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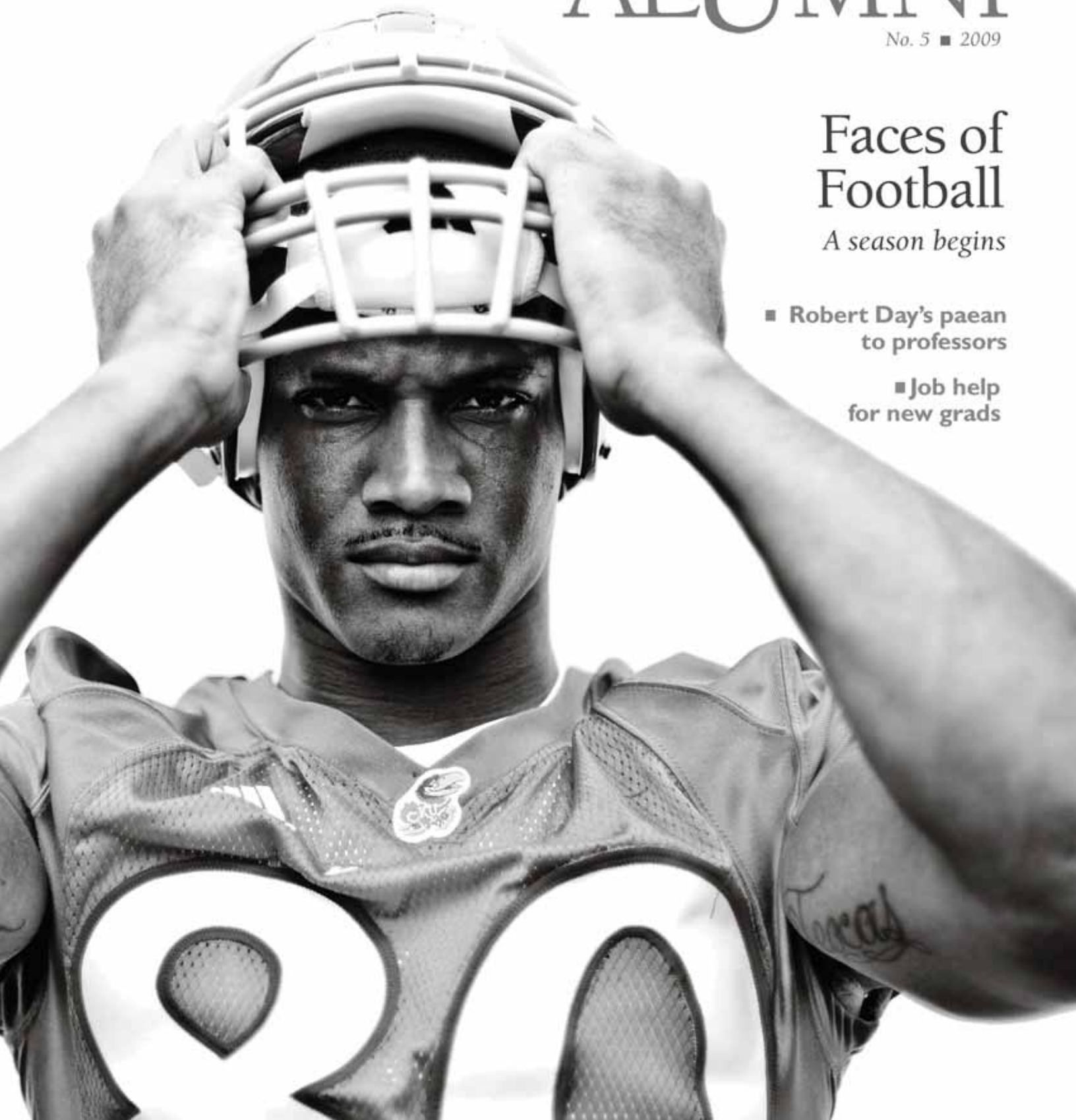
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## Faces of Football

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■ Robert Day's paean  
to professors

■ Job help  
for new grads





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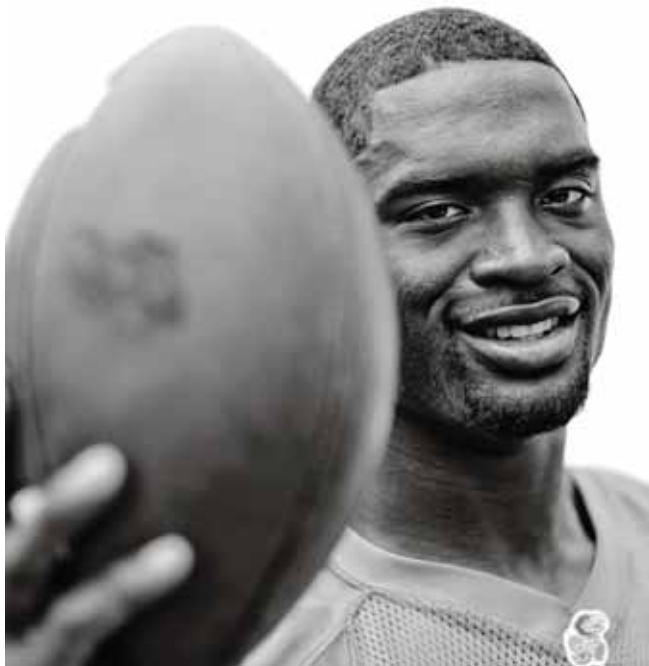
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# Lift the Chorus

## Wow factor

I just picked up my July issue of *Kansas Alumni* and was wowed by the presentation and content.

The magazine reflects not only a savvy publishing approach, but also the new endeavors of a revitalized Alumni Association.

Thanks for representing and informing the campus community in such an effective and eye-appealing fashion.

David Mucci  
Director, KU Memorial Unions



## Different priorities?

Thank you for introducing Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little ["Kansas on her mind," issue No. 4]. I wish that instead of having as her priorities retaining and graduating students (whether or not they deserve KU degrees?) that her priorities were maintaining the highest possible admission, retention and graduation standards for all students and keeping KU's programs highly ranked.

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

## TV evolution

The picture taken in the very early days of the radio, television and film program ["Then Again," Class Notes, issue No. 3] brought back a lot of memories. Thank you.

Yes, in 1956 we were waiting for the remodeling of Hoch's basement. It would be the first of several locations for television. In 1958 TV moved to the main stage with the control room built above on the west side. The basement area became the radio studios for KDGU (later KUOK).

The camera in the picture, actually, is a Kodak 16mm movie camera, not a

television camera. The latter didn't arrive until '57. We did make good use of the film camera. We would cover an event, send the film to the Calvin Co. lab in Kansas City for processing, then edit and, finally, get a print off to a television station. Not exactly a fast-breaking news story!

Nor was it broadcast on

KDGU which, of course, was radio.

Here's another tidbit: Almost every place that housed a television studio was destroyed or totally redone. Hoch burned. Stauffer-Flint was remodeled. Jolliffe Hall and Blake Annex were razed. But the programs survived and prospered, with excellent facilities now in the Dole Human Development Center, Stauffer-Flint and Oldfather Studios.

Bruce Linton  
Professor Emeritus  
Journalism and Theatre & Film  
Lawrence

## Of rowboats and yearbooks

The photograph of the recently dedicated KU rowing boathouse in the March *Kansas Alumni* [Sports, issue No. 2] brought to mind my grandfather, Robert C. Rankin, 1887, who was captain of the Beta rowing crew and awarded a varsity sports letter in 1885 or 1886. Some accounts say this was the beginning of varsity rowing at KU.

Rankin attended what was known as the KU prep school instead of going to high school. After serving for three years as a page in the U.S. House of Representatives, he returned to KU in 1885 and 1886 and then left to work with his father. Both Robert and his father served as mayor of Lawrence. He also ran for president of the Alumni Association in 1944. However, he lost to Charles Holmes [e'15].

In 2008 I did some research at the

Spencer Research Library, digging into the KU past of my mother and grandfather. I found very little information, due to incomplete records such as missing yearbooks. Please ask your readers to check the old trunks in the basement for yearbooks and other materials from the early days of KU. Save this material and send it to the Spencer Research Library.

Peter Haggart, g'63  
Moscow, Idaho

## Singular sensation

Why is it impossible to get a license plate frame, T-shirt or any other item that declares to the world that I am an "alumnus," not an "alumni," of the University of Kansas?

I understand that I am a member of a group—alumni—association, but I'd rather declare to the world, in a grammatically correct manner, what I singularly am: an alumnus.

Has the Association ever thought of being a national leader in a new way by offering items that are grammatically correct?

Just an idea.

Ken Harwood, j'75  
Tulsa, Okla.

## Correction

Our July cover story ["Kansas on her mind"] incorrectly listed Bill Docking, c'73, g'77, l'77, as a member of the search committee charged with finding a new KU chancellor. The search committee included Jill Sadowsky Docking, c'78, g'84, vice chair of the Kansas Board of Regents; financial advisor, Wells Fargo Advisors; Wichita.

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BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

# First Word

STEVE PUPPE



Each issue of *Kansas Alumni* results from savvy and serendipity—not necessarily in that order. As we prepared for issue No. 5, 2009, luck was definitely on our side.

Freelance writer Diane Silver, ever eager to embark on projects that demand multiple interviews with dozens of sources, suggested a story on the ways in which the University helps students prepare to find jobs in a dismal economy. She found numerous programs, both old and new, and her idea dovetailed with the Alumni Association’s recent and upcoming efforts (see page 29) to assist alumni in their searches for new positions and perhaps new directions in their careers.

As you will read in Associate Editor Chris Lazzarino’s introduction to our cover feature on page 30, a mundane assignment sometimes can produce marvelous results—in this case, stunning images from photographer Steve Puppe, j’98, who gets all the credit.

Our third feature, an essay by novelist Robert Day, c’64, g’66, came to us through Day’s friendship with Associate Editor Steven Hill. Day’s exquisite tribute to Ed Ruhe, professor of English, arrived unannounced last spring, along with Day’s casual query to Hill: Would we like to publish this piece in the magazine?

We are deeply honored to do so. Though Day describes an evening on campus long ago, the story of an enduring connection between professor and student begins anew in countless versions each semester. As you read, and reread, Day’s charming account of Professor Ruhe, you’ll return to your own life-changing KU moments and mentors.

As for Day and Ruhe, it’s high time they appeared again in these pages. In January 1984, *Kansas Alumni* published a special issue featuring KU’s literary lions. Expert editor Dan Reeder, j’71, g’74, enlisted Day to apply his trademark comic touch in a recollection of Oread Avenue and Mass Street taverns. Ruhe told tales of his former student, calling Day the “No. 1 high-visibility English major of his time” who “adopted half a dozen of his teachers as protégés, an experience too odd to be fully understood or protested.”

In the summer of 1984, Reeder acquiesced to my incessant badgering and hired me as staff writer for *Kansas Alumni*. Three years earlier, Reeder had taught magazine production in the School of Journalism, challenging our class to design a special section for a magazine I’d never heard of (*Kansas Alumni*). As his youngest staff member, I learned and laughed and had a blast, and I was crushed when my mentor left the

Association in summer 1985 to build his own successful editorial and design consulting business. I figured my days here were numbered. Little did I know.

One of my first assignments for the magazine in August 1984 was to compile the annual Jayhawk Generations feature, which comprised 62 students: eight fourth-generation freshmen and 54 students who were second- or third-generation Jayhawks. Barely out of school myself, I identified with the freshmen and chuckled at the ancient college-era photos of their parents.

In recent years, thanks to thriving KU tradition and collaboration with the Office of Admissions and Scholarships, the fall tribute to KU families outgrew the magazine and became its own supplement, stretching to 32 pages. This year’s behemoth, which includes 244 new Jayhawks, inspired—er, compelled—us to go green. The 2009 edition of Jayhawk Generations resides exclusively online at [www.kualumni.org](http://www.kualumni.org). To my much older eye, the freshmen look like children (yikes, one of them is mine), and the KU-era photos of their parents look eerily familiar.

Only two weeks into fall 2009 classes, a beaming KU dad shared with me the story of his own freshman son, who was feeling a bit adrift in his new surroundings. The father, who says his own life and career were shaped by a KU professor, had counseled his son to be patient, assuring him that everything would be all right.

By the time Dad arrived for a visit, his son had transformed, exuding confidence about the KU adventures ahead. Why? He had met an extraordinary professor. As the alumnus reported the news, the joy, relief and nostalgia on his face and in his voice gave me chills. Someday, if serendipity and savvy play their part, the son will pass the story on to his own young Jayhawk. —





# On the Boulevard



■ Nearly 3,000 students filled Adams Alumni Center Aug. 17 for the Student Alumni Association's Ice Cream Social.

## ■ Exhibitions

“xy,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Oct. 5

“The Graphic Imperative: International Posters for Peace, Social Justice, and the Environment, 1965-2005,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Nov. 30

“Big Shots: Andy Warhol, Celebrity Culture, and the 1980s,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Dec. 13

“Earthly Vessels: African Ceramics,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Dec. 27

## ■ University Theatre

### SEPTEMBER

**26-27** “The 13 Clocks,” directed by Leslie Bennett

### OCTOBER

**8-13** “Macbeth,” directed by Tazewell Thompson, guest artist

### NOVEMBER

**14-15, 19-22** “The Glass Menagerie,” directed by Jack Wright

## ■ Lied Center events

### SEPTEMBER

**22** KU Symphony Orchestra  
**25** Collage Concert

### OCTOBER

**2** KU Wind Ensemble  
**3** “Darwin the Dinosaur”  
**4** Glenn Miller Orchestra  
**9** Orquestra de São Paulo

- 13** Jazz Ensembles I, II and III
- 23** Trey McIntyre Project
- 28** Cypress String Quartet
- 30** KU Symphony Orchestra

### NOVEMBER

- 7** “Ferocious Beauty: Genome”
- 9** KU Wind Ensemble
- 11** “TAP DOGS”
- 14** Soledad Barrio and Noche Flamenca
- 22** KU Choirs and KU Symphony Orchestra Oratorio

## ■ Special events

### SEPTEMBER

- 26** Family/Band Day
- 26** Jayhawk Generations Breakfast, Adams Alumni Center

### OCTOBER

- 3-10** Homecoming week

## ■ Lectures

### OCTOBER

- 22** T.R. Reid, Humanities Lecture Series, Kansas Union







■ At the annual 'Hawk Week event, students played washers (below left), challenged each other in the bungee run (above) and enjoyed cool treats and school spirit with the KU mascots and Spirit Squad (below).

- 14 Arkansas City
- 14 Salina
- 21 Overland Park
- 26 El Dorado
- 26 Emporia
- 26 Stilwell

**NOVEMBER**

- 2 Manhattan
- 3 Topeka
- 4 Chapman
- 4 Liberal
- 9 Wichita
- 10 Eskridge
- 17 Kansas City
- 18 Coffeyville

- 16 Denver: Alumni happy hour
- 17 Boulder: KU vs. Colorado away-game tailgate
- 17 Wichita: Jayhawk Roundup
- 24 Game Day at the Adams tailgate party, KU vs. Oklahoma
- 31 Lubbock: KU vs. Texas Tech away-game tailgate

**NOVEMBER**

- 7 Manhattan: KU vs. Kansas State away-game tailgate
- 7 Topeka, Wichita, Lawrence and St. Joseph, Mo.: Alumni bus trips to KU vs. Kansas State game
- 14 Game Day at the Adams tailgate party, KU vs. Nebraska
- 21 Austin: KU vs. Texas away-game tailgate

**NOVEMBER**

- 17 Chris Abani, Humanities Lecture Series, Kansas Union

■ **Academic calendar**

**OCTOBER**

- 15-18 Fall break

■ **Kansas Honors Program**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 16 Wellington
- 21 Sedgwick
- 23 Lawrence
- 23 Leavenworth
- 30 Hutchinson
- 30 McPherson

**OCTOBER**

- 1 Hays
- 5 Altamont
- 7 Dodge City
- 7 Ottawa
- 7 Overland Park
- 13 Garden City

■ **Alumni events**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 17 Kansas City: KU School of Business alumni reception
- 18-20 Jolliffe Scholarship Hall Reunion
- 19 Game Day at the Adams tailgate party, KU vs. Duke
- 24-27 Class of 1959 Golden Anniversary Celebration

- 26 Game Day at the Adams tailgate party, KU vs. Southern Mississippi

**OCTOBER**

- 2-3 KU School of Law reunion weekend
- 4 Pratt: South Central Kansas Chapter wine tasting
- 9-10 KU Black Alumni Chapter Homecoming reunion weekend
- 10 Game Day at the Adams tailgate party, KU vs. Iowa State
- 10 KU School of Engineering Homecoming tailgate buffet



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# Jayhawk Walk

## Hear my train a comin'

**C**atch Amtrak's Southwest Chief to Los Angeles at Lawrence's Santa Fe Depot and you will find the timing (12:30 a.m.

departure) and location (a sleepy corner of downtown) can make for a lonely wait.

Hoping to lighten the mood a little, Depot Redux, a volunteer group working to restore the historic depot, launched

Lawrence's finest new tradition: On Time Performances enlists local bands to entertain passengers and crew of the Chief, which idles 30 minutes at the station.

"It's down time, dead time, but now it's quite lively," says Carey Maynard-Moody, s'89, chair of Depot Redux.

The west-bound train stops every night, but the platform performances are Fridays only, from 11:30 to 12:30. Shows have included Steve Mason, d'86; Thom Alexander, d'99, g'02; Ric, f'72, g'85, and Jeanne Averill, d'73, g'80; and the Alferd Packer Memorial String Band.

The Santa Fe serenades—a marvelous way to mark arrivals and departures with a true taste of Lawrence—are on track to continue this fall. Same time, same station.

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## Road scholar

**A**s he pedaled along U.S. Highway 36 on the high plains of western Kansas, Skyler Myers was struggling against a headwind when a mail truck passed, did a U-turn and waited for the bike to approach.

"The guy rolls down his window and says, 'Hey, what are you doing?'" recalls Myers, c'06. "I said, 'I've been riding from Kansas City, and I'm going to the Continental Divide to raise money for books for KC schools.' This total stranger reaches into his pocket, pulls out a dollar bill and says, 'It's not much, but it's what I got on me. Good

luck to you, son.' Little things like that made it all worthwhile."

Myers, an education graduate student at Rockhurst University, says he conceived the ride to benefit urban schools in Kansas City,

Mo., whose struggles he'd become familiar with during his research. He completed the trek in eight days of riding, but hopes to continue gathering donations, through Sept. 30, at [childrensplusinc.com](http://childrensplusinc.com).

His goal of 9,800 books—arrived at by combining the 9,000 feet of altitude climbed on the ride with its distance, 800 miles—will require \$200,000 in donations. That's unlikely, but Myers said he'd rather aim high and come up short than not challenge himself just to meet an easy goal.

Besides, he says, there's always next year. The open road beckons.

COURTESY SKYLAR MYERS





## Solar ingenuity

Summer sun is great for growing Kansas crops, but not so hot for the 600,000 CDs, DVDs and other audio-visual materials the Lawrence Public Library lends annually. Metal drop boxes meant to make on-time returns more convenient become ovens during heat waves, as temperatures inside reach 180 degrees, hot enough to melt disc cases.

Bruce Flanders, c'77, director of the library, wondered whether the sun could be turned to advantage to create a drop box capable of keeping AV materials cool in summer and warm in winter, when extreme cold makes plastic cases brittle and easy to shatter. He turned to his alma mater for help, posing the problem to Ron Dougherty, professor and chair of the mechanical engineering department.



The result, unveiled this spring at Checkers grocery, is what Flanders believes to be the first solar-powered library drop box. Designed by Dougherty's students, the \$8,000 project uses solar energy to charge batteries that power a cooling fan in summer and a heating element in winter. The design may be of interest to libraries that share Lawrence's best-of-both-worlds climate.

"I originally thought my idea was sort of harebrained," Flanders says. "But when you think of the cost and the staff time involved if there's damage to even 10 percent of the AV material we circulate, that's well over a half-million dollars in savings," he says.

Truly a cool solution to a heated issue.



LARRY LEROY PEARSON

## Calling all hams

Reid Crowe was about 13 when he first fell for shortwave radio. "I was hearing people speaking in Spanish, Chinese, all these different languages," the Lawrence senior recalls. "All I knew was that they weren't anywhere near me."

Crowe's shortwave hobby quickly spread into ham radios, so when he visited Engineering Expo during his senior year in high school he was thrilled to find a booth for KU's Amateur Radio Club. But by the time he arrived on the Hill, Crowe found that the group had all but disbanded and its radio equipment in Learned Hall "wasn't 100 percent functional."

With the help of faculty adviser Glenn Prescott, professor of electrical engineering, Crowe spent three years upgrading, rigging and fine tuning, and now, as club president, he's broadcasting the message that 'Hawk hams are back on the air at station K0KU.

"We have good equipment and an extremely good antenna," Crowe says. "It's to the point now where it's gone from pretty much non-working to a dream station."

## Power and the Glory

**F**orbes magazine's list of the world's "100 Most Powerful Women" places two Jayhawks among the top five: At No. 2, Sheila Bair, c'75, l'78, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., is outranked only by German Chancellor Angela Merkel; and No. 4 Cynthia Carroll, g'82, CEO of global mining giant Anglo American, is the second-highest-ranked business exec, trailing only PepsiCo's Indra Nooyi.

Of course such recognition is cause for giddy pride among Jayhawks everywhere, but the coolest part of the Forbes list might be that Kathleen Sebelius, g'80, who stepped

down as Kansas governor to become President Obama's secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, ranks No. 56, 19 spots higher than Jordan's Queen Rania, international icon of glamour and goodwill and reigning monarch of globetrotting Twitterati.

The former governor of lil' ol' Kansas, beats Queen Rania ... take that, jet set!



Sheila Bair





# Hilltopics

BY STEVEN HILL

STEVE PUPPE (2)



Roy Jensen

## Trial run

*KU's first cancer-fighting drug faces important test in clinical trial*

**“A Phase I clinical trial provides an additional option. It gives patients another tool to use in their fight against cancer.”**

—Dr. Roy Jensen

The first Phase I clinical trial conducted by the KU Cancer Center expands this fall to Wichita, where oncologists at the Cancer Center of Kansas will help KU test its promising new cancer-fighting drug, Nanotax.

The trial, which began last fall in Kansas City, will enroll about 24 patients in an attempt to determine proper dosage and analyze the effectiveness of the drug developed by KU researchers and a private Lawrence company, CritiTech Inc. As detailed by *Kansas Alumni* in “For the Home Team,” [issue No. 5, 2008], Nanotax represents a potential breakthrough in the treatment of tumors in the peritoneal cavity, such as those associated with ovarian cancer, and an important piece of the University’s campaign to win National Cancer Institute Comprehensive Cancer Center designation for its Kansas City-based cancer center.

Basically a new formulation of the commonly

used chemotherapy drug Paclitaxel, Nanotax uses technology developed at KU to fashion a better system for delivering the cancer drug to tumors. Paclitaxel can have debilitating side effects when delivered in the bloodstream, and its ability to reach tumors with large mass and low blood supply is limited.

Using technology pioneered by Bala Subramaniam, Dan F. Servey distinguished professor of chemical and petroleum engineering, two other KU researchers—Valentino Stella, PhD’71, distinguished professor of pharmaceutical chemistry; and Roger Rajewski, c’84, g’87, PhD’90, director of the KU Biotechnology, Innovation and Optimization Center—formulated a way to deliver the cancer drug in

extremely tiny nanoparticles that can be introduced directly to the peritoneal cavity, where it may reach scattered tumors more effectively.

Shaker Dakhil, clinical professor of medicine at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita and president of the Cancer Center of Kansas, is one of two principal investigators for the Wichita trial. He says that Nanotax could be an important new weapon in the fight against cancer.

“It’s like having a nuclear warhead available to destroy the enemy, but no means to get it to the enemy,” Dakhil says of past efforts to combat cancer with blood-borne chemotherapy drugs. “Nanotax is a delivery system that enhances our ability to get this drug to the cancer cells. Whether it’s going to be a major breakthrough or not has to be determined, but it’s always exciting to have a new means to deliver it to the enemy.”

Roy Jensen, director of the KU Cancer Center, says a Phase I clinical trial “provides an additional

option when all other treatment options have been exhausted. It gives patients another tool to use in their fight against cancer. This type of trial advances the state of research because it provides the first opportunity for a new drug to be tested in the clinic, which gives us valuable knowledge on whether or not to advance it all the way through to market.”

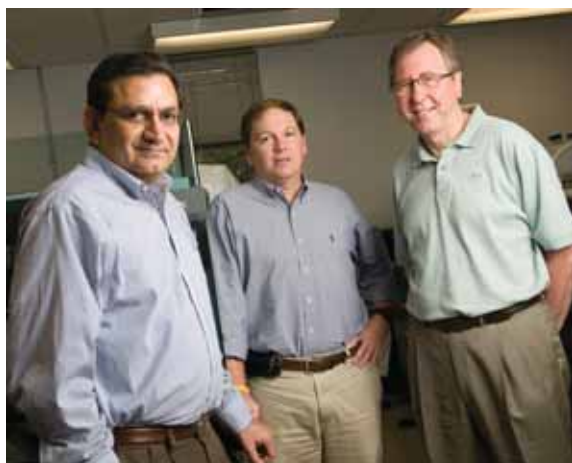
The trial also marks an important milestone for KU’s effort to achieve a Comprehensive Cancer Center designation from the NCI. The intended result of that designation, of course, is better treatment options for Kansans with cancer.

“Our mission is to ensure everyone across the state has access to cutting-edge clinical trials, no matter where they live,” Jensen says. “Opening the Phase I clinical trial Nanotax in Wichita moves us closer to fulfilling this mission by giving patients more options closer to home.”

Dakhil says that by locating the trial in Wichita, KU is leveraging his center’s existing network, which maintains two Wichita offices and 13 offices in other Kansas cities. He likens the cooperative partnership to MCI buying phone lines from AT&T.

“Our infrastructure is already in place,” Dakhil says. “They are using our network, and we are collaborating with them to advance the goals of the University, because we are committed to the University of Kansas and because we think it’s good for the state.”

NCI designation would allow KU to give patients more access to clinical trials, help attract world-class cancer researchers and clinicians capable of delivering the most advanced treatments, and gain increased access to federal research funding.



Bala Subramaniam, Roger Rajewski and Valentino Stella

The University will formally apply for the designation in September 2011. After a committee review and site visit, a decision could come by spring 2012. If the effort is successful, the KU Cancer Center would become the only NCI designated Comprehensive Cancer Center between Denver and St. Louis, and one of only 65 such centers in the country.

Meanwhile, the Cancer Center of Kansas is recruiting patients for the Phase I trial. To find out whether you or someone you know qualifies, contact the center at (316) 262-4467.



## White House winner

*Ward’s research on ice age plants earns nation’s highest honor for young scientists*

The research Joy Ward is conducting in her Haworth Hall lab may someday help future generations of Kansas farmers deal with fundamental changes in the growing season brought on by warmer temperatures and higher levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

But right now that work is bringing Ward acclaim as one of the 100 young scientists and engineers whose research shows the greatest promise for producing important innovations at the frontiers of science and technology.

This fall Ward, associate professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, will travel to the White House to accept the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. She is one of only 20 scientists nominated by the National Science Foundation for the award, which is divvied up among the NSF and eight other federal agencies and departments. It is considered the highest honor the U.S. government bestows on young researchers early in their careers.

She qualified for the Presidential Early Career Award by winning an \$869,000 CAREER award from the NSF in 2008 to study ice age trees.

“The CAREER award is very critical for moving forward in my research over the next five years,” Ward says. “The Presidential Early Career Award is an additional bonus on top of that. It is a nice confidence booster and a wonderful opportunity to meet the president, as well as other scientists from around the country. This award is additional



### Among the best

KU has once again made the cut for Princeton Review’s “Best 371 Colleges” rankings. Only 15 percent of the nation’s 2,500 four-year colleges make the annual list. Earlier this year, Princeton Review named KU to another of its best-of lists, “100 Best Value Colleges 2009.”



Joy Ward

reinforcement that our research is something the agency and the country in general want to see done.”

Ward researches the effects of carbon dioxide on plants, paying particular attention to mechanisms at the genetic and physiological levels that control the plants’ response to CO<sub>2</sub>. In 2006, she received KU’s Thelma and Edward Wohlgemuth Faculty Scholar Award through a gift from Dorothy Wohlgemuth Lynch, d’59, to help KU recognize and retain young faculty members.

In one of her research projects, Ward studies wood preserved in the La Brea Tar Pits to learn about plants that grew during the last ice age, 18,000 to 20,000 years ago, a time when carbon dioxide at half of today’s levels limited plant growth. By analyzing the dead wood, she can understand the ancient plant’s anatomy, how its leaves functioned and how the plant responded to carbon dioxide. It’s this part of her research that attracted the CAREER and Presidential Early Career awards.

For another study, which attracted about \$650,000 in NSF funding, Ward grows modern plants in special chambers that create the

elevated carbon dioxide levels predicted by global warming models, then studies what effect the higher CO<sub>2</sub> has on the plants’ flowering time. Her lab was the first to identify a gene that specifically affects flowering time at high levels of carbon dioxide. Understanding that gene’s role could lead to genetic crop modifications that are designed to better use the higher CO<sub>2</sub> levels predicted for the next century.

But for that to happen, scientists must use the time they have left to learn how plants will deal with higher carbon dioxide levels and warmer temperatures. While some research suggests plants will grow faster in a CO<sub>2</sub>-rich environment, other factors such as warmer temperatures and lower rainfall may stress plants. And because different plants assimilate carbon dioxide in different ways, that could lead to a scenario where weeds thrive more than crops, Ward says.

“We need to study this now, because we don’t want to be surprised about how plants respond 50 or 100 years from now, especially in Kansas, where farming is so critically important. Let’s do the research now so we can prepare.”



## Sowing Jayhawks

*New recruiter hopes to attract more Latino students to Lawrence*

Students from community colleges and high schools are accustomed to hearing recruiting pitches from universities, but Toni Casados believes that at least one pool of potential Jayhawks needs to hear from KU sooner.

Casados joined the University this summer as a recruitment support coordinator. From her office at the KU Medical Center’s Area Health Education Center in Garden City, she will work to increase Latino enrollment and boost outreach efforts to Latino students and their families in Kansas, particularly those who live in the southwest corner of the state. It’s a message she hopes to start delivering to students at a time when many are more concerned with learning long division than choosing a college.

Too often Latino students from Kansas have already decided, by the time they reach high school or community college, that KU is unattainable for them, Casados believes.



“First, they see it as a school that is too far from home and family,” she says. “Second, they have the misperception that KU is an elite school that is simply not for them. My challenge is to change that perception.”

To do that, she’ll draw on her experience in the Garden City elementary schools. A fluent Spanish speaker who taught bilingual third-grade classes, Casados says she taught students to believe that with hard work they could accomplish anything they wanted, regardless of limitations others placed on them.

“We have to plant the seeds really early,” she says. “I really think that is the key to preparing Latino students to attend KU. We need to make those connections with the students in elementary school and middle school, so that when they get to high school it’s not too late. They and their families need to hear how important it is to study hard and get good grades and stay in school.”

As an ambassador for KU in southwest Kansas, Casados will work with high school guidance counselors and community college advisers and make the rounds of health fairs and culture festivals and other community events. Mostly, she hopes to put a familiar face on what can look, from afar, like a faceless bureaucracy.

“I want to be someone students can go to for answers to their questions about KU, someone they can look at and say, ‘Hey, she’s Latino like me. She went to college. She works for KU.’ I think if you build that trust and connection with students, they’re going to be open-minded and

at least consider coming to the University.”

Last fall minority enrollment at KU reached an all-time high of 12.7 percent. Noting that the Latino population in Kansas has grown nearly 300 percent since 1980, the Provost’s office

formed the Latino Vision Council to enlist state leaders to help KU recruit Latino students. That outreach, noted then-Provost Richard Lariviere, “must happen if KU is to be truly representative of the state it was created to serve and if it will continue to be the forward-looking university we all wish it to be.”



Toni Casados

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## Update

### Jayhawk 101

As KU’s new leader, Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little will carry a full load this year as she learns more about KU’s mission and traditions. Her arrival on campus—which just happened to coincide with ‘Hawk Week, the annual slate of events welcoming freshmen and returning students to the Hill for a new academic year—offered a crash course in all things crimson and blue.

On Aug. 17, her first official work day on campus, Gray-Little attended Traditions Night at Memorial Stadium, where she met Baby Jay, learned the Alma Mater and the Rock Chalk Chant, and got some individual instruction from coach Bill Self on how to wave the wheat. Two nights later, she welcomed the Class of 2013 with her Convocation address at the Lied Center.

Noting her plan to spend time learning about the University and the state, she outlined three main goals she intends to pursue: Bolstering undergraduate education, including the graduation rate; raising the scholarly profile of the University by promoting and supporting research; and ensuring the financial health of KU by increasing research funding and private giving as well as advocating for state support.

Even with a firm destination in mind, Gray-Little said, she is open to discovering new opportunities along the way. She urged the campus community, including alumni, to take a similar approach.

“To all KU friends and supporters here and around the world: You may have an idea you’ve always hoped the University would adopt or maybe just want to become more involved in this great institution. Please become part of our journey.”



STEVE RUPPE

“We are on the eve of a journey, a journey that has different routes and different destinations for all of us, but one that we all choose to take together, as Jayhawks.”

—Gray-Little

## MEDICINE

### Wichita campus welcomes new dean of medicine

H. David Wilson, a pediatrician with a long record of educational service and research, is the new dean of the School of Medicine-Wichita.

Wilson comes to KU from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, where he served as vice president for health affairs since 2001. Before that, he was professor and dean of pediatrics at the school. For 22 years he was a faculty member and administrator at the University of Kentucky's College of Medicine, where

he also completed his residency. He graduated from Wabash College and St. Louis University School of Medicine.

Wilson has written more than 50 peer-

reviewed publications and a book. He won numerous teaching awards, including the University of Kentucky Alumni Association's Great Teacher Award. He has served as an American Council on Education Fellow, was chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges Section on Community-Based Deans from 2002 to 2007 and was elected chair of the AAMC Council of Deans in 2007.

"I look forward to bringing my experience at another community-based medical school to Wichita," says Wilson, who began his job July 1. "The school has enormous potential, and I am honored to serve as its dean."

## FACULTY

### Steeples award honors three for service to Kansas

The builder of a Web-based Community Tool Box, a traffic safety expert and an advocate for mental health funding are the recipients of the 2009 Steeples Service to Kansas Award.

The award was established in 1997 by Don Steeples, the Dean A. McGee distin-

guished professor of applied geophysics and senior vice provost for scholarly support, and his wife, Tammy, PhD'00. It honors Don's late parents, Wally and Marie Steeples. It provides \$1,000 in cash and a \$1,000 salary raise to faculty members who give back to the state.

Honorees for 2009 are:

Stephen Fawcett, g'73, PhD'74, the Kansas Health Foundation professor of applied behavioral science, who developed the Community Tool Box, a 7,000-page Web resource that helps health and human development workers build stronger communities in Kansas and around the world;

Thomas Mulinazzi, professor of civil, environmental and architectural engineering, who advocates for safer road networks in the state by calling for effective road signs, pothole repair and other issues related to road signage and maintenance;

Charles Rapp, professor of social welfare and director of the Office of Mental Health Research and Training, whose research has led to better state funding for community-based mental health services in Kansas.

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Wilson

## Class credit

Drivers who depend on U.S. Highway 50 near Hutchinson deal with bigger potential road hazards than potholes—namely sinkholes that create dips in the road and necessitate frequent repaving of the busy highway.

A.J. Herrs, a graduate student in geology from Clay Center, is gathering data that could help the Kansas Department of Transportation identify and track the sinkholes, which result when groundwater dissolves the extensive underground salt beds that dot the area. Herrs is using a remote sensing device called LiDAR (Light Detecting and Ranging) that makes it easy to see how big the sinkholes are and measure how fast they are sinking. Herrs says the data will help KDOT know which road sections may need the most careful monitoring in the future.

"If the sinkholes get worse, the situation can become much more dangerous," says Herrs, whose research is supported by KU's Transportation Research Institute, the Kansas Geological Survey and the KU department of geology. "So any understanding we can gain is good for the general safety of motorists that use that very busy road."



STEVE PUPPE





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## MEDICINE

### Doctors will see patients in newest Med Center building

The building boom continues on the Kansas City campus of KU Medical Center.

The latest addition is a 183,000-square-foot, six-story medical office building that will bring together physician clinics that are currently scattered across the campus, often in former academic offices or hospital units that were not built for clinical operations.

When completed in 2011, the new arrangement should make things easier for patients and doctors.

"This building will allow each clinic to provide the best patient experience possible," says Kirk Benson, m'79, president of the University of Kansas Physicians, who will see patients in the building. "There will be laboratory and radiology functions within the building to make the patient's visit even easier."

"It will also allow for more efficient operation in each clinic, which will be very beneficial to every physician on campus," Benson says.

Groundbreaking on the new building, located south of the University of Kansas hospital's main building, took place in July. The hospital is developing the project, and the Medical Center will pay rent for the physicians and also build a new parking garage for patients. The cost of the building, which is seeking LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, is \$73 million. The \$9 million parking garage will be funded by parking fee revenues.

# Milestones, money and other matters

■ **ELIZABETH KOWALCHUK**, longtime arts educator and associate professor in the visual art education program, became associate dean for the new School of the Arts in July. Under a reorganization of the School of Fine Arts, the School of the Arts is now housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and includes the following four departments: dance, film & media studies, theatre and visual art.



Kowalchuk

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■ **\$2 MILLION IN NASA FUNDING** will allow the Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets (CReSIS) to take part in the space agency's Operation ICE Bridge program, a multiyear project meant to provide critical data on the thickness of ice in the polar regions. CReSIS, a science and technology center established by the National Science Foundation at KU in 2005, develops technologies and computer models to predict changes in sea level and ice thickness brought on by climate change.

■ **A \$1.1 MILLION GIFT** from the estate of Martha Peterson, c'37, g'43, PhD'59, former KU dean of women, will help sustain a professorship she established in 2003 to honor the memory of KU math professors Florence Black and Wealthy Babcock. Peterson, who went on to serve as the president of Barnard College and became the first woman to lead Beloit College, said the two women had the greatest influence on her career as a higher education leader.

■ **JUN "LUKE" HUAN**, assistant professor of electrical engineering and computer science, has received a prestigious CAREER Award from the National Science Foundation. The \$500,000 five-year grant will help Huan pursue his research in bioinformatics, which uses computer analyses to learn more about complex biological information such as molecular genetics and genomics.

■ **UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS HOSPITAL** had programs named to three of U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals lists for 2009. The heart and heart surgery program ranked 39th; the ear, nose and throat program ranked 36th; and the kidney disorders program ranked 48th. Each was the only such program in the region to make the rankings.



■ **TWO KU BUILDINGS** were lauded for their innovative design by College Planning and Management magazine. The Floyd H. and Kathryn Krehbiel Scholarship Hall, built in 2008 on Ohio Street, won the 2009 grand prize for outstanding design and architecture in education. The magazine noted the residence hall "blends seamlessly into a historic neighborhood" that borders campus. The Multidisciplinary Research Building, which opened on West Campus in 2006, earned honorable mention for its "openness and transparency."

■ **ALYSSA RAINBOLT**, Wichita junior in journalism, received a \$5,000 Jim Murray Scholarship, which is annually awarded to five undergraduates with a career interest in sportswriting. Rainbolt is the first KU student to win the scholarship, which honors the late sportswriter Jim Murray.



# Sports Calendar

## ■ Football

### SEPTEMBER

- 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

### SEPTEMBER

- 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

## ■ Soccer

### SEPTEMBER

- 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

## ■ Swimming & diving

### OCTOBER

- 16** at Big 12 Relays, Columbia, Mo.
- 24** vs. Arkansas & Florida, at Fayetteville, Ark.
- 30** Missouri
- 31** Nebraska-Omaha

### NOVEMBER

- 7** at Drury

## ■ Women's golf

### SEPTEMBER

- 14-15** at Chip-N Club Invitational, Lincoln, Neb.
- 28-29** at Marilyn Smith Invitational, Manhattan

### OCTOBER

- 5-6** at Johnie Imes Invitational, Columbia, Mo.
- 12-14** at New Mexico State Invitational, Las Cruces
- 26-27** at Palmetto Intercollegiate, Kiawah Island, S.C.

## ■ Men's golf

### SEPTEMBER

- 14-15** at Fairway Club Invitational, Nebraska City, Neb.
- 21-22** at Colbert Intercollegiate, Manhattan
- 28-29** Kansas Invitational

### OCTOBER

- 19-20** at Ross Intercollegiate, Kansas City
- 26-27** at Wimberly Intercollegiate, Las Cruces, N.M.

## ■ Tennis

### SEPTEMBER

- 11-13** at UNC-Wilmington
- 25-27** KU Tournament

### OCTOBER

- 3-11** at All-Americans, Los Angeles
- 23-25** KU Tournament

## ■ Softball

### OCTOBER

- 3-4** Jayhawk Fall Invitational
- 10** KU Fall Invite

## ■ Rowing

### OCTOBER

- 3** at Boot of the Oklahoma, Oklahoma City
- 10** at Sunflower Showdown, Manhattan

### NOVEMBER

- 8** at Frostbite Regatta, Wichita

## ■ Cross country

### SEPTEMBER

- 12** at Missouri Challenge

### OCTOBER

- 3** at Oklahoma State Jamboree
- 17** at Pre-Nationals Invite, Terre Haute, Ind.
- 31** at Big 12, Columbia





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### 2009 Football Schedule

09/05	vs. Northern Colorado	10/31	at Texas Tech
09/12	at UTEP, El Paso, Texas	11/07	at Kansas State
09/19	vs. Duke	11/14	vs. Nebraska
09/26	vs. Southern Mississippi (Family Day, Band Day)	11/21	at Texas
10/10	vs. Iowa State (Homecoming)	11/28	vs. Missouri (Arrowhead Stadium Kansas City, Mo.)
10/17	at Colorado	12/05	Big 12 Championship, Arlington, Texas
10/24	vs. Oklahoma		





**W**riters learn mainly from reading other writers,” says Robert Day, who in 1977 laid down the publishing world’s equivalent of a straight flush when his first novel, *The Last Cattle Drive*, beat long odds to become a national best-seller and *Book-of-the-Month Club* selection. Day, c’64, g’66, has gone on to produce a pair of novellas, *In My Stead* and *Four-Wheel Drive Quartet*, many short stories and essays, and magazine articles for *The Washington Post*. Thirty-two years later, *The Last Cattle Drive* stands as a bawdy comic masterpiece, and the Johnson County native has become one of his home state’s bona fide cultural treasures.

At KU in the late 1950s, where the following essay commences, Day was a young man trying to imagine himself as a worthy aspirant for entry to what E.M. Forster called the *Great Hall of Writers*. In Forster’s vision, the canon is an ongoing conversation, a table where the great writers sit talking and dining and drinking together. “The first thing my best literary professors at KU taught me was to join that Hall of Writers,” Day says, “invite myself, even if that was more than a little presumptuous.”

Writers learn from other writers. But first they learn from their professors. From Edgar Wolfe, c’28, g’50, Carroll Edwards and Edward Ruhe (whose tribute follows) the young Day learned craft, invention, the precision of language; he learned that the difference between the right word and the almost right word, as Mark Twain said, “is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.” He learned that our professors—the great ones, in any case—leave their mark on us long after we leave their classrooms. “We become who we are because of them,” Day says.

That’s as true now as it was in 1959—no matter what *Great Hall* your chosen field inspires you to join.

—S.H.





# PARTS OF Their Night

*An elegy for our professors*

He never seemed to know what kind of car he owned nor what sports season it was. On the other hand, he always seemed to know what nasty business Richard Nixon was up to, or what new Bergman film was being released.

When I first met him in 1959 it was football season and he drove a rusting blue 1952 wrap-around-windshield, four-door Pontiac. I remember the car not only because as a freshman from the suburbs you knew everything about cars in those days, but because Professor Ruhe—for that's who he was to me as the teacher of my freshman English class—because professor Ruhe and I had spent nearly an hour late one afternoon trying to find the auto in question before it quietly dawned on him that he'd walked to campus that day.

**By Robert Day**



“Maybe it’s in the parking lot by the football stadium,” I recall saying about halfway through the search-in-progress.

“‘Virgin Spring’ is playing this evening,” Professor Ruhe said by way of response. “Eight p.m. showing. I hope they don’t cut it.”

Why he had offered me a ride home after our class, I don’t remember. I do

toward Hardy and Ernest Dowson. It was near the Campanile that we came upon Bergman, “Virgin Spring,” and Richard Nixon.

Here and there a few students were walking toward the Student Union for supper. In the distance a brass pep band was blaring a fight song. The afternoon was gold turning to red. Across the duck pond I could see my dorm: a stacked hotel of square room-windows.

“What color is your car?” I asked; I was on the lunatic fringe of starvation. Early on he had told me we were looking for “something General Motors.” Years later, after I was no longer his student and had become his friend I watched in placid amazement as—with the certainty of a stock-

broker getting into his Silver Bullet Porsche—he climbed into a car he had sold two years before only to be foiled in his attempt to drive it off because his “something Japanese” keys would not fit the lock of his previously owned “something Ford.”

“Green,” he said. “Green.”

“Green?” I said.

“Blue,” he said.

“Blue? I said.

“I suppose they’ll cut it badly,” he said. I had no idea what he was talking about.

“Yes,” I said.

“It’s Richard Nixon’s tribe at work again,” he said. And here Professor Ruhe shook his head, pursed his lips and let loose something like a rumble of distant thunder.

Over the years those of us who became his friends knew that sound as the precursor to an inevitable rant about one of

his permanent angers: censorship, materialism, suburban ethics, Richard Nixon, teacher evaluation forms, and what he called “the corporate university.” The disgust of ancient free-thinkers seemed to echo in his thunder; the dismay of American civil libertarians shook with his head.

It was as if he might keep such nonsense at bay with contempt and derision. He was largely an innocent man.

“James Agee,” he said after a moment as we stood there in the bulging shadows of the campus buildings that were turning the afternoon into evening. “James Agee wrote that official acceptance is a sure sign of fatal misunderstanding. And Mozart wrote that he’d spent his life searching for notes that loved one another.” We learned that our professor’s rant could be calmed by a self-administered dose of James Agee or Mozart, not to mention hundreds of other splendid authors, painters and composers who formed the matrix of his life and were a delight and balm to his soul. A little Mozart went a long way in his various battles with Richard Nixon.

“What do you think?” he asked me.

I was 18. I was from the suburbs. I didn’t know James Agee or Bergman or Blake or Johnson or “Virgin Spring”—whoever she was. I knew how to throw a curve ball to the outside corner of the plate and how to set a pick for a cutting guard; I knew Ozzie and Harriet were married off television as well as on; and I knew that General Eisenhower had been president of the United States since the beginning of real time. It was 1959. Football fall, 1959. We all had a lot to learn. We were all largely innocent. I didn’t know what to think.



■ Ed Ruhe

remember that I could have gotten back to my dorm under my own steam in plenty of time for supper, but now the matter seemed in doubt. Hunger in a young man is rarely metaphysical. Still, out of some kind of respect that is difficult to name these days, in the 1950s you didn’t abandon a professor in search of his car—no matter how much your stomach growled.

By now we’d walked through three KU parking lots, down two side streets, and were heading more or less at random across the campus lawns toward the Campanile and, beyond the duck pond, my dorm. Our search was apparently not along the horizontal and vertical grid you use when on patrol for lost Boy Scouts; instead we seemed to be going over a landscape of verbal paths in Professor Ruhe’s mind, some set of associations that formed a map all its own. On these cerebral walkways we’d already come upon Blake and Johnson, taken a left turn out of the parking lot at Pope and Swift, and trudged up a hill

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“Hello,” he says. It is decades later. Ed Ruhe—for that is who he is to me now—Ed Ruhe has answered the phone in that half-hectic voice we who were his students know.

“The Atlantic Monthly calling,” I say. He plays along.

“What can I do for you?”

“We need a piece on Richard Nixon as the emblem of ethics in government,” I say. “Five thousand words.”

“I might get five hundred words,” he says through his laugh. “Like a freshman blue book.” In my mind’s eye I can see his head shaking in the old wrath; then it stops. I ask him how he is.

“Fine,” he says. “I’ve been thinking about Flannery O’Connor. And you?”

“I’ve been thinking about William Stafford’s poetry,” I say.

“How firm and sure it is,” he says. “Pray for the frozen dead at Yellow Knife/These words we send are becoming parts of their night.”

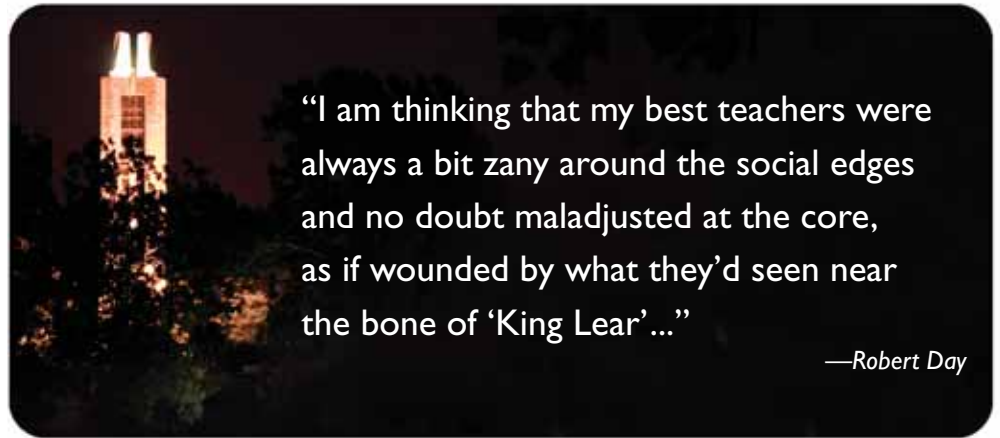
“Yes,” I say.

“I’ve been thinking about the revelations in O’Connor,” he says. “Those visions.”

“Astounding, aren’t they?” I say.

We are silent for a moment because he needs to catch his breath. I find myself thinking about teachers: good teachers, bad teachers, great teachers. It’s a television topic these days. But I am thinking that my best teachers were always a bit zany around the social edges and no doubt maladjusted at the core, as if wounded by what they’d seen near the bone of “King Lear,” “The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner,” “The Seventh Seal,” or Mahler’s “Ninth.” These professors all had something I think of as dignity. How this grew out from their character and into their physiognomy and fixed me with its authority I am sure I know: They loved their teaching subjects above all else, and it showed. It showed on Ed Ruhe more than most.

“Remember those teacher evaluation forms the students filled out on you?” I say.



“I am thinking that my best teachers were always a bit zany around the social edges and no doubt maladjusted at the core, as if wounded by what they’d seen near the bone of ‘King Lear’...”

—Robert Day

“They wrote I had annoying personal mannerisms,” he says. I hear faint thunder. Absurdly, I am recalling the time he taped Rilke poems to the dashboard of his car so he could learn German as he drove around town. We watched him motor through stop signs on his way to fluency.

“What are you reading?” I ask.

“Joyce Cary,” he says. “You know we never gave Bill Stafford an honorary degree. What madness is that?”

“He doesn’t have any oil wells,” I say.

“Poets don’t have oil wells,” he says. “We have to do better.”

“I think we do,” I say.

It occurs to me that over the years most of our battles have been lost, but I don’t say this. Instead we trade a few stories: It is the pleasure of good friends, this telling of the same tales over and over again as if by so doing we can weave a tapestry against mortality.

“I’ve been watching ‘Walkabout,’” he says. “And practicing my colloquial language.”

“What colloquial language?”

“You know,” he says, “how the students complained on my evaluations that I didn’t speak their language, so I’m practicing: ‘Milton uses epic similes, man! Sam Johnson is the English Dictionary, wow, really! Blake gets in your face, man!’”

“You’ll be the teacher of the decade,” I say. “You’ll get an award. Official acceptance.”

Again a moment of silence while he catches his breath, then laughs.

“I’ve got to go,” he says. Through the phone I hear that someone has come into the back of his apartment; perhaps a former student like myself. We stop in on him these days.

“See you later,” I say.

“You know what Auden said?” he asks. “What?”

“That talk about literature should be filled with insight and advocacy. What do you think?”

“Auden’s right,” I say. I am thinking of Bill Stafford’s poems, of James Agee, of notes that love one another, of Lear, of insight and advocacy, of visions, and of walks you take in your life with Johnson and Milton and Bergman as companions. Before he hangs up, Ed asks me to remember him to some former students.

“I’ve got to go,” he says.

“Goodbye,” I say.

“Goodbye,” he says.

Goodbye: So say we all. 🍷

—Day, c’64, g’66, lives on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and western Kansas.

This essay, written for a memorial Gedenkschrift, appears in his forthcoming book *The Committee to Save the World*.

*Editor’s note: Edward Ruhe, who taught in the English department for 30 years, specialized in Restoration and 18th-century British literature and taught courses on film and literature. He died in 1989, leaving one of the world’s largest private collections of Australian aboriginal bark paintings. His name is on the dedication page of *The Last Cattle Drive*.*

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# Search

## **KU helps grads navigate the roughest job market in decades**

**T**his fall students filed into the Burge Union's Gridiron Room for a class they fervently hoped would unlock their futures. Some were nervous. Some even wanted to ignore reality and stay home. All faced more uncertainty than KU students have seen in 70 years.

The class is Job Search Strategies for Liberal Arts and Sciences Students. Launched a decade ago to help upperclassmen in the College turn non-professional degrees into careers, the course still tackles those issues. However, far more daunting problems exist today. When the class was first taught, the national unemployment rate was 4.3 percent. In August that number hit 9.7 percent. Unemployment in Kansas reached 7.7 percent in July, while the jobless rate in the Kansas City metropolitan area was 8.9 percent.

An annual survey of more than 35,000 students found that by April 30 only 19.7 percent of 2009 graduates who had applied for jobs were hired. Just two years earlier, the same National Association of Colleges and Employers survey reported 51 percent of job-hunting students found positions by that time.

When the job search course was taught last spring, pre-class chatter focused on glum reports of employers who weren't hiring. The news that all 35 companies attending a spring job fair actually had open positions was greeted with glee.

**BY DIANE SILVER**

Illustrations by Gracia Lam

## Five commandments of the hunt

Even in boom times, some job-search tactics work better than others. KU's career experts advise job-hunting Jayhawks to obey five commandments.

### 1. Never give up.

Retreating to the fetal position might be tempting at times, but don't succumb. A positive attitude is a marketable skill. These days the ability to face tough times with a smile on your face is as important to an employer as the technical knowledge to do a job.

"One of the things you can't train, as an employer, is a positive attitude; you have to hire that," says David Gaston, director of the University Career Center.

### 2. Interview employers.

The 15-minute, three-to-five question informational interview remains as useful today as 39 years ago, when the term was coined by Richard Nelson Bolles in *What Color Is Your Parachute?* The purpose is to gather information about a field or company and build relationships with people who can hire you or connect you with someone who can. Initiated by the job seeker, an informational interview is not designed to win a position, but it can lead to one.

Informational interviews are best conducted face to face. Use friends and acquaintances to help connect with the right people and follow a few basic rules.

Always respect your subject's time. When your 15 minutes are up, thank the person and prepare to leave. Stay only if your subject wants to continue. Also remember to give as well as receive. Ask whether there is anything you can do for the person. Send two thank you notes—an immediate follow-up e-mail to reach someone who might be traveling, and a handwritten note or card.

To determine what to ask, go online and search "informational interview," or stick to the basics: How did you get where you are? What do you look for in an employee? What do you recommend for someone coming into this industry at this time?

### 3. Network.

The hidden job market of unadvertised positions accounts for 80 percent of all jobs, Gaston says. Finding those openings and making the connections for informational interviews requires an obsessive commitment to networking. Enlist family, friends, friends of friends, KU faculty and staff, the Alumni Association, and department, school and College alumni networks. Get involved in professional organizations.

### 4. Seek internships.

"It makes you a safer bet," Gaston says. An internship signals to prospective employers that you can succeed in a certain kind of working environment. Even graduates can benefit from an internship. In today's job market, companies look first at former interns when considering new hires.

An internship also helps build your network. Bumping into a vice president at a cocktail party isn't half as effective in building a relationship as working five days a week for several months with that VP or with someone she trusts.

### 5. Be flexible.

Employment possibilities multiply when you're open to moving, working odd hours or accepting a reduced salary. "If you start by being more broad-minded, you'll have a better chance of finding something," Gaston says.

Flexibility isn't just a mindset. It comes from planning that starts long before graduation. "In this market it's so critical that you manage your debt load," says Todd Rogers, assistant dean for career services for the School of Law. "A lot of students don't think in those terms, but if you're managing your debt load, you have much more flexibility in the type of position you can accept."

—D.S.

Psychology senior Bryn Conley sat in the front row taking copious notes for herself and—much to her surprise—for her father. Six months earlier, he was laid off from his job as a national sales representative for a paper company.

“It’s scary to come into a job market where somebody like my dad, who has experience and is excellent at his job, can’t get one,” Conley says.

No one can deny that the Class of 2010 faces the worst economic slump in generations. That’s the bad news. The good news is that KU faculty and staff are battling back. The University’s goal? To come as close as humanly possible to recession-proofing its graduates.

Despite the multitude of problems plaguing the working world, the recession hasn’t hit everyone the same. KU’s career experts and faculty say that’s lesson No. 1 for job-hunting students. Unemployment for high school dropouts has already topped 15 percent, but the jobless rate for those with a bachelor’s degree or higher is only 4.7 percent. Some states (Michigan, Oregon, South Carolina and California) battle severe unemployment, while others (Nebraska, Utah and North Dakota) enjoy tiny jobless rates.

“It’s important that students have a sense of the market,” says Jennifer Jordan, director of the Business Career Services Center. “They need to work harder; they need to have a good strategy in place and have a good way of packaging themselves. But it’s also important that they know it’s not impossible to find a job, and that we’re committed to assisting them through that process.”

Across the hall from the Gridiron Room, the University Career Center’s suite of offices hums. Thirty student interns and 12 full-time staff members plan job fairs and coordinate and teach workshops on the fine points of job hunting. They also meet one-on-one with students to sharpen resumés and hone job-search strategies.

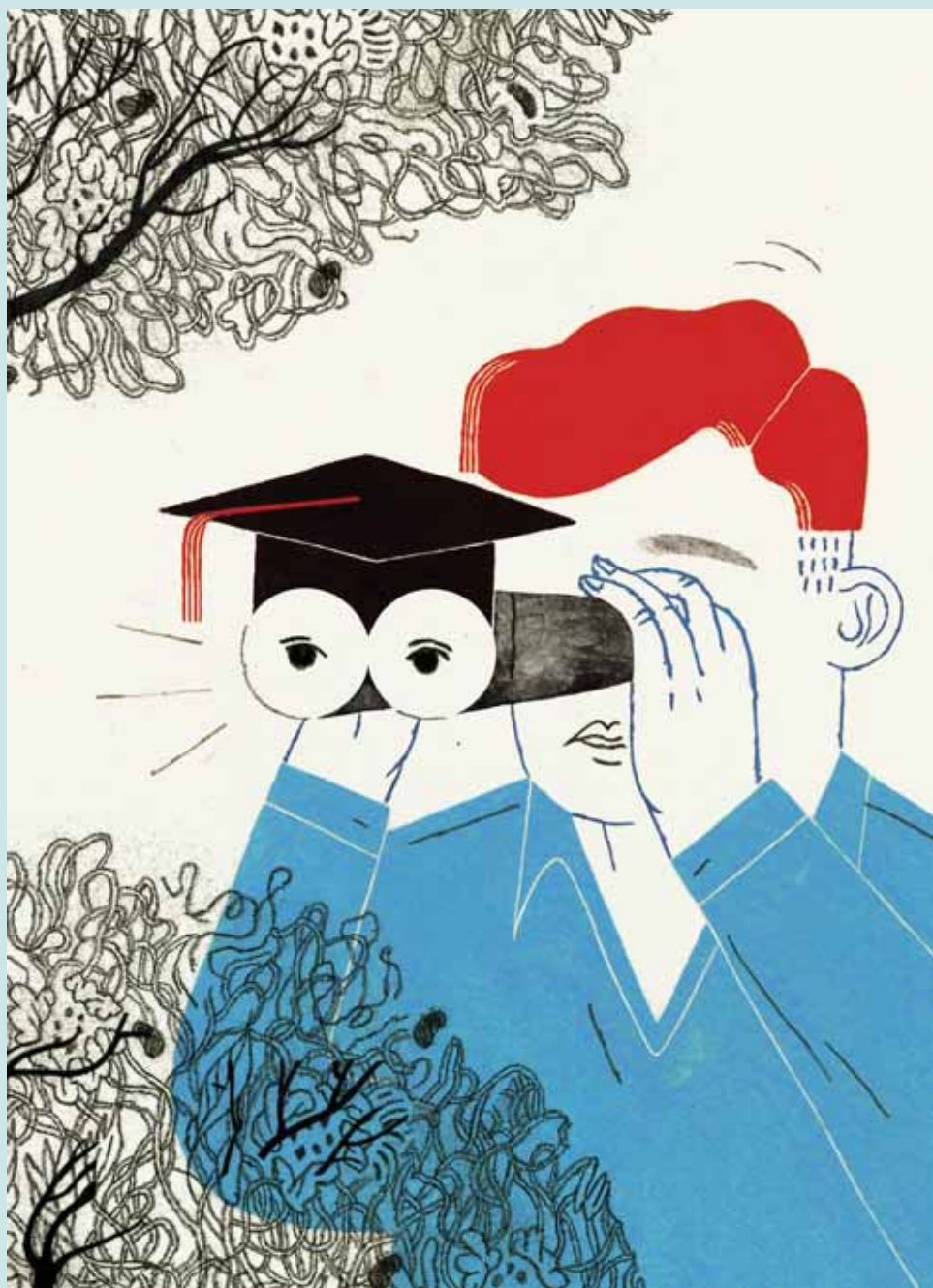
Staff members pepper students with questions in mock job interviews, film the interactions, critique the students’

performances and then repeat the process until both students and staff are satisfied. The center’s online presence, KUCareerHawk.com, allows students to build resumés by answering a series of questions and to test themselves in mock interviews, among other services.

Over in Green Hall, law students gather in a fifth-floor meeting room. At tables scattered around the room, each student sits across from one School of

Law graduate. The legal veterans hold the students’ resumés and a statement of career interest in hand.

The conversations are intense. Topics include: Where should the students apply? Who should they contact? Are they pursuing the right job-search strategy? After 10 minutes, a bell rings. Some students get up to move to the next legal veteran and talk more about their futures. Others balk as they continue asking ques-





tions and listening intently to the answers. Finally, all of the students have moved to the next table and the next waiting attorney.

This is Speed Networking, the law school's version of speed dating. Instead of sparking romance between lovelorn singles, Speed Networking provides information to students and cements connections between them and alumni.

Speed Networking is only one of the new programs the school has instituted, says Todd Rogers, assistant dean for

another joined the clergy.

In Summerfield Hall, the staff of the Business Career Services Center engages in a bit of matchmaking by identifying alumni and friends of the School of Business who work at various corporations. When a student applies for a position at the company, the career center sends the resumé directly to KU's corporate contact. This kind of referral guarantees that the KU applicant won't "get lost in the shuffle," Jordan says.

Jordan's office also connects relocat-

road show sends Goldstein to companies where he gives PowerPoint presentations promoting KU's geology students. "We also make up marketing packets about our program and send them out to employers who might consider hiring our students," he says.

The School of Music offers a Business of Music class that teaches topics such as how to work with an agent and how to prepare for an audition. The School of Engineering holds job fairs and connects students with engineering firms in after-

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—Martin Dickinson, distinguished professor, School of Law

career services at the School of Law. The school began preparing its recession-fighting programs more than a year ago. "Everybody could see this coming," he says. JD Journal reports that the legal services industry had already lost 24,900 jobs between the start of the recession in December 2007 and March 2009.

Among other efforts, the law school brought in alumni who graduated during the last major recession to hit the legal profession. These tough-times experts, who first looked for work in the early 1990s, meet with students to discuss their experiences.

A few floors below the Speed Networking event, Martin Dickinson, c'60, the Robert A. Schoeder Distinguished Professor and a former dean, momentarily detours from his usual tax law lecture. He reminds students they can do more with a law degree than practice law. The students pay close attention as Dickinson lists 20 other occupations his former students are happily pursuing, including business, banking and education. One former student works as an athletics director, while

ing Jayhawks with local alumni. Through its Road Show Workshops, the office brings graduating students together with alumni in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, the Washington, D.C./Baltimore area and Portland, Ore. The local contacts provide information about the labor market, employment trends and key employers.

Up on Jayhawk Boulevard, professors in the department of geology remind students in Lindley Hall that this isn't the only recession they will likely see in their geoscience careers.

"We are well aware of the historical ups and downs of hiring in the geosciences and tell students to expect these sorts of cycles and to be prepared," says Merrill

W. Haas Distinguished Professor Bob Goldstein, who recently stepped down as department chair.

A steep decline in the energy business in the 1980s helped prepare the department to meet this recession. "If there is one thing we're doing differently, perhaps, it is being a little more vigilant in making sure the companies know how valuable KU students are to them," he says.

The geology department's version of a

hour networking events. Other departments and schools are pursuing strategies too numerous to list.

These aren't easy times. Anyone who prattles about the silver linings always found in dark clouds should be forced to work a week in an unemployment office. But KU faculty say this toughest downturn since the Great Depression is providing students with perspective.

Dickinson says law students are learning to consider their entire career. "This is a long ballgame. You may be working out there for 40 years. Just because your first job isn't your first choice doesn't mean you won't develop some wonderful opportunities as the economy improves."

Goldstein says the recession is forcing geology students to take their blinders off. "They're thoughtful now about how they can prepare themselves and adapt to a changing environment in the future."

Back in the Burge Union, Ann Hartley, '90, gets ready for the next meeting of the job class. The associate director of the University Career Center has taught or co-taught the course since its inception. Even in the best of economies, Hartley says, students often try to put off the challenge of job hunting. This class succeeds because it forces



them to take action in a time when fear overshadows hope.

“What’s hard is that they’ll listen to the news and then think, ‘I’ll not even try,’” Hartley says.


The course requires students to write resumés, conduct informational interviews with potential employers and learn the art of negotiating in lean times. Employers like the Federal Reserve Bank, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Target and insurance and financial services companies also are brought into class to conduct mock job interviews.

Five months have passed since the last group of students completed Hartley’s class. Most have scattered. Some found jobs. Others didn’t. Still others decided to put off the search and head to graduate school. Some students like Bryn Conley took internships. She spent the summer skipping a Jungle Cruise boat at Disneyland in California. The job was a delight, she says. Conley found herself falling in love with the idea of working for Disney. Today she plans to stay in California and hopes to make a career at the company.

But something else happened to Conley as a result of the class. Before her father lost his job, he spent months on the road. He worked 12-hour days and came home to Overland Park exhausted. He had little time for his daughter. “When I would call, usually he would just pass the phone off to my mom,” Conley says.

Her father still hasn’t found a job, but because they were both searching, they began e-mailing job-hunting tips back and forth. They shared experiences and helped each other with their resumés. Conley showed her father computer shortcuts.

“He’s become really curious about what I’m doing and how things are going for me,” Conley says. “I can have a 30-minute conversation with him on the phone. ... Now I’m seeing him more as a person.”

Unexpectedly, a job course brought father and daughter together. 

—Silver is a Lawrence freelance writer

## Association forges career connections

In a spring 2009 survey of 6,800 KU alumni and friends, respondents rated professional networking and career services among the most important programs the Alumni Association could provide. As a result, the Association will continue to develop additional services.

The Association’s Chicago Chapter on Sept. 24 will host a career workshop featuring five alumni, and in late fall the Association will offer three 75-minute teleseminars led by Carol Ross, founder of the Networking Naturally Program:

- Oct. 27: Avoid Common Traps in Networking
- Nov. 3: Create Meaningful Conversations and Develop Lasting Connections
- Nov. 10: In-Person + Online Networking, Put It All Together

*Alumni can participate via phone or Internet. The cost for the series is:*

- \$75 for Association members
- \$130 for non-members (includes membership dues).

*The series also will be available to students:*

- \$25 for Student Alumni Association members
- \$50 for non-SAA members (includes membership dues).

Those who register will receive a confirmation, along with information on connecting to the sessions via the phone or the Internet. For more information or to register, visit [kualumni.org](http://kualumni.org); registration closes Oct. 25.

Earlier this year, the Association created a new Web site designed to help KU alumni advance their career goals. The KU Alumni Career Center, [kualumni.org/careercenter](http://kualumni.org/careercenter), provides information and resources for alumni job seekers and alumni looking to hire fellow KU graduates. The center also provides links to the various career-service offices across campus.


Among the tools offered online is the Alumni Career Lab, which requires users to register free of charge. Previously available to Association members only, the Alumni Career Lab was made available to all alumni in the spring of 2009. Described as a “one-stop shop for career development needs,” the service is provided in partnership with CareerBeam.com. Alumni who register will be able to access:

- 10 assessments culminating in a personalized career report.
- Professional resumé and cover letter builders.
- Industry and company tracking databases with contacts.

Today, the network of successful Jayhawk alumni is more than 300,000 strong. Professional networking tools like the online directory help alumni connect with classmates or others in their chosen field. Links to popular networking sites like Facebook.com and LinkedIn.com also are available at the Alumni Career Center Web site.

Since it was formed last year, the “Kansas Alumni” group on LinkedIn has grown to more than 6,000 members, becoming one of the more active alumni groups on the site. There, alumni can post or search for jobs, share news items or engage in discussions with other alumni.

Another service offered exclusively for student members of the KU Alumni Association is the ‘Hawk to ‘Hawk mentorship program. Using advanced search tools, student members can identify alumni mentors who provide valuable information and advice about their profession.

The Association works closely with the staff of the University Career Center and other career counselors on campus. Links to the various career centers on campus can be found at [kualumni.org/careercenter](http://kualumni.org/careercenter). 

—David Johnston,  
director of Internet services and marketing

# Captains & Crew

**Football media day is never about surprises.**

It is herd journalism. And that's not entirely a bad thing. Catching up with press box colleagues can be entertaining, and coach Mark Mangino is better than many of his peers about offering at least a few worthy insights about players and team goals.

He said this, for instance, about needing to beat Texas or Oklahoma if KU is ever to seriously contend for a Big 12 championship: "Who are we trying to fool? We could be good, we could do a lot of things, we could be a bowl team, but if we want to compete for championships we've got to start winning some of those games. That's a fact of life."

But as for surprises, don't look for them when players and coaches intent on following their scripts are questioned by a pack of regional reporters who honor the unwritten rules, rarely aiming for revelations during prepackaged press parties.

Good thing Steve Puppe doesn't play by the rules.

While Mangino stood at his lectern Aug. 11 in Mrkonic Auditorium, Puppe and a few other photographers were outside on the Memorial Stadium field, making portraits of players they and their reporters had previously requested. We asked Puppe, j'98, to get us a photograph of senior safety Darrell Stuckey, for a story that we figured would lead this issue's Sports section.

Puppe got the photograph of Stuckey. He didn't stop there.

"Susan," Puppe wrote in an e-mail to Creative Director Susan Younger, f'91, "I got some different stuff from the KU Media Day. Let me know what you think and how we can use them."

He included a selection of his photographs: senior captains Stuckey, Todd Reesing, Kerry Meier and Jake Sharp, plus Arist Wright and Dezmon Briscoe.

**PHOTOGRAPHS  
BY STEVE PUPPE**





What did we think?

I, for one, realized that the near-impossible had happened. I was surprised—overwhelmed—by something that happened at Media Day. I shouldn't have been, because Puppe is that good. I should have known when he showed up a half-hour early and set up a huge, unwieldy screen, sweating profusely under the midafternoon sun, refusing to allow a relentless south wind to get under his skin, that he had something way cool in mind.

And so he did.

When we saw these memorable black-and-whites, we decided pretty quickly

that they merited their own feature package—and the cover. The football team should contend for a Big 12 North title, maybe even land another prestigious bowl bid, and every KU fan from LA to NYC knows the men's basketball team will be as good as any on the college scene. This promises to be a huge sports year on Mount Oread, so why not kick it off by presenting, with

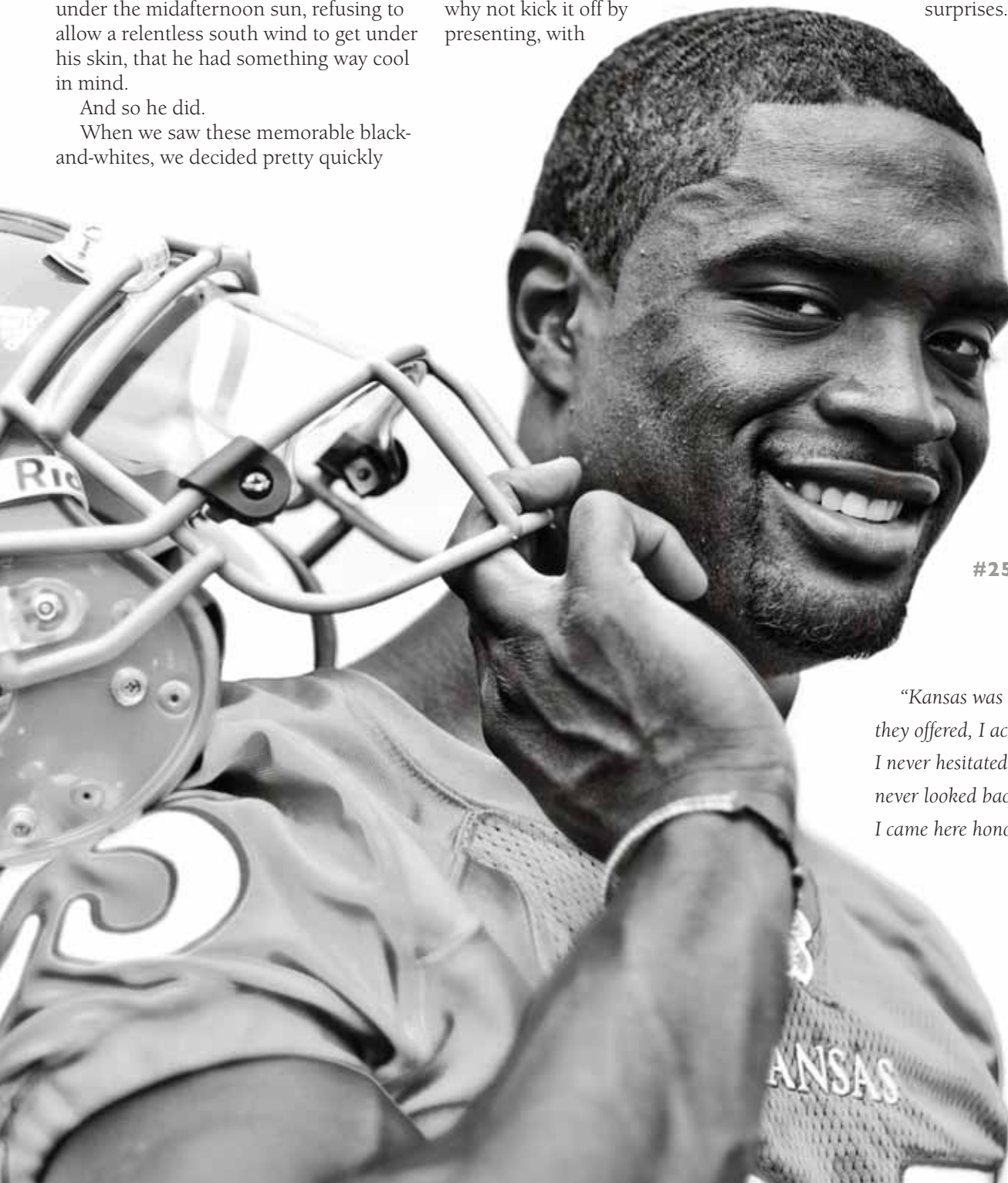
limited commentary, these remarkable photographs by a remarkable photographer?

Making space for this photo feature cost us our Sports department (except for the calendar, on p. 18), but we think the tradeoff was worth it.

We hope you agree.

After all, sometimes it's all about surprises.

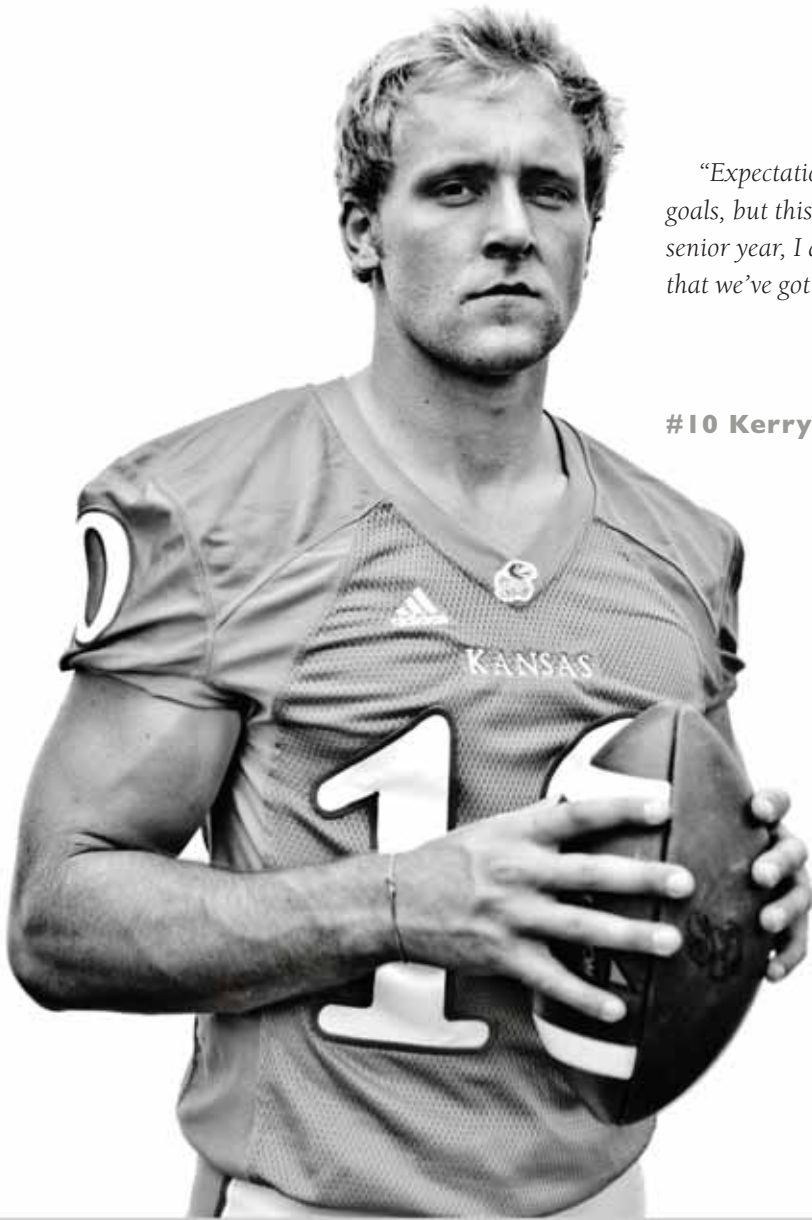
—Chris Lazzarino



## #25 Darrell Stuckey

*“Kansas was my first pick. When they offered, I accepted the same day. I never hesitated. I never regretted. I never looked back. I came here grateful; I came here honored to be here.”*

—Darrell Stuckey



*“Expectations are high at Kansas this year. Every year we set goals, but this year there is a little something extra. Going into my senior year, I am excited to go out and grab those goals with the crew that we’ve got on hand and the coaching staff to help us get there.”*

—Kerry Meier

**#10 Kerry Meier**



*“You take the four captains, this is really important stuff to them. They have walked around with sober-looking faces all summer, they’ve been in and out of this building, they’ve come for workouts, they’ve come to watch extra tape, they sit around and talk football. ... We have some underclassmen who have stepped up and shown some leadership qualities, and that’s important as well. All of your leadership should not come from your senior class. Someday those guys are going to leave. You don’t just wait for your senior year. If you’re a leader you display it as soon as you arrive here.”*

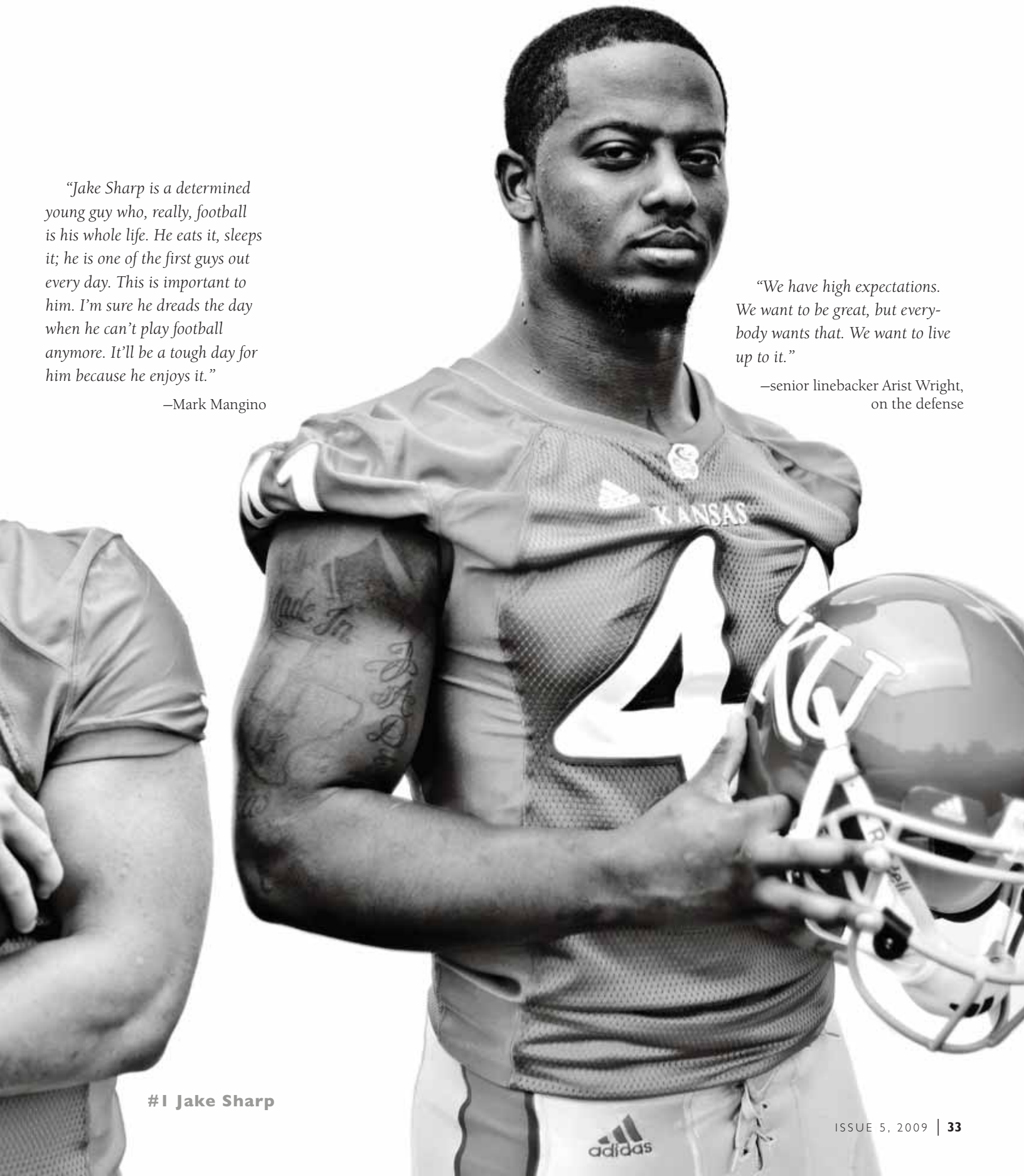
**#41 Arist Wright**

*“Jake Sharp is a determined young guy who, really, football is his whole life. He eats it, sleeps it; he is one of the first guys out every day. This is important to him. I’m sure he dreads the day when he can’t play football anymore. It’ll be a tough day for him because he enjoys it.”*

—Mark Mangino

*“We have high expectations. We want to be great, but everybody wants that. We want to live up to it.”*

—senior linebacker Arist Wright,  
on the defense



**#1 Jake Sharp**







#5 Todd Reesing

*“Todd Reesing, he is never satisfied. His whole, sole purpose in life is to prove people wrong. And that’s not a bad trait to have, as long as you keep it under control. So he’s never going to rest.”*

—Mark Mangino

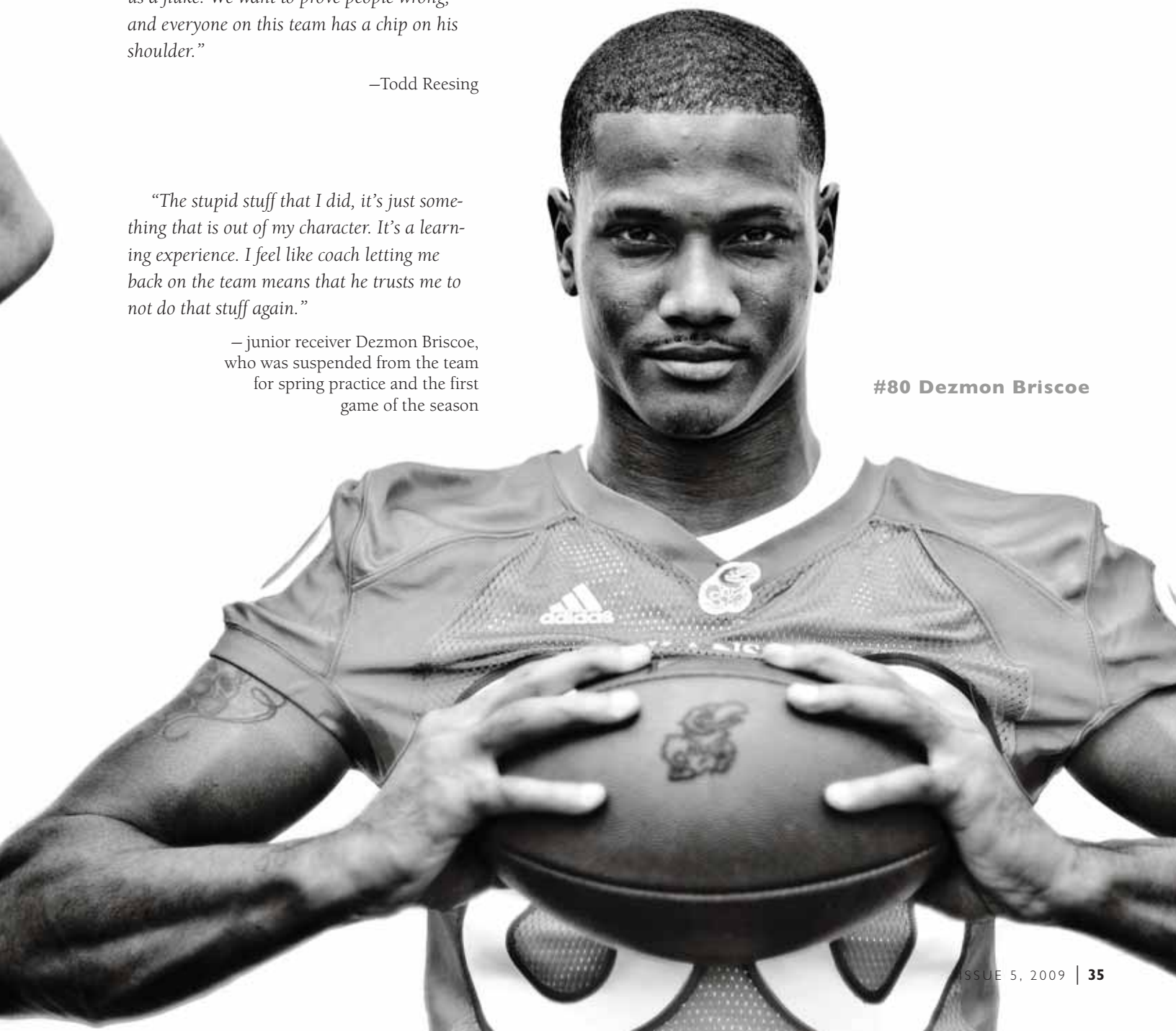
*“I think the biggest thing for us is the fact that people still doubt us. We have to continually prove ourselves in the conference and on the national scene. Until we continue to beat good teams, and go to bowl games and win bowl games, people will continue to consider us a fluke. We want to prove people wrong, and everyone on this team has a chip on his shoulder.”*

—Todd Reesing

*“The stupid stuff that I did, it’s just something that is out of my character. It’s a learning experience. I feel like coach letting me back on the team means that he trusts me to not do that stuff again.”*

— junior receiver Dezmon Briscoe, who was suspended from the team for spring practice and the first game of the season

**#80 Dezmon Briscoe**







# Association



Balentine



Foster



Niemann



Sun

## Lauded leaders

*Local volunteers earn distinction for exceptional chapter guidance*

Five devoted alumni chapter leaders are the winners of the Dick Wintermote Chapter Volunteer of the Year award. Created in 2007, the award honors Wintermote, c'51, who served as executive director of the Alumni Association for two decades, from 1963 to 1983. Wintermote dedicated his career to building relationships with KU alumni, and his renowned personal letters earned him admiration and a lasting legacy. Following his Alumni Association career, Wintermote worked for KU Endowment until his retirement. He still lives in Lawrence along with his wife, Barbara Fletcher Wintermote, f'51.

The 2009 recipients include alumni volunteers from three national chapters, one Kansas chapter and—a first for the award—an international chapter. They are Adam Balentine, San Francisco; Jeff Foster, Kansas City, Mo.; Erik Niemann, Oakland, Calif.; Jolita Sun, Hong Kong; and Larry Tenopir, Topeka. The alumni will be formally recognized throughout the year at KU events in their communities.



Exclusively for volunteers involved in the Association's 23 Kansas chapters, 33 national chapters and two international chapters, the Wintermote award complements the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award, which is for sustained volunteer service over the years and is open to all KU volunteers.

Balentine, c'06, grew up in the Midwest with KU faithful parents, including his mother, Melody Boyd Balentine, '75, a former Jayhawk cheerleader. In need of some KU connections after he graduated and moved to the West Coast, Balentine contacted the Association and set his

sights on reinvigorating the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter. He joined forces with Oakland resident Niemann, a'95, who also had expressed interest in organizing area alumni events.

Since then, the two have coordinated numerous chapter events in hopes of bringing together the more than 4,200 Jayhawks in the San Francisco Bay Area. Activities include basketball and football watch parties, events in conjunction with Oakland A's and Golden State Warriors games, an alumni boat cruise and a Napa Valley wine tour.

Balentine is currently employed with Lockton Insurance Brokers, and will marry Amy Sullivan, j'05, in October. The couple met at KU while living in Ellsworth Hall.

Niemann is a California native and self-taught

artist. He started his art career in 2002 while on a six-week tour of New Zealand by camper. The inspiring trip came shortly after he traveled to 35 countries on an 18-month honeymoon with his



Tenopir

wife, Jennifer. Now settled in Oakland, Niemann has showcased his work in more than a dozen solo art shows, and has three paintings on loan to the U.S. Embassy in Dili, East Timor. Both Balentine and

Niemann are annual members of the Association.

Foster, c'88, serves as a board member for the Greater Kansas City Area Chapter, and is the third national chapter volunteer to receive the 2009 Winternote distinction. Formerly a resident of St. Louis, Foster took command as chapter leader there, organizing barbecues, membership drives and watch parties. After returning to Kansas City in 2006, he eagerly volunteered when a position on the chapter board became available. Foster, an annual member of the Association, is director of corporate partnerships with the Kansas City Wizards. He lives in North Kansas City with his wife, Jill, who "happens to be an MU grad." The two are passionate about their alma maters and are, as Foster claims, living proof that love is blind.

Sun, b'02, g'03, helped found the Hong Kong Chapter last year. As president of the alumni group, Sun has organized a chapter kickoff event, as well as a barbecue this past spring. Fall events include a hot-pot dinner and a Macao Day Trip. The Hong Kong native has been pivotal in the Association's work to charter new chapters abroad. Sun also helps the Association and the University with student recruitment in the Hong Kong region.

"Jolita is energetic and shares our

mission to spread the word about KU from the Hill to Hong Kong," says Jamie Winkelman, assistant director for alumni and membership programs, and Association liaison for international chapters.

At KU, Sun earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration, as well as a master's in economics. She has worked as a consultant since 2003, and currently works with Modern Personnel Consultancy.

Tenopir, d'72, g'78, l'82, led the Shawnee County Chapter as its first president, and now serves as its vice president and events coordinator. His passion for volunteering time and service to the University was recognized in 2003, when he earned the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award. The Marysville native also is active in the Topeka Jayhawk Club; he has served on its board since the club's inception, guided the group as president for three terms, and wrote the club newsletter for 13 years. After he helped initiate a fundraising drive for new KU marching band uniforms, Tenopir began his service for the School of Fine Arts as an advisory board member. He also is on the board of KU Friends of Theatre and currently serves as the 2009-'10 president of the organization. Tenopir is a Jayhawk Society and Life Member of the Alumni Association.



## Tweak of tradition

*Fall 2010 weekend to highlight Distinguished Service Citation; nominations due Nov. 30*

The Association's annual Distinguished Service Citation ceremony, highlighting extraordinary service to humanity, will move in 2010 from Commencement weekend to the fall. Nominations for the award, since 1941 the highest honor given by the Association and the University, must be submitted to the Association by Nov. 30. To nominate a fellow Jayhawk, please visit [kualumni.org/dsc](http://kualumni.org/dsc).

A task force of the Association's national Board and campus leaders spent much of the 2008-'09 academic year studying the DSC program and the All University Supper, traditionally the occasion for honoring DSC recipients. Task force members determined that a fall event for distinguished alumni would provide an opportunity to interact with more students and the community in varied activities. As KU enrollment has soared through the years, Commencement weekend has become increasingly busy, with individual schools' ceremonies, and many students not participating in Commencement have left campus. The group also recommended that the All University Supper be replaced by an event earlier in May that would attract area alumni and the Lawrence community along with faculty and staff.

The Association's national Board in January approved a new timeline for DSC nominations and selection, choosing not to present the award this year. In fall 2010, the Association will showcase alumni service to humanity and the University during presentations of the DSC and the Fred Ellsworth Medallion for KU service.

"The KU tradition of service to humanity and our alma mater should be highlighted in a weekend all its own," says Kevin Corbett, c'88, Association president. "We look forward to creating activities in which our most accomplished graduates can share their experience as humanitarians and devoted Jayhawks with students and the entire community."

Since the Association created the DSC in 1941, 324 alumni and 36 non-alumni have received the honor. They have included international, national and regional leaders in public service, philanthropy, education, research, business, health care and the arts. Because KU does not award honorary degrees, the DSC is the most prestigious recognition bestowed by the entire University and the Association. In addition to the fall campus events, DSC recipients will continue to receive invitations to march in the Commencement procession.



## Association

■ Jayhawks painted Kansas blue this summer with statewide events. The East Kansas Chapter Jayhawk Wine Festival brought alumni, friends and fans to Somerset Ridge Vineyard and Winery June 28 for a tour and tasting (right). While some relaxed over a glass, others enjoyed ladder golf, bocce ball and croquet (below, right). A few miles west, the inaugural Salina Steak Out June 27 drew more than 200 (bottom). Guests savored a steak dinner and danced the night away to the tunes of a local country band. Proceeds from the event support Association programs.







## Life Members

The Association thanks these Jayhawks, who became Life Members beginning June 25 through Aug. 21. For more information on Life Membership, please visit [www.kualumni.org](http://www.kualumni.org) or call 800-584-2957.

- Phillip C. Anderson
- Sharon K. Anthony
- Brooke M. Badzin
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- Kyle D. Bauman
- Tonya Pfannenstiel Booze
- Mark A. Boyer
- Kyle L. Clifton
- Walter L. Cofer & Nicola R. Heskett
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- Rebecca S. Klingler
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- Gregory T. Kratzer
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- Alison L. McAfee
- Devin R. McCarthy
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- Mark J. Parks
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- Denise M. Van Horn
- Laura L. Veazey



■ Donning KU blue, new chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little practiced waving the wheat at Traditions Night Aug. 17 alongside spirited students and basketball coach Bill Self (above). On Aug. 21, she traveled to Prairie Village for the 4th Annual KU Football Kickoff, where she rubbed elbows with Jayhawk fans and football coach Mark Mangino (right). Meanwhile, Baby Jay celebrated football season with other small 'Hawks (below).





# Class Notes

BY KAREN GOODELL

## 1940

**Virginia Rodriquez Radford**, c'40, recently was inducted into the Horton High School of Fame. She's a retired teacher, and she makes her home in Seneca.

## 1957

**Norman Arnold**, b'57, and his wife, Iola, celebrated their 50th anniversary in May. They live in Overland Park.

**John Jurcyk Jr.**, l'57, recently received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the KU School of Law. He lives in Lake Quivira and is a senior policy advisor to the mayor and CEO and county administrator for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kan.

## 1959

**Kala Mays Stroup**, c'59, g'64, PhD'74, is CEO of American Humanics, a national nonprofit organization. She and her husband, **Joe**, l'54, live in Lawrence, where he's president of Associated Companies.

## 1960

**Richard Endacott**, c'60, is CEO and of counsel at Nebraska Educational Lands and Funds in Lincoln. He lives in Pleasant Dale.

**George**, b'60, and **Mary Ellen Fowler Schluter**, b'63, make their home in Kansas City. He is president of GWS Inc.

## 1961

**Joe Morris**, b'61, founder and past

chair of the Capital Corporation, received the Distinguished Alumni Award this year from the KU School of Business. He's a trustee of the KU Endowment Association, former national chairman of the KU Alumni Association and a recipient of KU's Fred Ellsworth Medallion. Joe and his wife, **Susan**, assoc., live in Leawood.

**Mary Lou Morris Wolsey**, g'61, is an associate professor emerita of French at the University of St. Thomas. She and her husband, **Wayne**, PhD'62, make their home in St. Paul, Minn.

## 1962

**Robert Benz**, b'62, e'62, recently received a Distinguished Engineering Service Award from the KU School of Engineering. He lives in Wilson, Wyo., and is retired from a career with Phillips Petroleum.

**Lee Nicholas**, b'62, is a retired professor of accounting at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Rapids. He makes his home in Waterloo.

**Jane Emery Prather**, c'62, g'64, a professor emerita at California State University-Northridge, recently was honored by the Sociological Association. She divides her time between homes in Frazier Park, Calif., and New York City.

**Cotton Smith**, j'62, published his 15th Western novel, *Death Mask*, with Dorchester Publishing. His fifth audiobook, *Return of the Spirit Rider*, has been released by Recorded Books. He lives in Mission Hills.

## 1965

**Robert Burkhart**, b'65, is a prairie passage eco-futurist for the Kaw Valley Heritage Alliance in Lawrence.

**Robert Enberg**, c'65, m'69, has retired from Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, where he was medical director for information technology. He and **Linda Kirkpatrick Enberg**, n'68,

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make their home in Bradenton, Fla.

**Harry Gibson**, e'65, g'66, recently received a Distinguished Engineering Service Award from the KU School of Engineering. He lives in Lawrence, where he is retired from a career with Exxon-Mobil.

### 1966

**Gary Garrison**, c'66, is assistant director for the Middle East and Northern Africa at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars in Washington, D.C. He lives in Kensington, Md.

**Harry Young Jr.**, c'66, g'68, recently returned from Cairo, Egypt, where he was a management specialist in a U.S. State Department inspection of the American Embassy. He lives in Asheville, N.C.

### 1967

**Edward Nevius**, c'67, commutes from Rockville, Md., to Silver Spring, where he's deputy director of biostatistics for the U.S. Department of

Health and Human Services.

**Glenn Patton Jr.**, f'67, g'69, is a director at OCLC in Dublin, Ohio. He lives in Hilliard.

**William Taylor**, b'67, g'69, past partner at Ernst & Young, recently received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the KU School of Business. He co-founded the school's Ernst & Young Center for Auditing Research and Advanced Technology and chairs the school's Board of Advisors. Bill and his wife, **Marilyn**, assoc., live in Overland Park.

**Charles Warner**, b'67, l'70, retired recently from a career in banking. He and **Karen Chaudoin Warner**, d'67, g'92, make their home in Lawrence, where she is a retired teacher.

### 1968

**James Anderson**, c'68, is vice president of John Deere Construction and Forestry. He lives in Castle Rock, Colo.

### 1969

**David Allen**, c'69, is a claims specialist

for Safeco Insurance in Minneapolis, Minn. He lives in Golden Valley.

**George Petty**, c'69, g'73, a retired actuarial assistant for General American Life Insurance, makes his home in Overland Park.

### 1970

**Angelika Howard Clark**, c'70, works as a senior scientist for Sabic Innovative Plastic in Mount Vernon, Ind.

**Barbara Thompson Mitchell**, c'70, manages laboratory proficiency testing for the American Academy of Family Physicians in Kansas City.

**David Myers**, b'70, directs marketing for Learning for Life in Irving, Texas.

### MARRIED

**Susan Taylor**, d'70, and **Andy Chapman**, e'70, May 2 in KU's Danforth Chapel. They live in South Salem, N.Y.

### 1971

**Robin Andrews**, PhD'71, recently was named professor emerita of biological sciences at Virginia Tech. She lives in Blacksburg, Va.

**Barry Halpern**, c'71, l'73, received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the KU School of Law. He is a partner in the Phoenix law firm of Snell & Wilmer.

**Cecelia Everley Kuehl**, d'71, is an administrative contracting officer with the U.S. Navy. She and her husband, Wayne, celebrated their first anniversary in August. They live in Mill Creek, Wash.

**Kathryn Cook Lawrence**, c'71, wrote *The Practical Peacemaker: How Simple Living Makes Peace Possible*, which recently was published by Lantern Books. Kate lives in Denver.

**Ames Stetzler**, c'71, is an employee benefits practice leader with Willis HRH in Overland Park.

### 1972

**Bion Beebe**, j'72, l'76, owns Precision Tune Auto in Eagan, Minn. He and his wife, Vicki, live in Apple Valley.

**Rita Haugh Oates**, j'72, d'73, is vice president of education for ePals Inc. She lives in Coral Gables, Fla.

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## 1973

**Manuel Berman**, b'73, makes his home in Portland, Ore. He's chief operating officer at Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro.

**William Francis**, e'73, is president of the Algalita Marine Research Foundation. He lives in Seal Beach, Calif.

**Linda Ireland**, d'73, lives in West Palm Beach, Fla., where she's senior implementations benefits specialist with Oasis Outsourcing.

**Sandra Ellis Plummer**, c'73, PhD'76, is a private psychologist in Canberra, Australia.

**Eldon Schriock**, c'73, practices medicine and is a partner at Pacific Fertility Centers in San Francisco. He and Elizabeth Verchota Schriock, c'73, live in Mill Valley.

## 1974

**Lydia Beebe**, j'74, l'77, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the KU School of Law. She lives in San Francisco, where she works for Chevron.

She serves on the KU Law Alumni Board of Governors.

**Timothy Crane**, c'74, makes his home in Kalaheo, Hawaii. He's president of Crane Eye Care in Lihue.

**Margaret Wood Dyck**, c'74, h'76, is a respiratory therapist at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

**Jon Jamison**, c'74, c'75, is senior manager of Abbott Laboratories in Abbott Park, Ill. He lives in Libertyville.

**Linda McDougall**, d'74, lives in Overland Park, where she's a retired vice president with H&R Block.

**Lynette Schultz**, d'74, works as a senior speech pathologist for Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Fla.

## 1975

**Kathy Larsen Bruner**, j'75, is an information systems application analyst with the Cherry Creek School District. She lives in Aurora, Colo.

### BORN TO:

**Richard Brown**, j'75, and Anna, son,



## THEN AGAIN

**M**artha Olson and Virginia Fleer enjoyed having space for arts and crafts in the recently remodeled Bailey Hall. The hall received a makeover in 1956 before the School of Education moved in. Other new features included air conditioning and the signature glass and aluminum entryway.



Theodore Eugene, Oct. 26 in Kansas City.

## 1976

**Linda Wyllie Mannering**, g'76, g'91, directs institutional research at the University of Nebraska in Omaha. She and her husband, **David**, c'72, g'73, PhD'91, make their home in Lincoln.

**Roderick McDonald**, g'76, g'77, PhD'81, is a professor of history at Rider University in Lawrence Township, N.J. He recently won a Guggenheim Fellowship to support his book project, *The Ethnogra-*

*phy and Pornography of Slavery: Dr. Jonathan Troup's Journal of Dominica, 1789-1791.*

## 1977

**Phillip Kyle**, g'77, a retired district magistrate judge, makes his home in Jetmore.

**Robert Swift**, d'77, is president of TCI Financial Planning in Tucson, Ariz.

## 1978

**Mark Gabrick**, c'78, is a regional marketing manager for MachineryLink Inc. in

Kansas City. He lives in Lawrence.

**Scott Jarus**, c'78, g'82, lives in Manhattan Beach, Calif. He's CEO of Cognition Technologies in Culver City.

**Kelvin Knauf**, c'78, g'81, serves as city manager of Rockdale, Texas.

**Eric Morgenstern**, j'78, is president and CEO of Morningstar Communications in Overland Park. He recently received the Arthur E. Lowell Award from the Kansas City International Association of Business Communicators.

**Julie Johnson Staples**, j'78, recently

# Profile

BY STEVEN HILL

## Journey in organic living circles back to Kansas

After earning his master's degree in political science in 1968, Katsushige Murayama traveled from Lawrence to London to start work on his PhD at the London School of Economics.

But the student strikes that roiled Europe soon shut down the school, and Murayama hit the road. For the next three years he traveled the world, and by the time he returned to his native Japan in 1971, he had a new life plan: He wanted to be an organic farmer.

The plan was rooted in the student rebellion against big business and consumer culture and firmed up by his experiences in the dozens of countries he visited.

"When I traveled after I left KU, I saw that economies, countries, governments were exploiting natural resources," Murayama says. "I didn't want to involve in those activities."

Organic farming was a way to be self-sufficient and abstain from the exploitation he witnessed. Murayama became one of the first Japanese farmers to embrace organic techniques, and his pioneering ideas attracted media attention

and lots of apprentice workers. His farm—which grew rice, vegetables, fruits, grains and tea and raised chickens and cattle—thrived. But he soon discovered that self-sufficiency was only a beginning.

"It's relatively easy, if you have a lot of energy and do everything yourself, to become self-sufficient," Murayama says. "At some point, you realize self-sufficiency is not enough. To be sustainable, you need community."

So Murayama became active in the organic movement, locally and internationally. He started Kojinsha, a community group founded on the principals of organic agriculture, and joined the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements. He became president of IFOAM-Japan upon its founding in 2001 and president of URGENCI, an international group that fosters partnerships between local food growers and consumers.

In July, Murayama returned to Lawrence as leader of a delegation of Japanese organic farmers exchanging ideas with their Kansas counterparts, whom they hosted in Japan earlier this year. Global Partners for Local Organic



■ "Travel taught me organic farming is the way I want to live," says Katsushige Murayama, g'68, who returned to Lawrence this summer for only the second time in 40 years. His first order of business: convincing fellow delegates to join him for a walk on the KU campus.

Foods, a partnership with the Kansas Rural Center, searches for ways to build interest in small-scale organic farming and establish closer relationships between food producers and consumers.

Murayama, who throughout his career has drawn on political connections made while serving as secretary to the Vice Speaker of Japan's House of Representatives in the 1970s, says the shift from political scientist to farmer was not a huge leap. "The very reason I was interested in political science was people," he says. "It has always been about finding the relationship between humans and nature." 🌿

## Class Notes

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**Stephen Worthington**, e'78, b'80, g'81, directs facilities engineering for the U.S. Navy in San Diego.

### 1979

**Michael Alley**, a'79, a'83, is president of Alley Poyner Architecture in Omaha, Neb., where he and **Laura Faith Alley**, f'80, make their home.

### 1980

**Paul Wilbur**, b'80, g'82, is president and CEO of Aptera Motors. He and **Ann Zachman Wilbur**, d'82, live in West Bloomfield, Mich.

**Paul Witwer**, j'80, is a certified financial planner for Bell Investment Advisors in Oakland, Calif.

**Mohammed Zikry**, e'80, a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, recently was named a Jefferson Fellow.

### 1981

**Brad Garrett**, b'81, is a network integration engineer for the Austin Radiological Association. He lives in Cedar Park, Texas.

**Joel Light**, c'81, directs quality management at Spirit AeroSystems in Wichita.

### 1982

**Barbara Bichelmeyer**, j'82, c'86, g'88, PhD'92, was named associate vice president for academic planning at Indiana

## Profile

BY WHITNEY ERIKSEN

### Beloved teacher enters Hall of Fame

**K**en Bingman carefully explained to his first students at Wyandotte High School that cells in the human body have 48 chromosomes. The year was 1963. It didn't take long before technology advanced enough to prove that the body, in fact, is composed of just 46.

"I joke with my students that we had to have a biology student recall to straighten this out," Bingman laughs. "We were teaching our best information at the time, it just happened not to be right."

Bingman, d'63, began his 47th teaching year in August as a new inductee of the National Teachers Hall of Fame. And he will teach his new class of advanced biology students at Blue Valley West High School that one thing is certain: science is always changing.

The students may admire Bingman more for his ability to make bacteria interesting than for his renown, but his career achievements and passion for education caught the attention of the Hall of Fame selection committee. Bingman answered essay questions and two students submitted a DVD highlighting his experience, including 34 years at Shawnee Mission West High School; and

honors, including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Science (given by President Reagan), Kansas Master Teacher and National Biology Teacher of the Year.

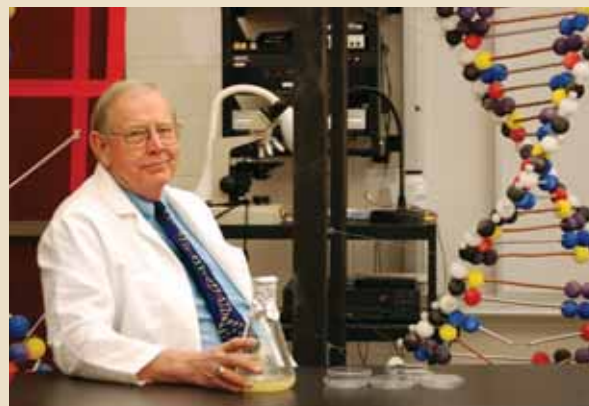
In June, Bingman traveled from his farm in Spring Hill to Emporia, where he and four other K-12 educators were added to the list of greats.

"It is awesome for you personally to be inducted," he says, "but it's so humbling to think you're representing 3 million teachers across the country."

In addition to his influence in the classroom, Bingman has instructed myriad teachers in national workshops, assisted with President Clinton's Food Science Initiative, taken students to New Zealand, Fiji and the Soviet Union, and immersed himself in the educational systems of Japan and Tanzania.

"If there's a secret to all of this, why I haven't burned out and sold real estate or something, it's that we have fun," says Bingman, who has no immediate plans to retire. "Young people are so full of energy and so pleasant to be around. You kind of pick up on that and it keeps you young mentally."

Bingman became a national voice for



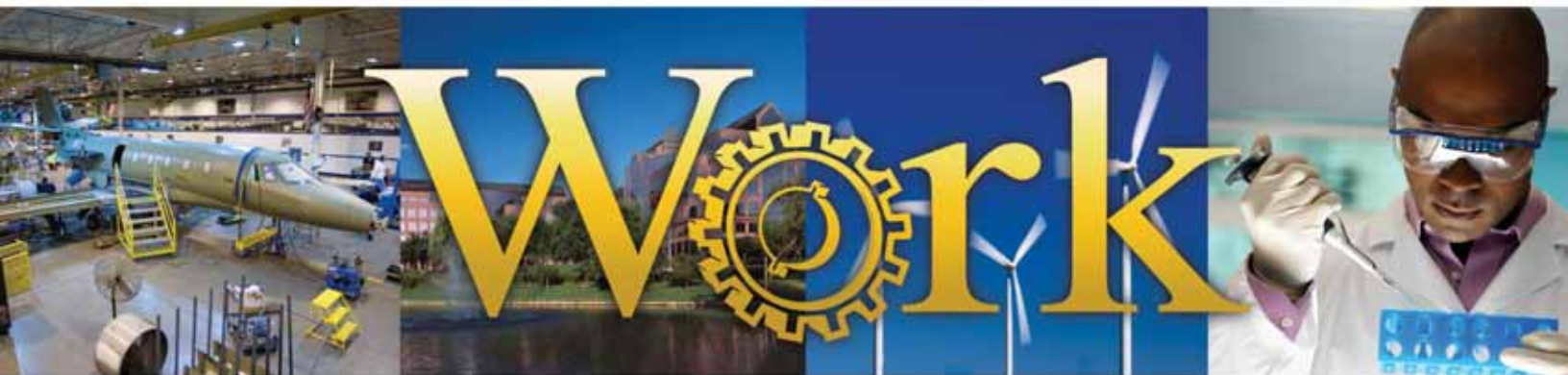
COURTESY KEN BINGMAN

■ "Surely I've learned something in 46 years of teaching that might help somebody else," says Ken Bingman, a mentor to countless students and teachers. "If we can do that, there's a little touch of immortality there."

science education during the 2000 evolution debate. While conservatives on the Kansas Board of Education voted to diminish the importance of evolution in the state's science curriculum, Bingman's knowledge and experience were called upon for nationally televised interviews and debates. He emphasized the importance of understanding evolution and helped develop the state's current science education standards, realizing that the subject itself continues to adapt to new findings.

"I challenge my students to be part of the change-agent process," he says. "Go and find out that some of the stuff we're teaching can be refined. The coolest thing is that they're the ones to do it." 🐙





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University in Bloomington.

**Ann Roth**, g'82, teaches color theory and manages two galleries at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C.

**Robert Yohe**, '82, owns Robert G. Yohe Associates Consulting in Stilwell.

## 1984

**Jowel Laguerre**, g'84, g'89, PhD'94, is superintendent and president of Solano Community College in Fairfield, Calif.

**Steve McClain**, c'84, lives in Pratt, where he's president of Sterling Drilling.

## MARRIED

**Michele Ticknor**, l'84, to Gary Gildner, May 20 in Grangeville, Idaho, where they live.

## 1985

**Dennis Deppenbusch**, b'85, g'89, is CEO of RevitalEyes in Lawrence.

**Ana Maria Faro**, g'85, recently was elected to the World Leisure Organization's Board of Directors. She's a professor of sports science and physical

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education at the University of Coimbra in Coimbra, Portugal.

**Marcia Foster**, c'85, works as a controller for ML Jones Accoustics in Tulsa, Okla.

**John Keating**, c'85, lives in Los Angeles, where he's an actor.

**Frank Ventura**, b'85, is president of Frank Ventura CPA in Mokena, Ill.

### 1986

**Mary Barthelmass Jacobi**, c'86, works as a public information officer for the Jackson County Circuit Court. She lives in Kansas City.

### BORN TO:

**Paul Werner**, e'86, a'87, and Jennifer, daughter, Jillian Aspen Elizabeth, Feb. 11 in Lawrence, where she joins a brother, Gray, 5.

### 1987

**Teri Copeland Ault**, c'87, n'89, serves as president of the Medical Association of Georgia Alliance. She lives in Marietta.

### 1988

**Jan Minnich Emamian**, c'88, is a sales associate for Prudential California Realty in Pasadena.

**Rodney Odom**, c'88, works as a program specialist for DHS/FEMA in Kansas City. He lives in Lenexa.

### 1990

**Barbara Kollmeyer**, j'90, is a financial journalist with CBS MarketWatch in Madrid, Spain.

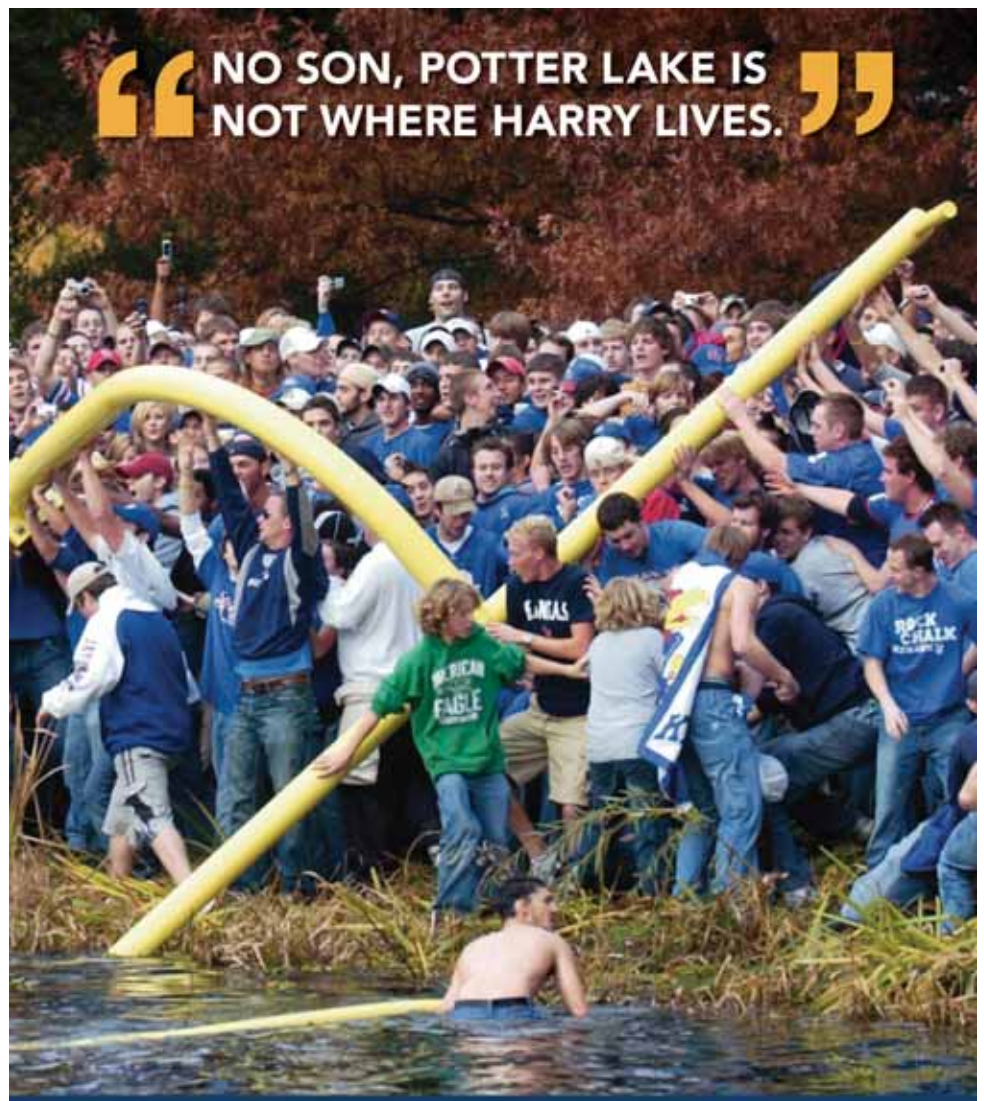
**Todd Luckman**, c'90, l'94, commutes from Lawrence to Topeka, where he's a partner in Stumbo Hanson.

**John Masterson**, d'90, g'99, directs education at Ballard Community Services in Lawrence. His home is in Stilwell.

**Curtis Wuerdeman**, b'90, is vice president of finance and group controller for Quebecor World. He lives in Carol Stream, Ill.

### 1991

**Ronald Baker**, c'91, is CEO of Cushing Memorial Hospital in Leavenworth. He lives in Overland Park.



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**Kevin Baughman**, j'91, directs information services for the Valley Hope Association in Norton.

**Rodney Holcomb**, e'91, g'93, works as a senior structural engineer for Burns & McDonnell. His home is in Overland Park.

**Wendy Pellow**, c'91, is assistant general counsel for the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation in Austin.

### 1992

**Brett Berquist**, g'92, directs the office of study abroad at Michigan State University in East Lansing. He lives in Kalamazoo.

**Melissa Estes Huggins**, c'92, m'98, lives in Laguna Niguel, Calif., and is an assistant clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology in Newport Beach.

**Sean Kirkland**, c'92, is executive vice

president of DMC Network. He lives in Imperial Beach, Calif.

**Jeffrey Lane**, b'92, works as an account executive at International Game Technology in Las Vegas.

### 1993

**Michael Karellas**, p'93, m'01, is an assistant professor of surgery and urologic oncology at the Cancer Center of New Jersey in New Brunswick. He

lives in New York City.

**John Mullies**, b'93, h'97, works for Cerner as an HLA strategist at the Cairo Children's Cancer Hospital in Cairo, Egypt. His home is in Olathe.

### BORN TO:

**Paul**, b'93, g'94, and **Susan Gatton Borchardt**, c'98, g'01, son, Max Aaron, Feb. 9 in Kansas City. Paul is a senior tax manager with Deloitte & Touche,

and Susan is a freelance writer.

### 1994

**Marlene Dearing Neill**, j'94, is a community promotions specialist for the city of Waco, Texas. She lives in Hewitt.

### 1995

**Mark Galus**, c'95, practices law with Galus Legal in Kansas City.

## Profile

BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

### For seniors' health issues, alumna is on call

When Alicia Arbaje began her fellowship in geriatric medicine and gerontology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 2005, she was one of only 36 physicians nationwide that year who pursued research and training in the specialty beyond the first fellowship year.

Arbaje, c'95, is now an assistant professor at Johns Hopkins and associate director of transitional care research at the Center on Aging and Health. As a geriatrician, she combines research with teaching and patient care—and an unexpected role on local television, where she regularly shares advice and explains a new medical specialty that serves a rapidly growing population.

The most common question Arbaje hears is: "When should I or my family member begin seeing a geriatrician?"

The answer, she says, is determined by needs rather than numerical age. "It's time to see a geriatrician when your health is starting to affect your daily living—paying your bills, doing your laundry, preparing meals, getting ready for the day. Or you're starting to go into the hospital more often, every few months.

"The third sign occurs when you begin to have trouble coordinating all of your doctors. And the fourth is when you're developing problems that specifically affect older adults, such as memory lapses or falling."

Ideally geriatricians oversee a medical team that includes a nurse, social worker, therapist, case manager and a nutritionist, she says. Care coordination, especially as patients leave the hospital, is critical: "We can have great hospitals and great primary care physicians, but if you don't have a good transition to home, or that next stop, it doesn't matter. Older patients might not go straight home; they might go to a rehab center or nursing home. So we need to help them transition from the hospital to the community."

As a KU undergraduate, Arbaje worked on a Kansas Health Foundation-funded local project to create a plan for reducing cardiovascular disease among seniors. Stephen Fawcett, Kansas Health Foundation distinguished professor of applied behavioral science, says Arbaje is "remarkable in her ability, exuberance and passion for combining medicine and justice." Arbaje calls the KU project "a springboard" to her career.

She completed her master's in public health at Harvard University and her medical degree at Yale University. At Johns Hopkins, she analyzes the avail-



COURTESY ALICIA ARBAJE

■ Arbaje offers medical advice for seniors on WMAR-TV's "Good Morning, Maryland" in Baltimore. She also has been interviewed on Radio Bilingue and has published articles in Bermuda and Ukraine.

ability and effectiveness of health care for seniors nationwide, including access to local resources such as day care centers, churches and other essential social service agencies. "I like seeing patients, but I get frustrated by the problems that have nothing to do with their health but with the health care system," she says. "If we can fix it for older people, we can fix it for everyone else."



## Class Notes

### 1996

**Lori Watts Hirons**, g'96, directs customer experience for Citibank's International Cards division. She lives in New Rochelle, N.Y.

**Jason Maupin**, g'96, is chief operating officer and chief financial officer of Prime Time Sports in Flower Mound, Texas.

### BORN TO:

**Timothy**, h'96, and **Marie Haggart Platt**, '00, daughter, Jane Quincy, Feb. 17

in Kansas City, where she joins two sisters, Ellie, 9, and Olivia, 5, and a brother, Sam, 7.

### 1997

**Kristen Schildberg Brown**, p'97, is an assistant professor and director of experiential programs at the University of Colorado's Denver School of Pharmacy. She lives in Parker with her husband, **Darby**, p'96, who owns Brown's Compounding Center.

**Vance Holtzman**, b'97, manages business development for Koch Industries in Wichita, where he and **Danielle Kuhn Holtzman**, b'97, g'99, make their home.

**Stacey Schmitz**, j'97, owns Stacey Schmitz Photography in Kansas City.

### BORN TO:

**Matthew Meier**, c'97, and Madeline, daughter, Cecelia, May 20 in Durham, N.C. Matt is program director for Fellowship Health Resources.

## Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

### Handball champ swats away his advancing years

Charlie Malone's fountain of youth is a four-walled enclosure, 20 feet wide by 40 feet long. Most would call it a racquetball court; Malone is quick to contend that they were handball courts long before racquetball was ever invented, and, as a national champion, he has some standing as an authority on the subject.

Ever since getting serious about handball, in about 1960, Malone, g'53, EdD'60, has played two or three times a week, every week, except for a month he missed with a broken arm. Even now, at 82, Malone maintains his regular games in Prescott and Tempe, Ariz., where he and his wife, Kathleen, have homes.

"I can't believe it myself," Malone says. "It's a game I love, obviously, and I still love the competition. As a result, I just keep doing it, and I intend to keep on doing it as long as I can."

A native of Kansas City, Kan., Malone earned his doctorate in educational administration in 1960. Within three years he was an elementary school principal in the Shawnee Mission district, and in 1966 he and his family moved to Tempe, where he joined Arizona State University's college of education. He retired from ASU in 1989 and, though he

still takes occasional consulting jobs as a supervisor of substitute teachers, Malone started using his free time to enter local and regional handball tournaments.

In 2007 he won the Platinum Singles division at the U.S. Handball Association's Four-Wall Nationals in Minneapolis. Last year Malone won the 80-Plus Doubles division at the USHA Masters Doubles tournament in San Diego, and placed second in both Singles Platinum and 80-Plus Doubles at the USHA Four-Wall Nationals in Overland Park. Next up, in October, is the world championship tournament in Portland.

"Charlie is trim and he's in great shape, so he can do a lot of things most people his age can't," says playing partner Frank Tuzzolino. "This tends to be a sport you get hooked on, unless you get injured, and Charlie is definitely hooked. He's always rarin' to go. He takes it very seriously, and he's a great ambassador for the sport."

Malone says handball has been overtaken by racquetball in popularity because it's hard on the hands, but those who stick with it are rewarded with better health, great friends and a competitive outlet that lasts a lifetime.

"Even though it's a vigorous game," Malone says, "it's a game you can play lifelong if you devote yourself to it, and I guess I'm evidence of that. But just find something that you love to do



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■ Charlie Malone, an 82-year-old retired professor of education, has six children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Though he spots 20 or even 25 years to playing partners in his regular games, "I can compete with them." Next up: Worlds, in October.

and stay with it for life.

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**Jodi Lissauer Shroba**, d'97, n'99, and **Timothy**, '01, twin sons, Logan and Grant, March 5 in Lenexa.

**Charles Van Middlesworth**, f'97, g'03, and Kristan, daughter, Paityn Adelle, March 24 in Tonganoxie.

### 1998

**Kelly Cannon Boeckman**, j'98, manages products for Sun Microsystems. She lives in Golden, Colo.

**Angela Dittrich**, c'98, g'03, g'08, is assistant director of study abroad at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. She lives in Loveland.

**Bodo Doose**, g'98, manages client relationships for AmpegaGerling Asset Management in Koln, Germany.

**Melissa Nowak**, c'98, is an executive assistant with Flekman, Baren and Company in Beverly Hills, Calif. She lives in Los Angeles.



## Class Notes

**Jennifer Smith**, j'98, recently received an associate's degree in radiologic technology from Hutchinson Community College. She lives in Wichita.

**Todd Wittaker**, p'98, works as a pharmacist at Omnicare in Tulsa, Okla.

### BORN TO:

**Tracee Badzin Lee**, c'98, and **Joshua**, c'00, son, Ben, Feb. 24 in Lincolnwood, Ill., where he joins a brother, Max, 2.

### 1999

**Scott Barnes**, g'99, manages finance for Kinetic Concepts in San Antonio.

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

**Terry**, d'99, g'01, and **Shay Oetting Link**, b'99, make their home in Olathe with their son, David, who'll be 1 Nov. 24. Terry teaches math at Olathe North High School and is an adjunct professor at Johnson County Community College, and Shay works as a customer

category manager at Kraft Foods.

### BORN TO:

**Juliann Crider Wisbrock**, j'99, and Chris, daughter, Emma Marie, May 29 in Chesterfield, Mo. Julie is vice president of StrategyOne, and Chris is a senior project manager at Allscripts.

### 2000

**Kerrie Crites Greenfelder**, e'00, is a chemical engineer with Camp Dresser & McKee in Albuquerque, N.M.

### BORN TO:

**Seth**, '00, and **Lindsay Puett Peattie**, b'01, daughter, Eleanor Ray, May 2 in Prairie Village.

### 2001

**Jay Carter**, d'01, g'09, is a loan analyst for Midland Loan Services. He makes his home in Mission.

**Kinsy McVay**, f'01, wrote *Just Line Around*, which was published last sum-

mer by Eloquent Books. He teaches art in Fort Worth, Texas, where he and **Patricia Reimer McVay**, d'01, make their home.

**Michael Randall**, e'01, works as a software developer and project manager for Computerized Assessments and Learning in Lawrence.

**Todd Wormington**, c'01, directs information systems for the National Business Aviation Association in Washington, D.C. He lives in Arlington, Va.

### MARRIED

**Hilary Branscum**, c'01, to Tyler Edwards, Feb. 21 in Honolulu. They live in Lawrence, where they both work at Allen Press.

**Nicholas Krug**, j'01, and **Louise Stauffer**, j'05, g'09, June 6 in Lawrence. He's a photographer for the Lawrence Journal World, and she's a graduate teaching assistant at KU.

### BORN TO:

**John Ballard**, b'01, and **Betsy Spratlin**, j'02, son, John William "Will" Ballard, March 23 in Kansas City.

### 2002

**Holly Anderson**, f'02, is an account transfer representative for Scottrade in St. Louis.

**Erica Brown**, c'02, manages cancer communications at the KU Cancer Center in Kansas City.

**Shana Rambo Mummert**, c'02, coordinates events for Nobel Biocare USA in Yorba Linda, Calif. She lives in Fullerton.

### BORN TO:


**Julie Carter Droste**, j'02, and **Nathan**, e'03, daughter, Madeline Barbara, May 14 in St. Charles, Mo. Julie is product manager for Express Scripts, and Nate is account manager for Wiegmann Associates.

**Darby Miller**, c'02, and Gretchen, daughter, Vailoces Joan, Dec. 18 in Rockville, Md. Darby is an ophthalmology resident at George Washington Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

**Eric**, c'02, and **Alison Snider**, '09, daughter, Elise Dana, June 29 in Kansas City. Eric is an associate with the law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon.

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## Class Notes

### 2003

**Michael Frisbie**, e'03, g'05, is a software engineer for Garmin International in Olathe.

**Nolan McWilliams**, b'03, practices law with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. He lives in Fairfax, Va.

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

### MARRIED

**Bryce Walter**, c'03, and **Ann Barrows**, n'03, g'09, June 13 in Kansas City, where he's a technical architect at Unisys Corp. and she's a cardiovascular nurse clinician at Cardiovascular Consultants.

### BORN TO:

**Deborah Lee Brancel**, g'03, and Robert, daughter, Emma Lee, April 16 in Sun Prairie, Wis.

**William Salyers**, m'03, g'09, and Vanessa, son, Jacobi William, April 24 in Jacksonville, Fla.

### 2004

**David Borys**, e'04, g'09, is a project engineer for General Atomics Aeronautical Systems. He lives in San Diego.

**Ashlee Brosh Brandtonies**, b'04, is a real estate agent and office manager for The Gamble Group in Prairie Village.

**Mary Gilliland**, c'04, lives in Atlanta, where she's a GIS specialist with AECOM.

**Malik Hamid**, m'04, lives in Mission and is an associate professor and staff anesthesiologist at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

**Ann Erickson Mermudez**, j'04, works as a public-affairs specialist with the U.S. Army Medical Command in San Antonio.

**Erin Nichols**, b'04, is a client services consultant for iWORK EPS in Denver.

**Sean O'Grady**, j'04, works as promotions director for Clear Channel Radio in Tampa, Fla.

**Lori Duncan Schwartz**, n'04, g'09, is a family nurse practitioner for the Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation

in Sauget, Ill. She lives in St. Louis.

### MARRIED

**Lesley Griffiths**, c'04, and **Nicholas Vernald**, c'04, May 16 in Chicago, where she's an operations manager for Junior Achievement and he's a senior supply chain analyst for C.H. Robinson Worldwide.

**Felipe Rosso**, c'04, m'08, and **Melissa Garber**, c'04, g'07, m'09, April 21 in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They live in Kansas City, where they are both residents at the KU Medical Center.

### BORN TO:

**Derek**, b'04, c'04, and **Kenna Baird Gates**, '05, twin daughters, Dani Mae and Allie Marie, April 20 in Lawrence. Derek manages client administrative services for Allen Press, and Kenna is a respiratory therapist at Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

### 2005

**Stephanie Kroemer Arribas**, b'05, does quality assurance for Farmers Insurance Group in Olathe, where she and her husband, **Jason**, c'06, make their home.

**Sarah Korbecki Beahm**, a'05, is a donor relations specialist at the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn.

**Paul Bossert**, f'05, directs marketing at Premier in Topeka.

**Jeffrey Crick**, c'05, g'07, works as a planner for the city of Columbia, S.C.

**Shawn Gallegos**, l'05, practices law with Peterson Rosenberg in Fort Collins, Colo.

**Eric Skoglund**, d'05, teaches math and coaches debate for the Olathe school district. He lives in Shawnee.

### MARRIED

**Stephanie Kroemer**, b'05, and **Jason Arribas**, c'06, May 30 in Olathe, where they make their home.

**Colby Vick**, e'05, and **Ariel George**, c'09, May 9 in Baldwin City. They live in Pearland, Texas. Colby is a facility engineer at Occidental Petroleum in Houston, and Ariel is an intern at the law firm of Bailey & Galyeh.



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## 2006

**James Condon**, e'06, is a design engineer with TranSystems in Kansas City.

**Emily Huffhines**, j'06, lives in Prairie Village and is a senior account executive with Nicholson Kovac in Kansas City.

**Karrie Scott Shogren**, PhD'06, is an assistant professor of special education at the University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana. She lives in Champaign.

**Jill Maycumber Sommers**, c'06, was nominated by President Obama in July to serve a second term on the five-member U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

## MARRIED

**Jake Coffman**, c'06, and **Katie Moyer**, j'06, June 28 in Lawrence. Jake is an information specialist at KU, and Katie is a staff writer with the KU Alumni Association.

**Rachael Dietze**, e'06, to Lionel Mathiot, April 25 in Olathe. Their home is in

Royal Oak, Mich.

**Jamin Dreasher**, c'06, g'08, and **Matthew Landavazo**, e'07, April 4 in Topeka. She's chief curator for the Reno County Museum, and he's a flight test engineer for Hawker Beechcraft. They live in Wichita.

## BORN TO:

**Loren Spears**, b'06, and Terri, daughter, Megan Lynn, April 23 in Mason, Ohio, where she joins two brothers, Mason, 3, and Blake, 2.

## 2007

**Katherine Butkus**, b'07, works as an account administrator for Intouch Solutions in Overland Park.

**Erin Kilgore**, d'07, is a programs assistant for Premier Sports Management. She lives in Lawrence.

**Amy Leochner**, g'07, teaches second grade at Bodine Elementary School in Oklahoma City. She lives in Mustang.

**Cassandra Leyden**, e'07, is a mechanical engineer with ARUP in New York City.

**Matthew Zeffery**, c'07, lives in Chicago, where he's managing partner of Arx Global Holdings.

## MARRIED

**Zackary Hood**, c'07, and **Emily Knopp**, d'07, g'09, May 23 in Lawrence. They live in Josephine, Texas.

## BORN TO:

**Megan Brigham Neville**, p'07, and Steven, son, Grady Oliver, Jan. 8 in Shawnee.

## 2008

**Thomas Beckley**, g'08, manages Raftelis Financial Consultants in Kansas City.

**Ashley Campbell**, c'08, works as an account executive for ABWA Management in Kansas City. She lives in Lenexa.

**Luke Casey**, d'08, makes his home in San Antonio, where he's a physical therapy technician at Integrity Rehabilitation.

**Bryce McMichael**, d'08, works as an account executive at Momentum Worldwide in Chicago.

**David Roddy**, g'08, is a U.S. Navy deputy director for FISC Norfolk Regional Fuel in Norfolk, Va.

**David See**, c'08, recently received a grant to research alternative fuel production systems and sustainability at Iowa State University. His home is in Liberty, Mo.

**Bradley Young**, g'08, owns Red Rock Anesthesia in Monticello, Utah.

## MARRIED

**James Huston**, c'08, and **Abbey Murray**, d'09, June 5 in Lawrence. They live in Kansas City.

**Katie Willert**, c'08, to Ryan Papon, April 17 in Lenexa. Their home is in Shawnee, and Katie is an underwriter with Farmers Insurance Group.

## 2009

**Clayton Anderson**, c'09, is a financial representative for the Woody Financial Group in Overland Park.

**Meghan Easter**, e'09, does project management for ExxonMobil. She lives in Perry, Okla.

**Gerardo Guzman**, b'09, is a credit risk analyst for Invista S.A.R.L. in Wichita. He lives in Bel Aire.

**Adam Hurly**, j'09, works as a production intern at Pixar Animation Studios. He lives in San Francisco, Calif.

**Robyn Johnson**, s'09, is an HIV/AIDS case manager at Swope Health Services. She lives in Olathe.

**Cheryl Reding**, PhD'09, commutes from Leavenworth to Atchison, where she's an assistant professor of education at Benedictine College.

**Daniel Robeson**, g'09, is assistant director of planning at Johnson County Emergency Management in Olathe.

**Carolina Claire Taborga**, b'09, works as a sales representative for Beverly Hills Entertainment in Miami.

**Justin Voiles**, g'09, is a general accountant with Garmin International. He lives in Olathe.

**Alison Womack**, '09, works as an engineer with Tri-State Generation and Transmission. She lives in Leawood.

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- a** School of Architecture and Urban Design
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- j** School of Journalism
- l** School of Law
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- n** School of Nursing
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- PharmD** School of Pharmacy
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# In Memory

## 1920s

**Henrietta Conrad Bassler, c'28**, 101, Nov. 13, 2008, in Fairfax, Va., where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by a daughter, Nancy Bassler Mayer, d'65; a sister; a granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

**Jennie "Belle" Nicholson Perdue, c'29**, 99, May 16 in Lee's Summit, Mo. A granddaughter and two great-granddaughters survive.

## 1930s

**Maurine Downing Blaker, f'32**, 98, May 5 in Independence. She is survived by a son, Robert, '66; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Sidney Kross, c'33**, 96, May 1 in Lenexa, where he was former chairman of the board of Sid Kross Office Outfitters. A son, a sister, five grandchildren and two great-granddaughters survive.

**Burrell Landes, b'37**, 97, May 29 in Topeka, where he was retired vice president of finance at Adams Business Forms. He is survived by three sons, one of whom is John, '78; a stepson; a stepdaughter; a brother; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**Ala Meinke Nyman, c'38**, 92, July 9 in Lawrence, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by a daughter, Barbara Nyman Nash, '69; a son; two sisters, one of whom is Barbara Meinke Kleist, assoc.; four grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

**Kenneth Shook, f'39**, 90, May 13 in Chandler, Ariz., where he was a retired major in the U.S. Air Force and had owned Progressive School of Real Estate. He is survived by his wife, Florence; a son; a stepson, Ronald Gustaffson, e'68; a stepdaughter; three stepgrandsons; and a stepgreat-grandson.

**David Tripp, b'37**, 94, May 11 in Wichita, where he was a partner in Pick-

rell Drilling Co. He is survived by his wife, Maxine, assoc.; a sister, Elizabeth Tripp Jewell, '47; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

## 1940s

**Michael Alt, c'49**, 84, April 10 in Paola. He is survived by his wife, Frances Grimes Alt, '55; a son; a daughter, Mary Alt Stevens, '91; and a granddaughter.

**Terrance Anderson, b'49**, 83, May 5 in Burlington, N.C., where he was retired from General Motors Acceptance Corp. He is survived by a son, a daughter and two grandchildren.

**Charles Ash, a'40**, 91, June 29 in Wichita, where he was a retired architect. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Bram Ash, assoc.; a daughter; a son; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Marilyn Macferran Brick, g'47**, 85, June 29 in Clearwater, Fla. She is survived by her husband, Samuel, g'47, PhD'52; a son; a daughter; two brothers, Sewall Macferran, b'48, and Hervey Macferran, c'51; and three granddaughters.

**Jack Cousins, b'48**, 84, July 10 in Shawnee Mission, where he was former president of Cousins Furniture. He is survived by his wife, Charlene Lorraine Cousins, assoc.; a son, Randy, c'72; a daughter, Gayle Cousins Seward, c'77, s'80; two sisters, one of whom is Yvonne Cousins Neely, assoc.; a brother; and a grandson.

**George Dixon, c'41**, 88, May 21 in Topeka. A daughter, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive.

**Lura Jane Smith Geiger, c'42**, 88, April 24 in Leavenworth, where she was a retired psychotherapist. She is survived by two sons, Bill, b'65, and Michael, e'71; a daughter, Susan Geiger Reuter, d'67, g'99; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Jay Grimm, c'49**, 83, May 30 in New

York City, where he was retired president of Grimm & Davis. He is survived by his wife, Teresa, a son, two daughters and four grandchildren.

**Lylas Ruhlen Gugler, d'47**, 83, June 16 in Abilene, where she was a retired music teacher. Survivors include two sons, one of whom is Douglas, '72; a daughter, Lynn Gugler Whitten, '79; two sisters, one of whom is Carole Ruhlen Gray, d'49; a brother, Ralph Ruhlen, '87; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Jack Hart, '43**, 88, May 16 in Tucson, Ariz., where he was a partner in various franchises. He is survived by his wife, Louise Roller Hart, assoc.; a son, John Jr., c'74; a daughter, Marianne Hart Norton, d'67; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Ruth Russell Killeen, f'45, g'49**, 85, June 23 in Beverly Hills, Mich. She was a voice teacher and later a violinist. Survivors include two sons; two daughters; a brother, Laurie Russell, e'43; and a granddaughter.

**Everett O'Connor, b'48**, 89, May 16 in Rogers, Ark. He was retired president of the Wichita Bank for Cooperatives, and he is survived by a son, Melvin, b'66, g'69, PhD'71; a daughter; a brother; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**JoLee Abbitt Schirk, c'46**, 83, March 30 in Anderson, S.C. A son and a daughter survive.

**Nadine Stallard, d'43, g'61, g'65**, 89, Dec. 19 in Kinsley, where she was a retired teacher and counselor. She is survived by three brothers, Wayne, b'48, Glenn, b'48, and Carl, b'51, l'56.

**Mac Tinklepaugh, b'40**, 90, April 20 in Kansas City, where he was a retired manager at General Adjustment Bureau Insurance. He is survived by two sons, one of whom is David, s'72; a daughter; five grandchildren; and

eight great-grandchildren.

**Frederick Wallingford, c'42, m'44,** 88, May 8 in Norton, where he was a retired radiologist. He is survived by a daughter; a son, Jeffrey, '85; and eight grandchildren.

## 1950s

**Clinton Bartley, b'55,** 77, June 22 in Topeka, where he worked for Ramada Inn and for the State of Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, two sons, three brothers, a sister, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Karl Benkeser, c'57,** 78, May 17 in Muncie, Ind., where he taught German and Russian at Anderson High School for many years. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, three daughters, two sisters and five grandchildren.

**Norman Capps, b'55,** 76, July 12 in Leawood, where he was president, CEO and director of Electronic Computer Programming Institutes and founder of MIS Computer Professionals. Two daughters survive.

**Shirley Lytle Capps, c'56,** 74, April 23 in Leawood. She is survived by two daughters and a brother, William Lytle, '51.

**Jo Anna March Clift, c'54, d'77,** 76, June 2 in Poulsbo, Wash. She had acted on Broadway, on television and in films and also had taught school. Surviving are two sons, Paul Schneider, '86, and John Schneider, j'90.

**Robert Dale, e'51,** 83, June 19 in Lenexa, where he was retired from a career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He is survived by his wife, Lynn, assoc.; four daughters, one of whom is Yvonne Dale Bradley, d'76; a son; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Charles Dougherty Jr., e'53,** 78, April 24 in Midland, Texas, where he was affiliated with Stalley Operating Co. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Brown Dougherty, c'53; two sons, Patrick, c'80, and Michael, '77; a daughter, Diane Dougherty Taylor, b'85; a sister; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

**Doris Clark Garrison, d'50,** 80, June 13 in Springfield, Mo., where she was a

retired high-school counselor. Survivors include a son, James, c'76, g'85, m'88; two daughters, Julie Garrison Steiger, j'83, and Gayle Garrison McCaleb, h'82; a brother; her twin sister, Donna Clark Halliday, n'52; and seven grandchildren.

**James Ginn, g'56,** 79, Jan. 29 in Mill Creek, Wash., where he was retired director of research and development with BF Goodrich. Surviving are his wife, Ruthe, a son, a daughter, a brother, a sister and four grandchildren.

**Nelson Gipson, b'50,** 82, May 12 in Pleasant Hill, Mo. Several cousins survive.

**Roland "Roscoe" Graham, e'52,** 78, April 21 in Shawnee Mission, where he was a retired mechanical engineer with Bendix. He is survived by his wife, Betty Thies Graham, d'53; two sons, one of whom is Greg, e'80; a daughter, Elizabeth Graham Chaney, d'83; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

**Robert Hein, '53,** 78, May 30 in Topeka, where he was retired senior business manager at Boeing. He is survived by his wife, Sue; a daughter, Melinda Hein Fish, b'81; a son, Scot, a'79, a'81; and three grandchildren.

**Marilyn Hutchison, m'53,** 90, May 17 in Lee's Summit, Mo. She taught medicine at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., researched pulmonary diseases at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., and later was medical director of the U.S. Bureau of Mines. Several cousins survive.

**Clarence Jenkins, c'50,** 80, April 20 in Pratt, where he was a farmer and rancher. He is survived by his wife, Maurine, two sons, three daughters, 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Alvin Moddelmog, c'52,** 78, April 3 in Dunwoody, Ga., where he was a retired vice president with Avon Products. He also had been special assistant to the president of Clark Atlanta University. Surviving are his wife, Geraldine "Gerre" Mahan Moddelmog, '53; a son; two daughters; a brother, James, b'50, g'52; a sister; and two grandchildren.

**Jane Koelzer O'Hara, d'51,** 79, May 9 in Topeka, where she was a retired

teacher. She is survived by her husband, Joe; two daughters; a son; three sisters; and four granddaughters.

**Jacque Cook Radant, f'52,** 77, Nov 23, 2008, in Manitowish Waters, Wis. Survivors include her husband, William, a daughter, three sons and six grandchildren.

**Sam Rapport, c'50, m'54,** 81, May 3 in Lake Oswego, Ore., where he was a retired psychiatrist. Among survivors are his wife, Sherry; two sons, one of whom is Michael, c'70; three daughters; two brothers; and a sister.

**Thomas Steinle, b'50,** 82, April 17 in Dallas, where he was retired from a career in the insurance industry. Surviving are his wife, Glenda; three daughters; two brothers; and four granddaughters.

**Fred Van Bebber, b'54,** 76, May 24 in Wichita, where he was a retired financial adviser with UBS. He is survived by his wife, Harriett; a son, Bruce, '83; two daughters; and nine grandchildren.

**Robert Wilson, e'56, g'86,** 80, May 11 in Roeland Park, where he was a retired engineer. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; a son; a daughter, Monette Wilson Dawson, '81; a brother; a sister; two granddaughters; and a great-grandson.

**George Winters Jr., '51,** 85, April 9 in Lake Quivira, where he had been vice president of Financial Counselors Inc. He is survived by his wife, Norma Lee Loske Winters, c'48; a son, George III, c'80; a daughter, Kathleen Winters Steiner, j'74; two sisters; a brother; and a granddaughter.

## 1960s

**John Bliese, g'69, PhD'73,** 65, Jan. 3 in Kearney, Neb. He was a retired professor at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. A sister survives.

**Linda Hellebust Boyle, n'66,** 65, May 6 in Goddard. She was a nurse and is survived by her husband, Tom; three daughters; a son, Brad, '90; three brothers, one of whom is Jon Hellebust, '78; and nine grandchildren.

**Charles Chartier, l'63,** 71, June 17 in Denver, where he lived. He had practiced law in Junction City and later was dean of legal studies at Milligan College in



## In Memory

Johnson City, Tenn. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, a stepson, a stepdaughter, a brother, a sister and 10 grandchildren.

**Laura Beckmann Corcoran, d'68**, 62, July 7 in Topeka, where she had worked for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services for 33 years. She is survived by her husband, Andy, b'70; two sons, Scott, c'98, m'02, and Richard, e'01; two sisters; two brothers; and a grandchild.

**Aubrey Davis, a'61**, 70, May 23 in Leawood, where he was an architect. He is survived by two sons, Christopher, a'91, and David, '98; and a grandson.

**Marcia Hudson Deeter, d'65**, 66, May 15 in Leawood. She is survived by her husband, Kirby, b'64; a daughter, Kristin Deeter Steel, d'94; a son, Hudson, c'94; a brother; and two granddaughters.

**Paula Maier Dike, f'63**, 69, March 20 in Greenville, N.C., where she was a retired occupational therapist. A son, a daughter and three grandchildren survive.

**Constance Flom Evans, s'67**, 63, April 9 in DeSoto, where she was a retired librarian. She is survived by her husband, Monte; a daughter, Michelle Yockel, '96; and two stepgrandchildren.

**Martha Sue Layne Harp, c'62, d'65**, 90, June 25 in Lawrence. She taught unified studies for many years at Nallwood Junior High School in Kansas City. Her late husband, Dick, '41, was KU men's basketball coach from 1957 to 1964. She is survived by a son, Richard, c'67, g'71, PhD'74; a sister; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**A. Rodman Johnson, c'68**, 62, May 3 in The Woodlands, Texas, where he was an attorney. He is survived by his wife, Kristin Burton Johnson, c'72; three sons; his mother; and a brother.

**George Kramer, p'61**, 71, May 31 in Ottawa, where he owned and operated Kramer Drug Store. He is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn Wheaton Kramer, p'74; two sons, one of whom is Kenton, '88; a daughter, Teresa Kramer Rasmussen, c'85, g'00; and five grandchildren.

**Roger Myers, j'68**, 63, March 23 in Sequim, Wash. He worked for the

Chicago Tribune and later for several advertising agencies. Survivors include his wife, Linda, a sister and a brother.

**Fredrick Smith, b'68**, 62, April 21 in St. George, Utah, where he was retired from a career in land development and farming in Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, and a daughter, Amy, j'96.

**Richard Watkins, c'65, g'68**, 66, May 17 in Lee's Summit, Mo. He had been a lighting coordinator at Starlight Theatre, a technical writer and editor, and a sales associate at Target. He is survived by his parents, Walter and Susan, and two brothers.

### 1970s

**Mary Osburn Barrows, '72**, 60, July 13 in Kansas City. She lived in La Crosse and taught English composition and literature at Barton County Community College in Great Bend. Survivors include her husband, Richard, p'73; a daughter, Ann Barrows Walter, n'03, g'09; a brother; and a sister.

**Alan Cunningham, g'77**, 72, April 28 in Overland Park, where he taught philosophy at Johnson County Community College for 26 years. Surviving are two daughters, Rani Cunningham Self, c'89, and Anne Cunningham Jackson, '97; a son, Ivan, '11; two brothers; and three grandchildren.

**Robert Haynes, g'79, g'80, PhD'81**, 54, April 22 in Lenexa, where he was founding partner of Responsive Clinics and a professor of graduate studies at Ottawa University. He is survived by his wife, Debbie; a son; a daughter; his father; four brothers, one of whom is Daniel, g'91; and a sister.

**Faxon House Jr., c'73**, 71, May 16 in Shawnee Mission. He was retired from a career in the Olathe school system. Survivors include a son; a daughter, Kathleen House Layton, c'94; and a sister, Susan House Glass, c'59.

**Mary Bobb Hunt, g'78**, 85, May 19 in Topeka, where she was a retired art teacher. She is survived by her husband, James, e'50; four daughters, two of whom are Jackie Hunt Banner, '72, and Sharlene Hunt Ellentuck, b'80; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Anne Tschudy Jackson, c'78**, 53, April 20 in Prairie Village. Surviving are her husband, Eddie Marciano; a daughter; two sons, Philip, '08, and Henry, '08; her mother; and a sister.

**Max Opperman, c'74, l'89**, 60, May 17 in Topeka. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was an attorney and judge in Wichita. Survivors include a daughter, his mother, a brother and two grandchildren.

**Opal Martin Temple, g'74**, 85, May 24 in Lawrence, where she was a retired reading teacher. She is survived by her husband, Marion, assoc.; a daughter, Jeanne Temple Disney, c'85; two sisters, Betty Martin Cobb, g'65, and Vera Martin DeMott, '67; and three grandchildren.

The Rev. **Charles Williams Jr., g'71**, 77, Feb. 17 in Salisbury, N.C., where he was a retired Presbyterian minister. He is survived by his wife, Deloris Mohler Williams, d'58, g'72; a daughter, Leslie Williams Dunkin, '83; two sisters; two brothers; and two grandchildren.

### 1980s

**Cynthia Beatty, g'89**, 53, May 18 in Overland Park. She had been a speech-language pathologist in Shawnee Mission. Her father, Ronald, two brothers and two stepsisters survive.

**Joseph Derks, b'86**, 45, April 20 in Miami Beach, Fla., where he worked in the hotel business. He is survived by four sisters, Kathleen Derks Mahoney, c'85, Sharon Derks Walker, d'87, g'96, Amy Derks DiNunzio, b'89, and Linda, c'93.

**Barbara Bell Gerland, s'86**, 70, Dec. 23 in Louisville, Colo., where she was a retired social worker. Surviving are her husband, Oliver, three sons, a daughter, a brother and five grandchildren.

**Peggy Danneta Goeffert, d'80**, 53, June 24 in Overland Park. She was a nurse at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Leavenworth and is survived by a son and two sisters.

**Michael Hudson, PhD'87**, 48, May 24 in Charlotte, N.C., where he was a professor and former chair of biology at the University of North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Yvette Huet-Hudson, c'84, PhD'89; a son; a daughter;

two brothers; and a sister.

**Steven Miller, h'80, g'03**, 51, July 8 in Kansas City. He lived in Leavenworth and was a nurse practitioner. A sister and two brothers survive.

**Lynda Kay Perry Powell, c'80, g'83**, 51, May 23 in Topeka. She is survived by her husband, James, two sons, her mother and two brothers.

**Debra Davenport Summers, b'88**, 44, May 26 in Timnath, Colo. She previously had lived in Topeka. She is survived by her husband, George; two daughters; a son; her mother and stepfather; a brother, Bradley Davenport, '88; and a sister.

**Mark Unger, e'87**, 44, May 17 in Williamsburg, Mass., where he had been vice president of CPC. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; a son; a daughter; his mother, Elizabeth Buschlen Unger, PhD'78; and two sisters, Michele Unger Player, b'90, and Kirsten Unger Hu, c'91.

## 1990s

**Virginia Kieffaber Bitikofer, g'91**, 65, May 26 in Kansas City, where she taught first grade for many years. She is survived by her husband, Glenn; two sons, one of whom is Shaun, c'94; four sisters; eight brothers; and four grandchildren.

**John Fowler, g'92**, 47, May 19 in Gladstone, Mo., where he was a software engineer for DST Systems. He is survived by his wife, Charmaine, a stepson, a brother and a sister.

**Andrew Hughes, e'96**, 43, July 27, 2008, in Roland, Iowa, where he was a self-employed contractor. He is survived by his parents, two sons, two sisters and a brother.

**Martha O'Connor Ketteler, c'91**, 60, May 29 in Kansas City. She had owned a Montessori School, taught at Xavier Catholic Early Childhood Center and been a parent educator. Survivors include her husband, Steven, assoc.; a daughter, Amy Ketteler Clark, b'94; a son, Reid, '95; her mother; two sisters, one of whom is Ann O'Connor, b'90; a brother; and three grandsons.

**Michelle Meyer, e'99**, 32, April 8 in Kansas City, where she was an engineer with Environmental Resources Manage-

ment. Her parents, Leonard and April, survive.

**David Newsom, d'94**, 39, May 15 in Topeka. He lived in San Dimas, Calif., and was director of sales with Wild Rocket in Riverside. He is survived by his wife, Annette, two sons and his parents.

**Craig Peavier, g'92**, 55, May 31 in Topeka, where he was retired budget and finance officer for the Kansas Department of Commerce. A son, his father, a sister and a granddaughter survive.

## 2000s

**Dennis Bell, g'07**, 28, July 9 in Olathe. He lived in Overland Park and worked with HMN Architects. His parents and his grandfather survive.

**Andrew Jones, p'03**, 32, June 28 in Overland Park, where he worked for Prescription Solutions. He is survived by his wife, Kiley Conrad Jones, p'01; a son; three daughters; his father; his mother, Nancy Bryant Jones, d'64; three brothers; and his grandfather.

**Brian Jones, j'03**, 29, July 3 in Chicago, where he was a senior marketing coordinator for Smith Bucklin. He is survived by his parents, a sister, a stepbrother, two stepsisters and his grandparents.

**Jennifer Ann Lundgren, j'00**, 30, June 22 in Kansas City, where she worked for PDI Medical Supply Company. Her mother, a brother, a sister and her grandmother survive.

**Anne Moore, c'06**, 27, July 5 in Kansas City. She lived in Lawrence, where she was studying for a master's in education. She had taught English to high-school students in Strasbourg, France. She is survived by her parents; a brother, William, '04; and her grandparents.

## The University Community

**Raymond Ammar**, 76, June 22 in Lawrence, where he chaired KU's department of physics and astronomy from 1989 to 2003 and had taught for more than 40 years. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. Among survivors are a daughter, Elizabeth, c'88; a son; a brother; two sisters; and a grandson.

**Novy Bowman, g'62, EdD'68**, 90, June 10 in Lawrence, where he was a retired KU assistant professor of education. He is survived by his wife, Maxine Sheppard Bowman, assoc.; four daughters, Patricia, d'69, Roberta, d'73, Karen Bowman Baughman, s'78, s'79, and Margaret, d'82; a son, John, d'77; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Clayton Diener, m'54**, 80, June 4 in Hesston. He had been chief of surgery at Veterans Administration Hospital in Wichita, where he also was associate professor of surgery at the KU School of Medicine. He is survived by his wife, Inez; three sons, one of whom is Dennis, PhD'85; and three brothers.

**Kevin Jones, PhD'57**, 85, March 20 in Groton, Conn. He taught petroleum engineering at KU and later was on the faculty at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Survivors include his wife, JoAnn; a daughter, Marcia Jones Dysart, c'70, d'73, g'79; three sons, one of whom is Whitney, c'83; and five grandchildren.

**Sam Miranda**, 78, May 28 in Lawrence, where he had been assistant coach in charge of recruiting for KU's men's basketball team. He also taught basketball theory at KU and later was sales manager at Maupintour Travel Service. Survivors include his wife, Polly, g'82; four daughters, Joanna Miranda Glaze, j'78, Sueanna Miranda Budde, b'81, g'83, Sarah Miranda Snedeger, '85, and Laurie Miranda Allen, '87; his mother; a sister; and nine grandchildren.

**Jack Mitchell Sr.**, 85, July 5 in Sun City, Ariz. He was head football coach at KU from 1958 to 1966 and had coached at Wichita State University and the University of Arkansas. After leaving coaching, he was owner and publisher of the Wellington Daily News. He is survived by his wife, Peggy; a son, Judson, c'77; and six grandchildren.

**Richard Schira**, 82, Nov. 19 in Westport, N.Y. He was professor emeritus at KU, where he had been graduate director of the art department. Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Jones Schira, g'67; a daughter; a son, Eric, '95; a sister; his twin brother; and two grandchildren.





# Rock Chalk Review

COURTESY LISA DONNELLY



■ Singer-songwriter Lisa Donnelly's first solo recording defies music industry pigeonholing.



## Eclectic lady

*Donnelly's 'We Had A Thing' showcases Kansas singer's variety and verve*

It's a testament to singer-songwriter Lisa Donnelly's range that two of the most well-crafted songs on her debut solo CD sound radio-ready—but for entirely different stations.

"Laugh," a bouncy, piano-driven pop tune that celebrates feminine strength and grace in the face of adversity, could easily catch fire as a top 40 singalong. "Better," with sweeping vocals reminiscent of Stevie Nicks at her "Rumours" best, captures a classic '70s rock feel.

Among the eight remaining tracks on "We Had a Thing" is a pedal-steel tinged alt-country ode, "Stuck in a Rut;" the fierce and funky "Little Devil," which welds breathy vocals and a driving dance beat; "Julian," a moody ballad about backpacking in Spain; and "Blue," a pretty, hypnotic dirge with strings and sitar. It all adds up to what one reviewer called "a defiant work of eclecticism."

Defiant because, in today's radio scene, new

artists are pressured to fit into categories that are becoming increasingly narrow.

"I look at it as my strength, but it can also be a downfall," says Donnelly, c'02. "I think I've found a balance. My record, I call it eclectic pop rock. Some songs you could definitely hear on the radio, but it's also got a little indie flair to it."

While at KU Donnelly began singing with a local blues band, playing bars in Lawrence, Kansas City and Topeka. She also wrote poetry and acted in theatre productions, until a study abroad trip to Spain inspired her to focus on music. She formed her own band and played frequently at the Jazzhaus. At 22, degree in hand, the straight-A student decided to forgo grad school and a psychology career; instead the Lawrence native rolled the dice and moved to Los Angeles to pursue music full time.

"L.A. can be a really hard place," she says.

"It's tough for a Kansas girl, because I'm very trusting and open-hearted. But one thing that has made it worth it is the caliber of talent and professionalism I've been able to rub elbows with."

Donnelly says the tough times have given her a lot of material to work with, and "Stuck in a Rut"—a lament about the loneliness and isolation of big city life—is a prime example.

"The great thing is that your bad experience can help someone else. I have girlfriends here who tell me they listen to that song when they're lonely, and it makes them feel better. That to me is the power of music. That's the real reason I want to do this."

Donnelly has been busy promoting her first solo album (she earlier recorded a CD with electronica band A.M. Pacific) with "showcase" performances in the L.A. area designed to bring her songs to the attention of music industry execs. But she looks forward to performing this fall in the Midwest and elsewhere. She'll come to Lawrence in late September for a show at the Granada, where she also performed in early June for her CD release party.

"My goal is to play outside L.A. as much as possible, where I can build a fan base," Donnelly says. "Here it's so industry oriented. In Lawrence,

it was so fun because you're playing for a roomful of people who are really excited to be out hearing music." —

—Steven Hill



## Permission granted

*Researcher seeks new species after securing rare access to pristine Philippine forests*

**D**uring one of the estimated two dozen trips he has made to the Philippines since 1991, herpetologist Rafe Brown encountered his version of Shangri-La: a pristine mountain forest, fenced off by its owner.

"We were impressed," Brown, an assistant professor, recalls from his laboratory in Dyche Hall's Natural History Museum and Biodiversity Research Center, "because they had roads going up into the forest and they hadn't cut the forest down. It was intact. So that's always been sort of floating around in the back of my mind."

A decade later, Brown and his team of researchers, including KU graduate and

undergraduate students and colleagues from across the United States and the Philippines, have finally secured permission to extend their ongoing National Science Foundation-funded biotic survey of land vertebrates into mountain-top forests that have been fenced and guarded for decades by their owner, a power and water-supply company.

The breakthrough came this summer, thanks to groundwork done by fifth-year doctoral student Cameron Siler, who is spending much of the year in the Philippines on a Fulbright grant and agreed to track down the power company's headquarters in Manila and approach its executives about allowing access by Brown's research team.

"It was really Cameron's initiative," Brown says. "He single-handedly negotiated the whole thing. He's worked very hard and he deserves the credit."

Brown, who came to KU in 2005 from the University of Texas, says he isn't entirely sure what, exactly, they'll find when he and his colleagues begin the biotic surveys in earnest next summer; he is certain, however, that the results will be splendid.

Nearly 95 percent of the Philippine archipelago was once covered by rain

forests. A total land mass (from 7,000 islands) roughly the size of Arizona has much higher biodiversity than North America, and certain tiny islands still contain more endemic species (those found in a certain place and nowhere else) than Spain, France and Italy combined.

Deforestation began with the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan and other explorers, who cut down trees to build ships. Industrialization continued the trend, followed by the arrival of the Japanese, Americans, and the modern thirst for cleared land. Brown says only about 6 to 8 percent of Philippine forest cover remains, which makes these exploration authorizations so rare and valuable.

"A lot of people in conservation circles have sort of written it off as a lost cause," Brown says. "There's no forest left, it can't be worth much, why should we invest conservation dollars there when other nearby nations have much more forest? The reason why that view of things is wrong is that very few extinctions have occurred in the archipelago. There's lots left to save, basically."

"Not only are things hanging on in little patches of original, pristine forest, but it seems that one of the things we're learning is that second-growth forest is very good habitat for a whole subset of species."

In separate surveys, Conservation International identified countries with exceptionally high pockets of diversity, and also those with biodiversity at high risk of extinction. The two countries that made both lists are the Philippines and Madagascar.

"These areas where we'll be are high elevation no-man's lands that biologists haven't been up before," Brown says. "Usually we would find the highest diversity at mid-level, around 3,000 feet, and these areas are around 4,500 feet and higher. But what we will find are all endemic to that area. You don't find them anywhere else. So they are sort of these evolutionary treasures that have a very small distribution on top of these mountain peaks." —

—Chris Lazzarino



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■ Herpetologist Rafe Brown, left, with graduate student Luke J. Welton, displays a pair of Philippine monitor lizards—just one of the many biological treasures the island nation holds.



COURTESY JIM DOEPKE



■ Jim Doepke, aka Mr. Trumpet, is on a quest to play the national anthem at every park in Major League Baseball. “I’ve always been goal-oriented,” says Doepke, who also led his student musicians in three Tournament of Roses and two Macy’s Thanksgiving parades as high school band director.



## Around the horn with Mr. Trumpet

*Baseball fan takes music, spirit on the road with Anthem Across America*

Near the end of a 33-year-career as a high school band director, Jim Doepke hit on the idea of combining two of his great loves—music and baseball—and began carrying his trumpet whenever he attended a Milwaukee Brewers game.

From his seat, Doepke, d’74, sounded “Charge” at key moments, and his enthusiasm spread. “The whole section got into it,” he recalls. “It was just my way of adding to the atmosphere of the game.”

During one game a Brewers official in coat and tie approached. “I thought, ‘That’s it; I’m outta here,’” Doepke laughs. But the front office wanted to offer him a steady gig and a new moniker: Mr. Trumpet.

For the past several years, Doepke has become a kind of mascot for the National League team, rating free tickets for himself and a posse of friends who wave signs and urge the crowd to cheer on their hometown Brewers. When the team opened a new stadium, Miller Park, in 2001, it enlisted Doepke to play the

national anthem. He also involved his students, leading his high-school band at the stadium dedication and at the 2002 All-Star Game in Milwaukee.

Now he’s taking his show on the road, with a goal of performing the national anthem at every Major League ballpark in the United States.

He has brought Anthem Across America to Fenway Park in Boston and Chase Field in Phoenix. On Sept. 29 he’ll play “The Star Spangled Banner” at Coors Field in Denver.

That leaves only 26 more parks to go. “At the rate I’m going, it may take 10 years,” says Doepke. Despite retiring in 2007, he maintains a busy schedule as a consultant and grandfather.

Playing at spring training games is often his first contact with teams, and he’s played for the Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers, Seattle Mariners and Chicago White Sox in Arizona’s Cactus League. A letter from former Brewers owner and baseball commissioner Bud Selig has opened doors, too.

After a recent move to Florida, Doepke plans to hit the Grapefruit League next spring. Next summer he’ll use a trip to visit his children in California to perform at all six West Coast stadiums, from San Diego to Seattle.

“I’ve always gotten a lot of satisfaction from playing the national anthem, and I decided it would be a kick to do it at every Major League park,” says Doepke, who often performs for military honor

ceremonies and takes pride in “playing and representing America.” He also likes showing what his instrument can do.

“I’ve heard the anthem played on the saxophone and lot of other instruments, but it’s kind of unusual to hear it on the trumpet,” he says.

Straightforward and respectful in his on-field performances, he’ll keep having fun in the stands during games—though that’s best reserved for Milwaukee’s friendly confines.

Once, when the Brewers faced the Cubs at Wrigley Field, Doepke showed up with his horn, much to the delight of visiting Milwaukee fans. The host team, however, was not amused.

“They absconded with my trumpet and told me I could pick it up after the game ended,” Doepke recalls. More insulting yet, they misidentified the instrument.

“They called it a French horn,” he says, sorely aggrieved.

Indeed, Mr. Trumpet has a much nicer ring. 

—Steven Hill



## Laws run through it

*Environmental activism wasn’t invented at Earth Day, historian shows*

Karl Boyd Brooks, a self-described “late-in-life academic,” celebrated his 40th birthday the day of his first graduate school class on Mount Oread. He’d been an attorney in Boise, Idaho, from 1983 to 1996, and finally followed his dream of a deep study of history, specifically environmental history. He chose KU, to study under Don Worster, c’63, g’64, Hall Professor of U.S. History and Environmental Studies.

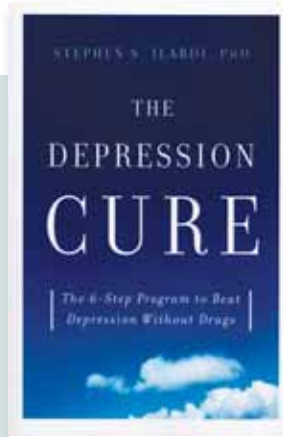
His circuitous route led Brooks, PhD’00, associate professor of history and environmental science, to write *Before Earth Day: The Origins of American Environmental Law, 1945-1970* (University Press of Kansas, \$34.95), exposing decades of hard work and tough battles by lawyers,

## TLC for depression

One in four Americans (more than 70 million people) will suffer major depression, and the medical community's most commonly used weapon against the disease, antidepressant medications, will work for less than half of them, contends Stephen Ilardi, associate professor of clinical psychology. Though antidepressant use has soared, depression is now 10 times more prevalent today than two generations ago.

The cause: a lifestyle that encourages physical inactivity, social disengagement and sleep deprivation. The modern lifestyle afforded by technological advances such as automobiles, electric lighting and TV wreaks havoc on our bodies, Ilardi argues, because our genetic makeup, slow to change, is wired for the hunter-gatherer lifestyle of our ancestors. In short, he writes in *The Depression Cure: The 6-Step Program to Beat Depression Without Drugs*, "Our Stone Age brains just weren't designed to handle the sedentary, isolated, indoor, sleep-deprived, fast-food laden, stressed-out pace of twenty-first-century life."

Ilardi outlines a program he and his KU clinical research team



■ *The Depression Cure*  
by Stephen Ilardi  
Da Capo Press, \$25

developed to combat depression. *Kansas Alumni* first described their work in a 2005 cover story ["Change Your Life, Change Your Mind," issue 2]. Called Therapeutic Lifestyle Change, the method focuses on reclaiming six lifestyle elements from our Stone Age forebears: A diet rich in Omega-3 fats, physical activity, sunlight exposure, social support, more and better sleep, and strategies for staving off repetitive negative thinking.

Ilardi's theory draws on discoveries in cognitive neuroscience and evolutionary psychology, which add heft to his common-sense advice; that eating better, sleeping more and connecting with people we love should be good for us is no surprise, after

all. But the *The Depression Cure* arrays data that may inspire action. A KU study showed the response rate for patients treated with TLC was more than four times higher than patients treated with the conventional approach of medication and talk therapy.

Ilardi notes his methods also benefit those not diagnosed with depression. Everyone, it seems, can use a little TLC.

—Steven Hill

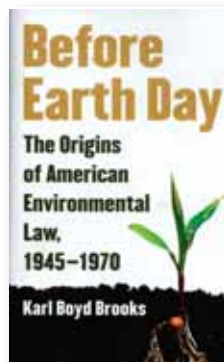
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Brooks

legislators and regular citizens that set the stage for the 1970 inception of Earth Day and the subsequent environmental activism.

"There's a lost past about environmental politics," says Boyd, who worked as a U.S. Supreme Court Fellow, writing a history of federal criminal sentencing, from September 2001 to July 2002. "There have always been strong political debates about using the power of government to control what people can do with their private property. How much do we want to limit our freedom to use our property? There was more attention paid to how that applies to the environmental



movement after 1970, but there were tough fights all the way along, fights that were very fierce and principled on both sides, with lots of

very sophisticated politicking.

"People learned a lot of lessons in the '50s and '60s that they applied after 1970. Most of the innovations built on legal foundations that were pretty well understood before 1970. They were extended and enveloped and improved, but not very often invented."

Brooks succeeds in one of his goals for the book: writing a history of how laws get made that can be read by "ordinary people, not the lawyers and judges."

But accessibility and fast-paced narrative were far from his only intentions for *Before Earth Day*. He also hopes to educate employees of public environmental agencies about how the laws they carry out were made, and "get historians to back off just a little from the idea that 1970 was a defining moment."

His final goal is to "help law professors be a little bit more historical. I have a great deal of respect for what they do, but sometimes they are so focused on teaching the law as it is, and law as it could be, that they don't pay enough attention to how the law got to be how it is now."

—Chris Lazzarino





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