prominent national figure speaking on politics or policy issues. This marked the second appearance in the series for Bob Dole, who retired from the U.S. Senate in 1996, and the first for Elizabeth Dole, who represented North Carolina in the U.S. Senate from 2003 to '09.

ANECDOTE: The Doles opened their remarks to a crowd of 1,000 by remembering their good friend (and Bob Dole's former running mate) Jack Kemp, who died May 2. They recalled Kemp as a prime example of a politician who embodied the spirit of public service the Dole Institute tries to encourage. "He was one of those Republicans who wanted to make the party bigger for the right reasons," Bob Dole said. "He's just a good guy and a good friend."

QUOTE: "I can't tell you what a great gift it can be to feel that you're involved in something bigger than yourself, that you've found a sense of mission," Elizabeth Dole said. "I do believe that public service is a noble profession."



"I think the American people are ready [for health care reform]. We've got to fix it. They don't look to see if there's a D or an R after your name."

—Bob Dole

LAW

Three receive alumni award from School of Law

The School of Law bestowed its highest honor on three graduates in May, awarding the Distinguished Alumni Award to Lydia Beebe, Barry Halpern and John Jurcyk Jr.

The annual award honors alumni who have distinguished themselves through exemplary service to the legal profession, their community, KU, the state or the nation.

Beebe, j'74, l'77, San Francisco, has long worked in legal and governmental affairs positions for Chevron Oil. She served on the board of the Presidio Trust from 2003 to 2008, is president of the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Officers and serves on the KU Law Alumni Board of Governors. She has been named one of the most influential businesswomen in the Bay Area for the past nine years.

Barry Halpern, c'71, l'73, Phoenix, served as a Judge Advocate General in the Air Force and in 1978 became the second Jayhawk at Snell & Wilmer, a

COURTESY SCHOOL OF LAW



■ Lydia Beebe, Barry Halpern and John Jurcyk Jr. were honored with the law school's Distinguished Alumni Award in May.

firm founded by Frank Snell, l'24, for whom the law school's courtroom is named. He helped grow Snell & Wilmer into one of the nation's best known regional firms, and sits on the law school's Board of Governors.

John Jurcyk Jr., l'57, Lake Quivira, retired from a long career as a trial lawyer at McAnany, Van Cleave and Phillips in 2005 to serve as senior policy adviser to the Wyandotte County mayor and county administrator. He has been president of the KU Law Alumni Association

of Greater Kansas City and a member of the law school's Board of Governors.

The honorees were welcomed back the Hill with a dinner May 2 at the Adams Alumni Center.

"Each has excelled as a legal professional, exemplifying the highest ideals of the legal profession and practicing law as 'a learned profession in the public interest,'" said Gail Agrawal, dean of law.

"Our distinguished alumni are an inspiration to our students and a source of great pride to their teachers. They are important participants in the great enduring legacy of the KU School of Law."

Update

As additional budget cuts loomed in late June, the Kansas Board of Regents approved KU's proposal to increase tuition by 6 percent beginning in August. But the plan protects the four-year tuition compact, which includes 40 percent of KU students. Under the compact, which began in fall 2007, freshmen pay a tuition rate that is frozen for four years. Fall 2009 resident freshmen who participate in the compact will pay \$245.30 per credit hour—a rate 7 percent higher than the Fall 2008 compact. The standard resident tuition for undergraduate seniors and transfer students is \$218.90 per credit hour. For complete details on tuition and fees, visit www.tuition.ku.edu/rates.shtml.

FY 2010 cuts in state funding total \$31.5 million for KU, but state leaders have warned that more cuts of as much as 5 percent could be in store. Factoring the different tuition rates, KU's funding from tuition is projected to increase 4.1 percent. The tuition plan generates \$9.8 million in revenue, which will cover less than one-third of the current budget reductions.



SUSAN YOUNGER

RESEARCH

National Science Foundation funds three Jayhawks

Students Brian Quanz and Ali Nabavizadeh and alumna Laura Stiles have won \$30,000 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships.

The fellowships, which go to only 10 percent of scholars who apply, pay tuition and a stipend for three years.

Quanz, Cary, N.C., doctoral student in computer science, is developing software that uses data to predict outcomes in cargo security and genetic predisposition. Nabavizadeh, Olathe senior in ecology and evolutionary biology, is studying how the jawbones of herbivorous dinosaurs allowed them to thrive. Stiles, e'08, is earning a doctorate in aerospace engineering at the University of Colorado.

GEOGRAPHY

Dobson tapped to advise U.S. State Department

Jerome Dobson this spring became the first KU faculty member to be named a Jefferson Science Fellow, an honor that will take the professor of geography to the U.S. State Department for the 2009-'10 academic year.

The prestigious fellowship, awarded to only five to seven scholars each year, is intended to elevate the role of science and technology in the formulation of U.S. foreign policy.

"My work at KU has a global dimension that could benefit federal decision-making on key international issues," Dobson says. "I'm honored to be named a Jefferson Science Fellow, and I look forward to starting this important assignment in the fall."

An independent panel of experts at the National Academies of Science chooses participants based on their professional stature, experience and ability to articulate science and technology issues to the public.

Dobson, whose research includes work with Geographical Information Systems and development of mapping and statistical tools to aid in the removal of land mines and cluster bombs in 40 countries, is president of the American Geographical Society and a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



Hunt

■ **AN \$18.5 MILLION GRANT** from the National Institutes of Health will help the Kansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (K-INBRE) continue to promote the building of bio-science infrastructure in Kansas. Since it was established in 2001 at KU Med Center, K-INBRE has worked to improve Kansas researchers' ability to compete for NIH funds by building a collaborative network of junior and senior biomedical investigators at the Medical Center, the Lawrence campus and other universities across the state. The five-year grant, led by K-INBRE director and principal investigator Joan Hunt, c'56, c'57, PhD'83, University distinguished professor of anatomy and cell biology, brings total NIH funding for K-INBRE to more than \$44 million.

■ **THE UNIVERSITY'S 137TH COMMENCEMENT** procession stepped off under sunny skies May 17. The Class of 2009 numbered 7,176, with 4,571 spring graduates and 2,605 who completed degree work in summer and fall 2008. KU's newest alumni represent 97 Kansas counties, 44 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 60 countries.

■ **BETH WHITTAKER**, c'92, g'94, will head the Spencer Research Library starting Nov. 1. Sherry Williams, who served as interim head of the library after former head William Crowe retired in 2007, will become the first curator of collections for the library in November and will continue as curator of the Spencer's Kansas Collection.

■ **\$2.9 MILLION IN FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY** will pay for repair projects at KU's Lawrence and Med Center campuses. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, allocated by the Kansas Board of Regents in June, will fund improvements in fire code safety, roofing, electrical service, access for people with disabilities, and heating and air conditioning in Lawrence, and for elevator and roof repairs and infrastructure improvements at the Med Center.

■ **A \$1.2 MILLION INVESTMENT FROM ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND** and a matching \$1.2 million grant from the Kansas Bioscience Authority will support research by KU's Center for Environmentally Beneficial Catalysis. The three-year project, managed by CEBC director Bala Subramaniam, Dan F. Servey distinguished professor of chemical and petroleum engineering, will explore the production of biofuels and industrial uses for biomass.

■ **JOSHUA CHARLES**, a Moscow, Idaho, junior in piano and history, took top prize in the piano division at the Naftzger Young Artists Auditions and Music Awards competition in April. This marks the third consecutive year that a KU student has won the competition, held at Wichita State University.

■ **A \$62,000 GRANT** from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission will speed up preservation efforts at the Robert J. Dole Archive and Special Collections at the Dole Institute of Politics. One of the nation's largest collections of the political papers, the archive contains complete records of Sen. Dole's career.

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■ Jerome Dobson will advise the U.S. State Department on foreign policy as a Jefferson Science Fellow.

Milestones, money and other matters



Sports

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

■ Mark your calendars: Nebraska, Nov. 14, Memorial Stadium: Jake Sharp (1), newly minted linebacker Angus Quigley (22) and the rest of the Jayhawks could be playing for their first Big 12 North title.

STEVE PUPPE



give Nebraska a run for the Big 12 North, must make do with a young offensive line and a redshirt freshman—Hawkinson—manning its premier position, left tackle.

It worked OK last year, with redshirt freshman Jeremiah Hatch; now Hatch is moving to his natural position, center, so his job at left tackle will be taken by Hawkinson. Sophomore Jeff Spikes, the line's other returning starter, stays at right tackle.

Coach Mark Mangino, entering his eighth season at KU, began his first news conference at the start of spring practice by announcing the news of Hatch going to center and Hawkinson moving back across the line to take over at left offensive tackle.

"We think those moves will improve our offensive line tremendously," Mangino said. "Tanner Hawkinson is a very big, quick, athletic guy. He's very talented and could play a lot of positions for us. We think that he has a chance to develop into one of the next great left tackles here.

"Obviously he needs a lot of work because it's a foreign position to him. I think that move helps us get better in a lot of ways."

Along with offensive line, the position getting the most attention from coaches and fans is linebacker, where all three starters were lost to graduation: James Holt, Mike Rivera and Joe Mortensen started 103 games and combined for 821 tackles in their KU careers.

Among the solutions Mangino has in mind is moving senior Angus Quigley, a highly touted recruit who never quite caught on at running back, to linebacker. Mangino tested Quigley at the position during practices before the Insight Bowl, and announced before spring practice that

And yet the high-octane offense, which KU will rely on to

Questions ... and answers

Before contending for a Big 12 North title, football must first fill a few gaps

You know the stars: senior quarterback Todd Reesing, senior receiver Kerry Meier, junior receiver Dezmon Briscoe, senior safety Darrell Stuckey, senior running back Jake Sharp. A name not so familiar is Tanner Hawkinson, but word that he had a productive spring practice might be the best possible news for KU football fans who hope to see their high-power Jayhawks win the first Big 12 North title in school history.

Why Hawkinson? The redshirt freshman from McPherson came to KU as a tight end, switched to defensive end, and now plays offensive line. Hardly the sort of resumé that typically warrants football headlines.

And yet the high-octane offense, which KU will rely on to



Hawkinson

"We think that he has a chance to develop into one of the next great left tackles here."

—coach Mark Mangino, on freshman Tanner Hawkinson



Quigley's move to linebacker would be permanent.

"I don't want to get too much into the X's and O's, but I will tell you that we are playing less and less with three linebackers on the field because of the way offenses have evolved in the Big 12," Mangino says. "Close to 80 percent of the time we are playing with two linebackers and an extra safety."

"We are going to have a third linebacker, but really more of a safety-type guy who can play in space. Last year we used a little bit of our base look with three linebackers, but that was only because we could get away with using James Holt as an edge rusher."

Mangino hopes freshman Kale Pick, of Dodge City, can take over as the full-time No. 2 quarterback, allowing Meier to concentrate 100 percent on receiver. Though the move will almost certainly help the NFL prospects for an admired player who unselfishly stepped aside when Reesing two years ago wrestled away the starting QB job, Mangino insists that's not the case.

"Kerry would be upset if that's why he thought we did it," Mangino said. "I think it will be good for our football team, but if it becomes helpful to Kerry personally, that is great. But that's not the reason."

Of some concern is the fact that Briscoe, one of the nation's most productive and exciting receivers, missed all of spring practice while suspended for "violating team policy." Briscoe was reinstated April 22, 11 days after the spring game, but Mangino has proven in the past that he does not play favorites; any further transgressions might well cost Briscoe game suspensions.

Updates

Louisiana State assistant coach **Megan Smith** is the new LKU softball coach. She replaces Tracy Bunge, '87, a former All-American pitcher who retired after 13 seasons as coach. Smith, a 1999 North Carolina graduate, was a captain of her Tar Heels squad and, as a third baseman, defensive player of the year. After earning a master's degree at Tennessee, she returned to her alma mater as an assistant. In 2006 she was head coach for Western Carolina's inaugural softball season. The Catamounts went 41-20, and Smith was named conference Coach of the Year. In her three years as an LSU assistant, the Tigers made three NCAA Tournament appearances, and Smith is credited for the development of star freshman shortstop **Juliana Santos**, a member of the SEC's All-Freshman team. ...



Smith

First-team All-Big 12 guard/forward **Danielle McCray** in June was named to the USA Women's team for the World University Games. The senior-to-be was second in the Big 12 and eighth in the country in scoring, at 21.6 points a game, and she led the Jayhawks in rebounding, steals, blocks, 3-point field goals and 3-point percentage. "Ever since being named a finalist in May, I have been in the gym nonstop," McCray said. The last Jayhawk to make the World University Games team was **Lynette Woodard**, c'81, whose 1979 squad took the gold medal. ... **Paige Higgins**, f'05, the 2008 USA 25K champion, in June was chosen for the five-member women's marathon team that will represent the U.S. at the World Championships Aug. 23 in Berlin. ... Senior **Zlata Tarasova** finished her collegiate career by placing 11th in the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships' hammer throw June 12 in Fayetteville, Ark. Wichita freshman **Keith Hayes** just missed the finals of the 110-meter hurdles. ...

In his first appearance for the U.S. National Team, against Team Canada June 28 in Cary, N.C., **T.J. Walz** threw 4 1/3 innings of scoreless relief. Fellow sophomore **Tony Thompson**, a first-team All-Big 12 third baseman, won the Big 12 triple crown, leading the conference in batting average (.389), home runs (21) and RBI (82). Junior shortstop **David Narodowski**, a 15th-round pick of the Arizona D-backs, chose to forego his senior season after signing a pro contract. Also drafted and signed were senior pitchers **Shaeffer Hall** (25th round, New York Yankees) and **Paul Smyth** (35th round, Oakland A's). Catcher **Buck Afenir** joins Hall in the Yankees' organization after signing a free-agent contract. Junior outfielder **Brian Heere** was chosen in round 35 by the Boston Red Sox, but as of press time had not signed a contract. ...



Gockel

PGA Tour rookie **Gary Woodland**, c'07, of Topeka, was among the top dozen golfers at the U.S. Open after shooting 73-66 at rain-soaked Bethpage Black. Woodland easily made the cut, then shot 76-77 to finish in a tie for 47th. ... Senior-to-be **Meghan Gockel** shot a 68 to win the qualifying round of the Women's Southern Golf Amateur in Albany, Ga. She won her first two matches over the following two days, then lost her quarterfinal match. ... The **HorrorZontals** advanced to the national tournament for ultimate (flying disc) collegiate club teams, in Columbus, Ohio, for the fourth time in six years.

Sports Calendar

■ Football

SEPTEMBER

- 5** Northern Colorado
- 12** at Texas-El Paso
- 19** Duke
- 26** Southern Mississippi (Family Day & Band Day)

OCTOBER

- 10** Iowa State (Homecoming)
- 17** at Colorado
- 24** Oklahoma
- 31** at Texas Tech

NOVEMBER

- 7** at Kansas State
- 14** Nebraska
- 21** at Texas
- 28** vs. Missouri at Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City

■ Volleyball

AUGUST

- 28-29** at Middle Tennessee State Tournament, vs. Xavier, Murray State

SEPTEMBER

- 4-5** Jayhawk Invitational, vs. Lipscomb, Florida International, Creighton
- 11-12** at Arkansas Tournament, vs. North Texas, Jacksonville State, Arkansas
- 16** at Missouri
- 23** Oklahoma
- 26** at Baylor
- 30** Colorado

OCTOBER

- 3** at Texas A&M
- 7** at Nebraska
- 10** Iowa State
- 14** Texas
- 17** at Kansas State
- 21** at Texas Tech

- 24** Missouri
- 27** UMKC
- 31** Texas A&M

NOVEMBER

- 4** at Colorado
- 7** at Oklahoma
- 11** Kansas State
- 14** Baylor
- 18** at Iowa State
- 21** Nebraska
- 25** Texas Tech
- 28** at Texas

■ Soccer

AUGUST

- 23** at Drake
- 28, 30** at Volunteer Classic, Knoxville, Tenn., vs. Pepperdine, Arizona State

SEPTEMBER

- 4** Long Beach State
- 6** Rhode Island
- 11** vs. Denver, at Colorado Springs
- 13** vs. Colorado College, at Colorado Springs
- 18, 20** Jayhawk Invitational, vs. San Diego, South Dakota State
- 25** at Oklahoma State
- 27** at Oral Roberts

OCTOBER

- 2** at Texas A&M
- 4** at Texas
- 9** Texas Tech
- 11** Colorado
- 16** at Oklahoma
- 18** at Baylor
- 23** Nebraska
- 25** Iowa State
- 30** Missouri

■ Senior Yuliana Svistun—here hitting a volley during KU's 5-2 victory over KSU April 8 in Lawrence—won Jayhawk tennis' most prestigious award, the Catherine Holland Most Valuable Player trophy. Svistun, of Ulf, Russia, finished the spring season with 13 singles victories.



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KANSAS

on her mind

UNC provost finds a new home at KU

So much for secrets. The first hint that the Kansas Board of Regents soon would name a new chancellor arrived in an e-mail, delivered at 8:50 a.m. on Friday, May 29, announcing that the Regents would, at 3 that very afternoon, “formally select, then officially introduce, the incoming chancellor of the University of Kansas.”

The timing was utterly unexpected, and suddenly a sleepy, between-semester TGIF became ... *the* day. The white-smoke rising from the chapel chimney day. Everyone knew it was coming—Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway’s last day in office would be June 30—but nobody knew when.

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO



■ After a breakfast meeting with Alumni Association president Kevin Corbett, Chancellor Gray-Little's first full day on campus, June 10, opened with a meeting in Strong Hall with Chancellor Hemenway, who later joined with his wife, Leah, in giving Gray-Little a tour of her new home, The Outlook (above). "I was not prepared for how beautiful the campus is," Gray-Little said. "It is gorgeous." The new chancellor spent the following day at KU Medical Center before returning to North Carolina. Her first full day in office is scheduled for Aug. 15.

It could not have been possible to wrap a tighter seal around the search for Hemenway's successor. A. Drue Jennings, d'68, l'72, given broad discretion by the Regents when asked last December to chair the search committee, chose not to introduce the finalists to the campus community or even reveal their names or when and where they were interviewed.

And yet it turns out that when the big day arrived, the Regents could easily keep their secret because there was no secret to spill.

They had not yet chosen a new chancellor.

In fact, as of the early hour when they sent out the announcement of an afternoon news conference, Regents had yet to even meet or interview all three finalists sent to them by the search committee, including the candidate who later

that day would emerge as their choice.

Turns out, too, that she wasn't even at her best.

Bernadette Gray-Little, executive vice chancellor and provost at the University of North Carolina, had endured long travel delays when flying out of both Raleigh-Durham and Washington, D.C., the afternoon and evening before; by that Friday morning, when she arrived in Topeka to meet with the Board of Regents, she was running on just a few hours sleep.

She'd faced similar challenges when she met with the search committee—flight delays, late arrival, not much rest—and yet she'd done well. Only three of eight candidates interviewed by Jennings' 18-member committee were forwarded to the Board of Regents—which had directed the committee to find three to five finalists and forward their names, unranked—

and Gray-Little, 64, was one of them.

Maybe her secret was the research she'd done at the outset of her career, during a year spent in Denmark as a Fulbright Fellow, on how humans process information when forming first impressions of others.

Perhaps it was her resumé: provost of a large public university ranked among the top five of member schools in the prestigious American Association of Universities, including oversight of the UNC medical center; member of the UNC psychology faculty since 1971; chair and director of undergraduate studies for the psychology department and later director of the clinical psychology graduate program; senior associate dean for undergraduate education in UNC's College of Arts and Sciences; executive associate provost; and, from 2004 until her 2006 appointment as provost, dean of the college.

Or, might it have been pure charm? A winning smile, obvious grace, an easy laugh?

All of the above?

All we'll ever know for sure is that it worked. Travel weary or not, Gray-Little thoroughly impressed the Regents during her interview the morning of May 29. They had their winner.

And still ... the secret held.

As afternoon approached, KU administrators still didn't know who their next boss might be. Members of the search committee were equally clueless. The media? Forget it. Not even *close* to landing a scoop.

All anybody knew was that a chancellor had been chosen.

And then came Facebook.

The secret that very nearly went the distance finally succumbed to social networking.

Shortly before the Board of Regents opened their public meeting for the formal vote naming Gray-Little chancellor, the news leaked from Chapel Hill, N.C., where somebody posted an urgent update: Their beloved Bernadette Gray-Little—an administrator so popular that her appointment as provost was greeted by a standing ovation from the faculty—would within the hour be named KU’s new leader.

Once her identity hit the North Carolina Facebook page, KU officials relinquished and posted it on KU’s Facebook page, too.

The secret had been scuttled, yet the momentous occasion retained the gravity of history-in-the-making. At 3:20 p.m., Regent Jill Sadowsky Docking, c’78, g’84, offered a motion that the Board of Regents choose Dr. Bernadette Gray-Little, which was met by a unanimous chorus of “ayes.” A door at the back of the room opened, and in walked the winner.

To a standing ovation.

“One of the things that I have come to appreciate is that there is a sense of place, a sense of tradition, about the University of Kansas,” Gray-Little said in her first remarks as KU’s chancellor designate. “That is very important. It is a place to be. It is an institution that has the commitment of many people, and I am delighted to be here and look forward to getting started.”



Bernadette Gray grew up in Washington, N.C., on the Pamlico River. The Pamlico feeds into Pamlico Bay, which itself is bordered by North Carolina’s famous barrier islands and the Atlantic Ocean. She describes the Washington of her youth as “a small town with a lot of farms around it,” and today the Inner Banks town of 10,000 residents touts its heritage both as a regional shipping center and also the first American city named, in 1776, for Gen. George Washington.

The history that matters most to Gray-Little, though, is her mother,



CHRIS LAZZARINO

Regents Chair Shank, Jennings

Search committee

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Tom Vaughn, g’78, l’78, Chapter 13 Trustee, U.S. Department of Justice; member, KU Black Alumni Chapter leadership team; Chicago

Kurt Watson, d’75, president, IMA Financial Group Inc.; chair, KU Endowment; Wichita



■ Shortly after being named chancellor with a unanimous and enthusiastic vote by the Board of Regents, Gray-Little met, for the first time, many of the University's most senior and experienced administrators, including (l-r) University Architect Warren Corman, e'50, and Senior Vice Provost Don Steeples, assoc.

Rosalie Lanier Gray.

"She was really a magnificent person, in the sense of being very smart, very down to earth, a voracious reader, someone who had high expectations but at the same time wasn't finicky or punishing about your performance," Gray-Little says in an interview from her office on the University of North Carolina campus in Chapel Hill, exactly a week to the hour after she'd accepted the KU chancellorship. "That certainly stands out as something that was important for me as a child, and her values are important to me as an adult."

High school teachers pointed Bernadette Gray toward Marywood College, in Scranton, Pa. She never considered the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

"Because of the history of racial and gender segregation, it was just not a place that I thought about being," she recalls. "It's not even something I thought about as an option."

She arrived at Marywood intending to major in philosophy, engendered by a desire to understand human cognition and human thought, topics that had tantalized philosophers for centuries. She discovered that the modern discipline of psychology offered practical outlets for pursuing those interests, as well as opportunities for applied research.

She earned master's and doctoral degrees in cross-cultural psychology at St. Louis University, spent a year as a Fulbright Fellow in Denmark, then landed her first faculty position, in 1971, as an assistant professor of psychology at the university she very nearly stood by her entire career: North Carolina.

"It was coming home only in the sense of coming back to North Carolina," Gray-Little says. "I had never been to Chapel Hill before, and until I interviewed here I had never been on campus."

Now, as Gray-Little switches allegiances for the first time in 38 years, the University of North Carolina mourns.

"I'm thrilled for her and she deserves it," said Chancellor Holden Thorp. "She's an incredible leader and a person of high integrity. She has all the skills needed to be a chancellor. It's a big loss for Carolina."



Gray-Little says that, given the reality of how searches are conducted for top jobs at prominent universities, it is necessary for a serious candidate to "make up your mind to make a commitment" to immediately accept the job if offered.

After meeting with the search committee and learning that her name had been included among the finalists sent to the Board of Regents, Gray-Little began seriously considering whether or not she could make such a commitment to KU.

Among her most trusted advisers was UNC Chancellor Emeritus James Moeser, assoc., a former dean of the School of Fine Arts at KU. Gray-Little was a member of the search committee when Moeser



The family

Spouse: Shade Keys Little, currently associate dean of academic services, UNC

Children: Son, Mark Little, and daughter, Maura Garcia, both residents of North Carolina

Grandchild: Mark William Garcia

KU Chancellors

Ernest Lindley led the University for 19 years, the longest tenure among KU chancellors. Frank Strong served 18 years; Robert Hemenway's 14-year tenure is the third-longest.

R.W. Oliver, 1865-1867

John Fraser, 1867-1874

James Marvin, 1874-1883

Joshua A. Lippincott, 1883-1889

Francis H. Snow, 1890-1901

Frank H. Strong, 1902-1920

Ernest H. Lindley, 1920-1939

Deane W. Malott, c'21, 1939-1951

Franklin D. Murphy, c'36, 1951-1960

W. Clarke Wescoe, 1960-1969

E. Laurence Chalmers Jr., 1969-1972

Raymond F. Nichols, c'26, g'28,

1972-1973

Archie R. Dykes, 1973-1980

Gene A. Budig, 1981-1994

Delbert M. Shankel, 1994-1995

(also interim, 1980-1981)

Robert E. Hemenway, 1995-2009



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was chosen as UNC's chancellor, and it was Moeser who named Gray-Little executive vice chancellor and provost.

Shortly after then-Provost Robert Shelton resigned to accept the presidency of the University of Arizona, Chancellor Moeser convened a meeting of his vice chancellors and began suggesting names of potential candidates. William Roper, dean of medicine and vice chancellor for medical affairs, interrupted and said, "Why don't we just cut to the chase? We can have a full-blown national search, and six to nine months from now, Bernadette Gray-Little will be provost. Why not just name her now?"

Moeser agreed. Gray-Little didn't. Then dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Gray-Little told Moeser she still had work to do and wouldn't take the job without others having a chance to interview, too. So Moeser polled the other deans, who unanimously agreed that Gray-Little should be named provost. So,

too, the Faculty Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees.

Bernadette Gray-Little was everyone's first choice, and when she accepted the job 12 days after it became vacant, members of the Faculty Council greeted her with a standing ovation.

Why even consider giving all that up?

Because, Gray-Little explains, she felt confident in Moeser's assessment that the chancellorship at KU was a job worthy of her interest.

"Regardless of what individual assets I might have," Gray-Little says, "and regardless of what strengths and assets KU might have, the question is, 'Is this a good fit?' And one of the things that I sought from [Moeser], since he knows KU very well, was, 'Does this seem like a good fit?' We talked about it a number of times, and he thought that it was. A very good fit. And that was reassuring to me."

As Gray-Little packed a bag on May 28, shortly before departing for the

Raleigh-Durham airport and her flight to Kansas City (via an unexpected detour through Washington, D.C.), her son, Mark, asked, "Mama, are you going to get this job?"

"Mark," she replied, "I'm going to get this job."



As she introduced Gray-Little as the Regents' choice to become the next KU chancellor, Chair Donna Shank said the board "found her vision and her views on leadership extremely impressive. She identified priorities for KU that are absolutely in line with our priorities for KU."

Those priorities include improving undergraduate retention and graduation rates, increasing research funding, a need to launch a new capital campaign, continued pursuit of National Cancer Institute designation, and the impor-

tance of intercollegiate athletics.

"She talked about a 'disciplined culture of excellence' on campus," said Shank, assoc. "We found her to be very unassuming but very powerful."

When the Regents concluded their meeting and allowed reporters a chance to question Gray-Little, one immediately asked her to assess the significance of her being the first woman and the first African-American chosen to lead KU. She replied, "I'm going to let someone else

comment on the symbolism."

Reporters pressed the issue, noting that many women and minorities had been hired for similar leadership positions. "I think that's happening around the world and the country," she agreed. "It's about time."

The "it's about time" comment briefly consumed local commentators, after it was misrepresented by press reports and widely misunderstood. One prominent newspaper even presented it as

Gray-Little's emphatic "short answer" after she'd been asked to comment on the Regents hiring a woman and a minority as chancellor for KU.

In a column published by the Lawrence Journal-World, Moeser wrote that while Gray-Little is committed to diversity, "she is no ideologue on issues of race and gender." Instead, she brings "objectivity and balance" when confronting "issues that are often controversial and divisive."

Shortly after Moeser became chancellor, he asked Gray-Little to carefully study gender equity in faculty salaries, a controversy raging on the UNC campus at the time. The report she delivered was not what those making allegations of pay disparity wanted to hear, Moeser wrote, but in a meeting of the Faculty Council Gray-Little calmly rebutted the assertions "with the data only an accomplished social scientist could produce."

Within an hour, her opposition had conceded.

"Through all of this," Moeser wrote, "Bernadette never lost her poise. She is cool under pressure."



Of course there's cool, and then there's *cool*.

The University of North Carolina's executive vice chancellor and provost was respected within her office for giving employees both broad direction and authority, as well as support and opportunities to develop their skills. But she was *beloved* for cracking the place up with her own special birthday song.

Will the tradition be beneath a chancellor?

"Certainly not," Gray-Little says with a charming laugh.

And what exactly makes her rendition so special?

"It's a special song," she replies. "And I'm *not* telling you what it is."

Seems some secrets are meant to be kept.

Med Center leader named interim chancellor

The Kansas Board of Regents on June 4 appointed Barbara Atkinson, executive vice chancellor of KU Medical Center, as interim chancellor, effective July 1. Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway's 14-year chancellorship concluded June 30, and Bernadette Gray-Little is scheduled to arrive Aug. 15.

"Dr. Atkinson is perfectly suited to preserve the continuity of university leadership," said Regents chair Donna Shank, "and I know that she will ensure a smooth and seamless transition."

Atkinson will resume her duties at KUMC once Gray-Little is in Lawrence. Atkinson, named executive dean of the School of Medicine in 2002, has been executive vice chancellor since 2005. In that role she is one of the chancellor's two most senior administrators and advisers, along with the provost.

Atkinson was among the KU leadership contingent in Topeka for Gray-Little's hiring, and afterward said, "She's done a wonderful job [at UNC]. It's an outstanding school and I'm really pleased to have a chance to work with her."

As provost at Carolina, Gray-Little oversaw the university's highly regarded, National Cancer Institute-designated medical center. Atkinson, and many others, cited that experience as a particular strength for Gray-Little, especially as KU enters the final phases of pursuit of NCI designation for KU Medical Center.

"I think most administrators in universities today understand medical centers at least a little bit, but it's great that she is affiliated with a really good one," Atkinson said. "She understands what needs to be done and will be supportive."

Atkinson's is not the only temporary appointment among top administrators: Danny J. Anderson, g'82, PhD'85, vice provost for academic affairs and professor of Spanish, in May was named interim provost for the upcoming academic year.

In that role he replaces Joseph Steinmetz, former dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who, shortly after being named interim provost, accepted an offer to join Ohio State University as executive dean and vice provost. Greg Simpson, PhD'80, chair of psychology, is interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Former provost Richard Lariviere is now president of the University of Oregon.

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Mommy's All Right, Daddy's All Right

Surrender? No way. Indie duo Mates of State believe the family that rocks together, rolls together.

It's pushing 10:30 on a rainy Monday night in Kansas City. Most parents, their children tucked in bed, have collapsed on the couch for some much needed downtime. Not Jason Hammel and Kori Gardner, the Mates of State, a husband-and-wife rock band that's drawing acclaim as it travels the world with toddlers in tow.

They are about to take the stage at Westport's Beaumont Club, the 11th stop on a tour that includes 23 concerts in 28 days. Tonight, they're third to play, the featured band on a bill with Judgement Day and Black Kids.

Jason, a lanky 30-something in red shirt and gray sweater, eases behind his drum kit and sets an upbeat tempo. Kori, a striking blonde in black blouse and blue tights, jumps in on keyboards. "Posed pictures on the walls. Small talk in the bedroom hall ..." More than 400 fans mouth the words, snap photos and sway to the beat.

BY CAROL CRUPPER





Their opener, “My Only Offer,” explores one of the band’s favorite themes: the challenges of long-term commitment. Their songs, often pulsating conversations, talk of romantic love, sense of self, domesticity and change, and do so with style. Their fifth album, “Re-Arrange Us,” released in 2008, appeared on several “best of” lists across the country and this cross-continent tour is rockin’.

“Like U Crazy,” “Ha Ha,” “Think Long.” As the two deftly bridge from one song to the next, outside on the tour bus their two young daughters lie fast asleep.



Jason, c’98, and Kori, d’97, met, fell in love, and launched their band in 1997, their final year in Lawrence. Both ditched traditional careers to pursue their passion and, in less than a decade, built a solid fan base while expanding their family and their range. The greatest surprise, says Kori: “That we’re still doing it, that it hasn’t gone downhill. There’s no security, but we’re doing well.”

Their odyssey began at downtown

“Being together 24/7 over the last 10 years, most relationships couldn’t stand that closeness. But it works for them, and fans know they’re real.”

—Manager Ben Dickey

Lawrence’s Replay Lounge. Jason heard Kori playing acoustic guitar with a local band and introduced himself. “I’m in love with your voice,” he told her. The two felt an instant attraction. Both were dating others, but that soon would change. They teamed in a four-member band called Vosotros, and then took off on their own as Mates of State.

Band and couple became inseparable; long-held dreams became shared.

As a fifth-grader in Minnesota, Jason took up drums and piano. In high school, he organized a punk rock group. Kori loved music, too, but always on the side, she says. “Jason made me look at it as a more serious thing.”

After college, they moved to San Francisco and counted on “real” jobs for income: Kori taught elementary school and Jason did cancer research. On week-

ends they played small clubs on the West Coast.

As their following grew, they decided to put their music center stage. “We figured we would try it for a year, and if it didn’t work out we could always come back to our jobs,” Kori says. Both were a bit nervous, Jason admits. “But we had each other for support.”

In 2001, they wed and set out on a nine-month world tour. A few years later, no longer sleeping on other people’s floors, they decided to start their family. Magnolia, 4, was born between their third and fourth albums, and the Mates moved to Connecticut to be close to Kori’s family. A year ago, baby June joined the crew.

Today Mates of State travel with diapers and wipes, and while other rockers demand Cristal backstage or bowls of



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■ The freedom to spend time with their kids and each other is a big draw of the rock ‘n’ roll life for Mates of State’s Kori Gardner and Jason Hammel. A recent world tour brought the duo and their daughters, Magnolia (with Jason and aboard scooter, far left) and June (with Kori, top left), to the Beaumont Club in Kansas City. Music critics praise the quirky, original sound and themes of long-term love and family life in the band’s work, including their most recent album, “Re-Arrange Us.”

M&Ms with all the brown candies removed, the Mates' contract calls for baby food and a surprise for a 4-year-old. "It helps for Mags to have something to look forward to," Kori says.

In Westport, at the afternoon sound check, Magnolia glides across the dance floor on her scooter. June giggles as she plays ball with mom and toddles about the room. Both girls wear ear guards to protect their hearing.

Kori details their hectic life on a blog, "Band on the Diaper Run." It is "a way to contemplate moments that we sometimes don't realize as moments," Kori says. Not-so-highlights include "three seven-hour drives in a row with kids, tantrums (adults included), carsickness, McDonald's."

The Mates have traveled in cars, vans, airplanes and, most recently, buses, a transport they now prefer. With a bus, they hit the stage, sleep on the road, and

wake to explore the next city, enjoying occasional play dates with children of friends along the way. A nanny helps care for the girls.

Having children keeps them focused, both say, and they enjoy having them as travel partners. "I feel really lucky to be such a big part of their lives," Jason says.

Magnolia attends preschool, so when her parents do short tours she stays with Grandma. "We won't leave them longer than a week," Kori says. "Our strategy is to keep routines as normal as possible."

At home in Stratford, the Mates compose and record in their home studio, dividing work equally. Both sing and write, drawing material from their lives, "everything we encounter on an everyday basis," Jason says.

Each partner enhances the whole. "Kori is an amazing singer," Jason says. "She's good with melodies, harmonies. I like to mess things up a bit." Kori appre-

ciates the edge Jason adds to their music as well as his ability to bring pieces and projects to completion.

Their manager, Ben Dickey, stands in awe. "Being together 24/7 over the last 10 years, most relationships couldn't stand that closeness," he says.

But it works for them, and Dickey says fans know they're real. "There's a lot of great chemistry between Jason and Kori. They've been very open about being a couple, having a family. People can relate to that," he says. "Their music is fantastic on its own, but this adds a whole other set of reference points."

David Dye, host of NPR's "World Café," has had the Mates on his show several times. "Their writing and how they approach the music have only gotten deeper over the last couple of albums," he says.

He sees them in this business for the long haul. "To me the indie music scene

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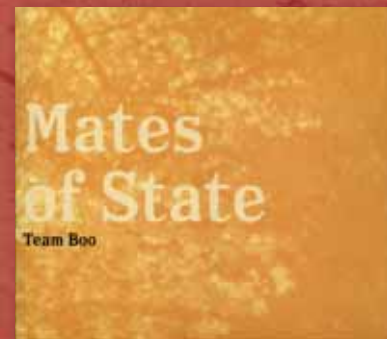
My Solo Project
2000

Dan Cooper, Stylus magazine, rates this album B+: "This is an ingenious duo. Though their lyrics aren't exactly profound and most times what you think you hear doesn't even make sense, it's all still good fun." Although he finds the first track "utterly odd," the last eight leave him grinning ear to ear.



Our Constant Concern
2002

Mates of State's sophomore album takes some grief from critics for its slower pace. Still, says Wayne Lewis for Flack, "There is something at once rough-hewn, fresh and perfectly charming about the Mates' music."



Team Boo
2003

Robert Mitchum, of Pitchfork, finds the Mates adding to their sound in surprising ways while remembering what they did right in the first place. "'Team Boo' brings back the carefree raucousness that marked 'My Solo Project': Giant calliope organ! Crooked waltz drumming! Joyous holleration harmonies!"

is not so much about bands making it big, as it is artists making enough money to do what they love,” Dye says. “The fact that Mates of State have developed a model that allows them to parent and produce music, to travel and provide a foundation for their kids is admirable. Are they going to break out and be the next big thing? I don’t see that as their goal. But being able to tour and play for enthusiastic audiences, that continues.”

The Mates have been featured on “ABC News” and “Good Morning America.” They’ve played on “Late Night with Conan O’Brien” and toured with Chicago Public Radio’s “This American Life.”

Selling out the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco was a major milestone for Kori, who measures success, in part, by the venues they play. “Seeing the world, having worked out this crazy lifestyle,” those are highlights, too.

For her, the key is striking balance

between touring and home. Doing an occasional ad and having their song “Free” played on TV’s “Ugly Betty” help finance home time. Touring, which once consumed 90 percent of their schedule, now takes up 60 percent, which Kori calls about right.

Their goal is to keep improving. They’ve expanded their initially spare instrumentation with a more orchestral sound and diverse arrangements, tempering each new ingredient with a dose of caution. They’ve even added a couple of musicians to back them on tour. To grow, you need to

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change, Jason says. But, “you don’t want to spoil the whole stew.”

As he looks to the future, he keeps his eyes on the prize: “Ultimately, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; for tomorrow, it’s figuring out a good chorus for the song I’m writing.”

In their fast-paced world, Kori often pauses to take their pulse. “Sometimes I think my life is too busy, too crazy because of the lifestyle choices we have made,” she writes on her blog. “But then I realize life just is crazy. If we weren’t touring it would be just as chaotic ... filled with other catalysts for crazy—like perhaps jobs we didn’t love.”

As the girls grow, adjustments await. At present they’re exploring kindergarten options for Magnolia and looking into scoring films.

For Kori, the best thing about this gig is time spent with people she likes. For Jason it’s being in charge of his own life. “It was always a fantasy to be in a rock ‘n’ roll band,” he says. “Somehow we’ve managed to make it reality.”

Back at the Beaumont, fans think the best part is the music—and demand an encore. The Mates oblige, bidding adieu with “The Re-Arranger,” a song that reflects a twosome true to their launch: a partnership of like-minded equals, loving loud, living their dream.

Crupper, d’67, a Lawrence freelance writer, wrote “Green Dream” in issue 6, 2007.



Bring It Back 2006

Yohan Brohamsky, Blog Critics magazine, calls this album “the cure for depression” and celebrates the band’s evolution. Kori and Jason apply technical knowledge acquired from the road in the studio, leading to greater experimentation.



Re-Arrange Us 2008

Stephen Thompson, for NPR’s “All Songs Considered,” selects “The Re-Arranger” on this album as top song of the year: “I think it’s the year’s most romantic record. It’s a song cycle about maintaining a loving relationship, and growing up as a couple, with kids. (This song) has a chorus ‘love loud, don’t lose loud.’ And I just love that.” —C. C.



Heirloom Harvest

BY CYNTHIA PARKS

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Liz Sigler Kurlbaum walks slowly between the rows of neatly staked heirloom tomato plants. Her faded jeans, bright green T-shirt advertising “Kurlbaum Tomatoes,” and pith helmet ward off the summer sun as she scans the rows looking for pests that could threaten her crop and her quest: growing the most flavorful tomatoes possible using all-natural farming.

The green rows are clearly labeled—Cherokee Purple, Black Krim, Gold Medal—more than 30 varieties in all. Each was carefully selected by Kurlbaum and her family to deliver a tomato trifecta: vibrant color, unique texture and a flavor incredible enough to sate a man’s years-long craving.

“We were trying to find a tomato to satisfy my husband,” Kurlbaum, c’81, laugh-



FARMER REAPS PRIZED TOMATOES WHILE TENDING HER FAMILY'S LOVE FOR THE LAND AND RESPECT FOR BUSINESS

altered for mass production, and are pollinated naturally and nurtured for vibrant taste. They are passed down through generations, as the name implies.

Kurlbaum planted a handful of varieties, hoping to sell a few at a farmers market. Then came the first “experimental” crop, flavor-filled and color-rich. She sold out an entire truckload her first weekend with no advertising other than a piece of Sheetrock with an arrow pointing to her house. The next season, a local chef spied her husband, Sky, assoc., carrying a gift basket filled with the distinctive fruit and wanted to buy them on the spot. Kurlbaum’s Heirloom Tomatoes was officially in business.

From that first year selling out of the back of a pickup truck, the Kurlbaums’ business has grown to supply about 20 of the area’s top restaurants and grocers, not to mention the loyal customers who come running for the ultra-fresh bounty as soon as Kurlbaum’s handmade sign appears each summer.

“Absolutely nothing compares to a sun-sweetened, vine-ripened tomato,” says Jennifer Bonar Roe, c’87, g’99, editor of *tastebud*, a Kansas City-area food and lifestyle magazine. “Heirloom tomatoes are extremely popular with chefs and

foodies because they’re full of taste and character. These varieties were what our grandparents ate; they truly have that ‘tomato-y’ taste.”

The Kurlbaums’ tomato operation is small, encompassing only 2 acres of the 52-acre Kansas City, Kan., farm where Kurlbaum grew up. The operation is co-managed by the Kurlbaums and Kurlbaum’s sister Sally Kuklenski, assoc., and her husband, Rick, b’72.

What it lacks in size it more than makes up for in a reputation for taste and quality that keeps its customer list growing. Kurlbaum has been featured on radio shows, in newspapers and food blogs, and in late June the farm was featured on a tour for the Kansas City Center for Urban Agriculture. Kurlbaum has been dubbed the “tomato lady” by customers, tomato aficionados and anyone who sees her tooling around town in her bright red vintage truck. Each successive year, the family has increased the number of plants—the current crop is about 1,800—and expanded seed varieties and crop space.

Growing the most flavorful tomatoes possible is a process that starts in January, when the first seed catalogs land in the mailbox. The Kurlbaums and Kuklenskis pore over catalogs and choose each

ingly recalls. “Every season, he would say, ‘I want a tomato that tastes like they did on the farm when I was growing up.’”

And with that exacting standard, the quest began. A longtime gardener, Kurlbaum in 2002 began experimenting with heirloom varieties. Heirlooms—prized by chefs and gourmards—are grown from seeds that have never been genetically





year’s “must-grows”—tomatoes that will deliver that “killer yummy” flavor, as Kurlbaum characterizes it.

“Gardeners are like drug addicts,” she says with a smile. “Give them a seed catalog and they can’t stop. Every year our ‘must-grow’ list gets larger.”

The seeds arrive in March and Sky nurtures them for six weeks in the basement of the family’s Overland Park home, balancing just the right amounts of water, light and fertilizer. Once plants sprout their third and fourth leaves, they are transplanted one by one to individual plugs in a 24-pack plastic tray and moved to a greenhouse on the farm. On or around Mother’s Day, they go into the ground; the first crop arrives in late June, and the season peaks in mid-August.

For Kurlbaum and her family, harvest time means rising at dawn, hand picking each tomato, then carefully packing them in crates. By midday, the heirlooms are usually headed to a restaurant or grocery store, and often are on someone’s plate for that night’s dinner.

Sometimes it is just the two sisters

who pick, other times it’s the entire family. Still other times, it may be friends of son Sky, a KU sophomore, eager to make a little extra cash. For Kurlbaum, the family involvement, particularly the next generation, is the most important aspect of the business.

“We felt like no matter how good our kids’ education was, it lacked the hands-on experience of having a business and all that a business trains you for in life,” she explains. “Both my husband and I knew how valuable that is and wanted it for our kids. That’s really why we do this.”

For the 2008 and 2009 seasons, the families turned the farm management over to their two oldest sons. Once the seeds were selected and planted, Sky Jr., 19, and Elliot Kuklenski, a 21-year-old student at St. Louis University, were “in charge” of picking and overseeing the packing and delivery.

“The final part I want to see them do is make sales calls,” says Kurlbaum, “because it doesn’t matter how good your product is if you can’t sell.”

■ “Tomato lady” Liz Kurlbaum (p. 34) grows more than two dozen heirloom varieties on her Kansas City farm, where family and friends pitch in with labor and TLC. Above: (back row, l to r) Max, Sky, Liz and Sky Kurlbaum, and Sally and Elliot Kuklenski. Front row: Eli and Noah Kurlbaum. Family involvement is paramount, Liz says. “That’s really why we do this.”

That part of the job comes naturally for Kurlbaum, the youngest of 11 children, who started selling fruit from the family’s orchard when she was 5. Her farm background and marketing expertise have enabled her to quickly grasp what her customers want. Chefs are looking for unusual, intense flavor for their salads and sauces, while grocers also need vibrant colors to attract discerning buyers willing to pay top dollar for heirloom tomatoes. It’s an expertise her customers appreciate.

“Our company is committed to buying from local food producers,” says Bill Chapman, of Cosentino’s Brookside Mar-



farmers like Liz can grow foods that are bred for taste, not durability to withstand a cross-country trek, so consumers get a far superior product. Most local producers like Liz also tend to practice farming techniques that promote sustainability.”

Shortly before his death, Kurlbaum’s father extracted a promise from her never to sell the farm, so sustainability of their land is of utmost importance. The family farming methods reflect that. They dry-farm (relying only on rainwater for irrigation), eschew manufactured pesticides, and fertilize by spraying the plants with an all-natural “tea” made from worm castings, molasses and water. Concerned about soil erosion caused by excessive tilling, they have experimented

says. “Successful small growers have business plans that help bring some equilibrium to such an unpredictable profession. Liz has done an outstanding job and has also worked hard to cultivate long-term relationships with customers who rely on her consistency and quality.”

For Kurlbaum, it’s all just part of the business. And with Sky’s palate now at peace, she plans to turn her hand to other heirloom crops. She also hopes to possibly allocate some acreage for a scholarship program that would give young people the opportunity to work their way through college while learning how to run a business. The family also wants to increase restaurant and grocery store distribution while continu-



ket, part of a locally owned, 25-store chain. “So we need growers who can supply us all season. Liz’s operation is very small, but she has a specific product we need and is very good at communicating how much and what she has to sell.”

Chapman and others see the trend of eating locally farmed food—once the purview of farmers’ markets and roadside stands—increasing as more consumers look closer to home for improved freshness and taste and to support their local economies.

“Supporting local growers reaps countless benefits for both the grower and the consumer,” Roe says. “Local

with such methods as “no-till” farming to preserve the quality of the farm’s soil.

But the all-natural commitment has come at a cost. Spring 2008 was wet and cold, creating the perfect environment for pests that feasted on young tomato plants. A late-May hailstorm destroyed the first delicate blossoms, and in mid-summer deer invaded, devouring whole plants and forcing Kurlbaum to beef up the farm’s fences.

“Every step of a farmer’s journey, from field to market, is fraught with uncertainty,” Roe

ing to meet the needs of the everyday tomato lover.

“The best part about farming is being able to share the bounty with your friends and neighbors,” she says. “We’ll always want to do that.”

—Parks is a freelance writer in Leawood.

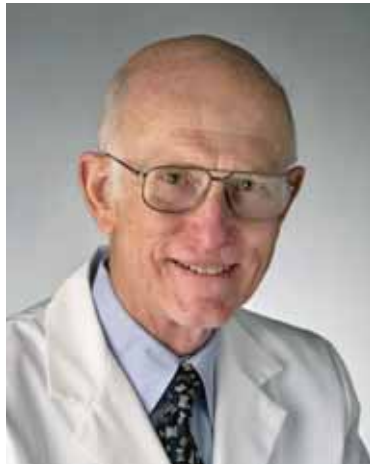


■ Taste, texture and vibrant color distinguish Kurlbaum’s heirloom crop, which includes Gold Medal, left, and (p. 35) Cherokee Purple, Amish Paste, Dr. Wyche’s Yellow, Black Krim and Great White.



Association

Fred Ellsworth, c'22, led the Association staff as executive secretary from 1934 to 1963. The medallion thanks Jayhawks who continue his tradition of commitment to KU.



Asher



Johnston



McKinney

Meritorious service

Loyalty of 2009 medalists echoes Ellsworth's example

The Alumni Association will honor three Jayhawks as recipients of the Fred Ellsworth Medallion. They are Marc Asher, m'62, Leawood; Donald Johnston, d'56, l'66, Lawrence; and Janet Martin McKinney, c'74, Kerrville, Texas. The Association's national Board of Directors will recognize the three for their longtime KU service Sept. 4 at the Adams Alumni Center.

Each year alumni and friends submit nominations for the award, which began in 1975 to honor the memory of longtime Association leader Fred Ellsworth, c'22, whose service to KU set an example for future generations. Medallion winners are selected by a committee of representatives from the chancellor's office, the Alumni and Endowment associations, and Kansas Athletics.

Asher retired Dec. 31 as University distinguished professor of orthopedic surgery, concluding 36 years at KU Medical Center. In November, the University of Kansas Hospital dedicated the Marc A. Asher M.D. Comprehensive Spine Center, which offers diagnosis, pre- and post-operative care, and treatment, including physical therapy ["Pain, Pain, Go Away," issue No. 1]. The center

honors Asher's work as an international authority on spinal research, patient care, and development of spinal treatment devices.

Asher helped develop in 1989 the Isola Spinal Implant System, one of the most common devices for treating deformities. The St. John native created innovative outreach clinics, sharing his knowledge in Colby, Garden City, Hays, Hutchinson, Parsons, Salina and Topeka. He taught and mentored medical residents, and traveled worldwide to share his surgical techniques. He authored or co-authored 90 scholarly papers. Although he retired from full-time practice in 2002, he continued to consult with other physicians and conduct clinical and laboratory research.

Asher is a Jayhawk Society member of the Alumni Association, and he has participated in the Rock Chalk Ball, the annual Greater Kansas City Chapter fundraising event. He also coordinated class reunions for the School of Medicine Alumni Association, of which he is a life member.

He was a charter member of the KU Medical Center Advancement Board, and has donated 50 percent of the royalties he received from the Isola implant to the KU Endowment Association and other nonprofit organizations. In addition to contributing to the new spine center, he supported or raised funds for orthopedic research as well as four endowed chairs at the School of Medicine.

As a leadership donor with his wife, Ellie, he

assisted the KU First campaign steering committee (2001-2006) for KU Endowment and was a major donor to Campaign Kansas (1988-1992). He is a Chancellors Club member.

Asher was the 1999 School of Medicine Alumnus of the Year. The Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas honored him as Distinguished Kansan of the Year in 2007.

Johnston is executive vice president of Intrust Bank's Northeast Kansas region. He joined Intrust in 2003, continuing his banking career, which through the years also has included roles as part owner of Maupintour Inc., a travel company in Lawrence, and Vinylplex Inc., a manufacturing company in his hometown of Pittsburg.

He and his wife, Alice Ann Dowell Johnston, assoc., are Life Members and Jayhawk Society members of the Alumni Association, and they have participated in the Rock Chalk Ball. He is a member of the Gold Medal Club. During his years in Pittsburg, he coordinated the Association's Kansas Honors Program event, recognizing the top 10 percent of high-school seniors. From 1986 to 1991, he was a member of the national Board of Directors. He also served on the Adams Alumni Center Board of Governors from 1988 to 1994. In 1992, he received the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award for his sustained local volunteer service to KU, and he has continued to volunteer for many KU organizations.

For KU Endowment, the Johnstons are members of the Elizabeth Watkins Society and the Chancellors Club. He also assisted Campaign Kansas as a volunteer on several committees.

Elsewhere on campus, he has served the Lied Center as president of the Friends of the Lied board, and he led a corporate fund drive for the Spencer Museum of Art. In addition, he has served on the boards of the Center for International Programs, the Friends of the Theatre, the School of Fine Arts and the KU Natural History Museum.

The Johnstons also are members of the Williams Educational Fund for Kansas Athletics. They belong to the

New Generation Society, a community group affiliated with the Hall Center for the Humanities, and they co-chaired the founding committee for the Friends of the Hall Center. Don also volunteered for the center's advisory board. Together they received the Friends of the Hall Center Award.

The two also devote time to numerous local and state organizations; for their leadership they also shared the 2009 Citizen of the Years Award from the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce.

McKinney retired in 2001 as president of Martin Tractor Co. in Topeka. With her husband, Kent, assoc., she is an Alumni Association Life Member and a member of the Presidents Club. She began her term on the national Board in 1995 and led the Association as national chair from 2001 to 2002. She has assisted KU students as a 'Hawk to 'Hawk mentor, and the McKinneys for several years supported the Rock Chalk Ball as benefactors.

For KU Endowment, she is a trustee and member of the Women Philanthropists for KU advisory board. The McKinneys also belong to the Elizabeth Watkins Society and the Chancellors Club, and they were donors to KU First.

For Kansas Athletics, they are members of the Williams Educational Fund.

An anthropology major as a student, she worked for the Museum of Anthropology and has continued her academic interest most recently as a member of the KU Biodiversity Institute advisory board, this year concluding her one-year term as chair. She has raised funds for the institute's educational, research and public programs, and she has devoted time to the Biodiversity Institute's Archaeology Research Center, working on its vast collections of cultural artifacts from the Great Plains.

In 2005, the McKinneys volunteered for the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan.

Annual ascension

Chair, chair-elect, 5 directors began terms July 1

New officers now lead the Association's national Board of Directors, which also welcomes five new members this summer.

The Board in May elected Sue Shields Watson, d'75, Wichita, as the national chair for the 2009-'10 year. She succeeds Tedde Tasheff, c'78, New York. The Board chose Jay Howard, b'79, Austin, Texas, as chair-elect. Watson is a long-time leader of the Wichita KU alumni chapter and a community volunteer. Tasheff is senior attorney with the National Center for Law and Economic Justice. Howard is president of JDH Investments.

The Board also approved the nominations of five alumni, whose five-year terms began July 1. They are:

Douglas Miller, b'71, l'74, Mission Hills. He is president and CPA of Miller, Haviland & Ketter. He has served as a benefactor for the Rock Chalk Ball, and he and his wife, Susan Edwards Miller, d'72, are Life Members of the Association. They are members of the Chancellors Club for KU Endowment and the



Howard, Watson and Tasheff

CHRIS LAZZARINO



■ Falcon Ridge Golf Course in Lenexa was the setting for the Greater Kansas City Chapter's annual Legends of KU Golf Tournament June 22. Among the 105 golfers were Jeff Morrison, b'99, g'05; men's basketball coach Bill Self; Association President Kevin Corbett, c'88; and Lori Anderson Piening, b'92.

Williams Educational Fund for Kansas Athletics. He served on a four-person committee appointed by then-Interim Athletics Director A. Drue Jennings, c'68, l'72, to raise funds for Kansas Athletics.

Debbie Foltz Nordling, d'79, Hugoton. She is an agency owner with State Farm Insurance Cos. She and her husband, Erick, c'79, are Life Members of the Association and members of the Presidents Club. She is a board member for the Southwest Kansas Chapter and a Kansas Honors Program volunteer and contributor. She also advocates for KU as a member of Jayhawks for Higher Education. The Nordlings in 2007 received the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award for their many years of service to KU in the Hugoton area.

Camille Briebesca Platz, c'96, g'98, Dallas. She is a paralegal with American Electric Power and an annual member of the Association. She has volunteered for the Dallas Chapter since 1998 and has served on the chapter board. She has hosted Jayhawk Generations picnics in Dallas to welcome new KU students, and she has assisted the Association and the Office of Admissions and Scholarships.

Richard Putnam, c'77, l'80, Omaha. He is an attorney at Baird Holm, LLP, and a Life Member of the Association. He has represented KU as a volunteer for many years, leading the Omaha Chapter from 1988 to 1994. He also has helped recruit students for KU.

Larry D. Stoppel, c'73, Washington, Kan. He is an optometrist and owner of the Reeves & Stoppel optometry firm. He and his wife, Nancy Tade Stoppel, d'73, are Life and Jayhawk Society Members. They also belong to the Presidents Club. He is president of the Flint Hills Chapter, organizing numerous events in the Manhattan area, and for years he has volunteered for Jayhawks for Higher Education and the Kansas Honors Program. In 2005, the Stoppels received the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award for their sustained local service to KU.

The five were selected in April by the Nominating Committee from a group of alumni nominated by Association members. The committee presented the slate May 15 for the entire Board's approval. Nominations of alumni to begin terms in 2010 will be accepted until March 1.

The Board also chose Ray Evans, b'82,

g'84, Leawood, and Brad Korell, l'97, Austin, as new at-large members of the Executive Committee. Evans is managing partner of Pegasus Capital Management, and Korell is a partner in the law firm of Korell & Frohlin.

Immediate Past Chair Joe Morris, b'61, Leawood, retired in May after eight years of service. Other retiring Board members are Robert Stephan, '54, Lenexa, and Becky VanWyhe Thomas, e'86, Baldwin City. —



Dateline Wichita

Assistant director continues expansion of KU's presence

Lynn Loveland joins the Association part time as assistant director of Kansas programs-Wichita. As the first Association staff member with an office in Wichita, Loveland, '76, will work alongside local alumni to plan programming, fundraising and recruitment events.

Loveland opened the KU Endowment Association office in Wichita and served as development officer for the KU School of Medicine-Wichita for eight years. Along with Scott, c'54, and Carol Swanson Ritchie, d'54, and Kurt, d'75, and Sue Shields Watson, d'75, Loveland created the Jayhawk Roundup. She will continue to coordinate the annual event, which will now fund Alumni Association programs. The event already has endowed two student scholarships for Wichitans, one for a KU undergraduate and the second for a third-year medical student. The 2009 Roundup will be Oct. 17.

Loveland attended Colorado State University and KU before earning a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She served as assistant hospital administrator for the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City before transferring to Wichita to assist Dean Joe Meek at the School of Medicine-Wichita. —

Life Members

The Association thanks these Jayhawks, who became Life Members beginning May 1 through June 24. For more information, please visit www.kualumni.org or call 800-584-2957.

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Class Notes

BY KAREN GOODELL

1955

Geraldine Walterscheid Liebert, p'55, recently received the Bowl of Hygeia award for outstanding community service from the Kansas Pharmacists Association. She is staff pharmacist at Plaza Pharmacy in Coffeyville.

1957

Norman Arnold, b'57, and his wife, Iola, celebrated their 50th anniversary in May. They make their home in Overland Park, where Norman works at HyVee.

Robert Boyd, e'57, is a professor of business at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

Blaine Hollinger, c'57, m'62, a professor of medicine, molecular virology and epidemiology at Baylor University, makes his home in Houston.

1958

Charles McElhinney, c'58, m'62, teaches part time at Wesley Hospital of Wichita and at the KU Medical School in Wichita. His home is in Lawrence.

1959

Philip Aherne, f'59, a professor emeritus at the University of California in Santa Cruz, lives in Petrelle, Italy, where he enjoys painting.

Judith Anderson Glass, j'59, serves as president of the Rotary Club of Berkeley, Calif. She's a residential real estate broker in Oakland.

1961

Alan Cohn, c'61, directs operations for Airojet Charters in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He lives in Plantation.

1962

Ronald Mastin, b'62, a retired pilot, makes his home in Woodstock, Ga.

Penny Purnell, c'62, s'66, lives in Philadelphia, where she's a retired risk manager for Friends Hospital.

1963

Merrill Downer, c'63, g'67, g'75, PhD'77, retired last year from the political science faculty at Thiel College in Greenville, Pa.

1964

Frederick Flock, f'64, is senior designer for Bella Cucina in Sylvan Lake, Mich.

Mary Grace Rising Nelson, d'64, does accounting and auditing for the state of California. She lives in Bakersfield.

1965

John Pound, c'65, is president of Commercial Realty Associates in Clayton, Mo. He lives in St. Louis.

Robert Ritter, c'65, chairs Gray Ritter & Graham in St. Louis. He recently was named Plaintiff Injury Litigator of the Year by Best Lawyers.

1966

Leo Dreyer, c'66, l'74, is a partner in the Kansas City law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon.

Gary Garrison, c'66, commutes from Kensington, Md., to Washington, D.C., where he's assistant director of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars.

Theodore Langrehr, e'66, makes his home in Mount Vernon, Wash., where he's retired from a 37-year career with PACCAR.

Patricia Cram Nelson, n'66, works as a community health consultant in Albuquerque, N.M.

Mary Luhmann Roper, c'66, manages Hamilton Children's Garden at Quail



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Class Notes

Botanical Gardens in Encinitas, Calif. She and her husband, Michael, '66, live in Oceanside.

1967

Harry Baum, d'67, g'73, EdD'80, is president of Sharon Lane Health Services in Shawnee. He lives in Weatherby Lake, Mo.

Constance Myers Gaston, j'67, manages Comcare Community Mental Health Center in Wichita.

Kenneth Mathiasmeier, e'67, g'73, is a research staff member for the Institute for Defense Analyses in Alexandria, Va. He lives in Manassas.

1968

Sterling May, c'68, recently was named the Leet Distinguished Chair of Biological Science at Breanu University in Gainesville, Ga., where he's also director of the Anne Thomas Bioscience Center.

Jacquelyn Thoroughman, d'68, g'71, is dean of social science and education at Waubunsee Community College in Sugar

Grove, Ill.

Nevin Waters, d'68, practices dentistry in Olathe. He recently was named Alumnus of the Year by the UMKC Dental Alumni Association.

1969

David Grdina, g'69, PhD'71, is a professor of radiation and cellular oncology at the University of Chicago. He and

Judith Moothart Grdina, '69, live in Naperville.

Ellen Winkler Slicker, d'69, g'70, is a professor of psychology at Middle Tennessee State University and has a private psychotherapy practice in Murfreesboro, where she and her husband, **Richard**, d'70, make their home.

1970

Ronald Adams, e'70, g'76, is chief of the railroads and harbor section of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in Madison.

Richard Irwin, c'70, m'75, lives in Southbridge, Mass., where he's president,

CEO and CFO of Southbridge Ophthalmic Associates.

Kenneth Spain, d'70, l'73, is a shareholder in Seigfreid, Binham, Levy, Selzer & Gee in Kansas City.

1971

David Anderson, j'71, is a principal in DCA Management Consulting Services in Atlanta.

Thomas Gilcrest, d'71, directs design and build services for BlueScope Construction in Kansas City.

William Mulroy Jr., g'71, is assistant vice president of assessment for American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. He lives in Ambler.

Priscilla Reckling, c'71, g'75, directs the office of grants and research at the KU School of Nursing in Kansas City.

Michele Raymond Williams, d'71, is assistant director of the disability center at Florida International University in Miami.

1972

Casey Eike, c'72, g'78, s'02, serves as a clinical social worker with the U.S. Army and at Catholic Charities Hospice. She lives in Overland Park.

1973

Jack Barnes, p'73, is a pharmacist at Walgreens in Hutchinson.

Lyle Davis, b'73, lives in Cape Girardeau, Mo., where he's vice president of investments with Wachovia Securities.

Stephen Nicholson, c'73, directs Trans Caribbean Trust in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

1974

Janet Smith Calkins, c'74, recently earned her doctorate in veterinary medicine from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

James Doepke, d'74, directs educational outreach for Conn-Selmer. He lives in Waukesha, Wis., and is attempting to perform the national anthem on his trumpet at every Major League Baseball stadium in America.

Stephen Hadley, d'74, serves as a safety director with the U.S. Army in

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Delmer Harris, e'74, is senior lead network engineer with Honeywell Federal Manufacturing and Technologies in Kansas City.

David Hunke, j'74, recently was named publisher of USA Today. He lives in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Clayton Koppes, PhD'74, is a professor of American history at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio.

1975

Kevin Carver, b'75, is a senior attorney with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. in Dallas. He lives in Plano.

Clifton Haas, e'75, commutes from Overland Park to Grandview, Mo., where he's vice president of engineering with Growth Industries.

Jack Mocnik, m'75, practices diagnostic and interventional radiology at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa, Okla.

Catherine Gaffney Rogers, '75, recently received a Fulbright award as writer-in-residence at Aristotle University

in Thessaloniki and at the University of Athens in Greece. She lives in New York City, where she's a playwright.

Carol Scott, c'75, g'79, PhD'96, is executive director of Missouri Child Care Resource in St. Louis.

1976

Cathy Riffey Dauner, d'76, teaches at Rockhills Elementary School in Mankato, where she and her husband, **Lyle**, p'76, make their home. He owns Dauner Pharmacies.

Terry Neil Loofbourrow, n'76, manages Blue Cross of Idaho in Meridian. She lives in Boise.

Thomas Miller, c'76, owns Blue Collar Consulting Services in Lawrence, where he and **Lynne Wattenbarger Miller**, c'72, e'75, make their home.

Timothy Watson, j'76, is president of Virginia Textbook Exchange and Watson Associates in Midlothian, Va.

1977

Brett Coonrod, l'77, is a partner in the

Overland Park law offices of Smith Coonrod.

Janet Simmons Crowther, g'77, works as a CPA with Busby Smith & Ford in Wichita, where her husband, Philip, l'76, g'76, has a law practice.

1978

Mary Courtney, d'78, teaches math, literature and history at Rolla Junior High School in Rolla.

Cindy Bruner McClannahan, c'78, l'81, is a shareholder in Seigfreid, Bingham, Levy, Selzer & Gee. She lives in Prairie Village.

MARRIED

Joleen Schovee, d'78, to Everett "Bud" Patterson, Feb. 15 in Greenwood, Colo. They live in Colorado Springs.

1979

Mark Hopkins, b'79, manages sales for BJJS. He lives in Olathe.

David Jenkins, b'79, owns FatBoy Capital in Mount Olive, N.J. He and his

wife, Linda, live in Flanders.

Alan Shaw, c'79, is managing director of EPIC in Atlanta, where he and **Virginia Myers Shaw**, d'85, make their home.

Lionel Tipton, j'79, is an associate professor of journalism and mass communication at Dodge City Community College.

1980

Stephen "Tony" Edson, c'80, is principal of SAEdson, LLC in Arlington, Va.

Michael James, p'80, manages Compassionate Care Pharmacy for Biologics in

Cary, N.C. He lives in Raleigh.

Michael Stucky, b'80, is division president of Pulte Building Systems in Tolleson, Ariz.

1981

Walter Cofer, l'81, is a partner in the Kansas City law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon.

Ali Fakhrzad, g'81, lives in Chesterfield, Mo., where he's an executive enterprise architect for IBM.

Gary Hellman, c'81, is a nuclear equip-

ment engineer for Ameren. He lives in Columbia, Mo.

Mark Johnson, j'81, manages regional sales for Kansas Bankers Surety. He lives in Littleton, Colo.

1982

David Joslin, b'82, c'82, successfully reached the summit of Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro in January. He lives in Chevy Chase, Md., where he is an executive vice president at Perot Systems Corporation.

Kevin Kelso, b'82, is president and

Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

Texas doctors' new leader cites health care access

As he begins his term as president of the Texas Medical Association, Houston neurologist William H. Fleming III emphasizes the primary goal he intends to promote for the 44,000-member society he now leads: access to health care.

"The health system in this country is broken and needs to be fixed," says Fleming, c'67. "About 40 million Americans are uninsured or underinsured. They use emergency rooms for their primary doctor, and that's expensive. It's not efficient, either. Access to care is the biggest problem we're facing."

Fleming was installed in May as the TMA's 144th president. He concedes that it will mean more time spent away from his practice—he's a partner with two others in a Houston neurology group—yet he has spent his entire career volunteering for professional associations and Texas educational institutions.

Among numerous positions, Fleming has been president of five local, state and national boards and medical societies. He also is clinical assistant professor at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston and is a member of the board

of regents of Texas Woman's University at Denton.

"I think we need advocacy," he says. "It's important for our profession and important for our patients. I'm committed to it, and you have to make time."

Fleming grew up in Memphis, Tenn. He played alto saxophone, bassoon and piano, and a music teacher who had earned his doctorate at KU encouraged Fleming to become a Jayhawk.

Once on Mount Oread, Fleming majored in zoology and joined ROTC; after serving four years of active duty at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, he decided to attend medical school at St. Louis University.

He chose neurology as a specialty after his second year, and continued on at two institutions of international prestige: McGill University, in Montreal, and the Mayo Clinic, in Rochester, Minn. There he developed a passion for sailing, so when the opportunity arose in 1979 to join a Mayo alumnus in Houston—on Galveston Bay and a quick sail from the Gulf of Mexico—Fleming accepted.

"Years ago, even when I went into neurology, we didn't have a lot of tools and we didn't have a lot of medicines," he says. "Stroke patients had no alternatives; now we've got clot-busting drugs. We've got new Parkinson's and Alzheimer's



COURTESY DR. WILLIAM FLEMING

■ Neurologist Bill Fleming has been involved in the KU Black Alumni Chapter since its inception. "Being a chapter of the Alumni Association keeps us connected and engaged," he says, "and we get the support of the University."

medicines. We've had a real revolution in neurology."

A sailor, skier and enthusiastic supporter of Houston's professional sports teams, opera and symphony, Fleming's biggest passion is still his work: "I like interacting with people. I like seeing challenging cases. I like to see people get well.

"I just like what I do." 🍴

Class Notes

managing principal of Dreyer & Kelso in Shawnee Mission. He lives in Overland Park.

David Reinfelds, e'82, commutes from Alvarado, Texas, to Fort Worth, where he's a systems engineering principal for Lockheed Martin.

Rebecca Rodriguez, e'82, manages polypropylene production and inventory for Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. in Houston.

Paul Schepers, l'82, is a shareholder in

Seigfreid, Bingham, Levy, Selzer & Gee in Kansas City. He lives in Prairie Village.

Elise Stephens, c'82, works on the business continuity team at Centene Corp. in St. Louis.

Stephen Stoops, m'82, recently became chief medical officer for Carondelet Health. He lives in Mission Hills.

1983

Barry Dull, e'83, is a chemical and petroleum client executive with IBM in

Houston.

Annette Dye, b'83, directs financial systems for Russell Stover Candies in Kansas City. She and her husband, Ramon Ramirez, c'83, live in Olathe.

Martha Jenkins, j'83, recently was appointed acting general counsel for the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Robert Wood, '83, is president of Wood-Dulohery Insurance in Parsons.

Profile

BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

Pride in family, hometown adds zest to business

Philadelphia owns the cheese steak. Buffalo brags on wings. Indianapolis? If Brent Joseph has his way, his hometown of Indy will gain national fame for its King David Dogs.

Although competition is keen among cities claiming to be titans of hot dogs, pizza and barbecue, Joseph, j'98, has history on his side. For more than 40 years, Indianapolis connoisseurs could buy King David hot dogs, created by his grandfather and great-uncle, in local grocery stores. Today the dogs themselves are identical, but they don't come in packages from the grocery's meat section. Instead, Joseph and his staff serve them sizzling from the grill in poppy seed buns and slathered with an eye-popping array of toppings.

In fall 2006, Joseph opened a 28-seat lunch counter in downtown Indianapolis. In the cheerful, no-fuss setting, the hot dog, nicknamed "an Indy original" by his forebears, is the main attraction; walls full of testimonials from the local press hail the return of the King David brand.

"This is not a heart-healthy menu, and we don't hide it," says Joseph, who for this year's NCAA Sweet 16 games in

Indianapolis unveiled the "Boom Boom Dog," adorned with a fried egg and cheese and named for a high-school buddy who suggested the concoction. The regular menu includes 10 options plus the "build your own" from ingredients that include four kinds of mustard, celery salt, sauerkraut and other delights.

The choices pay homage to Chicago and New York City, but the quarter-pound, kosher, fire-engine red, all-beef dog is what Joseph hopes will become Indy's signature. "It's a garlic, pepper, smoky flavor," he says. "It tastes like meat. Some hot dogs taste like Play-Doh."

Joseph's grandfather, William Hene, an attorney, immigrated to the United States from Germany with his brother, Paul, a butcher, and unveiled their secret recipe in the 1940s. Grocery sales of the hot dogs continued until the early 1990s.

Joseph left his marketing career to continue his family tradition from behind a grill, heeding advice from his wife, Hannah, an Indy native who grew up with the King David brand. But first he had to search for the recipe, which he found stowed in his great-aunt Margot's attic. Years before, after an employee had stolen the recipe and won a prize at a local food fair, the Hene brothers had torn up all the English copies and left



■ Honoring tradition, Joseph only tweaked the King David logo created by his grandfather and great-uncle. On warm days, dog lovers stand in line for two hours outside his downtown store.

only the German originals. After a translator deciphered the recipe, Joseph found a four-generation family owned meat company, Usinger's of Milwaukee, to re-create the dog. Then came the critical test: A tasting for the family, including Margot and his grandmother, Wally. "It was exactly the same," he recalls with pride. "The taste and the smell were just as everyone remembered." 🍌

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1984

Charlotte Burriss Cool, j'84, works for McCormick Co. in Kansas City.

April Wilber Hackathorn, j'84, does freelance copy editing in Prescott, Ariz.

Jeffrey Murphy, b'84, is senior accounting manager at Kansas City Life Insurance Co. He lives in Olathe.

Mark Smith, m'84, works as a hospitalist diplomate at North Metro Medical Center and at HealthCare Odyssey. He lives in Jacksonville, Ark.

1985

David Danner, j'85, works for Keystone Freight Corp. in Greensboro, N.C.

Joel Davidson, c'85, manages audit and assessment for Koch Pipeline and is a geologist for Tank Management Services in Wichita. He lives in Andover.

1986

Kristy Lantz Astry, j'86, works as senior technical writer at McKesson Provider Technologies in Westminster, Colo.

Douglas Frigon, f'86, directs the taxable fixed-income sales group at Stone &

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Youngberg Holdings in San Francisco. He lives in Lafayette.

Col. Marilyn Jenkins, c'86, is stationed at Bagram AFB, Afghanistan, where she's the theatre language manager for U.S. Forces Afghanistan. In September, she will move to Fort Meade, Md., to become vice commander of the 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing.

Jess Stewart, '86, owns Stewart Funeral Home in Wamego, where he and **Jennifer Huggins Stewart**, c'86, live.

1987

Tiger Craig, c'87, manages human resources at A Box 4 U in Wichita.

1988

Mark Hudson, c'88, g'90, is executive director of the Vermont Historical Society in Barre.

Melinda Mujica Rowland, c'88, works as a benefits specialist at USD 457 in Garden City.

1989

Gary Allen, PhD'89, serves as a U.S. Army program manager in Orlando, Fla.

Louis Fete, g'89, is state director for the Florida Department of Health's Division of Disability Determinations in Tallahassee.

Janice Weddle Gales, n'89, coordinates quality improvement for Oklahoma University Health Services. She lives in Edmond.

John Love, e'89, is a research engineer with NASA Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif. He lives in Santa Clara.

Brock Lusby, e'89, works as an option manager with Boeing. He lives in Everett, Wash.

Melanie Sanders Meier, c'89, a U.S. Army Reserves lieutenant colonel, is a senior military analyst for Systems Studies and Simulations in Leavenworth.

Mark von Waaden, b'89, l'95, g'95, is chairman and CEO of Rolling Dough, Ltd. in Austin, Texas.

1990

David Folkers, m'90, practices surgery in Austin, Texas.

Eric Horstman, a'90, recently was named principal at Corgan Associates in Dallas.

Mark McCormick, '90, former columnist at the Wichita Eagle, recently became executive director of the Kansas African American Museum.

1991

Stephen Potts, c'91, practices law in Des Plaines, Ill.

Thomas Thompson, c'91, g'93, is president of Entanglement Media in Dallas.

1992

Les Eisner, c'92, recently was named vice president of corporate communications at Lifetime Networks. He and his wife, Julie, live in El Segundo, Calif., with their daughter, Aisley.

Laura Russell, j'92, c'92, works as a programmer at KU's Biodiversity Insti-

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tute. She lives in Lawrence.

Amy Lucas Whitaker, j'92, is an artist in Tulsa, Okla.

1993

Staci Miller Cooper, l'93, practices law with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City.

Laura Dillon Engelland, e'93, works as an electrical engineer and lighting designer for Engineering Consultants in Hutchinson.

Theresa Callahan James, '93, wrote a novel, *April & Oliver*, which recently was published by Grand Central Press. She lives in Boonton, N.J.

Patti Mason Parks, p'93, works as a pharmacist at Bi-Mart in Walla Walla, Wash.

Peggy Ridge, '93, wrote *Beyond the Horizon: One Can Never Appreciate the Sunshine Until After the Storm*, a collection of poems, which recently was published by Xilbris. She lives in Wichita.

Darin Stephens, c'93, lives in Toronto, where he's senior regional director of The Gap Inc.

Scott Weisenberg, c'93, directs corporate affairs for Tiffany Decorating Co. in Chicago.

MARRIED

Matthew All, c'93, and **Ashley Anstaett**, c'04, j'04, Jan. 24 in KU's Danforth Chapel. He's chair of the Kansas Lottery Gaming Facility Review Board, and she's communications director in the Kansas Attorney General's Office. They live in Lawrence.

1994

Michael Park, c'94, PhD'02, m'02, recently received the William P. Van Wagenen Fellowship from the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. He is completing a neurosurgery residency at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University and Rhode Island Hospital. He lives in East Greenwich, R.I.

1995

Kimberly Bland, c'95, is senior director of research and development at Proteon Therapeutics. She lives in Kansas City.

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Miles Cooper, c'95, manages product support at AllscriptsMisysin Raleigh, N.C.

Jennifer Ellis, p'95, works as a pharmacist at Wal-Mart in Topeka. She lives in Oskaloosa.

Angela Kokoruda, c'95, j'95, manages accounts for Thomson Reuters in Overland Park.

Scott Kolath, c'95, is an engineer with Landmark Contract Management. He lives in St. Charles, Mo.

Jeffrey Nichols, c'95, l'99, is a partner and shareholder of Wallace, Saunders, Austin, Brown & Enochs in Overland Park.

Jennifer Ford Reedy, c'95, commutes from Falcon Heights, Minn., to St. Paul, where she's vice president for strategy and knowledge for the Minnesota Community Foundation and the St. Paul Foundation. She was named to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's 40

Under 40 list, which honors the region's most talented and successful young community and business leaders.

BORN TO:

Molly Harris Laughlin, j'95, and Jeffrey, son, Andy, Oct. 11 in Olathe.

1996

Stephen Fannelli, c'96, is senior director of ticket operations for the Oakland

Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

General disarms stigma of combat's fierce stress

Explosions tore through his sleep, vivid memories of combat in Ramadi and Fallujah rattling his dreams. After 27 months scanning roadsides for bombs and snipers, he couldn't stand to ride in a car. Col. Gary S. Patton knew he needed help and, like many veterans in the 2nd Brigade of the U.S. Army's 2nd Infantry Division—the unit he commanded for a year at the height of the Iraq war—Patton stood in line to see a counselor.

Now, since his April promotion to brigadier general, Patton, g'90, is using the power of rank to encourage all combat veterans struggling with stress to follow his lead.

"Everybody is affected differently, but the common thing is everybody is affected," Patton says from his office in the Pentagon, where he is the Joint Staff's director for manpower and personnel. "In years past, that might not be something your toughest soldier or marine would be willing to share or talk about or even do. So I've started talking about it, and other general officers and senior noncommissioned officers have started talking about it, too."

A 1979 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, Patton was a company com-

mander with the 82nd Airborne when he was told in spring 1988 that he needed to prepare for a hiatus from the infantry. He'd been designated for service as a public affairs officer; first, though, he had to find a journalism school.

Rejection letters piled up.

"They asked for my published works, but I had no published works. I had been in the Army for 10 years, jumping out of airplanes."

With its history of working closely with the Army to help train mid-career officers, KU eagerly said yes. Here Patton discovered a zest for journalism and, as a campus news editor, talent for organizing a newsroom. "I had my own little platoon of reporters," he recalls, laughing, "and I pretty much ran them like my airborne company."

Patton spent two years as a public information officer before rejoining the infantry in 1993. In 2002 he took command of the brigade he would lead into combat two years later.

"Of course you're nervous, but I also felt good about him being there," Lawrence writer Steve Buckner, g'90, says of his J-School buddy's combat tour. "I knew those serving under him were in very good hands."


Among 2nd Brigade's 69 fallen soldiers, one has a lasting grip on Patton's memory: Spc. Robert Unruh, who died



COURTESY U.S. ARMY

■ Brig. Gen. Gary Patton, a brigade commander and division-level chief of staff in Iraq, cites post-traumatic stress disorder as a "signature injury" of the war: "PTSD is not my personal campaign, but I am trying to contribute as a general officer, leading by example."

as Patton helped load him for evacuation. Patton's words of comfort were the last Unruh heard, and the general now wears a bracelet engraved with Unruh's name.

"Nobody is immune from stress. You have to deal with it, for yourself and for your family. The first big step is seeking help. We have to overcome this stigma and take care of ourselves." 

Class Notes

Athletics. He lives in San Ramon, Calif.

Susan Anderson Leonard, d'96, PhD'08, recently was named principal of Pembroke Hill Middle School in Kansas City. She and her husband, **Matthew**, c'96, live in Fairway.

Andrew Lewin, c'96, is principal of the Podesta Group in Washington, D.C.

BORN TO:

Craig Novorr, b'96, and Alyson, daughter, Ava Lillian, March 16 in Lea-

wood, where she joins two brothers, Tyler, 5, and Nicholas, 3.

1997

Brian Sager, c'97, recently was promoted to senior associate and partner at Sage Landscape Architecture in Tucson, Ariz.

MARRIED

Stefanie Moore, f'97, g'99, to Todd Keister, March 13 in Maui, Hawaii. They

live in Cockeysville, Md., where Stefanie is a professional soprano soloist and ensemble singer.

BORN TO:

Jennifer Joseph Johnson, j'97, and Scott, son, Charles Waitman, Feb. 11 in Denver, where he joins two sisters, Jane, 3, and Caroline, 2.

1998

Natalie Bennett Brown, h'98, g'08,

Profile

BY WHITNEY ERIKSEN

Wichita museum finds leader in former critic

Dynamic newspaper columns betray Mark McCormick's personal philosophy. As a prominent writer for the Wichita Eagle, he fought apathy with each carefully chosen word.

"I've always had a very idealistic view of journalism—that it's a public trust," he says.

Now, as executive director for a museum in need of help, he faces challenges from the inside.

McCormick, j'90, credits a KU minority journalism camp given by pioneer black journalist Samuel Adams for influencing his career choice.

"It was at the camp that I decided this is what I'm going to do," he says. "This is where I'm going to major and this is what I'm going to do with my life."

McCormick, at the time a junior in high school, met KU professor Susanne Shaw, d'61, g'67, who helped him find necessary scholarship money, advised him once he got to KU and became a life-long mentor, earning the nickname Mama Shaw.

As a KU junior, McCormick worked long hours at the University Daily Kansan, covering campus news and sports. However, lacking the freedom to speak his mind, he soon left the paper for

a more aggressive role in campus activism and co-founded a student group, Black Men of Today, to fight for improved recruitment and retention of minority students.

After college, he took a job at the Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal and learned the trade in a fast-paced environment. After five years, he moved back to Wichita and joined the Eagle, eventually earning a regular column.

"From the first moment, I was trying to push for issues," he says.

One person targeted in his column was a past executive director of the Kansas African American Museum. McCormick wrote that the museum's leadership should be more aggressive in pursuing works by the late Gordon Parks, a Fort Scott native, and ultimately helped Wichita State University acquire the materials.

Now, after a 14-year career at the Eagle, McCormick leads the museum he criticized.

"I went from writing columns to essentially being CEO for an organization that's really cash-starved," says McCormick, who became executive



■ "It's not like journalism, which is a love that I'll never get over," Mark McCormick says. "But it's the history, and the people I've met here already and the stories they can tell about their own lives and this town and the state. I'm pretty much in heaven."

director in April. "Now I will fundraise, be the face of the museum, do administrative duties and protect the collection."

His instant credibility as a public voice appealed to the museum board. He also can develop and sustain relationships with fundraisers, and his natural passion for history and humanity motivates him to make improvements.

Gwynne Birzer, the museum board president, first knew McCormick as a critic, but she quickly grew fond of him and became convinced he was the person for the job.

"Who better to improve an organization," she asks, "than the critic of it?"

and her husband, David, recently moved to London with their children, Hudson, 4, and Audrey, 2.

Neal Dolbeare, c'98, is an investment advice consultant with American Century Investments in Kansas City.

Melvin Dunston, j'98, directs sales for Residence Inn by Marriott in Duluth, Ga.

Krista Engelmann, c'98, p'02, is a clinical pharmacist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Brian O'Mara, c'98, is an associate with Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins in San Diego.

BORN TO:

Lauren Elpern Love, b'98, and Chris, son, Charles Stephen, Jan. 3 in Chicago, where Lauren is a private banker with J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.

Joseph, c'98, and **Holly Oglesbee Yager**, c'00, g'04, PhD'09, daughter, Olive Jeanne, March 12 in Wichita, where she joins a brother, Joseph, 4. Joseph is a public-affairs associate at Wichita State University, and Holly is a school psychologist for USD 259.

1999

Jennifer Bouwkamp-Memmer, c'99, g'01, commutes from Columbia, Mo., to Fulton, where she is a postdoctoral resident at Fulton State Hospital.

Matthew Lacey, e'99, manages missions for NASA in Houston.

Joshua Mermis, c'99, recently was elected a fellow in the Texas Bar Association. He is an associate with Johnson Spalding Doyle West & Trent in Houston.

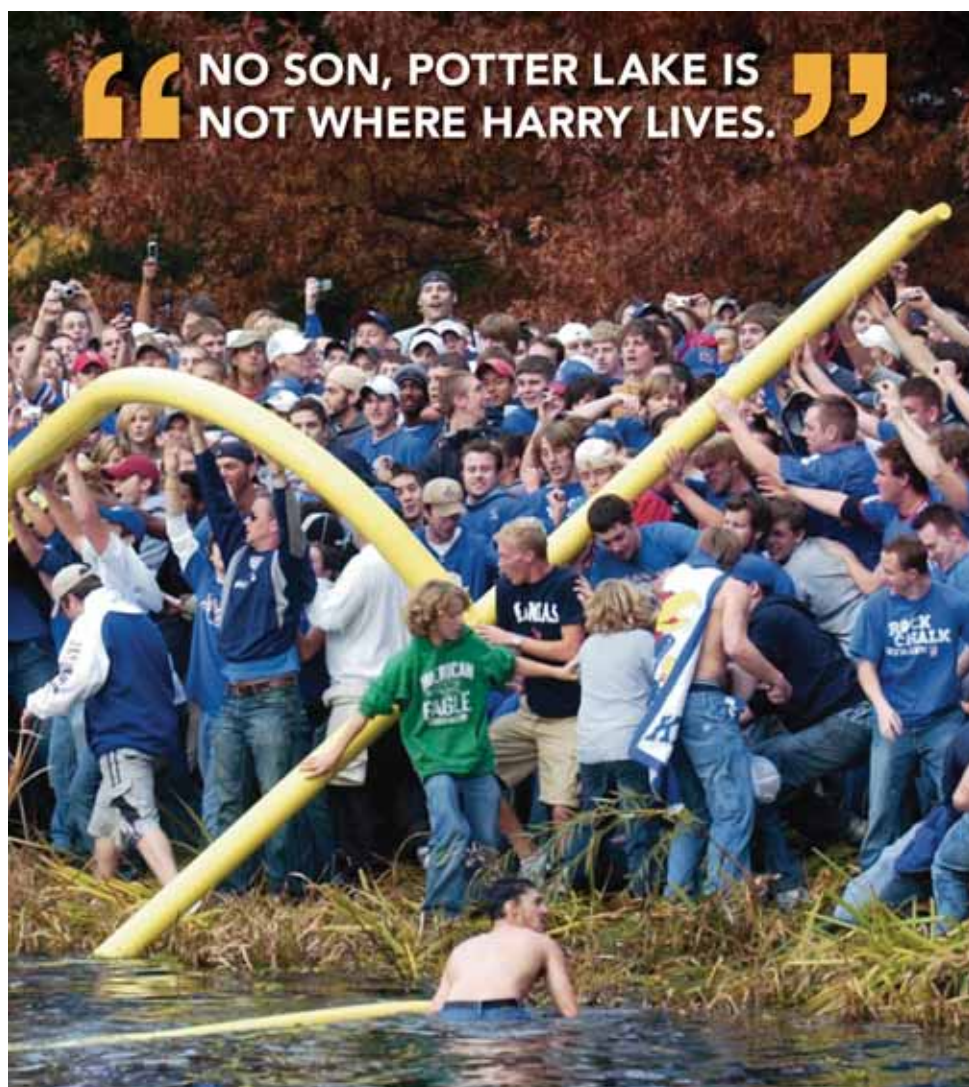
Mark Murray, c'99, teaches social studies and coaches soccer at East High School in Kansas City.

Nicholas Walker, b'99, is site IT manager for Flint Hills Resources in Port Arthur, Texas.

Juliann Crider Wisbrock, j'99, is vice president of Competitive Insights in Chicago.

2000

Douglas Klepper, d'00, works as an independent contractor in Stillwater, Okla.



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Frederick Patton, l'00, practices law in Topeka, where he owns Topeka Escrow Service.

Kim Windholz Spletstoser, b'00, is a clinical research associate at United BioSource Corp. She and her husband, **Jared**, g'03, PhD'05, live in Collegeville, Pa.

Brian Tongier, c'00, works as a supervisor at Vangent in Lawrence.

Christopher Willits, c'00, is a senior associate scientist at Elan Pharmaceuticals in San Francisco. He lives in Half Moon Bay.

BORN TO:

Kerrie Crites Greenfelder, e'00, and Matt, son, Carter James, March 2 in Albuquerque, N.M., where Kerrie is a chemical engineer for Camp Dresser & McKee.

Class Notes

Amy Dyksterhuis Morrison, d'00, g'03, and Nicholas, daughter, Lily Margaret, Feb. 20 in Memphis, Tenn., where she joins a brother, Peter.

2001

Brandon Bauer, d'01, l'06, is an associate with the Kansas City law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon.

Debra Berkowitz, c'01, works as a communications specialist at Goodwill Industries. She lives in Wheaton, Ill.

Melitta George, f'01, practices law with Briggs & Morgan in Minneapolis, Minn.

Jimmy Wordsworth, c'01, manages quality at Ford Motor Co. in Shawnee.

BORN TO:

Scott, e'01, g'03, and **Shelley Prier Bideau**, n'01, son, Ethan Hale, March 17 in Overland Park. Scott is a managing consultant at eVergance, and Shelley is a nurse at Children's Mercy Hospital.

Matthew Burton, c'01, and Keri, son, Jacob Wayne, Dec. 17 in Chaska, Minn. Matthew is a sales representative for Advanced Imaging Solutions in Minnetonka.

2002

Natasha Andrews, f'02, works in casino marketing at the MGM Mirage in Las Vegas.

Julia Gilmore Gaughan, c'02, l'08, is an associate at Seigfreid, Bingham, Levy, Selzer & Gee in Kansas City.

James Landavazo, c'02, manages hub operations for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway in Los Angeles.

Patrick O'Bryan, b'02, l'05, practices law with Posinelli Shughart in Kansas City.

Chandler Poore, b'02, is a senior contracting data analyst for UnitedHealth Group in Overland Park.

Marco Villa, g'02, g'05, g'06, works as a mission operations lead at SpaceX. He lives in Newport Beach, Calif.

MARRIED

Hilary Branscum, c'02, to Tyler Edwards, Feb. 21 in Honolulu. They live in Lawrence, where they both work at

Allen Press.

Sara Nutt, j'02, to David Gagne, March 7 in Chicago, where they live. Sara works for AIU Holdings.

2003

Amanda Duling-McMahon, c'03, is a team leader at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.

Anthony Gonzalez, e'03, works as a software engineer at Cerner. He lives in Kansas City.

Margaret Porter Larsen, h'03, g'05, lives in Dallas, and is an occupational therapist at Baylor University Medical Center.

Jacob Salzman, b'03, works as a financial advisor for RBC Wealth Management in Leawood. He lives in Olathe.

Emily Childs Shipley, c'03, is an institutional researcher at Northern Kentucky University, where her husband, **Frank**, d'03, is an assistant athletic trainer. They live in Edgewood.

Kara Walters, c'03, works as a branch

manager and insurance agent at AGFS in Shawnee. She lives in Topeka.

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

MARRIED

Sheree Tinder, l'03, to Christopher Hale, Jan. 20 in Quintana Roo, Mexico. They live in Arlington, Va., where they both practice law.

BORN TO:

Lora Wedd Hardesty, d'03, g'08, and Scott, son, Hudson Timber, Jan. 23 in Lawrence.

2004

Rashida Banerjee, g'04, PhD'09, is an assistant professor of special education at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

Bryce Canfield, b'04, lives in Pasadena, Calif., where he's a national account executive with UnitedHealthCare.

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Jennifer Knight Cross, f'04, is art director and marketing specialist at Penton Media in Overland Park.

Stephen Doyel, a'04, works as an associate at HKS in Dallas.

Sean O'Grady, j'04, directs promotions for Clear Channel Radio in Tampa, Fla.

Glen Sears, c'04, recently was promoted to a staff position on the U.S. House Financial Services Committee. He lives in Washington, D.C.

MARRIED

David Borys, e'04, g'09, and Diane Basore, e'08, April 11 in San Diego, where they live. He's a project engineer for General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, and she's a lighting designer for ILA Zammit Engineers.

Emily Fitch, c'04, m'08, to Jed Killough, March 7 in Scottsdale, Ariz. They live in Roeland Park, and Emily is a pediatric resident at Children's Mercy Hospital.

Christopher Long, g'04, and **Melissa Meyer**, f'04, April 25 in KU's Danforth Chapel. They live in Lawrence, where

Melissa is a Web and print designer for the KU Endowment Association. Chris works for Prairie Capital Management in Prairie Village.

2005

Arturo Benavente Alva, e'05, g'09, works as a project development engineer for ConocoPhillips in Houston.

Kevin McWey, c'05, is regional sales director for Metavante Corp. in Milwaukee.

John Nugent, b'05, lives in Chicago, where he's vice president of Jones Lang LaSalle Hotels.

Anthony Santaularia, c'05, is president of SansMobile. He lives in Kansas City.

Wayne Simien, c'05, recently retired from playing basketball in Spain and moved to Lawrence, where he is president of Called To Greatness and is involved with youth ministry at Morningstar Church.

MARRIED

Lindsay Eplee, s'05, to Dave Vance, Aug. 2 in Atchison. They live in Kansas

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

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

2009 KU Retirees

KU faculty and staff retirees with at least 10 years of service

(Name/Years of Service/Title/Department):

Susan Bashinski, 14, assistant research professor, Bureau of Child Research
Barry Baysinger, 14, professor, Business
Christine Berger, 31, assistant specialist, Pharmacy Practice
Jack Brown, 33, professor, Molecular Biosciences
Robert Brown, 46, professor, Mathematics
Maurice L. Bryan Jr., 10, associate vice provost, Office of the Provost
Louis Burmeister, 43, professor, Mechanical Engineering
Helen Carr, 54, manager, Financials and Enrollment, Edwards Campus
Glenda Carter, 39, assistant director, Student Information Assistance
Ronna Chamberlain, 14, program associate, Social Welfare
Nancy Chien, 28, database administrator, Information Services
Gary Clark, 38, professor, Special Education
R. Steve Dick, 27, photographer, University Relations
David R. Downing, 28, professor, Aerospace Engineering
M. Ann Eversole, 35, assistant vice provost, Student Success
Annie Francis, 19, office specialist, Information and Telecommunication
Don Green, 45, distinguished professor, Chemical & Petroleum Engineering
David Hann, 17, coordinator, Research and Graduate Studies
Mary Hawkins, 39, librarian, Libraries

Anna L. Hines, 32, director, Information Services
Susan Holt, 15, assistant dean, Edwards Campus
Carl Kurt, 27, professor, Civil, Environmental, & Architectural Engineering
Carol Leffler, 39, business manager, University Relations & Communications
Lynne Lipsey, 20, program manager, Continuing Education
James Long, 10, director for outreach development, Continuing Education
Larry Lovell, 31, assistant director, Information Services
James McCauley, 32, assistant scientist, Kansas Geological Survey
Rex Martin, 41, professor, Philosophy
James Neeley, 31, librarian, Libraries
Laura Raymond, 20, administrative assistant, Edwards Campus
Gaylord Richardson, 34, associate professor, Architecture
Karen Roberts, 17, project leader, Information Services
Norman Saul, 39, professor, History
Harry G. Shaffer, 53, professor, Economics
Stephen Shawl, 37, professor, Physics and Astronomy
David Shulenburger, 34, former provost and professor, Business
Carol Smith, 20, senior program manager, Continuing Education
Patsy White, 42, program assistant, Bureau of Child Research
Bob Zerwekh, 38, professor, Engineering Management

City, and Lindsay is a case manager at KVC Behavioral Healthcare in Lenexa.

Ryan Gordon, b'05, and **Joah Buchanan**, c'06, Dec. 20 in Lawrence. They live in Overland Park, where Joah works at Overland Park Regional Medical

Center. Ryan works for Embarq.

2006

Adam Bundy, d'06, manages utility services for Custom Lighting Services in Kansas City.

Alison Fetter, p'06, is manager of pharmacy services at the Kansas City Cancer Center.

Nicole Hall, d'06, serves as a first lieutenant with the U.S. Army Medical Specialist Corp. in San Antonio.

Catherine Schwabauer, g'06, is director of the Engineering Career Services Center at KU.

Karrie Shogren, PhD'06, lives in Austin, where she's an assistant professor of special education at the University of Texas.

2007

Christina Billiard-Pribula, l'07, is a trust officer at Commerce Trust Co. in Leawood.

Christopher Bysrom, j'07, lives in Chicago, where he's interactive account manager for Goble & Associates.

Tait Jeter, f'07, works as a graphic designer with Midwest Graphics in Lawrence.

Matthew Manda, '07, recently became a district representative in the Hays office of Rep. Jerry Moran, R-Kan.

Andrew Marsh, b'07, is an accountant for the U.S. General Services Administration in Kansas City. He lives in Lenexa.

James McTaggart, c'07, works as a surety analyst for AON in Chicago.

Samuel Siegal, b'07, g'09, is a tax associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Chicago.

MARRIED

Melissa McGinley, s'07, to Matthew Smilor, Feb. 21 in Kansas City. They live in Overland Park, where Melissa is assistant director of the Goddard School. Matthew is assistant food and beverage manager for Tiffany Greens Golf Course.

2008

Sourav Biswas, g'08, works as an application development leader with United Health Corp. in Overland Park.

Matthew Lindberg, j'08, is sports editor for the Montrose, Colo., Daily Press. One of his articles was published earlier this year in the Denver Post.

Benjamin Martin, c'08, is a U.S. Air Force pilot candidate. He lives in

Del Rio, Texas.

Margaret Pugh, j'08, is an account executive for Public Strategies in Dallas.

Kathryn Rohr, e'08, works as a form-work engineer for Ceco Construction in Overland Park.

Samuel Stratton, j'08, is an audio engineer and stage technician at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

Meghan Sullivan, c'08, j'08, coordinates advertising for Gragg Advertising in Kansas City.

Laura Sutton, b'08, is a customer-service representative for Central National Bank in Lawrence.

Jennifer McLeod Uhart, c'08, works as a compensation analyst for Newmont Mining Corp. in Englewood, Colo. She and her husband, **Mathieu**, '96, live in Castle Rock.

Ryan Wagner, b'08, is an analyst with Prairie Capital Management in Kansas City.

Scott Webb, d'08, was inducted last year into the Union High School Athletic Hall of Fame in Tulsa, Okla., where he was an all-state kicker on the football team. He lives in Gilbert, Ariz.

BORN TO:

Lindsey Koebel, n'08, and Andrew, daughter, Avery Paige, Dec. 15 in Olathe. Lindsey is a nurse at Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics in Kansas City.

2009

Mara Ankerholz, '09, is a marketing and pricing analyst for Selex Sistemi Integrati in Overland Park. She lives in Lawrence.

Rajanikanth Polikepati, g'09, works as Texas online vertical lead for Bearing-Point in Austin.

MARRIED

Erin Smith, g'09, to Brandon Stevenson, Oct. 25 in Kansas City, where Erin is a senior trade processor at State Street Corp.

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In Memory

1930s

Jane Montzingo Berman, c'35, m'38, 94, Oct. 14 in Chestnut Hill, Mass. She taught psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Two sons, three daughters, 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild survive.

John Brookens, c'38, l'41, 92, March 16 in Shawnee. He lived in Westmoreland and was a retired district judge. He is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Mary Brookens Dettmer, n'68; a son, Robert, d'73; a sister; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Jane Roberts Dunsford, c'38, 92, Feb. 24 in Dodge City. A son, a daughter, four grandsons and five great-grandchildren survive.

Sam Greenstein, b'38, 96, April 3 in Overland Park, where he manufactured and sold children's clothing. He is survived by his wife, Ida, a son, a daughter, a sister, five grandchildren and stepgrandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Norman Jeter, l'37, 96, April 16 in Hays. He practiced law for more than 70 years and is survived by his wife, Ann Horton Jeter, '37; a daughter, Margaret Jeter Doan, c'65; three sons, Joseph, c'68, l'71, William, l'75, and John, c'77, m'81; eight grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

Richard Kane, c'39, 91, April 20 in Bartlesville, Okla., where he practiced law. He is survived by two sons, Robert, c'64, and Mark, c'75, l'78; two daughters, Louise Kane Roark, d'65, and Ann Kane Seidman, c'69; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Rodney Loughmiller, b'39, 92, March 10 in Topeka, where he was retired from Forbes Credit Union. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, three daughters, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Sarah "Sally" Hamilton May, c'35, 94,

March 12 in Kansas City, where she co-founded the Johnson County library system. Survivors include two sons, James Jr., c'63, and Gerald, e'71, g'72; two daughters, Patricia May Farrar, n'68, and Sarah May Hempstead, '65; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Evelynn Little McFarland, c'38, 93, March 13 in Leawood. A son, Thomas, c'73, survives.

Florence Casey Rawlings, c'37, 93, March 12 in Lenexa, where she was a retired teacher. Survivors include her husband, Ace, c'39; two sons, Roy, e'67, and Roger, d'68; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Charles Spahr, e'34, 95, April 7 in Shaker Heights, Ohio. He was former chairman of Standard Oil, where he oversaw Sohio's Trans-Alaska pipeline. At KU, the Spahr Engineering Library and the Spahr Engineering Classroom in Eaton Hall are named for him. He was a recipient of KU's Fred Ellsworth Medalion and the Distinguished Engineering Service Award. Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane "Janie" Bruckmiller Spahr, '38; four daughters; a son; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1940s

Albert "Lee" Bergren, e'41, 93, May 1 in Kansas City, where he co-founded Radio Industries. His wife, Betty, survives.

Joseph Bukaty Sr., c'47, 84, March 24 in Overland Park, where he practiced law. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by a son, Joseph Jr., e'80; a daughter, Roseanne Bukaty Becker, c'79; a grandson; and a great-grandson.

Jeanne Brock Bunn, f'43, 87, March 27 in Prairie Village. She is survived by her husband, Stuart, e'42; two sons, James, e'68, and Steven, c'76; a daughter, Jennifer Bunn Weddle, d'78; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Betty Learned Burns, c'45, 85, March 6 in Littleton, Colo. She was the niece of Albert, e'1910, g'30, and Stanley Learned, e'24, g'36, for whom KU's Learned Hall is named. Survivors include two daughters, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Oraine Carter, b'46, 85, March 17 in Kansas City, where he was retired executive vice president of transportation at Farmland Industries. He is survived by his wife, Juanita, two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Robert Chesky, c'49, m'61, 80, Feb. 25 in Saline, Mich., where he was a retired pediatrician. Surviving are his wife, Nanette Nelson Chesky, c'53; two sons; three daughters; a brother, Edward Jr., c'49; and six grandchildren.

Leora Adams DeFord, f'43, 87, May 2 in Sun City West, Ariz. Survivors include her husband, Donald, c'40, g'47, PhD'48; three brothers, Dwight, c'53, m'56, Roger, e'50, g'60, and Nolan, '53; two children and four grandchildren.

William Fisher, d'49, g'53, 82, Oct. 29 in Santa Ana, Calif., where he was a retired high-school teacher and coach. He is survived by his wife, Donna Holm Fisher, f'49; four sons, two of whom are John, c'75, l'78, and Mark, '79; a daughter; and three grandchildren.

Janice "Garter" Gartrell, c'42, 88, March 24 in Lenexa, where she was a retired engineering analyst for Mobil Oil.

Frances Pauline "Polly" Wegscheider Girvin, c'47, 82, April 12 in Dayton, Ohio. She is survived by four sons; a daughter; a brother, Charles Wegscheider, b'54; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

John Glover, c'49, 85, March 21 in Kansas City, where he was a retired sales manager for Celotex Corp. He is survived by his wife, Marie; two daughters; two stepsons; two sisters, Virginia Glover Kane, d'57, and Marilyn Glover Matthesen, f'49; and seven grandchildren.

Jay Gunnels Jr., b'44, 86, Feb. 27 in Fairway, where he was a retired attorney and district judge. He is survived by his wife, Frances; a son, Mark, d'75; a daughter, Janet, c'80; and a granddaughter.

Margaret Charles Cochran Hardacre, '40, 90, Dec. 23 in Olathe. She is survived by her husband, Forrest, d'38; three sons; a daughter, Catherine Wilcox, d'66; two stepsons; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Blair Helman, g'47, 88, March 22 in North Manchester, Ind., where he was president emeritus of Manchester College. Two daughters, a brother, two sisters and five grandchildren survive.

William Hogle, b'41, 89, May 1 in Lawrence, where he was a retired agent for State Farm Insurance. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude Toll Hogle, assoc.; two sons, Bruce, e'70, g'72, and Gregory, c'71, g'73; two daughters, Teresa Hogle Ronsse, d'73, and Susan Hogle Stahl, c'77, h'82; and five grandchildren.

Richard Hoover, e'45, g'48, 84, March 13 in Lawrence. He was a retired chemical engineer. Survivors include two daughters, Leslie, '68, and Alicia Hoover Rieder, d'73; a son, Richard, e'71; a brother, Isaac, e'50; a sister, Phyllis Hoover Rouch, '49; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

LeRoy Krug, b'48, 85, March 23 in Ness City, where he was a retired banker. A daughter and a granddaughter survive.

Marjorie Free Lichty, c'46, 84, April 22 in Hood River, Ore. She lived in Kansas City for many years and was involved in the real-estate business. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by two sons, James, a'75, and Thomas, j'81; and seven grandchildren.

Harry Linn, c'40, 90, March 27 in Rockwall, Texas, where he worked for ARMCO Steel. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Maupin Linn, '42; a daughter, Cheryl Linn Hewitt, g'81; two sons; and five grandchildren.

Betty Banker Mathews, '43, 87, March 30 in Chattanooga, Tenn. She is survived by a brother, Robert Banker, e'49; a daughter; two granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Madge Kirby Nelson, c'42, 87, March 3 in Mattoon, Ill. Among survivors are two sons, one of whom is Douglas, c'79; and two daughters, Marla Nelson Smith, j'75, and Mala Nelson Barnes, j'78.

Robert Ramseyer, c'47, b'48, 84, March 3 in Prairie Village, where he worked for E.D. Etnyre & Co. and was a former U.S. Navy commander. Surviving are two sons, Robert Jr., b'74, and Roger, b'84; a daughter, Sally Ramseyer Beck, d'77; and seven grandchildren.

Betty van der Smissen c'49, l'52, 80, Nov. 6 in Fayetteville, Ark. She worked for many years as an attorney, professor and author. An advocate of outdoor education, she was a founding member of the Association for Experiential Education. Survivors include a niece, a nephew and several great-nieces and -nephews.

Hanna Hedrick Stewart, j'46, 85, April 7 in Plano, Texas. She is survived by three daughters, one of whom is Robin Stewart Fowler, j'71; four granddaughters; and two great-grandsons.

Doris Brewster Swift, c'45, 85, Feb. 24 in Tulsa, Okla. She is survived by two daughters; a son; two sisters, Ina May Brewster Fakhoury, c'56, and Nina Brewster Grier, c'51; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Leland Weckbaugh, e'49, 84, May 2 in Topeka, where he was former vice president of Capital Iron Works. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; three sons, two of whom are Gary, '79, and Terry, '78; a sister; a brother; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Margery Lewis Wigner, b'41, 88, Feb. 5 in Atwood. She is survived by her husband, Harry, '41; a daughter, Betsy Wigner Holste, '74; a son, Harry Jr., c'77; and two grandchildren.

1950s

Eddie Bales, c'51, 81, March 2 in Mulvane, where he owned Mulvane Pharmacy. He is survived by three daughters; three sons; a brother, Gerald, p'52; 12 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Bob Bruce, j'57, 74, March 13 in Lubbock, Texas. He lived in Abilene and was retired travel editor for the Abilene Record-News. Survivors include his wife, Helen, and a son.

Jack Burton, b'56, 74, May 3 in Lenexa, where he was retired chief financial officer at Inland Industries. He is sur-

vived by his wife, Janet, a daughter, a brother, a sister and a granddaughter.

Suzanne Schwantes Coil, d'56, g'68, 74, in Eudora. She taught home economics at Lawrence High School and later created the fashion merchandising program at Baker University. She is survived by her husband, William, assoc.; a daughter, Millicent Coil Otto, '85; two stepsons; a sister, Nancy, '61; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Winifred Wilson DeYoung, c'50, 81, March 16 in Prairie Village, where she was a retired teacher. Surviving are two daughters, Kathleen DeYoung Svoboda, d'74, g'76, and Nancy DeYoung Lauerman, c'79; a brother, Robert Wilson, b'48; and four grandchildren.

Danna Denning, b'54, g'66, 73, March 5 in Lawrence. She is survived by two sons, one of whom is Edward Santee, '79; a daughter, Susan Santee, '10; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

Velma Stoecker Dixon, d'52, 79, March 11 in Topeka, where she taught music and worked in real-estate sales. She is survived by two sons, Brian, b'81, and Jeffrey, b'84; two daughters, one of whom is Marsha Dixon Monica, s'71; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

James "Bob" Fevurly, c'50, g'54, EdD'77, 83, April 5 in Lawrence, where he lived. He taught chemistry and biology at Leavenworth High School. Survivors include two sons, Keith, c'73, and Chris, c'76, m'79; five daughters, Deborah Fevurly Winterscheidt, '79, Marcy Fevurly Bray, d'82, Carol Fevurly Cleek, n'90, Karen Fevurly Mitchell, '93, and Anna Fevurly Oliver, '88; two sisters, Ruth Fevurly Jones, c'49, and Janet Fevurly Weld, n'60; and 16 grandchildren.

Jack Francis, b'59, 72, Feb. 17 in Overland Park. He retired after a 37-year career with General Motors/EDS. He lived for many years in New Mexico, where as a Santa Fe National Forest Site Steward volunteer he led a project to record all the rock art in Petroglyph National Monument. He is survived by his wife, Anne, four sons, a daughter, his

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mother and stepfather, three sisters, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

David Gaumer, c'57, 73, March 27 in Lawrence, where he was a retired lawyer. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Mary Rose, three sons and seven grandchildren.

Maryann Griffin Goodwin, d'52, 78, June 17, 2008, in Lompoc, Calif., where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by her husband, Gale, d'52; two daughters; and two grandsons.

Charles "Greg" Irwin, e'59, 77, April 1 in Kansas City, where he was a retired engineering manager with AT&T. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, two daughters, a son, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Kevin Jones, PhD'57, 85, March 20 in Groton, Conn. He taught petroleum engineering at KU from 1957 to 1966 and coached men's volleyball in the late 1950s. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn "Pete" Jones; a daughter, Marcia Jones Dysart, c'70, d'73, g'79; three sons, one of whom is Whitney, c'83; and five grandchildren.

Donald Landauer, e'56, 73, March 16 in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., where he was a retired engineer. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Mae Chetlain Landauer, c'58; two daughters; a son; a brother; a sister; and two grandchildren.

Jean Legler, c'55, m'59, 75, March 22 in Topeka, where he practiced medicine. He is survived by his wife, Jean Ann; five daughters; a brother, Warren, c'52, PhD'69; and three grandsons.

Eddie Maag, a'54, 79, March 26 in Prairie Village, where he was a retired U.S. Marine. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by a son; two daughters, one of whom is Sally Maag Neal, b'80, g'87; a sister; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Clinton Maiden, e'54, 86, Jan. 13 in Canoga Park, Calif., where he was retired from Hughes Aircraft and TRW. Survivors include three daughters; two sons;

a brother, Elmo, e'48, g'50; and two sisters, one of whom is Mary Maiden Redmond, '50.

Harold "Hal" Malone, c'53, l'58, 90, May 5 in Wichita, where he was a retired district court and probate judge. Surviving are his wife, Kasey; a son; a daughter, Julie, c'91; two brothers, one of whom is Donald, c'54; and a sister, Nancy Malone Schaefer, d'54.

Frances Meng, d'56, 74, March 10 in Gardner, where she was a retired teacher. A brother survives.

Verda Nye, f'52, 78, Jan. 31 in Roeland Park. A son, Jonathan, '96, survives.

Robert Roth, b'54, 76, March 25 in Lawrence, where he had owned Roth Equipment. Surviving are his wife, Rosalee Osborne Roth, c'54; a son; a daughter, Elizabeth Roth Best, '80; and five grandchildren.

Charles Sutton, c'59, 77, Feb. 14 in North Port, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Carol, two daughters, a stepson, two brothers and eight grandchildren.

Harold Taylor, PhD'55, 88, Jan. 6 in Indianapolis, where he was retired from Merrell Dow Research Institute. He is survived by his wife, Jane, a sister, three brothers and a granddaughter.

Neil Thompson, b'52, 80, April 8 in Littleton, Colo. He is survived by his wife, Shirley McKnight Thompson, d'51; a son, Jay, '82; a daughter; a sister; and two granddaughters.

Lois Timken, f'50, 84, Jan. 7 in Dodge City. She lived in Cimarron, where she was a retired teacher. Survivors include two brothers, one of whom is Frank, d'52, g'64.

James Trombold, c'58, g'62, 72, April 16 in Seattle, where he practiced internal medicine and cardiology for more than 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann McGrew Trombold, n'58; two sons, one of whom is Kevin, '86; a brother, John, c'55, m'58; and five grandchildren.

1960s

Richard Babcock, b'68, 65, Feb. 23 in Norwalk, Conn. He was an accountant for Pepsi. He is survived by his partner, David Nelson; a daughter, Lisa Babcock Bushouse, d'90; his father; two brothers;

and two grandchildren.

Walter Clark, g'66, 81, March 20 in Topeka. He lived in Tecumseh, where he was a banker and a farmer. Surviving are his wife, Joan; two sons, one of whom is Darwin, '85; a brother; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Max Field, s'66, 74, March 20 in Wichita, where he was retired Sedgwick County Bureau director. He is survived by his wife, Cassie, a daughter, a brother and four grandchildren.

William Holm, g'67, 65, Feb. 26 in Sioux Falls, S.D. A poet and essayist in Minneota, Minn., and a frequent guest on "A Prairie Home Companion," he taught for 27 years at Southwest Minnesota State University, published eight books and was a 2008 McKnight Distinguished Artist. He is survived by his wife, Marcy Brekken.

Norman Mailen, b'61, 70, March 17 in Ellijay, Ga., where he was retired vice president of Miracle Recreation. He is survived by his wife, Judy, two daughters and a son.

Thomas McCready, d'65, 65, March 6 in Kansas City, where he was a retired pharmaceutical salesman for Glaxo-SmithKline. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Frankie; a son, Matthew, f'98, g'06; a daughter, Jeanne McCready Mitchell, f'96; and two grandsons.

John Miller, c'60, 75, March 22. He lived in Roeland Park, where he was retired from Business Men's Assurance. He is survived by his wife, Julie Purcell Miller, c'58; two sons, Hank, c'82, and Thomas, a'87; a brother; and two grandchildren.

George Tiller, c'63, m'67, 67, May 31 in Wichita, where he operated the Women's Health Care Services clinic. He had been a U.S. Navy flight surgeon and was medical director of the Women's Alcoholism Treatment Services for the Sedgwick County Health Department. Survivors include his wife, Jeanne, assoc.; three daughters, Rebecca Tiller Bunting, b'91, Krista Tiller Shackelford, c'98, m'02, and Jennifer Tiller-Burgoyne, c'90; a son, Maurice, c'93; a sister; and 10 grandchildren.

1970s

Alan Cunningham, g'77, 72, April 28 in Overland Park. He taught philosophy for 26 years at Johnson County Community College and is survived by two daughters, a son, two brothers and three grandchildren.

Douglas Drake, m'71, 65, Dec. 20 in Salina. He lived in Beloit, where he practiced at the Primary Care Clinic. Surviving are his wife, Betty, two sons, three daughters, a brother, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Diana Faye Woo Liu, s'73, 74, March 31 in Modesto, Calif., where she was retired from a 23-year career with the Stanislaus County Department of Social Services. She is survived by her husband, Edwin, '73; a daughter; a sister; and a brother.

Lowell Mattingly, j'71, 60, March 11 in Wichita, where he was a retired U.S. Air Force major. He is survived by a daughter, a son, his mother, a brother and seven sisters.

Shiu Shankar, PhD'74, 74, April 3 in Herndon, Va., where he was a retired teacher. Among survivors are two sons, five sisters, a brother and six grandchildren.

Charles Steinbacher Jr., e'71, 70, April 14 in Lawrence, where he was a retired engineer with Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by a daughter, Katherin, e'94; a son, Matthew, '99; two brothers, one of whom is James, e'74; four sisters; two stepgranddaughters; and a stepgreat-granddaughter.

Constance Hackett Volk, g'76, 85, April 14 in Overland Park, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by her husband, Hank; four sons, two of whom are Dietrich, b'76, and Richard, '79; two daughters, Elizabeth, c'79, m'84, and Virginia, c'81; three sisters; and 12 grandchildren.

Stephen Walker, h'78, 60, Sept. 4 in Cameron, Mo., where he was a certified registered nurse anesthetist. He is survived by his wife, Susan, two daughters, a stepson, a sister, two brothers and six grandchildren.

Xavier Williams, e'70, g'72, 61, Nov. 17 in Miami, where he owned an import/export business and invested in real estate. He is survived by his wife, Michele Raymond Williams, d'71; and two sons.

1980s

Madeleine Louise Clark, n'81, 65, March 16 in Kansas City, where she was a nurse at the KU Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Russell, two sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

Christine Rouse, g'83, 50, Oct. 30 in Winston-Salem, N.C., where she was a master chemist at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco. An aunt and her godmother survive.

1990s

Marc Conklin, l'91, 44, March 25 in Kansas City, where he had been general counsel for the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities. He is survived by his wife, Jill; two sons; his parents; and a sister, Lorianne Conklin Hanson, c'93.

Jori Weisenberg Gniadek, c'91, 39, Nov. 29 in Grayslake, Ill., where she was a school teacher. She is survived by two sons, her parents and a brother, Scott, c'93.

2000s

Daniel Lanier, '11, 29, April 5 in Lawrence. He is survived by his mother, his father and stepmother, three brothers and his grandmother.

June Mueller Mecham, PhD'04, 35, March 1 in Omaha, where she was a professor of medieval history at the University of Minnesota. Among survivors are her husband, Gary, a daughter, her mother, and her grandmother.

Shawndra Beauchamp Turner, n'01, 32, March 15 in Overland Park. She was a nurse practitioner in the ENT clinic at Children's Mercy Hospital. Survivors include her husband, Doug; a daughter; her parents, Gary, c'66, m'70, and Carolyn Beauchamp, c'72; a sister; and her grandmother.

The University Community

Carroll Edwards, 99, April 8 in Lawrence, where he was a professor

emeritus of English at KU. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Busse Edwards, assoc.; and a sister.

Robert Frederick, d'62, g'64, EdD'84, 69, June 12 in Kansas City. As athletics director at KU from 1987 to 2001, he developed a comprehensive personal support program for student-athletes and hired head coaches in eight Olympic sports. He saw KU's teams go to two Aloha Bowl Championships; three men's basketball Final Fours, including a national championship in 1988; a College Baseball World Series; and a College Women's Softball World Series. He had also served as assistant athletics director, executive director of the Williams Educational Fund, head coach of the men's golf team, and on the men's basketball coaching staffs of Dick Harp and Ted Owens. Since 2001 he was an assistant professor in sports management. Survivors include his wife, Margey, j'69, g'78; four sons, three of whom are Brian, '97, Mark, '05, and Christopher, '09; a grandson; and a sister, Susan Frederick Schrepel, d'58.

Wallace May, g'70, PhD'78, 80, April 7 in Lawrence, where he was retired dean of continuing education at KU. He is survived by five sons, four of whom are David, c'78, Douglas, c'81, James, j'86, and Dustin, '99; a daughter, Christine May Blanchard, c'02, s'07; and two sisters.

Charles Stevenson, m'44, 90, April 21 in Lenexa, where he was a retired physician. He taught anesthesiology at the KU Medical Center until 1980. Surviving are his wife, Charlotte Stafford Stevenson, c'39, c'40; three daughters, Mary Anne Stevenson Demeritt, d'68, g'82, Carol, j'69, and Jean, c'72, m'76; a son; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Richard Treece, c'41, 90, March 12 in Lawrence, where he was a conference coordinator at KU and had officiated at the KU Relays for more than 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lindsey Treece, d'70, g'74; two daughters, Joan, d'72, and Virginia Treece Crane, d'68; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.



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■ Professor David Ekerdt, with help from graduate student Gabriella Smith, left, and Aislinn Addington, g'09, is leading a three-year study that examines how people 65 and older manage the move to smaller quarters.

If your last move is still fresh in your memory, you know what Ekerdt means when he says thinning your possessions is about more than simply filling a few trash bags and making a trip to Goodwill.

“Downsizing and decluttering are hard, because it’s nothing less than an encounter with ourselves,” he says. “Our stuff represents who we are and who we were and who we’re going to be.”

Ekerdt, professor of sociology and director of KU’s Gerontology Center, is conducting a study with colleagues at Wayne State University in Detroit that examines how people

The things we keep

What you have says a lot about who you are

Americans have a love-hate relationship with stuff. We fret about overconsumption while buying \$7 billion of clutter reduction goods and services in a year—turning even anti-consumerism into a consumer product. For every treasure we can’t dream of parting with, we count several things we wonder why we keep.

Yet keep we do: In the past 35 years, the average American home grew from 1,500 square feet to 2,400, even though family size did not increase. The self-storage industry has boomed, offering nearly 2 billion square feet of space to hold the oceans of stuff that overflow our bigger homes.

So why is stuff so hard to get rid of?

The answer, says sociologist David Ekerdt, is that the things we keep—those personal possessions we hold onto for years and years—are fundamental to our sense of self.

65 and older deal with their personal possessions when they move to smaller quarters. He hopes the three-year Household Moves Project, underwritten by the National Institute on Aging, help researchers understand how people manage this transition.

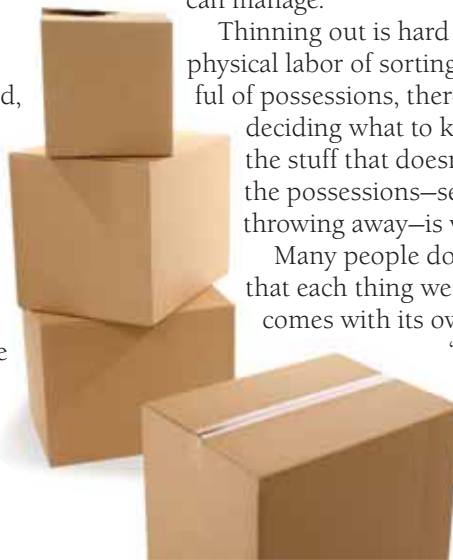
The stakes are potentially high.

“If people can’t downsize their possessions, it may be an obstacle to their living in more appropriate housing, where they can live more independently and more comfortably and manage better,” Ekerdt says. “The premise of our study is that many older people are holding on to a larger volume of belongings than they need or can manage.”

Thinning out is hard work. Aside from the physical labor of sorting and packing up a household of possessions, there is the cognitive work of deciding what to keep and what to do with the stuff that doesn’t get kept. Disbursing the possessions—selling, donating, giving or throwing away—is work, too.

Many people don’t realize, Ekerdt says, that each thing we bring into our houses comes with its own little packet of labor.

“The things we keep are far from inert lumps of matter. What’s kept



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Home front

A Civil War history for—and about—the young

must be placed and stored and maintained and arranged and insured and emotionally invested in and even animated, in the sense that we attribute to our things an inner life that we have to act toward with respect.”

Lecturing at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences’ Mini College in June, Ekerdt drove this point home by showing his listeners an IKEA commercial that pokes fun at our tendency to bestow emotion on objects. The ad drew laughs, and proved another of his points: Many of us feel sheepish about our materialism and tell embarrassing stories on ourselves when given the chance. Even Ekerdt himself.

He shared an inventory of his bedside table, which encompassed more than 60 categories of items, including 20 books, a pair of shoehorns, his father’s World War II medals and coin collection, and a package of swizzle sticks. The mix of precious keepsakes and utilitarian items hints at why it’s so hard to downsize.

“I keep the books because I someday want to be the smart person who has read all those books,” he says. “I keep the coins and medals because they are a connection to my father. I keep the shoehorns because they are useful.”

In fact, Ekerdt has identified nine different “possession motives” that explain our reasons for keeping things. But he says these could be condensed into two categories: We keep things because they are useful and because they are symbols. “They symbolize me, my past, my future, my family, my friends and my ancestors. They tell the story of who I am to the world.”

If possessions are fundamental to our identity, then downsizing is about more than just making a clean sweep—it’s a threat to our sense of self. No wonder it’s so hard to do.

—Steven Hill

The Household Moves Project is recruiting volunteers in the Lawrence, Kansas City or Detroit areas who are at least 65 years old and have moved in the past year or are thinking of moving soon. For more information, contact the project office at 785-864-0665.

The siege of Vicksburg, Miss., in 1863 pitted Union troops led by Gen. Ulysses Grant against Gen. John Pemberton’s Confederate defenders; the 47-day battle that led to the fall of the city and finally opened the entire length of the Mississippi River to Union control is remembered as a turning point in the Civil War.

Not as readily remembered is that among the 5,000 townspeople caught in the crossfire between these two armies were an estimated 1,000 children.

In *Under Siege: Three Children at the Civil War Battle for Vicksburg*, Andrea Warren retells the story of the epic battle from the perspective of three children who witnessed it: Lucy McRae, the 10-year-old daughter of a well-to-do Vicksburg businessman; Willie Lord, the 11-year-old son of a prominent minister; and Frederick Grant, the 12-year-old son of Gen. Grant.

Drawing on journals and biographies, and supplementing her text with period photographs and maps, Warren, g’83, fashions a history for young readers that’s unstinting in its description of the terror felt by civilians who fled their homes and sheltered in crude caves dug in hillsides to escape the constant barrage of Union gunboats. Nor does she omit the grisly details of the violence troops visited on each other.

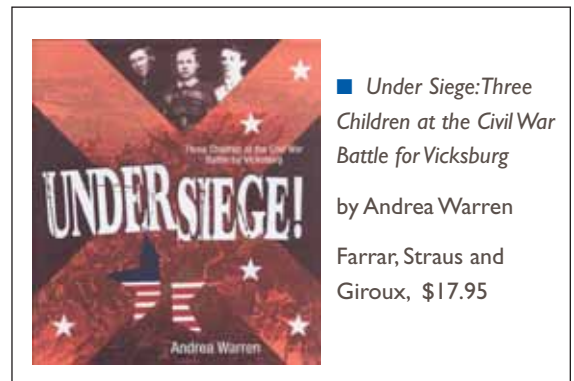
Though certain details may be too intense for some children, the violence is never gratuitous. “I have always had a special interest in the stories of children in war because my adopted daughter was orphaned by the Vietnam War,” writes Warren, whose previous book, *Escape From Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy*, was a Booklist Editors’ Choice. “In tribute to her and to all children caught up in the

chaos of war, I wanted to tell the story of Vicksburg, as much as possible, through the eyes of children who were there.”

That she does, with a sure narrative hand that keeps the story surging ahead while juggling multiple points of view that chronicle both sides of the conflict. Most compelling are human moments between Union and Confederate troops. Frontline trenches are so close that opposing soldiers mingle, talking and trading Northern coffee and Southern tobacco. An exhausted soldier shares his blanket with an injured foe; waking the next morning to find his companion dead, he ignores his own injury to fulfill his promise to write the man’s kin, informing them of his death. After the Confederate surrender, Yankees applaud the Rebels’ bravery and share rations with the starving men.

Such small moments of grace only highlight the hardships endured by soldiers and civilians alike. While official records list a dozen civilian deaths and 50 casualties, Warren reports, the true toll was higher. The once thriving, gracious city, the second largest in Mississippi, never regained its stately bearing, and many townspeople, health weakened by their time in the caves and by exposure to the caustic shell powder, died prematurely after the war.

The story of the Vicksburg campaign is well known. By retelling it simply, through the experience of three children, *Under Siege* creates a fresh, original accounting of the harsh human costs of a bygone battle. It was just one clash, albeit a pivotal one, in a war fought on the farm fields and town squares of the American



■ *Under Siege: Three Children at the Civil War Battle for Vicksburg*

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people. What was true of Vicksburg, Warren's tale reminds us, was true for an entire nation at war. —

—Steven Hill

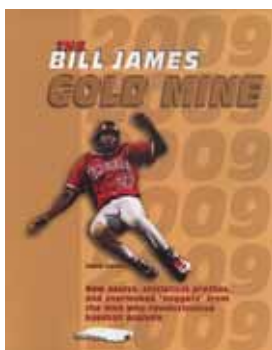
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Another hit for Bill James

When he released his first self-published baseball abstract, in 1977, Bill James set himself apart as a deep thinker eager to mine baseball's statistical motherlode for trends and truths. His revolution was not greeted gladly: Our national pastime, always the turf of self-important sportswriters and pallid urban poets, had been reduced to mere numbers. Or so charged his critics.

More than 30 years later, James, c'73, d'75, is the senior adviser on baseball operations for the Boston Red Sox, and his statistical analyses framed the game for a generation of dynamic young executives. His output never wavered, though publication formats certainly did, and it seemed every new season was greeted by yet another Bill James baseball bible.

This year is no different, with ACTA Sports' release of *The Bill James Gold Mine 2009*, a rich collection of essays (many of which were first written for bill-jamesonline.com); scores of delightful data "nuggets" on particular players and game situations; and the deep, team-by-team analysis that Bill James fans have come to expect.



■ *The Bill James Gold Mine 2009*

By Bill James

ACTA Sports,
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As fans have also come to expect, some of the *Gold Mine's* entries are simply too dense for all but the most devoted sabermetricians to digest. Yet always there is James' light touch, which never allows analysis to droop into boorish argument. A founding principle in 1977 abides throughout this latest offering: Numbers are worth the effort only when they help tell a good baseball story. —

—Chris Lazzarino



Contemporary cool

Architect returns to find new generation of enthusiasts for 'mid-century modern' style

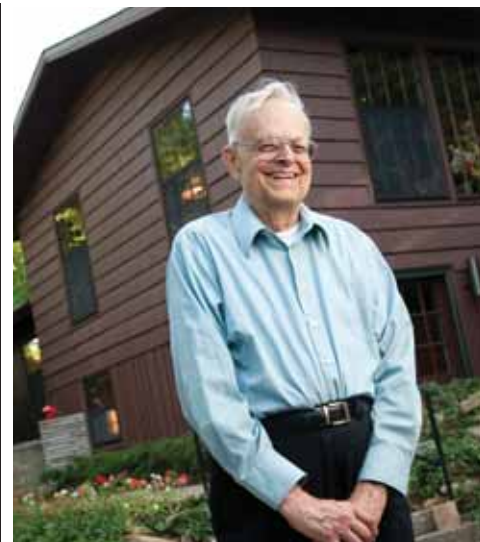
Architect Robert Hess has designed expensive homes for clients in a host of wealthy Los Angeles enclaves. But he says some of his best work was done on a limited budget, in Lawrence, including jobs completed while a KU architecture student.

Hess, 83, calls it his "Lawrence Period."

During this time, from 1949 to 1955, Hess, a'49, designed about 25 buildings in Lawrence, many of them custom residences for KU professors. His clients included names still familiar on campus: Hal Barrett; Frank Burge; J. Eldon Fields, c'34; E.L. Jordan, g'52, PhD'64; Paul Hausman; Richard Howey; Edna Hill; and many others.

While some Hess houses were moved or torn down, enough remain—some barely touched by renovation or add-ons—that they could almost be considered collectibles, if houses were collectible. Nearly all are recognizable as examples of what is commonly referred to today as the "mid-century modern" style of architecture, or more vulgarly, "ranch."

Some are outstanding exam-



STEVE POPPE

■ Still cool after all these years: Hess' 1950s Lawrence designs remain outstanding examples of mid-century modern architecture.

ples of the type. The house built in 1952 for the Litwin family would look at home in a Frank Lloyd Wright coffee table book. Others were creative works of opportunity.

For Richard and Barbara Nelson, Hess converted a Civil War-era stone barn on Orchard Lane into an exemplar of ground-hugging modernism. When he first saw it, Hess says, there was hay piled in what is now the living room, manure on the stone walls, and a skunk under what is now the kitchen.

But demand for his work soon softened.

Despite a housing boom in Lawrence after the war, Hess struggled to land commissions and was living hand-to-mouth. Finally, on the day after Christmas, 1955, he headed off to L.A. in his maroon 1950 Studebaker Starlight Coupe.

"Nobody wanted contemporary architecture in Lawrence those days," Hess says. "Those who could afford it wanted traditional."

How times have changed. Two years ago, Hess, retired and living in Santa Barbara, got a call from a new owner of one of his houses in Lawrence. The owner was able to track him down because Hess continues to renew his Kansas

architect's license.

One thing led to another, and in May Hess returned for a reception in his honor given by Lawrence Modern, a group of mid-century modern enthusiasts. The event was co-sponsored by the Spencer Research Library, to which Hess has agreed to donate his architectural drawings and other papers spanning more than 170 properties.

KU architectural historian Dennis Domer, g'69, PhD'80, is thrilled by what Hess has done.

"We don't have enough of this kind of material in our collection," Domer says. "No serious architectural history of Lawrence or Kansas is possible without such largess. I really hope more architects would do what Bob has done because it is extremely significant to the University."

—William Steele works in KU's Office of Professional Military Graduate Education.



Collaboration fertilizes 'Tree of Life'

*Sciences and arts meld ideas
to produce unique concert*

Beside a virtual backdrop of arboreal images, primal-esque dancers twirled to the beat of Turtle Island String Quartet while actors discussed science and culture. More than 300 students and faculty across campus collaborated to develop and produce "Tree of Life—Origins and Evolution," April 24-25, the culmination of KU's two-year-long Creative Campus project.

"If you think about the Renaissance, innovations in science were talked about with innovations in painting and poetry and music, and that inspired dialogue between the two which sparked creativity," says Karen Christilles, associate

director of the Lied Center.

With a grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation in spring 2007, the Lied Center, the Hall Center for the Humanities, The Commons, University Dance Company, University Theatre, Kansas Space Grant Consortium, the Center for Science Education and the departments of music and dance and theatre and film formed Creative Campus. The groups sought to create a unique stage production using one another's viewpoints as catalysts for creativity.

"Sometimes scientists don't know what's happening in the arts community, and they might not even know what's happening on another floor in their building," Christilles says. "If everyone knows each other, things are going to happen."

In spring 2008, Creative Campus staged discussions at departments across campus, and eventually, after a symposium led by Leonard Krishtalka, professor of evolutionary biology and ecology and director of the Biodiversity Institute, the group decided to explore evolution in its production and create "Tree of Life."

"Seeing all of the different approaches to a phenomenon like evolution broadens the creative activity," Krishtalka says.

With the background research already gained from discussions, faculty and students from the departments of music and dance and theatre and film joined the KU Wind Ensemble to form three acts with unique choreography, virtual reality, costumes and text for a play. David Balakrishnan, violinist and founder of Turtle Island String Quartet, composed original music for his group and the KU Wind Ensemble to play as the soundtrack to "Tree of Life."

"It was huge," Balakrishnan says. "All

of us were guessing in a certain direction—it was very challenging, but I loved the result."

To accompany "Tree of Life," various departments helped organize exhibits and lectures that focused on issues within evolution, including "Future Life Forms," led by members of the physics and theatre and film departments who discussed the ability of humans to evolve, and "Trees and Other Ramifications: Branches in Nature and Culture,"



■ The University Dance Company was among the many arts, humanities and science groups on campus that collaborated on "Tree of Life," a stage production with affiliated lectures and exhibitions that explored evolution.

an exhibition at Spencer Museum of Art that showed the importance of trees in human life and nature.

From Creative Campus, additional relationships have launched among disparate KU departments. John Hoopes, professor of anthropology, worked with Carol Ann Carter, professor of art, to evaluate one art student's creative process.

"It's kind of human nature to hang out with people who we understand, but life in 2009 is super connected and more and more, you need to have wide range of thought to handle what's out there," Balakrishnan says. "I think it was really helpful, at its core, to demonstrate on the professional level how a project like this could happen."

—Erika Bentson



Glorious to View



■ Nature and art temporarily coalesce on the front lawn of Spooner Hall. The Spencer Museum of Art, in collaboration with The Commons, commissioned North Carolina-based artist Patrick Dougherty to create the sapling sculpture around the dying elm. With the help of students, alumni, faculty and community members, Dougherty worked throughout May to complete the sculpture. One of 200 such structures worldwide, the piece features 6,000 pounds of saplings cut from dense stands of silver maples near Clinton Lake. It is expected to grace the corner for 18 to 24 months, depending on the rate of deterioration.

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