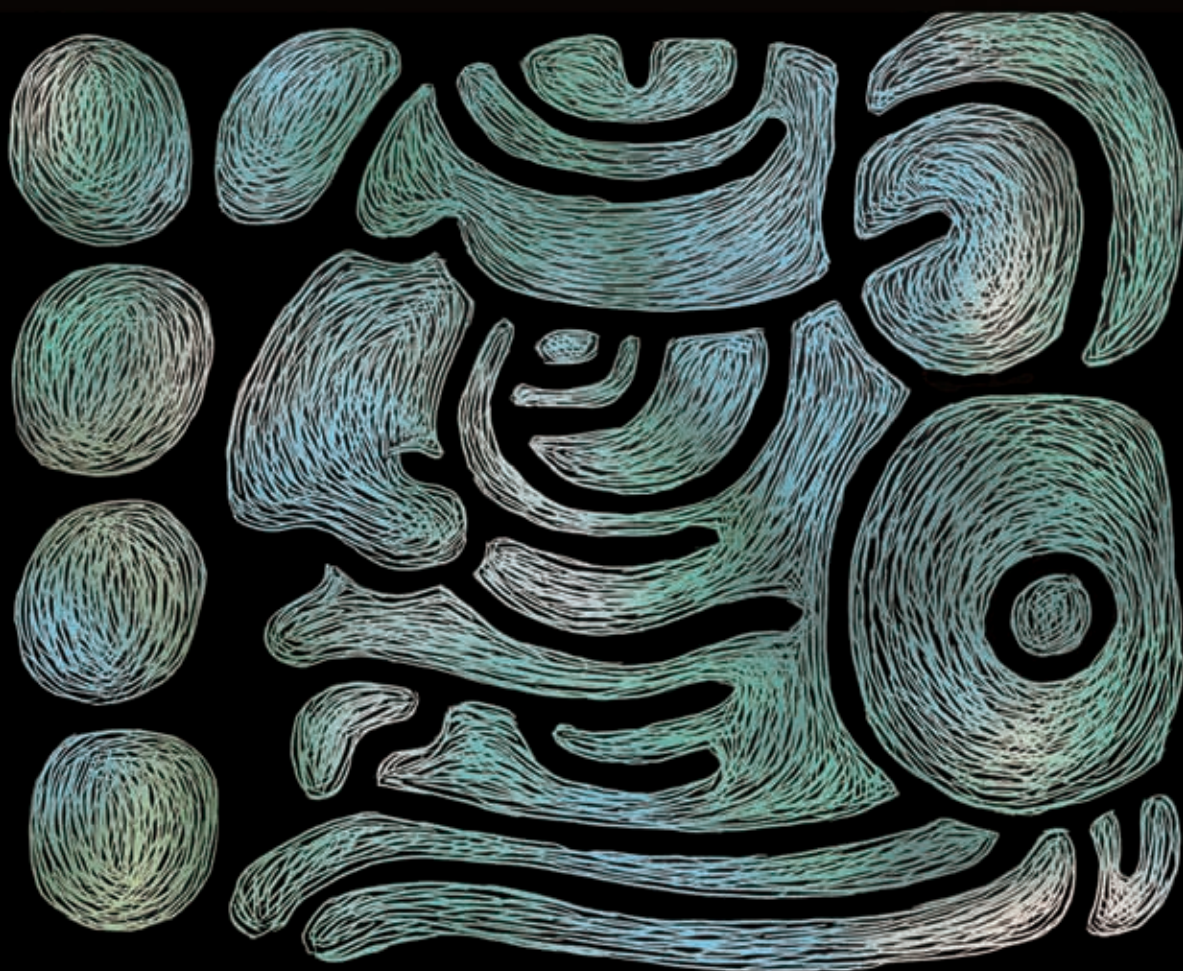


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First-class Mayo

Que bueno! I enjoyed the story “Doña Mayo” [issue No. 3] detailing the work Liliana Mayo has done for Peruvian special needs children. We got your magazine the day after we returned from our own trip to Lima, Peru. My husband John, daughter Kristin Field, c’00, and I were there with cousins, some of whom work in the United States



with special needs children. If we had known about Liliana’s mission, we surely would have visited her building, which was about two miles from where we were visiting (the Pueblo Libre YMCA).

I will forward this article to my cousins, and to another gentleman whom we met in Lima who also works with special needs children in Boston. It is a small world.

Thanks for writing and editing this publication. It is always first class.

Barbara Belden Field, c’70
Bedford, Texas

Prized Jayhawks

What a great story about Colleen McCain Nelson and her husband, Eric [“Love Story,” issue No. 3]. Their accomplishments make me proud to be a Jayhawk! I laughed when I read the name of their beloved dog, Phog. Our dog, Phog Allen, is 9 years old and his sister, March Madness, is 7. They replaced two beloved dogs (now in KU doggie heaven), Hoops and Naismith. Some of us just can’t get enough of KU!

Rock Chalk!

Debora Burns Daniels, d’76, g’78, PhD’03
Olathe

Fact check

Congratulations to Colleen McCain Nelson, j’97, on winning the Pulitzer Prize. I enjoyed reading Chris Lazzarino’s article about Nelson’s journalistic career at KU and the Dallas Morning News and about her life with her husband, Eric Nelson, j’93.

I would like to clarify, however, that the listing of my father, Alvin Scott McCoy, c’25, in the accompanying section “Previous Pulitzers,” was incorrect. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1954, when he was Kansas correspondent and political writer for the Kansas City Star. He received the award for distinguished local reporting that led to the resignation under fire of C. Wesley Roberts, the Republican National Chairman.

Again, many thanks to Chris Lazzarino for a fine story on Colleen McCain Nelson. It is heartwarming to see her Pulitzer Prize join those received by KU alumni who all have upheld high journalistic standards to win this prestigious award.

Marion McCoy Wright, j’56
Seattle

Editor’s note: The bright side of committing such an unsightly error is that we’ve learned, from multiple letters, that Alvin Scott McCoy is indeed well remembered. Our apologies for a transcription error that piled achievements by McCoy, who won the 1954 Pulitzer Prize for his investigation into the Republican Party, with those of Eugene Goltz, ’54, who won the 1965 Pulitzer for the Houston Post for his reporting on government corruption in Pasadena, Texas.

Romance and patriotism

I’ve been reading this month’s alumni magazine. Sometimes, I must admit, I do not read every article, but I particularly enjoyed the article about Eric and Colleen McCain Nelson. What a neat, tal-

ented couple and so very sharp! And, of course, it’s a wonderful love story! I am still a romantic, I guess.

Another piece that took my eye was the flags for each American killed in Iraq and Afghanistan [On the Boulevard]. How neat for those two young men to do that. I am so disappointed that I did not know anything about their tribute. I would have loved to see it. I thank them for their great efforts.

My patriotism goes back to World War II. I used to know the words to all the military marches, and still get teary-eyed when I hear them. I remember standing in line every Thursday at Cordley School when we brought our dimes to paste in our U.S. Savings Bond books. Took quite a while to fill a book, but it was very important to us grade school kids!

Marge Hazlett, ’54
Lawrence

Moments In Time

While our gorgeous campus and thrilling basketball teams linger large in many Jayhawk memories, the deeper story of a KU education invariably revolves around an enchanting, life-changing interaction with a faculty member or fellow student. Every memory is unique, yet somehow the same. Would you care to share yours?



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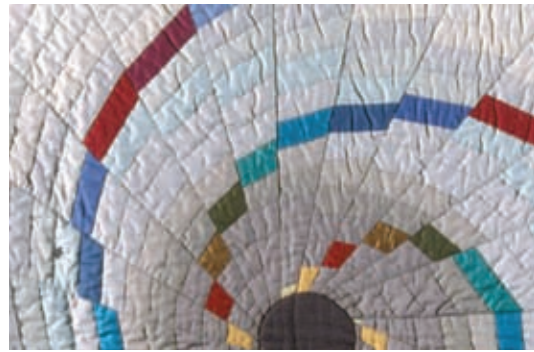
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BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

First Word

STEVE PUPPE



The newspaper reporter wanted to hear desperation in my voice. During an awkward phone conversation, he tried every which way to get me to say the sky was falling. I wouldn't. Call me naive and nerdy, but I honestly didn't believe that the potential disbanding of the Big 12 athletics conference would mean utter disaster for my alma mater.

The University of Kansas has been on the national stage in academics for decades, I told the reporter, launching a lengthy sermon: In the arena that truly matters, no game of musical chairs in sports could rob KU of its rightful prestige. KU is a leader and a longtime member of the Association of American Universities, a select group of the nation's most acclaimed research institutions. Even if the universities of Nebraska and Colorado desert the Big 12 (on this day, their moves were still speculative), Mount Oread will not crumble.

I reminded the reporter that the Uni-

versity and the Alumni Association are about far more than sports, and I threw in a few impressive stats: Only 20 percent of the Alumni Association's events focus on sports. Among our 500 annual activities, more than three-quarters relate to KU's stellar academic programs and growing alumni efforts in student recruitment.

Not one word of my preaching ended up in the newspaper. Nebraska and Colorado indeed defected, and messages of concern and anger about KU's possible fate began to pour in from fellow Jayhawks. As near-panic ensued, I stopped cracking jokes around the office about the coincidence that we had planned for this issue a "doomsday" cover story (which has nothing to do with sports).

All's well that ends well—for now. On page 14, Chris Lazzarino recounts the drama and the bizarre opening acts that included scandalous off-the-books sales of game tickets by former athletics department employees. There will be

much more to report in the months ahead as the athletics department and the University implement more stringent internal controls of game ticket sales, and a revised sports conference takes shape.


Of course, Jayhawk loyalty endures no matter how many teams are on the official roster of regional foes. Our traditions remain strong.

And on the rarest of occasions, even time-honored rituals can be tweaked. So, to celebrate a new era, the Association, as the keeper of tradition, will preside over the revising of the KU fight song, "I'm a Jayhawk." As part of the 2010 Homecoming Oct. 18-24, the Association and will host a songwriting contest for students, who will perform their renditions Oct. 21 for a panel of judges that will include alumni, faculty and students.

The brainchild of George "Dumpy" Bowles, 1912, "I'm a Jayhawk" became popular in 1920, and the men's glee club performed it during a national tour in 1926. The most recent revision occurred in 1958, when the Big Seven became the Big Eight. For those who don't know the words by heart, the verse refers to the Buffs and those "Cornhuskin' boys." The chorus vows to make Cornhuskers wail.

The Association, which coordinates Homecoming festivities with a student steering committee, will post the contest details at www.kualumni.org/kuaa_homecoming.html.

Of course, we'll also alert the media. A couple of local outlets already have broken the startling story, and on an apparently slow news day, a Kansas City TV station raced down K-10 to Lawrence to interview me on camera. I tried to mind my manners, explaining that perhaps Jayhawks no longer need to sing about Buffaloes and Cornhuskers.

As my husband so delicately put it, thank goodness the news broadcast was not in HD. 



On the Boulevard



■ Senior class officers Briana Saunders, Matt Enriquez, John Stolle and Scott Toland carried the Class of 2010 banners through the Campanile during Commencement ceremonies May 16.

■ Special events

AUGUST

- 16** Ice Cream Social, Adams Alumni Center
- 27-28** KU Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies: 50 Years of Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies in the American Heartland

SEPTEMBER

- 3-4** Volunteer Recognition Weekend
- 24-25** Hispanic Alumni Chapter Kickoff, Adams Alumni Center
- 25** Jayhawk Generations Breakfast, Adams Alumni Center
- 25** Family Day and Band Day

■ Exhibitions

- “Quilting Time & Space,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Aug. 26
- “Conversation VIII—Serious Play,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Aug. 1
- “Beaded Heritage,” Spencer Museum of Art, through Aug. 1
- “Reviving the Past: Antiquity & Antiquarianism in East Asian Art,” Spencer Museum of Art, through 2010

■ University Theatre

JULY

- 16-18, 22-24** “Shiloh Rules,” written by Doris Baizley, directed by Mechele Leon

AUGUST

- 27-29** “The Trojan Women” directed by Dennis Christilles

■ Lied Center events

AUGUST

- 20** Jeffery Broussard and the Creole Cowboys, free outdoor concert

■ Lectures

SEPTEMBER

- 13** Elizabeth Kolbert, “Science, Politics and Climate Change,” Humanities Lecture Series, Woodruff Auditorium

■ Academic Calendar

JULY

- 30** Summer classes end

AUGUST

- 19** Fall classes begin



■ Jayhawk Generations picnics

JULY

- 13 Emporia
- 13 Great Bend
- 13 Garden City
- 13 Hutchinson
- 13 Wichita
- 14 Lawrence
- 14 Hays
- 14 Hugoton
- 14 Salina
- 17 Denver
- 24 St. Louis
- 24 Chicago
- 29 Houston
- 31 Austin

AUGUST

- 1 Dallas
- 1 Washington, D.C.

■ Kansas Honors Program

SEPTEMBER

- 15 Wellington
- 20 Sedgwick
- 22 Lawrence

- 29 Hutchinson
- 29 Leavenworth
- 29 McPherson

■ Alumni events

JULY

- 16 Colorado Springs: KU Night at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
- 17 Memphis: alumni happy hour
- 22 San Antonio: Thirsty Third Thursday
- 24 Dallas Cowboys Stadium VIP Tour
- 25 Indianapolis Chapter family picnic
- 25 Milwaukee: Lakefront Brewery tour and tasting
- 27 Chicago: Tuesdays on the Terrace
- 30 New York: Night at the Met
- 30 San Antonio Chapter beer tasting
- 31 Phoenix Alumni Volunteer Day

AUGUST

- 4 Lincoln Chapter family picnic
- 5 Omaha Chapter family picnic
- 5 Winfield: South Kansas Chapter alumni dinner
- 6 Des Moines Chapter family picnic
- 7 New York: KU Night with the Staten Island Yankees
- 7 San Diego Chapter beer tasting

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- 7 Twin Cities Chapter family picnic
- 11 Reno Chapter family barbecue
- 12 Bay Area Chapter boat cruise
- 14 Denver: Alumni Night with the Colorado Rockies
- 19 San Antonio: Thirsty Third Thursday
- 21 Chicago: Ravinia Festival featuring Counting Crows
- 27 Boise Chapter family barbecue

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Chicago: Alumni Night with the Cubs
- 16 San Antonio: Thirsty Third Thursday
- 19 Manhattan: KU at the Zoo

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



■ New graduates celebrated on the field at Memorial Stadium, posed for pics at the Chi-O fountain, and showed their Jayhawk pride, after ceremonies stepped off as planned despite the threat of rain.



Jayhawk Walk

Never too late

As a young woman with a growing family, Ellyn Bowker Larsen, d'64, g'69, somehow made time for everything important in her life: family, farming, teaching, and, for more than a decade, KU classes. But circumstances prevented her participating in the pomp. Twice.

Larsen, who now lives in Oregon, in recent years mentioned to her daughter Judy Bowker, d'96, g'73, how much she'd like to return to Lawrence on a certain weekend in May. When she opened a Christmas present and uncovered a cap and gown, Larsen knew exactly what it meant: a trip to Mount Oread for her long awaited walk down the Hill.

But as Larsen gathered with her new-found classmates May 16 on Memorial Drive, dark clouds threatened. There were even unspoken fears the ceremony might get moved to Monday or, heaven forbid, canceled. Larsen wasn't worried.

"It held off," she says. "I asked it to."

Larsen reports that she's been showering her Salem friends with pictures and sto-



CHARLIE PODREBARAC

Got a penny, give a penny

They say you can't fight city hall. Or the parking department. Don't tell that to John Ready.

When the Dallas senior tried to pay a \$10 parking ticket with a bag of 1,000 pennies in March, he learned that Parking and Transit won't accept coins for fines.

Ready to rumble, he set out to change the no-change policy. He consulted books and websites to confirm his right to settle a debt with coins. After he shared his two cents in a

lengthy e-mail exchange with Donna Hultine, director of Parking and Transit, Ready was allowed to count out his coppers, and the payment policy was discontinued.

This penny-pinching agent of change considers his coin crusade time well-spent, and says it could pay big dividends for the rest of us.

"Legal precedent has been set," Ready told the University Daily Kansan. Now if he could just get meters to take 'em.



STEVE PUPPE

Larsen



ries of the big weekend when, she says with glee, she felt like a college girl all over again. “It was probably one of the experiences of my life,” she says. “I will treasure it forever.”

Three cheers for Ellyn! And thanks, too, for reminding Jayhawks everywhere about what it means to be True Blue.



Pruitt

Haute KUisine

As chef *dé cuisine* for KU Dining Services, Joe Pruitt cooks for 500 diners or a dozen, preparing buffets or plated dinners as the occasion demands. But an “Iron Chef”-style challenge for college food service pros this spring gave him a chance to show his chef chops, and Pruitt brought home a silver medal for his take on the competition’s required ingredient: portobello mushroom.

Pruitt’s concoction—a portobello quinoa and black lentil gateau—used Peruvian spices and grains to accent the mushroom. He perfected the recipe for a year in preparation for the National Association of College and Union Food Services’ Midwest Regional Conference Culinary Challenge.

Competitors had 60 minutes to cook their dish, which had to include complex *tourné* cuts, before spectators and a panel of three master chefs.

“It gave me a good chance to show off a

little bit, and I picked up a lot of new techniques,” he says. “Master chefs are few and far between, so having a chance to sit and talk with three about my dish was a really good learning experience.”

Impromptu, Dining Services’ restaurant in the Kansas Union, offered Pruitt’s silver-medal masterpiece once this spring. But don’t look for it on the regular menu. “Too much handwork,” says Pruitt, who cuts and folds each ‘shroom into a flower shape. “That’s hard to do when people need their lunch in 15 minutes.”

Now with 50 percent less hullabaloo

Never let it be said that KU’s bean counters have been less than diligent in keeping the University’s operating budget lean during these tough economic times.

Case in point: Tootie-toot, the whistle that trumpets the end of class, has been abbreviated from 5 to 2.5 seconds. The shorter shriek saves about \$1,000 a year, though the exact windfall depends on the market price of the natural gas that heats the water that produces the steam that powers the blast.

Kansas Alumni readers will recall that prior bids to retire the campus claxon—due to costly repairs or an excess of thrift—were met with hue and cry and donations to fund its continued clamoring.

The current compromise seems sound: Half a toot is better than no toot at all.



LARRY LEROY PEARSON



ILLUSTRATION COURTESY THE WHEEL

You come here often?

Jeff Hall doesn’t get much hands-on experience with his research these days.

“I’ve been married six years,” Hall says. “I’ve been with my wife for 10. I’ve been off the market for a while now.”

So Hall, an assistant professor of communication studies, has to turn to others to study his area of expertise—flirting.

Hall, whose findings will be published later this year, analyzed pick-up methods to identify five flirting styles:

1. **Physical:** Relatively aggressive style that involves touching.
2. **Polite:** So low-key it might send the signal that you just want to be friends. (Hall admits this was his style in pursuing his wife. Her friends had to explain he was interested in her.)
3. **Traditional:** Adheres to gender roles, with the man making the first move.

4. **Sincere:** A genuine desire to know who you’re flirting with, often with a long-term relationship in mind.

5. **Playful:** A casual style, such as the way a man might flirt with a waitress.

Hall hopes to continue his research, analyzing such topics as the relationship between technology and flirting. Like the current project, those studies will rely on surveys of others, so he won’t need to hang out at the Wheel drinking beer and chatting up women. No doubt his wife is grateful.



Hilltopics

BY STEVEN HILL

COURTESY WILLIAM CATHCART-RAKE



■ Dr. William Cathcart-Rake is leading the School of Medicine's effort to extend its training program for doctors to Salina, where school leaders hope to draw more students interested in practicing outside the state's large cities.

School of Medicine wants to extend its reach across the state by establishing a four-year doctor training program in Salina and by expanding from two to four years the existing training program at the School of Medicine-Wichita, where H. David Wilson is dean.

The expansion would allow the school to accept 211 students each year, up from 175 now. And by branching out to Salina, KU hopes that more of these new physicians will elect to work in the state's underserved small cities and rural areas. All but 10 Kansas counties have at least a portion of the county designated as a health professions shortage area for primary care, according to Heidi Chumley, KU's senior associate dean of medical education.

Doctors in the house

School of Medicine expansion to Salina, Wichita would address physician shortage in state

“We want to attract students interested in primary care and in staying in more rural areas of the state.”

—William Cathcart-Rake

When William Cathcart-Rake came to Salina to practice medicine in 1979, he had spent most of the decade in Kansas City, completing his medical degree, internship, residency and a fellowship in clinical pharmacology at the School of Medicine. Raised in Southern California, he seemed a likely candidate for life in a big city. But a Garden City physician convinced him that smaller might be better.

“He was practicing great medicine in a smaller town and he loved it,” says Cathcart-Rake, m’74. “Just by his example I said, ‘I could do this. I could enjoy medicine outside of Kansas City, outside of academic medicine.’ He made me realize it’s possible to practice high-quality medicine and have a good time outside those areas.”

The oncologist hopes to play a similar role for aspiring young doctors as head of the School of Medicine’s proposed expansion to Salina. The

“We know if you accept students from rural areas and train them in rural areas, they are more likely to stay in rural areas,” Chumley says. “Salina is a mid-sized city with great proximity to the rural areas we hope to draw from for this program.”

The Kansas Board of Regents endorsed the idea in April, and community partners in Salina and Wichita have shown support. The Salina Regional Health Foundation granted \$225,000 and Earl and Kathleen Merkel of Russell donated \$75,000 for the effort. The Salina Regional Health Center provided a building, which it’s now remodeling and furnishing. The next hurdle for both sites will be accreditation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which plans site visits in July. A decision should come by November.

The School of Medicine-Wichita already trains third- and fourth-year students, who complete

their first two years of medical school in Kansas City. The expansion will allow Wichita to conduct first- and second-year training. First- and second-year students in Salina and Wichita will use live interactive TV to participate in the same morning lectures attended by Kansas City students, or they can download the videotaped lectures and watch them on their own schedule. Afternoons will be spent in group discussion, clinical skills labs and problem-solving sessions with local physicians. Cathcart-Rake is recruiting Salina physicians to serve as volunteer faculty members.

Salina hopes to admit its first class in 2011, with its first graduates by 2015. Class size will be limited to eight students. Class size in Wichita will be eight in 2011, and 28 after that.

First-year costs are estimated at \$300,000 for Salina and \$550,000 for Wichita. Once the programs are full, annual costs are estimated at \$900,000 for Salina and \$3 million for Wichita. Both programs are designed to be “tuition neutral,” Chumley says, with operating costs fully covered by tuition income.

According to Chumley, the School of Medicine has set a goal of attracting 75 percent of Salina graduates to practice in underserved Kansas counties. Much of that success will rely on attracting students interested in primary care and hoping that, like Cathcart-Rake, they find the appeal of Kansas living impossible to resist.

“I think we can do a good job educating them and preparing them for their postgraduate medical education in whatever discipline they want,” he says. “And we’re hoping that when they finish their education, they will have seen that small towns are a great place to practice.”



Financial reckoning

Leaders resolve tuition, budget amid economic challenges

The price of KU tuition will increase 7 percent for fall 2010 freshmen, according to a plan approved in late June by the Kansas Board of Regents.

For in-state freshmen taking 15 credit hours, tuition will be \$3,937.50 per semester, excluding campus and course fees. For out-of-state freshmen taking 15 credit hours, tuition will be \$10,340.25 per semester, excluding fees.

These prices will remain firm for the Class of 2014 under KU’s Four-Year Tuition Compact, which began with the fall 2007 freshman class. Because many undergraduates already participate in the four-year compact, nearly half of KU undergraduates will not see a tuition increase, even though KU and the KU Medical Center are coping with nearly \$43 million in budget cuts and unfunded mandates from fiscal 2010. The tuition increase for freshmen will make up only \$11.2 million of that shortfall.

“We want to maintain the accessibility to a first-class college education, and though that is made much more difficult by the state budget cuts, this proposal strikes a good balance,” Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little said in May, when KU presented its plan to the Regents. “KU remains an absolute bargain nationally.”

The Regents on June 24 approved the proposal by a vote of 6-3, with Regents Jill Sadowsky Docking, c’78, g’84, Gary Sherrer and Donna Shank opposed. Also at that meeting, the group selected Sherrer, Overland Park, a former Kansas lieutenant governor, to succeed Docking as Regents chairman. Ed McKechnie of Arcadia was elected vice chairman.

In May, Gov. Mark Parkinson, l’84, and the Kansas Legislature crafted a fiscal 2011 budget that spared Regents institutions from additional cuts and ensured that the KU School of Pharmacy expansion and other projects would remain on track. Parkinson had vowed in January to protect the state’s investment in higher education. More than 1,200 members of Jayhawks for Higher Education, the Alumni Association’s legislative advocacy network, received regular updates and communicated with lawmakers throughout the challenging session, during which the budget deficit grew to nearly \$500 million. A temporary one-cent sales tax increase will generate an estimated \$300 million in fiscal 2011.

State appropriations and tuition are only two sources of KU funding. The state contributes 24 percent of the overall KU budget, and student tuition and fees represent 22 percent. Other sources include research grants and contracts,

“KU remains an absolute bargain nationally.”

—Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little



Hilltopics

and private gifts through KU Endowment.

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—Jennifer Jackson Sanner

KU MEDICAL CENTER

Building honors Hemenway’s collaborative-research vision

The University community gathered at KU Medical Center in May to dedicate The Robert E. Hemenway Life Sciences Innovation Center, honoring the former chancellor whose 14-year tenure saw great advancement in KU’s biomedical research.

Opened in January 2007, the Medical Center’s newest comprehensive research facility focuses on liver disease, reproductive sciences, neuroscience, diabetes and proteomics. Laboratories are organized by theme to promote joint research between departments, a fitting tribute to Hemenway’s legacy of fostering collaborative organizations such as the KU Midwest Research Institute Alliance, formed in 1999.

The Life Sciences Innovation Center received funding from state grants and private organizations, including a major contribution by the Hall Family Foundation. State-of-the-art equipment and laboratory space have helped attract nationally renowned researchers. The expanded research capacity will generate revenue and grants for continued work toward another vision of Chancellor Hemenway: National Cancer Institute designation.

“Ultimately, it’s the mission of improving lives that motivated KU under Bob Hemenway,” Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little said during the ceremony. “Thanks to his work, we will continue to seek economic growth from our research and scholarly work.”

—Whitney Eriksen

STEVE PUPPE (2)



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Gifts from doctors to benefit spinal medicine, honor Dole

A new endowed professorship in spine research will boost a multidisciplinary spine center at KU while honoring former Sen. Bob Dole, '45.

The Senator Bob Dole Endowed Professorship in Spine Outcomes Clinical Research will establish a \$1 million School of Medicine professorship to research the effectiveness of the major preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic techniques used in spine care.

The physician governance committee of the Marc A. Asher Spine Care Center requested the professorship in recognition of Dole’s financial support of the center. The former senator, who sustained serious spinal injuries in World War II combat, donated a total of \$200,000 to the Asher Center in 2009 and 2010.

Spine Center physicians, including

Class credit

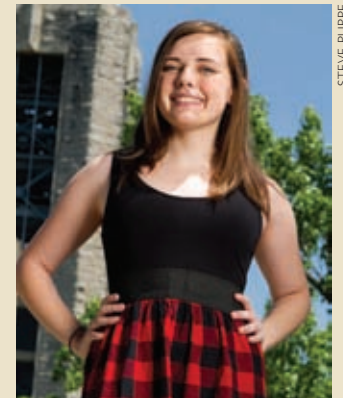
For whom the bell tolls

The winner of the 2010 Campanile Award is Andrea Lynne Peterson.

The \$500 prize established by the Class of 2000 honors a graduating senior who displays remarkable leadership, strength of character and respect for KU.

Peterson, c'10, c'10, definitely fits the bill: She graduated this spring with degrees in political science and East Asian languages, yet still found time for a full extracurricular schedule. She founded KU Students Against Sweatshops, collecting more than 1,000 signatures to support monitoring the labor policies of firms licensed to produce KU apparel. She was politically active on campus and off, serving as a delegate for Kansas’ 3rd congressional District Democratic convention in 2008 and as an intern at the Kansas headquarters of Barack Obama’s presidential campaign.

“Throughout my time at KU I have dedicated every spare moment trying to engage my fellow students and show them ways they can effect change,” Peterson says. “Whether it’s working to combat sweatshop labor, championing women’s equality or even helping elect our current president, I have been there.”



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namesake Marc Asher, m'62, have donated to the professorship, which is one third of the way to its \$1 million fundraising goal.

MUSIC

New director of bands already marches to a Jayhawk beat

Paul Popiel becomes director of KU bands in August, replacing Scott Weiss, who is leaving to take a similar job at the University of South Carolina. Popiel is no stranger to the Hill, having worked with Weiss and KU students for the past three years as producer of two music CDs recorded for the Naxos label by the KU Wind Ensemble.

"I know the faculty here really well, and I know lots of the students and I know the place well, so it's been a fairly easy transition so far," Popiel says.

He worked as assistant director of bands at

Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music most recently, and also directed the marching band at Oklahoma State University.

As director of KU bands, Popiel will conduct the wind ensemble, direct the graduate program in wind conducting and guide all aspects of the University band program, including the Marching Jayhawks, led by David Clemmer.

"Over the last several years their numbers have come up significantly, and I want to continue to push that—be it recruiting help or financial help or just supporting them any way I can," Popiel says. "I think that's a top priority for the band program. The marching band is the most visible face of what we do everyday in the classroom and the rehearsal hall. On one Saturday afternoon more people will see the marching band than attend all the concerts the whole year through."



Popiel

COURTESY PAUL POPIEL

Milestones, money and other matters

■ **A \$4.6 MILLION GRANT** from the National Institutes of Health will fund an upgrade of the Bioinformatics Computing Facility in Nichols Hall. The renovation and expansion will boost computing power for complex life sciences research projects while also recycling heat generated by computers to warm the building. The project is expected to yield a 20-fold increase in computing power, a 15 percent drop in natural gas use and a significant dip in electricity needs.



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■ **THE SPENCER MUSEUM OF ART** has hired I. M. Pei's architectural firm to produce a master plan to guide future expansion of the museum. Pei Cobb Freed and Partners has designed 20 museums, including the Grand Louvre, Paris; the Musée d'art Moderne, Luxembourg; the East Building of the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.; and the Charles Shipman Payson Building, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, Maine.

■ **A \$4.2 MILLION GEOTHERMAL PROJECT** funded in part by the U.S. Department of Energy's Innovative Exploration and Drilling Program will allow the department of geology to complete a three-year project developing cheaper and easier ways to power electric utility plants with geothermal energy. The plan is to use new technology and traditional geophysical tools to identify likely drilling spots to tap the earth's geothermal energy. The project also taps \$2.4 million in federal stimulus funding.

■ **MARILYN HARP AND JOHN LUNGSTRUM** earned Distinguished Alumni Awards from the School of Law in May. Harp, s'76, l'79, began her career in public interest law as a staff attorney at Kansas Legal Services before rising through the ranks to become the firm's executive director. Lungstrum, l'70, was nominated by President George H.W. Bush to be a U.S. district judge in 1991, and he served as chief judge for the District of Kansas from 2001 to 2008. The highest honor given by the School of Law, the awards are given annually to graduates who have distinguished themselves through exemplary service to the legal profession, their community, KU and the state or country.

■ **THE WOUNDED WARRIOR EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE** graduated its first class of Jayhawks in May. The partnership between the U.S. Army and KU gives wounded soldiers the opportunity to continue their education and careers of service to the nation. Six officers completed their master's degrees and returned to assignments that allow the Army to benefit from their education and personal experiences.

■ **THE CHILDREN'S CAMPUS OF KANSAS CITY** held grand opening ceremonies June 8. The \$15.5 million building at 444 Minnesota Ave. in Kansas City, Kan., houses KU's Juniper Gardens Children's Project, KU Medical Center's Project EAGLE Community Programs and the Family Health Conservancy.

■ **DONALD WORSTER**, the Joyce and Elizabeth Hall Distinguished Professor of U.S. History at KU, won Scotland's biggest literary prize, the Scottish Book of the Year Award, for his biography *A Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir*. Published by Oxford University Press in 2008, the biography profiles the Scotland native who founded the Sierra Club.



Worster



Sports

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

■ At his June 16 news conference explaining how the Big 12 fended off raids by the Pac-10 and others, Lew Perkins appeared as if the weight of months of worry had been lifted from his shoulders.



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Conference call

After stormy stretch, athletics celebrates best possible news: the Big 12 lives

Not so long ago, on a blizzardy March night in Oklahoma City, it seemed the Jayhawk faithful were enduring the worst fate imaginable: a two-point loss to Northern Iowa that left players sobbing in their locker room and fans of the top-ranked Jayhawks numb with disbelief.

If the true blue thought losing a second-round NCAA Tournament basketball game was painful, then the next three months delivered enough perspective to choke on ... and, thankfully, more than enough hope to soar on.

On May 26, long simmering unease about an investigation of the athletics ticket office erupted into full anguish and fury as the University, led by Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, revealed that

six former athletics department employees had, since 2005, surreptitiously sold nearly 20,000 men's basketball and football tickets, as well as some game-day parking passes. Face value of the monetary loss was estimated to be at least \$1 million and possibly as high as \$3 million; of even greater loss was the confidence of some donors and bruising to the University's reputation. The Kansas Board of Regents called the scandal "a shocking catalog of unethical behavior that reflects negatively upon the University of Kansas and its athletics department." Gray-Little responded by pledging renewed vigor in oversight of all ticket procedures, including the hiring of a staff auditor.

Days later came awkward reports that a former athletics department employee allegedly attempted to blackmail Athletics Director Lew Perkins for apparently accepting a loan of home exercise equipment from a supplier whose owners had been KU boosters. Perkins and his attorney, Stephen McAllister, c'85, l'88, professor of law, reported the alleged blackmail to Lawrence

police in April, and the owners of the equipment company, which had long ago gone out of business, stated publicly that the equipment loan had never been intended as an exchange for premium basketball tickets.

For the second time in the spring semester, Gray-Little ordered a review. This time, the news was good: Investigators found no evidence of any improper conduct by Perkins, and reported that his accuser refused to offer details to back up his claims. Although quickly resolved, the news broke only a few days after reports of the ticket scandal, making a bad week even worse. The drama increased yet again about a week later, when Perkins announced that he would retire Sept. 4, 2011.

And on that same memorable day, June 10, the University of Colorado announced it would leave the Big 12 Conference for a lucrative offer from the Pac-10. One day later, the University of Nebraska announced that it would join the Big 10.

What had been a big, proud conference of 12 was whittled to 10, with rumors swirling that the Pac-10 was trying to lure the Big 12 South to create a 16-team megaconference. Also in the mix was talk that the Southeastern Conference might try to grab up Oklahoma and Texas A&M.

"In the span of the next few hours, few days, we have the appearance that we could be without a league," basketball coach Bill Self said the evening of June 10. "I don't think the Big 12 is giving up. We're still holding out hope that it doesn't play out the way that it certainly appears it's going to."

Of the conference demolitions that seemed sure to sweep the country, generally driven by football-generated TV revenues, Self added, "This is going to change the landscape of college athletics not for the next five or 10 years, but maybe for the next 30 or 50 years."

As for Perkins announcing his intention to retire, Self emphasized that he was heartened because it was still 15 months off. "I think his effectiveness will be very, very important for conference

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—Athletics Director Lew Perkins

realignment," Self said. "I don't know if we could have a better A.D. in America. I don't know a guy out there who is more connected. There's a lot of things he can do to maneuver behind the scenes that I think can put us in the best position."

Always eager to spread a hopeful message, Self added, "This could very well play out to be a good thing over time for us. We just don't have any idea what that good thing is just yet."

Not for the first time, Self's charmingly positive predictions proved prescient. After a long, tense weekend, the Big 12 emerged intact. Thanks to intensive lobbying by league commissioner Dan Beebe—"What he did in putting this thing together might have saved intercollegiate athletics as we see it today," Perkins said—as well as close collaboration among athletics directors, chancellors and presidents, the University of Texas declined the Pac-10's offer, and the other potential breakaway schools followed the Longhorns' lead. A 120-point banner headline across the top of the Topeka Capital-Journal's June 15 sports section screamed, "GOD BLESS TEXAS."

What quickly emerged was a unified message that a 10-team Big 12 will be a lean, mean, money-making machine. Projections are good for future television contracts, and enhanced revenues will be split 10 ways rather than 12.

Even more important for coaches and fans, a 10-team conference means nine-game league football schedules, so all teams will play each other every year, and 18-game basketball schedules that include home-and-away matchups for all 10 conference schools. Self and Gill can now recruit Texas athletes with a promise that they'll be playing more than ever near family and friends, and budding rivalries, such as KU-Texas in men's basketball, can grow stronger.

"It's great to win a game that you lead

from start to finish," Self said June 15, "but the one you take the most pride in is when you're down 10 in the second half and you find some way to come back. This is one of those games. We were down. So there's an extra sense of pride, knowing that we didn't look very good, at least in some people's eyes, but they were able to pull it off."

The following day, Perkins announced that the 10 remaining Big 12 schools renewed their vows with 10-year contracts. Though questions persisted about the potential for another round of realignment, and whether the Big 12 would look to add two replacement schools, Perkins and Beebe emphasized variations on Self's analysis that "less is more in this particular situation." Officials said there is no interest in replacing Nebraska or Colorado in the foreseeable future, and should any expansion occur it would not be within the conference's current five-state footprint.

Both departing schools are expected to be full participants in the upcoming school year; what's not known is whether they'll sport Big 12 logos on their uniforms, as is customary, and when exactly they'll depart. It's thought that Nebraska expects to join the Big 10 in summer 2011, but no clear forecast has emerged on whether Colorado will be gone in 2011 or 2012. When the Big 12 is reduced to 11 or 10, it loses the right to host a football championship game. Although it could appeal for an exception, Beebe hinted the conference would rather remove a potential trap for undefeated teams that are eligible to play in the BCS title game.

"It's like we're starting a new conference," Perkins said of the 10-team league. Many details have yet to be worked out, but the unified message could not be clearer: Let's get to work.

The Big 12 lives.

“This is, in my opinion, one of the greatest things to have happened to intercollegiate athletics in a long, long time,” Perkins said. “I don’t think a lot of people have concentrated on what 10 schools have done in staying together, how it’s going to affect so many other schools around the country.”

Among those Perkins singled out for praise were the chancellor, all members of the Kansas Congressional delegation, the Board of Regents, and the Alumni Association and its president, Kevin Corbett, c’88.

“Nobody ever will know the impact they had on this,” Perkins said. “This was a very collective group of people who really made this thing happen from the University of Kansas.”

“Our league is better,” Self said. “No disrespect to those other schools, but we got better.”



High, far, fast

Vaulter’s NCAA title tops track’s bountiful spring

When junior Jordan Scott chose to pass on the first two opening heights in the men’s pole vault at

the NCAA Outdoor Championships June 10 at the University of Oregon, he surely didn’t imagine he’d be waiting all afternoon for his first attempt. But patience paid off, as Scott won his first NCAA outdoor title with only his second vault of the day, at 17 feet, 8.5 inches.

Scott, who won his third Big 12 Outdoor title in May, cleared his first jump at the NCAA meet at 17 feet, 4.5 inches, after enduring delays caused by rain and technical errors by the judges. After waiting an hour after his first vault, Scott promptly cleared what



Scott

turned out to be the winning height.

Combined with second-place finishes by freshman Mason Finley in the discus and shot put—both of which he won at the Big 12 Outdoor—the KU men placed seventh overall, their best finish since placing fifth in 1975.

Senior Lauren Bonds was the women’s team’s top finisher, placing seventh in the 1,500 meters (which she won at the Big 12) and earning her first All-America honors. She also is a nominee for NCAA Woman of the Year, an award honoring academics, athletics, service and leadership.

Senior Eric Fattig, who finished



Stuckey

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Updates

Senior safety **Darrell Stuckey**, first-team All-Big 12 and a fourth-round draft pick by the NFL’s San Diego Chargers, was named Big 12 Male Sportsman of the Year. The award recognizes athletes who display “an extraordinary degree of sportsmanship and/or community service.” ...

Jayhawk athletes posted a 3.01 GPA for spring semester. The women’s golf team set a new all-time GPA mark for any team, 3.62, and softball (3.35) and football (2.75) both set new team marks. ... Senior infielder **Robby Price** and junior outfielder **Brian Heere** were both named All-Big 12 first team. Seven baseball players were drafted, and all but junior **T.J. Walz** had signed pro contracts as of press time. Included among the draftees was relief pitcher **Brett Bochy**, who signed with the San Francisco Giants. The Giants’ major-league club is managed by Bochy’s father, **Bruce**. ... **Xavier Henry** and **Cole Aldrich** were both first-round picks in the NBA draft, but teammate **Sherron Collins**, the winningest player in KU hoops history, was not drafted. He signed a free-agent pact with Charlotte, coached by **Larry Brown**, and will play alongside fellow undrafted signee **Denis Clemente**, his high-octane rival at K-State.

11th in the NCAA long jump after narrowly missing the finals, was chosen for the “Elite 88 Award,” presented at each of the NCAA’s 88 championships to the participating athlete with the highest grade-point average. “I’m a little speechless,” said Fattig, e’09, who earned his engineering physics degree with a 4.0 GPA and has the same mark while studying for his master’s in aerospace engineering.

Freshman Alena Krechyk, the Big 12 Indoor champ in the weight throw, won the conference outdoor title in the hammer throw.

“After winning indoors I put a lot of pressure on myself to win here,” said Krechyk, of Belarus. “I am glad I was able to pull it off.”

Freshman Andrea Geubelle won the triple jump and placed second in the long jump at the USA Junior National Championships in Des Moines, Iowa. She will compete in both events at the World Junior Championships July 19-25 in Moncton, Canada.

“I’m majoring in music theory and composition, and this scholarship will enable me to attend summer workshops, internships and conferences. It definitely helps, especially in this economy and with two younger sisters headed for college. It’s much easier for my family.”

*Xander Casad, Lawrence, Kan.
National Merit Scholar
Chancellors Club Scholar, class of 2012*

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@Corinth Square

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6:30 p.m. Football rally
 8 p.m. Street dance
Friday, August 20
 Corinth Square parking lot
 83rd and Mission Road
 Prairie Village



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Sports Calendar

■ Football

SEPTEMBER

- 4 North Dakota State
- 11 Georgia Tech
- 17 at Southern Mississippi
- 25 New Mexico State

OCTOBER

- 2 at Baylor
- 14 Kansas State
- 23 Texas A&M (Homecoming)
- 30 at Iowa State

NOVEMBER

- 6 Colorado
- 13 at Nebraska
- 20 Oklahoma State
- 27 vs. Missouri at Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City

■ Soccer

AUGUST

- 27 Eastern Kentucky
- 29 at Georgia

SEPTEMBER

- 3 at Northwestern
- 5 at Illinois State
- 10 vs. Cal State Northridge, at Las Vegas
- 12 vs. Oregon, at Las Vegas
- 17 UW-Milwaukee
- 19 Missouri State
- 24 at Missouri
- 26 at Iowa State

OCTOBER

- 1 Texas A&M
- 3 Texas
- 8 Oklahoma State
- 10 Oklahoma
- 15 at Texas Tech
- 17 Baylor

- 22 at Nebraska
- 24 at Colorado
- 29 SIU Edwardsville

■ Volleyball

AUGUST

- 27 vs. Lipscomb, at Creighton
- 28 vs. San Francisco, at Creighton
- 28 at Creighton
- 31 UMKC

SEPTEMBER

- 3-4 Jayhawk Classic vs. Akron, Arkansas, UT-Chattanooga
- 7 Middle Tennessee State
- 10-11 Kansas Invitational vs. Winthrop, Northern Iowa, Arkansas-Little Rock
- 15 at Kansas State
- 18 Texas A&M
- 22 at Nebraska
- 25 at Colorado
- 29 Missouri

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- 27 at Oklahoma

■ Best buddies Brady Morningstar and Sherron Collins walked down the Hill at Commencement May 16, but only Collins is moving on to professional basketball (as a free-agent signee with the Charlotte Bobcats). Morningstar, who redshirted in 2007-'08, will return next year for his senior year of eligibility.



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Career 2.0

In hard times, older workers find the second version of their work life can be more satisfying than the first

Michael Yearout launched his property management career in 1980 as the director of marketing for a Colorado rental company. “I got the job based on my degree in journalism and the previous experience I had with operating my own bookstore,” says Yearout, j’71, d’73. “I thought I was pretty lucky to get such a high-level job. Within a couple of years, I had increased rental revenue by about 25 percent.”

Twenty years later, Yearout was running his own property management company in Breckenridge, Colo. He managed 14 units, all vacation properties.

Then the recession of 2001 hit, nearly wiping out tourism in his town.

“I could see the writing on the wall,” Yearout says. He decided the time was right to switch careers.

Rather than play it safe, he decided at age 56 to view the economic crisis as an opportunity to follow his bliss. Acting on a longtime interest in photography, he jumped—in one leap of faith—from property management to commercial photography.

BY JENNIFER LAWLER

Illustrations by Valerie Spicher

Today, Yearout says, he's making a go of it, though the current recession hasn't helped. "As they say, 'Find what you love to do and success will follow.' I've found what I love to do and am more successful every day."

Like Yearout, the many midcareer workers now coping with the worst recession in decades face big challenges. With unemployment at record levels and unlikely to abate soon, plenty of midlife and older workers are scrambling to find their next job. Although less likely to be jobless than their younger counterparts, older workers are now unemployed at a higher rate (more than 7 percent) than any time in the past 50 years. They also are more likely to be unemployed for significantly longer periods of time. One study by the U.S. Department of Labor showed that workers older than 55 were out of work 70 percent longer than even teenage workers, whose employment prospects have been devastated by the recession.

Search firms and other organizations devoted to helping older workers find jobs report that changing careers, rather than just jobs, is a national trend for older workers. Like Yearout, many older workers take job loss as an opportunity to explore a passion. Others are forced by industry contractions to find new careers. An in-house study conducted by Gray Hair Management Inc., a national coaching firm for mid-career executives and managers, confirmed that a significant percentage of job-seekers switch careers either because they have to or because they want to. More than half of the firm's clients who found new jobs in 2009 changed industries.

Once upon a time the career road map for college graduates was direct and easy to follow: Get a good job with a blue chip company, work 30 years, take your annual weeklong vacation to Florida, and collect promotions and pay raises until you retire with a gold watch and a pension (rocking chair optional). It was the "safe path," forged through a social com-

pact between employer and employee: Take care of us and we'll take care of you.

That map was redrawn long ago, but it was still the standard route for many when today's midlife workers began their careers 20 or 30 years ago. They might trade passion for stability, but there would be rewards for being a loyal employee: a regular paycheck, good health insurance, a pension—things to build a life around.

The rules of the working world have changed, as many older workers are

their sole support, and I couldn't in good conscience do that"—when life handed her a setback she saw an opportunity to find the work she loves and seized it.

Even so, starting the ad agency was not Morrow's immediate response to her situation. The process required a lot of thought, and conversations with good friends and mentors, not to mention a false start or two.

When life and career collide, David Gaston, director of the University Career Center at KU, says, "Identifying and pri-

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learning. There's no longer a guaranteed reward for loyalty, and even the safest paths are full of pitfalls. The current recession has made that clear now more than ever.

Instead of bemoaning the breaking of a social compact, many KU alumni are taking the breach as an opportunity to rewrite their life stories. In this version, they're not taking the traditional road paved with IRAs and dental plans. They're taking on second-chance careers and pursuing their dreams—the work they love—but they're doing it with the wisdom that comes from having figured out a few shortcuts and taken a few wrong turns along the way.

The Upside of Downsizing

"When you've been fired, you've been given the gift of freedom," says Laurie Morrow. "You've been given the opportunity to let your passion drive your choice. It has to be your passion."

Morrow, PhD'81, should know. Fired from her job as a talk show host, she founded her own advertising firm last October, mADwoman advertising. Although Morrow would never have quit the radio job—"I have a family, and I'm

oritizing your career values is the first thing you should do." You have to decide what's important to you: Making more money? Having more security? Finding more fulfilling work? Spending more time with your family?

Everyone answers these questions differently. Morrow wanted to find out, "What do I talk about when my friends can't shut me up?" and do that, while still providing for her family.

Years before, she had given up a job she loved—as a tenured English professor at Louisiana State University in Shreveport—to move closer to a program she thought could help her autistic son. She didn't regret doing all she could for her son, but she wanted to find that kind of fulfilling work again. The only question was what that job would be.

Gaston says that once you establish your career priorities, you need to assess your skills and abilities. "Do you have leadership or organizational skills? Technical skills?" he says.

Assessing her skills, Morrow realized that she used her sales ability all the time, in both the radio career and the long-ago teaching job. "My dean used to call me 'the evangelist' because of the way I could promote things," she says. As



a radio show host, she wrote ad copy and did a great deal of marketing.

“Copywriting is what I do best and love most,” Morrow says. If you can sell someone on Beowulf, she insists, you can sell them on anything.

“Can a 56-year-old make it in the ad game?” she asks. “I don’t see why not!” Despite the fact that the outcome is in no way assured, she adds, “I’ve never been happier in my life.”

Morrow’s experience would not surprise many of the job coaches who help older workers navigate their career changes. It certainly doesn’t surprise Adeel Pandith, life coach and founder of CoreVision Life Coaching LLC. People often get into new careers because they love the work, he says. Pandith has an international clientele, including many older workers whom he helps devise strategies to stand out despite having resumés that may not fit perfectly with available opportunities. “Their previous experience in their last career can be as much of an asset to their new career as the proper educational background,” he says. “Furthermore, owing to their unconventional perspective as they approach the new career, they may be able to offer unique insights and skills that could give them an edge.”

Sometimes life circumstances dictate career priorities: You do what you have to do. But if you can look at your skills in a new way, what you have to do and what you love to do can be the same.

Will Work For Bliss

For all that career coaches talk about conducting self-assessments and skills analyses, “do what you love” is the phrase repeated over and over by the people who’ve found themselves at a career crossroads and had to pick a path.

While older workers may want to follow their bliss, they know they have to put gas in the car and pay the mortgage.

Eating beans and rice every night for a year may be romantic when you’re 22, but it’s not so appealing when you’ve been there, done that.

That fact was in the back of Michael Yearout’s mind when he started thinking about pursuing commercial photography as a career. How could he get other people to pay him to take photographs?

Yearout, whose wife is a real estate agent, knew that the first glimpse of a property for potential buyers is often a photograph, and he knew that the bad photos some agents relied on made a poor first impression for their listings. It was a light-bulb moment: Photographing properties for the people trying to sell them could be a way to make money doing what he loved.

“I pounded the pavement, photographed my wife’s houses to have something to present, went into every real estate office and stuffed the agents’ boxes,” he says. “People liked my work and found a difference in the number of phone calls they were getting on properties I photographed.” Word-of-mouth referrals led to more clients.

Yearout’s approach is key to a successful transition to a new career. Says Gaston, “You’ve got to figure out how, based on what you know, you can make a living. Identify what you have that someone will compensate you for. Ask, ‘Where are the areas that need the skills that I might be able to provide?’”

Yearout echoes Gaston’s recommendations when he says, “Think about ways you can take a particular talent and apply it and be able to make a living out of it. If you can come up with something, then I would pursue it.”

Risk, Reward and Retraining

“Doing what you love” isn’t always easy. “Having success follow” isn’t, either. Just ask 58-year-old Mike Pihlman, g’81, a former electrical engi-

neer. A few years ago, Pihlman felt he’d reached the end of the opportunities where he was employed. “I was working in videoconferencing and they weren’t putting any more money into it. Here we had this wonderful system and the money dried up.”

Pihlman followed the usual “find a second career” steps thoughtfully and methodically: He figured out his career priorities, assessed his skills and abilities, and asked himself what he could do that someone would pay him for. He decided that, with his background in math and his interest in sharing what he knows with others, a job teaching math to secondary school students would make a satisfying next career.

Such a step required retraining, which is necessary for many people embarking on second careers, according to Gaston.

Pihlman was happy to retrain for a new career that he’d find enjoyable and rewarding. So after taking his retirement, he went back to school. Now, he says, “I’m an intern-ready teacher, which means I could teach in a classroom if there were jobs available.”

Unfortunately, Pihlman lives in California.

Right. The California that sent IOUs to its creditors last year in lieu of actual payment. The California that had a \$60 billion—that’s with a “b”—deficit last year. The California that isn’t actually hiring any teachers.

Pihlman didn’t let that stop him, though. He didn’t view his dream as broken into pieces, not the way you might when you’re a kid and Hollywood thumbs its nose at you. He just saw that he was going to have to do some jerry-rigging, something an engineer would know a thing or two about.

Like Yearout, he wanted to do something he cared about and he applied an entrepreneurial spirit to make it happen. “I asked myself, ‘What’s my other love?’ That’s telecommuting. So I started a



co-working location.” He also outfitted one of the offices as a classroom so he can tutor math.

The challenges he’s met along the way haven’t diminished his zest for teaching: He plans to use videoconferencing to connect students to remote education opportunities at laboratories, aquariums and universities. At this intersection between his engineering background and his desire to share his love of learning with students, Pihlman identified a service people will pay for in a market niche where his unique abilities give him an edge.

Pihlman has no complaints about the twists and turns on the journey he’s taking. “It’s follow your heart, I think. I am making progress. Things are happening in the direction I want to go. It is taking longer than I originally thought. But I’m finding out they know I’m here.”

Putting It All Together

For many years, Kara Tan Bhala, g’06, PhD’09, lived what many would consider a dream life as an expert in Asian equity markets at Merrill Lynch asset management. She lived in Princeton, N.J., and telecommuted to her job on Wall Street as a hedge fund manager, traveling all over the world for her work while her husband taught at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Then she had a child. Her daughter, Tan Bhala says, was “a game-changer.” When her husband was offered a job at the School of Law (he is Raymond F. Rice Distinguished Professor Raj Bhala), Tan Bhala saw a chance to combine a new lifestyle with work she loves. Lawrence, she says, “offered community, a good lifestyle and a good place for Shera to grow up.”

When her career priorities shifted, Tan Bhala got creative. She used her skills and abilities to work as a consultant in Asian markets for clients in Kansas City,

then went to work on retraining. She finished her master’s in philosophy, a degree she had started at Catholic University before moving half-way across the country. Before the ink dried on her diploma, she was back in the classroom, hard at work on her PhD, with an emphasis on moral philosophy.

“I’m trying to meld the two. I’m going to start teaching a class on global finance and ethics at KU this fall for MBA students,” she says. She is also starting her own institute: The Seven Pillars Institute for Global Finance and Ethics. Its stated mission: to highlight and analyze issues of moral philosophy in global financial markets with a view to enhancing ethical practice and policy.

“Most of the teachers come at it as finance teachers,” Tan Bhala says. “I come at it as a PhD in moral philosophy.” Still, her understanding of finance and ethics is far from academic. If anyone is poised to speak knowledgeably about the lessons of the last few years—the dangers of greed unchecked and a system that focuses on moneymaking at the expense of every tenet of moral philosophy—it’s Tan Bhala, who says, “The financial system has collapsed under the weight of its own greed.”

“When I go into class and speak about finance and ethics, they take me more seriously. They think I’m more credible because I have the experience,” she adds.

You might think that in a time of such historic economic disruption, tried-and-true methods of finding the next thing won’t work, but they still do. In her path to a second career, Tan Bhala illustrates how to successfully use the time-tested approach Gaston recommends, from identifying her career priorities to figuring out what she has that someone else will pay her for. More important, her approach has been flexible and creative, and her focus has been on doing work she loves.

Tan Bhala, Pihlman, Morrow, Yearout

The KU Career Center

David Gaston, director of the University Career Center, says career center counselors can meet with alumni to help them sort through a career change. You may request one complementary meeting each year, with a fee for additional meetings and some additional services. Counselors can do inventory and skills assessments and can conduct videotaped mock interviews. The center also has resources for making the most of resumés and interviews. Some of these resources are online at KUCareerHawk.com, a website that also explains all of the career resources available to KU alumni. Those who can’t meet in person use counseling services via webcam and Skype.

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and alumni like them are finding ways to make the second halves of their work lives even more fulfilling than the first. Laid-off, fired or simply walking away from work that no longer fits, they are striking out boldly on new paths not found on the traditional career road map.

“It took me 50 years to figure out what I wanted to do with my life,” says Yearout. But he figured it out. Sure, he wishes he’d thought of his career switch sooner, but he’s not regretful. He knows that sometimes it takes a while to get where you’re going, for your passion, skills and instinct for making a buck to fuse in just the right way so you can do what you love and find success.

You can find your way, even if you take the long way around. The best journeys, after all, are not always in straight lines.

—Jennifer Lawler, c’88, g’94, PhD’96, is a Eudora freelance writer and author of Dojo Wisdom.



The Gloom of Doom

**Did ancient Maya seers peg Armageddon for Dec. 21, 2012?
No, but even false prophecies can deliver danger,
KU anthropologist warns**

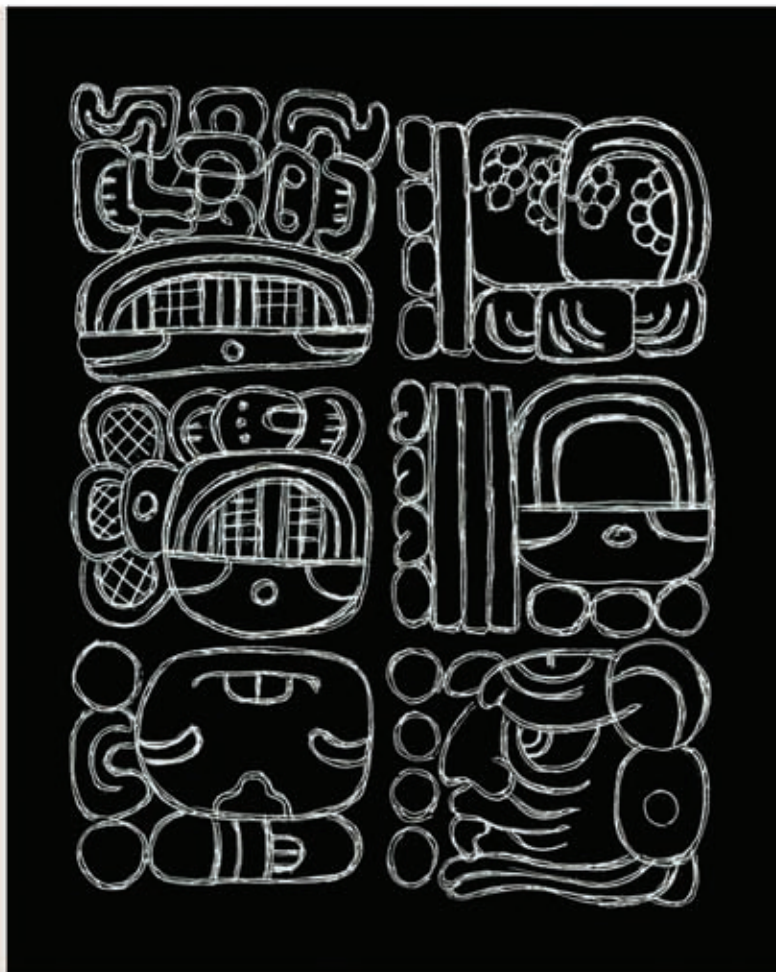
Anthropologist John Hoopes grew up in Baltimore, where his father was on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He was drawn to sciences, but not through the old standbys of observation, experimentation and repetition. Hoopes was a child of the '70s, high noon in the Age of Aquarius.

The Swiss author Erich von Daniken got things rolling with *Chariots of the Gods*, a worldwide best-seller that explained away ancient achievements as interplanetary interventions. With alien visitors or paranormal phenomena often playing roles in the tall tales, the New Age blossomed with exciting theories that promised to explain mysteries that straight science couldn't, or wouldn't, address:

The Bermuda Triangle. Alternative realities made popular by Carlos Castaneda. Healing powers of crystals. Stone spheres. Pyramids.

"When I was in 10th grade," Hoopes says, "I wrote a research paper on the lost continent of Atlantis. I got interested in archaeology partly as a result of my interest in some of these alternative theories."

His interest continues, but for very different reasons.



■ John Hoopes examines an intricate carved pot from the Maya Classic period, circa 200-900 A.D. Above is an illustration of the Maya Long Count calendar, which plays a key role in dire predictions for Dec. 21, 2012. The lower right figure, also illustrated on the cover, represents the Maya Sun God.

by **Chris Lazzarino**

In case you haven't heard, the world is scheduled to end—or, at the very least, humankind will undergo a mass conversion of consciousness—on Dec. 21, 2012. The date is a not a blind guess: It is 13 cycles of 144,000 days—1.872 million days, to be exact—from the creation date venerated by the mysterious ancient Maya priests. Don't believe it? Just tune in to the History Channel or even the National Geographic Channel, or read books, magazine articles and flourishing websites and Internet discussion boards.

"2012" isn't merely a date; it's also a movie, a slam-bang-boom action pic whose preview trailer declares, "How would the governments of our planet prepare six billion people for the end of the world? ... They wouldn't."

The warnings are certainly appropriate if it's the end of the world as we know it and we still feel fine. Except:

"If anybody says that there's a Maya prophecy, they're making it up," Hoopes says, "because we don't know."



As a man who discovered his direction in life thanks to a boyhood interest in fantastical New Age pseudosciences, John Hoopes appreciates the allure of tall tales such as alleged Maya predictions for a 2012 Armageddon. "Every generation has that sort of stuff," he says, "going however far back you want to go."

The same mystical insights that intrigue young believers today were just as popular in the 1970s, Hoopes notes, and '70s New Age movements grew out of the San Francisco counterculture of the 1960s. But the flower children didn't invent this stuff, either.

The 1950s was all about UFOs. Earlier, we nurtured fascinations with Orientalism, the secret knowledge of ancient China and India. Keep turning the clock back to 1492, Hoopes says, when Christopher Columbus sailed westward with a firm belief both in astrology and the power of the enormous wealth waiting to be discovered in the most distant lands. With untold riches, Spain's Ferdi-



nand and Isabella could conquer Jerusalem to initiate the End Times, as prophesied in the Book of Revelation.

"Before he even arrived in the New World," Hoopes says, "Columbus felt that he was fulfilling ancient prophecies that would usher in a new age. Basically, Christopher Columbus was a New Ager."

But as director of KU's Global Indigenous Nations Studies program and associate professor of anthropology, Hoopes has run out of patience. He no longer sees New Age intrigues, including the 2012 Maya prophecies, as cheeky fun. Instead, he now considers pseudo-science intrigues such as Atlantis, astral projection, past-life regression, extraterrestrial visitors, Nostradamus, the Loch Ness Monster, Bigfoot, Planet X and 2012 to be closely related—in both spirit and intent—to anti-government rants such as the secrets of Area 51, the JFK assassination conspiracy, Sept. 11 coverups and President Obama's true place of birth.



■ A section of calendar glyph, found at the Maya site known at Tortuguero Monument 6, which contains the only known references to the end of Long Count calendar cycles. The image is from the book *2012: Science and Prophecy of the Ancient Maya*, by Mark Van Stone.

“I’m in something of a quandary,” Hoopes says, “in that when I bring things like 2012 to people’s attention they get more involved in it, and if they’re not well educated in critical thinking then it’s very easy to get sucked in. It promotes this very vigorous debate between skeptics and true believers, and making it sound like it’s something controversial feeds into the interest.”

Despite the risks, Hoopes has chosen to do what he can to calm the 2012 nonsense and encourage deeper interests in true Maya history, culture and achievements. He teaches a KU undergraduate course in archaeological myths and realities, surreptitiously edits Wikipedia pages devoted to 2012, monitors Internet forums, and grants interviews when asked by respectable media outlets (a crew from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation recently taped an interview with him on campus).

Hoopes says his undergraduate course is as much about critical thinking as it is about the ancient Maya.

■ Hoopes’ primary research takes place in Costa Rica, where he studies diverse cultures of ancient people collectively known by their language family, Chibchan. The figurine of a sitting male (left) is a Chibchan artifact.

“The idea,” he says, “is to teach students how to evaluate all the stuff that’s out there on the Web these days.”



The first date suggested for the end of Maya “Long Count” calendar cycle was Dec. 23, 2011, by the eminent Maya scholar Michael Coe, now professor emeritus at Yale University. When he wrote his first textbook on Maya culture, published in 1966, Coe hoped it would appeal to the growing numbers of American students who then were tramping throughout Guatemala, Belize and Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula. He succeeded wildly, and *The Maya*, now in its seventh edition, is considered an authoritative textbook on the ancient Maya.

And yet it was Coe, Hoopes’ undergraduate adviser at Yale, who also connected the end of the 13th Long Count cycle to worldwide calamity, writing, “There is a suggestion ... that Armageddon would overtake the degenerate peoples of the world and all creation on the final day of the thirteenth; the Great Cycle would then begin again.” Although Coe has since amended his end date to Dec. 23, 2012 (there is some dispute among scholars whether the cycle ends

on Dec. 21 or 23, 2012), he has yet to rescind his description of an Armageddon.

Hoopes flatly disagrees with his mentor, but offers an explanation: When Coe wrote the book, he might have used the phrase as a hook to generate interest at the height of the Cold War, when Americans were enduring their own end-of-the-world nightmares.

With Coe’s popular book planting the seed, others nurtured the Maya Armageddon theory and, in the worst traditions of New Age shamanism, continue to concoct ever more elaborate scenarios to generate controversy, gain notoriety and sell whatever it is they might be selling.

“What bothers me the most,” Hoopes says, “is that young kids see adults who are preoccupied by this and it’s very scary to them. That’s really unfortunate.”

Hoopes says that a number of Maya inscriptions give the first date of the Long Count cycle, which rulers likely used to perpetuate their authority by claiming their ancestors could be traced to the beginning of creation. But only one inscription has yet been found that refers to the end date, and a key element is so badly damaged that it can’t be deciphered.

“It gives the date that correlates with Dec. 21, 2012,” Hoopes says, “and says certain gods will descend and then, ‘blank’ will happen. So we just don’t know.”



COURTESY JOHN HOOPES



■ Energized by their passion for Maya history and language, graduate students Anne Kraemer Diaz and Emily Tummons created a relief agency dedicated to delivering health care to Maya people in their native languages. Here they hold a belt and blouse made with colorful woven cloth, a beloved Maya tradition.

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 Something else that's not known: the very existence of the Long Count calendar, at least among many Maya. Though millions of Maya live in Guatemala, Mexico and Honduras, and many maintain their ancestors' spiritual traditions, the Long Count calendar has been lost to them for a millennia or more.

They are devoted to a smaller hub within their ancients' beautiful calendar traditions, a 260-day agricultural cycle; the Long Count calendar uncovered and deciphered by archaeologists and anthropologists is either unknown to them, irrelevant, or a mere curiosity.

"In the communities where we work, it doesn't come up," says Emily Tummons, a KU graduate student and instructor of Kaqchikel, one of about 30 Mayan languages spoken in Central America. "On a few occasions we asked out of our own curiosity about what their views are, and they just kind of laugh. They are vaguely aware that some Americans are getting really interested, but

none of them think that the world is coming to an end in 2012."

Tummons and KU doctoral student Anne Kraemer Diaz, g'08, in 2007 co-founded Wuqu' Kawoq, an organization dedicated to providing medical care to Guatemalans in their native languages. Though already pressed by demanding needs, Wuqu' Kawoq is now focused on helping Guatemala's Central Highlands and Lake Atitlan regions recover from devastating mud slides brought on in May by Tropical Storm Agatha, and, at virtually the same time, a volcanic eruption that added to the chaos by forcing the closure of Guatemala City's international airport for days. Hundreds were killed or are still missing in the storm's mud slides, thousands lost their homes, and the calamities severely damaged already perilous infrastructure basics such as clean water storage and delivery.

Like Hoopes, Tummons and Kraemer Diaz aren't in the mood to humor Americans who insist on reading more into the Maya calendar than even the Maya do.

"There are 8 or 9 million Maya alive today in Guatemala, Mexico and Hon-

duras, and most of them are living on less than a dollar a day, don't have access to education, health care, or common civil and social services," Kraemer Diaz says. "The problem becomes, when do we focus on what their needs are versus this idea of 2012?"

Kraemer Diaz's husband, Victor Diaz Can, who studies business administration at a Guatemala City university, says few in his Maya community know anything about predictions for 2012, and those who do—mostly students who read about it in textbooks or other young people with access to mass media—don't give it a second thought.

He notes, however, that there are Maya with firm beliefs in Armageddon: those who have converted to evangelical Christianity, which is rapidly surpassing the Catholic Church's influence in many regions of Guatemala.

"We understand a lot about the ancient Maya and we have a belief in the moon, and the relationship of the moon and the earth," Diaz Can says. "And there are Maya who are evangelicals, and they discuss in their religion the end of the world. This is growing, but they never have a date."

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 Hoopes is spending a month this summer doing fieldwork in the Caribbean lowlands of Costa Rica, where he and a team of KU graduate students and faculty and students from the University of Costa Rica—an academic partner and cultural-exchange ally of KU's since 1958—

are mapping an ancient Chibchan settlement.

The site is particularly fascinating because of its placement along ancient roads (also being investigated by KU students) that connected it both with the coast and the interior highlands, perhaps indicating it was some sort of production center where raw materials could be transformed into finished goods.

In January, Hoopes and an international team of scholars investigated Costa Rica's ancient stone spheres at the behest of UNESCO, the United Nations cultural organization that is considering granting some of the stone-sphere sites World Heritage Status. As is the case with many wonders of the Maya civilization, the spheres, first made famous in *Chariots of the Gods* and later in the thrilling opening action sequence of "Raiders of the Lost Ark," have proven irresistible to pseudoscientists, New Agers and others hoping to capitalize on a gullible audience by denigrating the accomplishments of indigenous Central and South Americans. And that's only possible, Hoopes notes, because indigenous cultures have been wiped out, creating a vacuum into which dominant cultures can project their own fantasies.

"I think it is very important," Victor Diaz Can says, "that if there are people like this, to focus them and really teach them the reality—show them the many problems in Guatemala, like lack of education. People from other countries see our Maya ancestry and temples as something wonderful, but they are missing the reality that we have little resources and a lack of human rights."

As for Dec. 21, 2012, Hoopes says his only plans for now are that he'll likely put aside his semester grades and devote himself to following Internet forums and news reports. He hopes hysteria will be kept to a minimum.

"But," he cautions, "I assure you there are plenty of people who feel Dec. 21, 2012, will be when some group takes advantage of this mass confusion. It's hard to predict what the consequences of that might be, but there is lots of speculation out there. It's a big topic and it has lots of implications.

"All of our fears can get piled into this day and become a self-fulfilling prophecy."



Recommended reading

- *2012: Science and Prophecy of the Ancient Maya*, by Mark Van Stone, www.markvanstone.com
- en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mayanism
- en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_phenomenon
- wuqukawoq.org
- *The Maya*, by Michael D. Coe
- *Silence on the Mountain: Stories of Terror, Betrayal, and Forgetting in Guatemala*, by Daniel Wilkinson

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■ Hoopes and an international team of researchers investigated Costa Rica's ancient stone spheres for possible World Heritage Site designation. The balls could have been roughed out with hot coals and chilled water, refined with hammering stones and polished to a high luster. Contrary to some beliefs, Hoopes notes, they were created without alien assistance.



TASTES OF HOME

Community garden unites international students

Story and photographs by Terry Rombeck

Sweat drips from Seyool Oh's arm as he maneuvers a watering can through a row of tomato plants.

It's still two hours until the sun nestles behind the buildings at Stouffer Place Apartments, providing shade for the gardeners tending to their vegetables. It's hot—hotter than it would be in Oh's home country of South Korea this time of the year.

"Good for vegetables," he says.

Oh's space in this community garden neighbors the plot of Margarita Karnysheva, who also is working tonight.

She's from Siberia. Don't even get her started about the heat.

"My broccoli is not growing. Look at his broccoli," Karnysheva says, pointing to Oh's bumper crop.

"There is no competition here," Oh replies with an ornery smile.

"But, of course," Karnysheva says, "I am jealous."

In many ways, this garden—and the area around it—is classic Americana.

Tonight, two boys kick a soccer ball on the grass nearby. A playground swing creaks under the weight of a young girl in a sun dress. Neighbors chat about their days and their vegetables while pulling weeds.

But what makes this space so unusual is just how global it is. The gardeners who tend plots here represent 22 different countries, pulling from the diversity of Stouffer Place Apartments, which are home primarily to international students and nontraditional



■ Stouffer Place Community Garden participants, clockwise from left, are Seyool Oh, from South Korea; Noah Nunn, sophomore at Lawrence High School; Angela Lindsey-Nunn, Noah's mother and garden organizer; Alencia Bonner, 8, whose mother is from Taiwan; and Margarita Karnysheva, from Russia.

students with families.

It's a melting pot both of people and food, with students often planting vegetables native to their home countries.

"Out here, there is no homework and no assignments," Oh says. "There are only good people."



This is the sixth season for the community garden at Stouffer Place, which sits just beyond the left-field fence of Arrocha Ballpark.

Angela Lindsey-Nunn, an American PhD student who lives in the apartments, helped organize the garden after

hearing her international friends talk about missing their traditional foods. Also, she knew a garden would help ends meet for families, and it would be a good way for neighbors to meet neighbors.

In the beginning, Lindsey-Nunn says, it took some work to convince KU officials to let the students till the ground. Running pipe for a single water spigot was another challenge.

The gardeners didn't always get along so well, either. At first, there weren't individual plots, so the gardeners disagreed about what to plant. During one particularly stressful meeting, a man threw a clod of dirt and spit on the ground because he was convinced the spirits weren't right for growing corn in one area.

Now, students share a water hose and tools. There are 44 plots covering about 2,500 square feet, with paths crisscrossing between the vegetables. Gardeners import both seeds and methods from their home countries—some build mounds to aid in drainage, while others build trellises out of sticks for climbing plants.

"There are people here from all over the world. Sometimes three generations are working side by side with each other," Lindsey-Nunn says. "You hear so much about countries at war, but out here it's so peaceful. It means so much more than a piece of land and water to people. It's being able to have the comforts of home."

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That's certainly the case for Oh, a PhD student in aerospace engineering.

This is his fourth year in the garden. He's planted chives, beets, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, kale, onions, potatoes and Swiss chard.

But he's especially excited about the sweet Korean lettuce he purchased from a seed store in Kansas City, which his wife will use in Korean barbecue dishes.

"American lettuce is good," he says, "but I love Korean lettuce."

Oh also has sesame—"only Korean people eat that," he says—and curled mallow, which is used to treat stomach ailments in Korea.

But while his family loves to cook, it's the garden's social aspect Oh appreciates the most. He recalls a recent night when he and a friend from Iran talked about politics in the Middle Eastern country.

"My friends' children play Internet games," Oh says. "That's sometimes OK, but not all the time. Our fathers' generation was out in nature. Out here, we are with nature and neighbors. We're so disconnected from other people. This garden connects people."

That sort of connection is critical for international students, says Joe Potts, g'88, director of KU's International Student and Scholar Services.

"They're all dealing with the same challenge—negotiating this particular new culture, the way we do things, the language, the weather," Potts says. "They have that common bond—the culture shock, the homesickness issues. The garden project would be a wonderful way for people to re-create something from home."



■ Seyool Oh waters his tomato plants at the Stouffer Place Community Garden. In the foreground is a trellis made from sticks for peas to climb. Below: Louis Singman, 8, from Taiwan, waters his family's plants.

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There were 1,926 international students from 113 countries enrolled at KU in the spring. Many have obligations with families, teaching and research that can make life stressful, Potts says.

"Having something like the garden to take your attention away from your heavy obligations is really important," he says.

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That escape—and a love for sweet corn—is what brought Cooper Singman back for a second year of gardening this summer.

His sons, ages 6 and 8, often help with watering and weeding.

"It's a leisure activity," says Singman, a PhD student in education from Taiwan. "I don't have to think about my studies."

Fellow Taiwanese student Eve Bonner, who is pursuing a master's degree in education, also has made gardening a family activity for her husband and 8-year-old daughter.

She never ate mint before she started gardening. But a fellow gardener from

China suggested she would like it in tea, and a friend from Iran gave her a recipe for a mint-pita rollup. She also never ate tomatoes before. Now, she loves them.

Bonner admits her plot has a financial benefit, too. Here, she says, a trip to the grocery store is expensive.

"Back home, groceries are so cheap," she says. "We have a truck that comes by in the alley and plays music and has vegetables."

For Juan Araya and Angie Leon, both graduate students from Costa Rica, the carrots, tomatoes, green beans, lettuce and spinach in their plot represent a better lifestyle.

"It's good timing with the garden," Araya says, patting his wife's seven-month-pregnant belly. "It's healthy food."

They've been making friends this summer one bunch of carrots at a time, as they share their abundance of food.

Lindsey-Nunn, who studies social anthropology, has a dream for the garden she helped start.

Someday, if two former Stouffer Place residents' countries are at war, she hopes they will stop and think about the friend they met in the garden. Maybe they'll think about shared advice, an extra tomato or just a smile.

"That," she says, "is hope for the future." 🌿



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Hilltop Honors

Fall event to recognize alumni for dedication to KU and humanity

Two University ambassadors will receive the Fred Ellsworth Medallion Sept. 10 for their extraordinary service to KU. Gretchen Van Bloom Budig, Isle of Palms, S.C., wife of longtime KU Chancellor Gene A. Budig, and Monte Johnson, Lawrence, former KU athletics director, will receive medallions, created in 1975 by the Alumni Association to honor the tradition of its longtime leader Fred Ellsworth, c'22.

The recognition will be part of Hilltop Honors at The Oread hotel in Lawrence. For the first time, recipients of the Association's premier awards will be honored in one celebration of service and achievement. Budig and Johnson will be featured guests, along with the recipients of the 2010 Distinguished Service Citation, the highest honor given by KU and the Association for service to humanity. The DSC winners [issue No. 2, 2010] are Anderson W. Chandler, b'48, Topeka, and Benjamin D. Hall, Bellevue, Wash. Chandler is chairman, president and director of Fidelity State Bank and Trust, and Hall is professor emeritus of biology and genome sciences at the University of Washington.

Budig, assoc., hosted countless events at The Outlook and on the road from 1981 to 1994, during her husband's tenure as chancellor. She represented KU to thousands of students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, donors, legislators, governors, and national and international dignitaries. In 1988, she published a guide for spouses of university presidents and chancellors called *How in the World Do You Do It?* The book became a resource for the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. That same year, KU Endowment launched the Campaign Kansas fund drive, for which she served on the

National Council and Constituent Committee, meeting with numerous alumni and friends throughout the campaign. She also became involved in the arts at KU as a member of the KU Theatre and Film professional advisory board and the School of Fine Arts advisory board. Gov. Mike Hayden appointed her to serve for two years on the Kansas Film Commission.

The Budigs are Jayhawk Society and Life Members of the Alumni Association and members of the Chancellors Club for KU Endowment. During Campaign Kansas, they made the first of many gifts to the University; through the years they



Budig



Johnson

have provided unrestricted funds, student scholarships, teaching professorships and funds for graduate programs. Their gifts have benefited the schools of Education, Fine Arts, Journalism, Social Welfare, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. They also have created faculty awards for librarians and supported athletics and the Lied Center.

Johnson, c'59, g'67, began his career in the athletics department in 1961 as director of public relations, business manager and assistant athletics director. He helped guide the KU Athletics Corp. board as an alumni representative from 1978 to 1982. In 1970, he began a banking career for Bank IV in Wichita, where he became senior vice president. After 11 years, he returned in 1982 to the Hill, where he served as athletics director

Winners of the Association's premier awards will be the special guests at Hilltop Honors on Sept. 10 with a celebration of service and achievement.

from 1982 to 1987. During the 1980s, he also became a trustee for the Kansas All-Sports Hall of Fame.

With his wife, Kay Rathbone Johnson, d'60, he belongs to the Chancellors Club for KU Endowment. He also has raised funds to expand and renovate the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house and the Pi Beta Phi sorority house. Johnson chaired the 50th reunion for his KU class and presided over the event as master of ceremonies, a role he played as a KU student for the Rock Chalk Revue. During his student years he also was a member of the men's basketball team.

The Johnsons are Life Members of the Alumni Association, and they belong to the Presidents Club; he served on the Association's national Board from 1971 to 1974. In 2005, the Johnson family provided funds for the Association's Jayhawk trailer, which has become a rolling billboard as it crisscrosses Kansas and surrounding states, carrying all the supplies for hundreds of Association events.



New leaders

Board chooses officers, directors at spring meeting

The Alumni Association's national Board of Directors met May 21 at the Adams Alumni Center and elected new leadership and members.

Jay Howard, b'79, Austin, Texas, was elected national chair for 2010-'11. A Salina native, Howard earned a law degree from the University of Texas in 1982 after completing his KU business degree. He is president of JDH Investments and has served on the Association's board since 2003.

Jeff Briley, Overland Park, became national chair-elect. Briley, d'74, is an executive at CBIZ Wealth Management. He has volunteered for many years on the Alumni Association's Kansas City Chapter board, and he was elected to the

national board in 2005.

Four new directors were elected to succeed alumni retiring from the board. New directors include:

Paul Carttar, c'76, Lawrence, who earned a bachelor's degree in economics and English from KU and a master's in business administration from Stanford University in 1983. He works for President Obama's administration as director of the Social Innovation Fund, a \$50 million fund housed in the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Scott Seyfarth, b'83, Hinsdale, Ill., a volunteer for the Chicago Chapter. He is managing partner with Seyfco.

Brenda Marzett Vann, c'71, g'72, Kansas City, Kan. She earned both of her degrees in speech pathology and is the special education program coordinator for the University of Missouri-Kansas City. In 2009, she received the Association's Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award as a longtime volunteer for the KU Black Alumni Chapter.

Jeff Wolfe, Meridian, Idaho, b'83, has hosted KU events for Jayhawks in the Northwest. He is the president and CEO of CarPark, U.S.A.

Sue Shields Watson, d'75, Wichita, ended her one-year term as chair and remains on the board as immediate past chair. She became a board member in

2004. Directors Grant Larkin, c'78, Garden City; Melissa Rodgers Padgett, c'83, Lawrence; and Walter Riker, j'78, Aurora, Ill., retired from the board after five years of service. Immediate Past Chair Tedde Tasheff, c'78, New York, retired after seven years of service.

The Board of Directors meets three times annually in Lawrence. The Association invites nominations for new directors through March 1 each year. In April the Association's Nominating Committee reviews the nominations and submits a slate to the entire board for consideration at the May meeting.



Wintermote's way

Alumni volunteers earn praise for banner year in chapters

Five chapter leaders from around the nation are winners of this year's Dick Wintermote Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award. The award, created in 2007, honors Wintermote, c'51, who served as executive director of the Alumni Association from 1963 to 1983. In a career dedicated to building relationships with KU alumni,



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■ Jeff Briley is the Association's chair-elect for 2010-'11. Sue Watson remains on the board for another year as immediate past chair, and Jay Howard leads the Association as national chair for 2010-'11.

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he became known for his personal letters, which forged lasting connections. He went on to work at KU Endowment until his retirement. He and his wife, Barbara Fletcher Wintermote, f51, still call Lawrence home.

The 2010 Wintermote honorees are Will Cook, Chicago, Ill.; Monique Garcia, Wichita; Douglas Glass, New York; Jeanne McCready Mitchell, Louisville, Colo.; and Wayne Simien, Lawrence.

Volunteers from the Association's 25 Kansas chapters, 36 national chapters, two international chapters and three affinity chapters are eligible for the Wintermote award. The honor complements the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award, which is open to all KU volunteers and recognizes longtime service through the years.

Cook, d'02, a Chicago native, joined his hometown alumni chapter in 2004 and became a chapter leader four years later, planning KU and community service events and student recruitment activities. He hosted the Association's first event featuring an alumni career advisory panel, and he co-founded the Big 12 Club of Chicago, which plans events with local alumni chapters of other Big 12 schools.

Cook also represents the Alumni Association on the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics.

Garcia, c'96, has demonstrated her devotion to KU as an active member of the Washington, D.C., and Wichita chapters. She is a co-founder and officer of the new KU Hispanic Alumni Chapter, which in May hosted its first event, a

graduation reception for members of the Class of 2010.

Garcia worked as programs coordinator for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus in Washington, D.C. Now living in Wichita, she serves as manager of government relations and public affairs at ICM Inc., a renewable energy company located in Colwich.

Glass, c'95, moved to the East Coast to complete a master's degree at New York University, but he maintains his Jayhawk roots. He joined the New York Chapter, leading the group for three years as president.

Glass also earned a master's in business administration from the University of Georgia. He works for the Global Business Services division of IBM.

Mitchell, f'96, started working with the Denver Chapter in 2009 to organize more events for Jayhawks and their chil-

dren. She operates a graphic design business, Machine Made Design. She also works as a prenatal and postpartum massage therapist and teacher at A Mellow Mood Organic Family Spa.

Simien, c'05, a Life Member, assists with membership efforts, chapter outreach events and student programs. The former KU basketball star has made guest appearances at alumni golf tournaments and other events, and was the spokesman for the Association's recent March to 2,000 membership campaign.

After a four-year career playing professional basketball, Simien retired to start Called to Greatness ministry and basketball camp. An ordained minister, he hosts activities for area students, volunteers with the KU Religious Advisors and Kansas Athletics as a mentor for student-athletes.

—Whitney Eriksen



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Summer sizzles for Association staff and alumni volunteers, who are hosting events throughout Kansas and the nation at a record pace—100 events in 100 days. As soon as the academic year concluded, the sum-

mer rush began: golf tournaments in Hays, Garden City, Kansas City, Dallas and St. Louis served as prelude to the traditional Jayhawk Generations picnics, which welcome KU freshmen to the family. Twenty picnics in Kansas will gather new Jayhawks with local alumni, as will seven other picnics in KU strongholds including St. Louis, Chicago and Dallas.

The North Central Kansas chapter staged its second-annual Salina Steakout June 19. Nearly 300 alumni and friends started the evening at the scenic Wilson ranch with a silent auction and dinner.

Chapter president and national Board member Jim Trower, b'77, and Association president Kevin Corbett, c'88, welcomed alumni and friends, who also heard from Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little and coaches Turner Gill and Bonnie Henrickson. Just as the band began to play, ominous clouds, howling wind and distant lightning threatened a thunderstorm, cutting short the dancing and sending many revelers home early. A few dozen stalwarts simply moved the party indoors. Not even fierce Kansas weather could quash their KU spirit.



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■ Association president Kevin Corbett properly gave credit for the June 19 Salina Steakout to Jim Trower, local chapter president and national board member, who welcomed nearly 300 guests, including Julia and Jay Howard and Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little. Frank Hampton and his son Zachary got the chance to admire the 2008 national men's basketball championship trophy, which was on display with the 2008 Orange Bowl trophy, courtesy of Kansas Athletics.



■ The KC Legends Golf Tournament June 7 lured more than 100 Jayhawks to the links, including (l to r) John Hadl, Sam Clark and Joel Cox, twin sisters Mary Snyder and Sara Snyder Pestinger, and Gale Sayers.



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■ Debbi Headley Johanning, c'98, is the Association's new editorial assistant for online communications. She will help increase social media efforts. Her work for the Sandbar in Lawrence has been recognized by Google.



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BY KAREN GOODELL

1950

John Shaffer, c'50, continues to practice law in Hutchinson, where he specializes in elder law at the firm of Martindell, Swearer & Shaffer.

1954

Allen Kelley, d'54, recently was named to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Enshrinement Class of 2010. He was a three-year letterman for Phog Allen, and continues to make his home in Lawrence.

1956

John Studdard, b'56, lives in Lawrence, where he's a director of the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging, a member of the Douglas County Council on Aging and a representative in the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature.

1958

George Harp, c'58, was honored recently when the George L. Harp Environmental Field Station was dedicated at the Buffalo National River in Arkansas. He and his wife, Phoebe, live in Jonesboro, Ark., and he is a professor emeritus of environmental biology at Arkansas State University.

1962

Larry Arnold, e'62, is a consulting engineer with Technical Diagnostic Services in Bay City, Texas.

Cotton Smith, j'62, wrote *Ride for Rule Cordell*, which was published recently. He is senior vice president of Corporate Communications Group in Overland Park.

1963

Alvin Feinstein, a'63, moved to Colorado Springs, Colo. He wrote *America Lost? What We Learned by Living in Mexico*, published by Publish America.

1964

Harold Godwin, p'64, serves as president of the American Pharmacists Association. He's chair of pharmacy practice and associate dean at the KU School of Pharmacy.

1965

Gregs Thomopoulos, e'65, recently received an honorary doctor of science from the University of Iowa. He's CEO and chairman of the board of Stanley Consultants, and he makes his home in Iowa City.

1966

Sister **Mary Dieckman**, g'66, recently celebrated 60 years of religious life. She makes her home in Maple Mount, Ky.

James Nordstrom, c'66, l'69, is a partner in the Topeka firm of Fisher, Patterson, Sayler & Smith.

Michael O'Brien, j'66, g'69, owns a public accounting firm in Dallas, where he and **Karen Ogden O'Brien**, d'68, make their home.

1967

Howard Pankratz, j'67, received the Keeper of the Flame Award earlier this year from the Colorado Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. He is a reporter for the Denver Post. He makes his home in Lakewood.

1968

Patricia Maloy All, d'68, g'77, EdD'86, retired earlier this year as superintendent of the Olathe District Schools.

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David McClain, c'68, is a professor of business at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu.

Bruder Stapleton, c'68, m'72, was named a Distinguished Alumnus by the KU Medical Center Alumni Association. He chairs the department of pediatrics at the University of Washington and is chief academic officer at Seattle Children's Hospital.

1969

Gerald Burtnett, p'69, received the 2010 Harley Sutton Award from the Wichita Academy of Pharmacy. He's a pharmacist at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita.

Ronald Reece, c'69, moved from London to Oakland, Calif., where he directs property management services for Caldecott Properties.

1970

Lawrence Shriberg, PhD'70, was named a Distinguished Alumnus of

Allied Health by the KU Medical Center's Alumni Association. He and **Linda Mintz Shriberg**, '67, live in Madison, Wis.

1971

Mani Mani, m'71, was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Allied Health by the KU Medical Center's Alumni Association. He lives in Mission.

Michael Milhon, '71, is president and general manager of Nebraska Peterbilt in Grand Island.

Ralph, j'71, and **Susan Vance Wilson**, c'65, g'67, live in Pasadena, Calif., where Ralph is president of the Tools of Ignorance Inc.

1972

Vaughn Tolle, b'72, l'79, practices law with Busey & Tolle in Wichita.

1973

Janet Diehl Corwin, d'73, is senior administrative associate at the KU School of Music. She lives in Topeka.

MARRIED

David Healy, j'73, to William Dean, April 24 in Washington, D.C., where they live.

1974

Joseph Speelman, l'74, recently became a partner in Blank Rome LLP in Houston. He and **Sheryl Schmidt Speelman**, d'80, live in The Woodlands.

1975

Chris Stanfield, c'75, g'84, is a senior accountant at CenturyLINK in Overland Park.

Jeffrey Stinson, j'75, works as business, travel and aviation editor for USA Today in McLean, Va. He and **Christina Stevens Stinson**, j'75, live in Oak Hill.

1976

Paul Carttar, c'76, directs the Social Innovation Fund, a federal program designed to help expand effective non-profit programs. He lives in Lawrence.

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Katherine Conway-Turner, c'76, PhD'81, recently became provost of Hood College in Frederick, Md. She lives in Wilmington, Del.

Terry Croskey, g'76, retired earlier this year as principal of Meadow Lane Elementary School. He lives in Olathe.

David Ecklund, b'76, directs MFR in Houston. He and his wife, Susan, live in Sugar Land.

Gary Johnson, c'76, practices law in Littleton, Colo. He lives in Centennial.

Richard May, c'76, m'79, recently joined St. Francis Family Medicine in Topeka. He and **Delayne Lockett May**, c'76, live in Lawrence.

Colleen Knehans Peterson, f'76, g'80, works as a compensation analyst for the U.S. Olympic Committee. She lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

1977

Joseph France, p'77, g'80, is managing director of Gleacher & Company in Boston.

Patricia McElliott, s'77, s'93, is an

assistant director for programs at the Women's Home in Houston.

Anthony Robertson, c'77, works as a research scientist at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology in Thuwal, Saudi Arabia.

Jean Blackmore Tips, j'77, is vice president of marketing and communications at the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth, Texas. She lives in Flower Mound.

1978

Scott Jarus, c'78, g'82, is chairman and CEO of Ironclad Performance Wear in El Segundo, Calif. He lives in Manhattan Beach.

Richard Kramer, d'78, g'87, commutes from Lenexa to Mission, where he's principal of Shawnee Mission North High School.

1979

Arthur Andersson, a'79, is principal of Andersson-Wise in Austin, Texas. He wrote *Natural Houses: The Residential*

Architecture of Andersson-Wise, which recently was published by Princeton Architectural Press.

Richard Hardcastle, d'79, g'81, coordinates assessment for the Santa Rosa School Board. He lives in Milton, Fla.

Howard Smith, g'79, recently became dean of education at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg.

Cassie Strom, c'79, serves as a brigadier general in the Missouri National Guard. She makes her home in St. Louis.

1980

Elizabeth Block Baclayon, d'80, teaches at Chiefess Kamakaha Middle School. She lives in Kilauea, Hawaii.

Alison Banikowski, g'80, PhD'81, has been promoted to associate superintendent of Olathe USD 233 in Olathe, where she lives.

Kathryn Klusman Piersall, c'80, is managing partner of AllStar Academy of Real Estate in Dallas. She lives in Carrollton, Texas.

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Darla Smith, c'80, d'85, g'85, lives in Salina, where she's assistant director of the Smoky Hill Education Service Center.

Thomas Taylor, b'80, is a partner in Blue Earth Group in Atlanta, where he and **Susan Popp Taylor**, '82, make their home.

1981

John English, e'81, works as a senior engineering adviser for Chevron in Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela.

Elizabeth Miller, b'81, g'83, g'07, directs investments for the Kansas Pooled Money Investment Board in Topeka. She and her husband, **Lindy Eakin**, b'78, g'80, g'88, PhD'97, live in Lawrence.

Mary Delich Rixey, b'81, works as a corporate secretary for United Life Insurance in Overland Park. She and her husband, **Robert**, '82, live in Leawood.

Catherine McMillin Sandoval, c'81, works in administrative support services

for the Kansas State University Biosecurity Research Institute in Manhattan. She lives in Milford.

1982

Hal Kacanek, PhD'82, owns Sounds We Make in Waukesha, Wis.

1983

Zack Mansdorf, PhD'83, recently became principal consultant for EORM in Boca Raton, Fla.

Profile

BY STEVEN HILL

Physician finds in trees a prescription for happiness

The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago," holds a Chinese proverb. "The second best time is now."

Jim Ruble has both ends covered. Since 1980, he has planted trees, shrubs and food plots for wildlife on his 160-acre farm south of Overbrook. He has started nearly 12,000 trees over the years, and at 84 he's planting still.

Ruble, m'53, grew up on a farm near Parker, the son of a veterinarian who struggled to make ends meet. Food was often scarce, and the family drew water from a pond that dried up in summer.

Those hardscrabble days left a lasting impression. He dreamed of buying his own farm, with a pond that would never dry up.

Ruble never lost sight of that goal as he built a busy career as Overbrook's physician, driving 5,000 miles a month on after-hours house calls. When he arrived in 1954, the town had no doctor and most streets were unpaved. He designed Overbrook's medical clinic, and as mayor and city councilman helped improve its infrastructure. In 1976 he bought a quarter section south of town and set out to improve that.

He transformed the overgrazed pastureland into a showcase of wildlife habitat, building three ponds, planting 40 varieties of trees and installing food plots for deer, turkey and quail. He stocked his ponds with catfish, carp and bass and raised nesting boxes for bats, bluebirds, ducks and geese. He restored hay meadows lush with wild daisies and bluestem grass.

"It's for conservation, really," Ruble says, cranking up a dockside fish feeder to draw a couple dozen Canada geese and their goslings close. "I just wanted to leave it a better place than I found."

With help from his wife, Lois, who died in 2005, and their three children, Ruble learned shortcuts even the county extension agents and forestry experts didn't know. The first year he nurtured 2,000 bare-root seedlings in hand-dug holes through a blistering summer. Beavers twice wiped out huge swathes of trees. Fire, drought and disease claimed more. Through it all he kept planting, watering, weeding.



STEVE PUPPE

■ Not even a heart attack five weeks into retirement in 1994 could slow Jim Ruble in his 30-year quest to transform his Overbrook farm with trees. He's still planting today. "I'm too old for them ever to do me any good; they're for my children and grandchildren."

Though he chose some trees for their lumber potential, Ruble isn't in it for the money. As he watches his grandchildren swim and fish in the pond, run through the fields or giggle at the old-fashioned outhouse, he sees the true value of his long-term love affair with trees.

"It's for my kids and grandkids, not for me," he says. "I'm proud of how it turned out. The kids can enjoy it, and that to me is the satisfaction."

Seeds he's planting now will take 40 years to mature, he notes, well aware it's an investment in a future he'll never see.

As another proverb says, "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they will never sit in."

He who plants trees plants hope. 🌱

Class Notes

Bruce Witt, c'83, directs government relations for Via Christi Health in Wichita. He lives in Maize.

1984

Shari Ashner Boppart, c'84, l'87, is an associate with Martin Leigh Laws & Fritzen in Kansas City. She and her husband, **Patrick**, b'83, live in Lenexa.

Douglas Peterson, j'84, works as a freelance writer and editor in Scottsdale, Ariz.

1985

Rebecca Beilharz, f'85, owns Workplace Strategies in Mission. She lives in Westwood.

David Black, b'85, recently was appointed Grant County Attorney. He has a private practice in Ulysses and also serves as Stanton County Attorney. David lives in Johnson with his wife, Angela, and their daughters, Jenna and Jaclyn.

Lendley "Lynn" Black, PhD'85, will become chancellor of the University of Minnesota Duluth in August. He comes to the job from Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Ga., where he served most recently as vice president for academic affairs.

Tad Boyle, b'85, recently became head men's basketball coach at the University of Colorado. He and his wife, **Ann Schell Boyle**, f'87, have

two sons and a daughter.

Jay Craig, b'85, g'87, works as a real-estate investment broker with Marcus & Millichap. He lives in Shorewood, Wis.

Martin Jay, b'85, is senior investigator at Solomon Edwards. He lives in St. Louis.

Neva Murphy, f'85, manages accounts for MOI in Arlington, Va.

Janice Sterling, c'85, g'97, works as a GIS analyst and a cartographer for the U.S. Army in San Antonio.

1986

Paul Winslow, f'86, manages federal business development for Quantum Corp. He and his wife, Mary Ann, live in Arlington, Va.

1987

James Berglund II, b'87, l'92, practices law with the Dallas firm of Thompson Knight.

Scott Flanagin, e'87, is executive vice president of Warren Wixen Real Estate Services in Los Angeles. He lives in Woodland Hills.

Paula Koenigs, c'87, works as a senior research scientist for Procter & Gamble in Mason, Ohio. She lives in Cincinnati.

Tammy Steele Norton, b'87, is a partner in Emerging Solutions in Chicago.

Russell Scheffer, c'87, m'91, recently received a Distinguished Alumnus of

Medicine award from the KU Medical Center Alumni Association. He's a professor at the KU School of Medicine in Wichita.

Ronda Cox Sorrells, d'87, is a Reading Recovery teacher in Willow Springs, Mo.

1988

Jeffrey Boerger, f'88, recently became president of the Kansas Speedway Development Corp. in Kansas City. He lives in Leawood.

Linda Jenson Guinn, c'88, l'90, is general counsel for Battelle Energy Alliance in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Alan Heckart, b'88, lives in Omaha, Neb., where he's senior vice president for Infogroup.

1989

Linda Walker Fitzgerald, s'89, is a therapist and a clinical social worker in Wichita, where she and her husband, James, make their home.

James Grube, c'89, commutes from Olathe to Mission, where he's vice president of human resources at Swiss Reinsurance America Corp.

Michael Harmelink, c'89, g'91, is executive director of DineEquity in Lenexa.

William Mahoney, l'89, practices law with Mahoney & Mahoney in Kansas City, where he and **Susanne O'Leary Mahoney**, g'88, make their home. She's a speech-language pathologist for the Lamb Early Childhood Center.

1990

Sean Kelley, e'90, works as a software engineer for Intel in Hillsboro, Ore. He lives in Portland.

Kyle Mathis, e'90, manages global styrenics for Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. in The Woodlands, Texas.

Daniel Schmit, e'90, is facility manager for Morton Salt in New Iberia, La.

John Wichlenski Jr., b'90, manages cost accounting for UI-JON Laboratories and is a general manager for CL Smith in St. Louis. He lives in Chesterfield.

1991

Mark Amick, c'91, is senior manager for global training programs at



THEN AGAIN

It's not a Renaissance Fair: These "knights" were part of the 1962 Home-

coming display in front of JRP and Lewis residence halls. It took top honors in the Independent group category. Sir Catingham is being unseated by Sir J. Hawkingham.

Class Notes

Microsoft in Redmond, Wash. He lives in Kirkland.

Herb Johnston, c'91, is business area manager for the Office for Harmonization in Alicante, Spain.

Joseph Padilla, c'91, works as a sales account executive for EPIC Entertainment in Kansas City.

Patrick Warren, c'91, l'94, is president of the Kansas Speedway in Kansas City. He and **Kellie Kalbac Warren**, l'94, live in Leawood.

1992

Mike Gabrawy, c'92, heads production at Arlight Films in Los Angeles. He lives in Pasadena.

Jason Glidden, c'92, is a director at Banc of America Securities in St. Louis. He lives in Chesterfield.

Jason Lohmeyer, b'92, and his wife, **Corryn Flahaven**, j'94, live in Barrington, Ill., with their daughter, Kendall Lohmeyer, 1. Jason is a director of CVS Corp.

Michael, b'92, and **Krista Nye Schwartz**, j'97, make their home in Ottawa Hills, Ohio, with their children, Alexander, 3, and Tahlia, who'll be 1 Nov. 4. Michael is chief executive officer of Corner Dental.

Tiffany Lauer Walker, j'92, directs marketing for WaterBrook Multnomah Publishing in Colorado Springs, Colo.

1993

Denise Scott Geelhart, c'93, and her

Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

Braves blog blossoms with more than baseball

David O'Brien, Braves beat writer for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, recalls a newsroom meeting when editors told beat writers to start producing daily blogs. Writers already wary of online spinoffs draining vitality from their sacrosanct print coverage were likely assuaged when the editors added, "But if you're spending more than 10 minutes on it, you're spending too much time."

So they produced 10-minute efforts, often a tiny news item capped with something along the lines of, "What do you think?" Maybe 10 or 12 readers would respond, and after an hour or so the one- or two-paragraph item was essentially lifeless, dead on the wire.

That wasn't what O'Brien, j'86, envisioned for his blog (blogs.ajc.com/atlanta-braves-blog), which he infused both with intense Braves coverage as well as his diverse interests. Readers responded by the thousands, joining an online community that feels like a good sports bar without the beer and peanuts. Discussion topics might include future Hall of Famer Chipper Jones, rookie sensation Jason Heyward, movies, a reader's glaucoma surgery, or song lyrics that "DOB," as he's known on the blog, culls from his vast music collection.

"I quickly realized they weren't going to stop me from writing stuff that was outside of the basic, straight news," O'Brien says. "So I started injecting humor, personal stuff, observations. How the barbecue sandwich at the stadium in Lakeland is the best in all of spring training. What players were listening to on their iPods. The more I started putting this stuff in, the more people started responding."

When the newspaper's daily sports blogs began, a few dozen responses was considered a hit. In March O'Brien's blog set an AJC single-month record with 1.8 million page views (a number now as important as circulation at many newspapers), and in 2009, with 12 million views, Cox Newspapers named his blog the newspaper chain's best. O'Brien also has been named Georgia Sportswriter of the Year, an Atlanta alternative paper chose him as the city's best sports beat writer, and in 2009 he served a yearlong term as president of the influential Baseball Writers Association of America.

Writing and updating the blog, a task that didn't exist only a few years ago, added at least four hours to his day, which now starts at home by 10 a.m. rather than at the ballpark at 2 p.m., and O'Brien must respect clubhouse sensitivities while also giving his readers the insider information they crave.

"All of a sudden it's a 12-hour job,



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■ Now in his 16th season covering baseball, O'Brien, former president of the Baseball Writers Association of America, says his biggest thrill was sitting on the speaker's platform at the 2009 Hall of Fame induction "with 50 of the greatest players to play the game."

and you pay for it in free time. You definitely pay a price.

"On the other hand, you get so much more enjoyment out of it. I get comments from readers now that I never got before. That's incredibly satisfying." 🍷

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husband, Christopher, celebrated their first anniversary July 4. They live in Sherman, Ill.

Hale Sheppard, j'93, l'98, g'99, works as an equity shareholder for Chamberlain Hrdlicka White Williams & Martin in Atlanta. He lives in Decatur.

Leigh Winter, f'93, is associate director of alumni affairs for the School of Visual Arts in New York City. She lives in Brooklyn.

1994

Stephen Caruthers, b'94, is an investment specialist with Capital Group Companies in Los Angeles. He lives in Foothill Ranch.

1995

Mark Galus, c'95, has a law practice in Kansas City, where he and his wife, Sara Copeland, make their home.

Rodney Hollinshed, '95, is transplant financial coordinator for the KU Medical

Center. He lives in Kansas City.

Michael Humberd, e'95, manages projects for Pipeline Strategies in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he and **Lisa Dickson-Humberd**, d'95, make their home.

Brian Lowe, g'95, is principal of Meadow Lane Elementary School in Olathe.

Stephen Martino, c'95, j'96, directs the Maryland State Lottery Agency in Baltimore. He and **Beth Hall Martino**, g'05, live in Ellicott City. She is associate commissioner for external affairs with the Food and Drug Administration in Silver Spring.

Marcia Chace Zeithamel, p'95, p'05, works as a pharmacist for the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Iowa City, Iowa, where she and her husband, Brad, make their home.

1996

Michelle DeSouza, c'96, m'00, is an

assistant professor at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City. She lives in Lenexa.

Bradley Hoffman, b'96, directs business operations for ISG Technology in Overland Park.

Craig Stewart, b'96, manages Butler National Corp. in Olathe.

1997

Marc Galbraith, g'97, is deputy state librarian for the State Library of Kansas in Topeka, where he and his wife, Kay, make their home.

Lewis Galloway, c'97, is managing member of LG Law in Kansas City.

Zachary Schmidt, e'97, serves as a major in the U.S. Marine Corps. He and **Nicole Mehring Schmidt**, e'98, live in Tampa, Fla., with their children, Henry, who's nearly 2, and Evelyn, 1.

BORN TO:

Matthew, '97, and **Kelly Cannon Boeckman**, j'98, son, Ian Matthew, April 22 in Golden, Colo. Matthew is a senior systems administrator for ServiceMagic, and Kelly is a product marketing analyst for Oracle.

Kyle, '97, and **Kylie Colgan Helmer**, j'02, c'02, son, Carson Michael, May 3 in Overland Park, where he joins a brother, Trenton, 2.

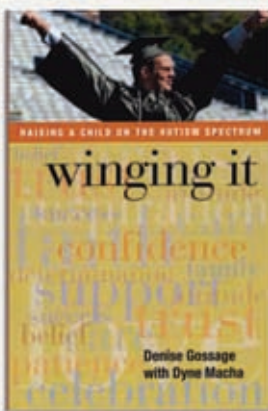
Brenda Daly Soto, s'97, s'03, and **Hector**, c'98, g'99, son, Emilio Roberto, March 17 in Kansas City. Brenda is an outpatient therapist for KVC Behavioral Healthcare, and Hector is a senior planner for the city of Lee's Summit, Mo.

1998

Jennifer Martin Adams, b'98, g'03, is a business analyst for Sprint Nextel in Overland Park, where she and her husband, **Mark**, e'99, make their home. He's a project manager for Chevron Energy Solutions.

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THEN AGAIN

Row, row your boat: Paddlers took their marks at the start of the 1982 KU-

K-State canoe race. Team members came from residence halls, fraternities, sororities and other student living groups. Sad to say, K-State took the top honors that year.

Michael Atha, c'98, m'02, works as a hospitalist for Critical Care and Pulmonary Consultants in Denver.

BORN TO:

Tully, c'98, g'07, and **Nicole Schnellbacher McCoy**, j'01, son, Patrick Tully, Nov. 6 in Prairie Village. Tully is a consultant for Legacy Financial Strategies, and Nicole manages global sourcing for Bishop-McCann.

1999

Aimee Felix Crump, c'99, is a financial analyst for PSS World Medical in Jacksonville, Fla., where she and her husband, **Kevin**, e'00, make their home.

Jason Fizell, c'99, commutes from Topeka to Lawrence, where he's executive director of the Kansas Land Trust.

Eva Toth Silegy, g'99, works as a staff anesthetist at Weight Loss Centers in Beverly Hills, Calif. She lives in Long Beach.

Erica VanRoss, c'99, directs public relations for the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Roland Weast, c'99, m'04, performs surgery with Premier Surgical Associates in Knoxville, Tenn.

2000

Nicholas Fanelli, c'00, manages

accounts for Cisco Systems. He lives in Danville, Calif.

Cynthia Lane, EdD'00, recently became superintendent of the Kansas City Kansas Public Schools.

Tyson Malik, e'00, is senior release engineer for Nokia in Irving, Texas. He lives in Plano.

Pavaninder Mann, PhD'00, works as a psychologist in Tustin, Calif.

Christopher Randle, c'00, l'03, is Sedgewick County assistant district attorney in Wichita. He lives in Clearwater.

Jon Rosenthal, g'00, directs bands for Lebanon High School. He lives in Nashville, Tenn.

Katherine Turnbull, c'00, performs as Mary in the New York premiere of Sarah Ruhl's "Passion Play." Kate lives in Brooklyn.

2001

Amy Schieferecke Beckstead, l'01, practices law with DLA Piper in Austin, Texas, where she and her husband, **Charles**, g'01, make their home.

Brenda Chung, b'01, supervises accounts for Leo Burnett Canada. She lives in Toronto.

John Duckworth, b'01, does wealth management advising for the Trust Company of Illinois in Downers Grove.

Matthew Gardner, j'01, directs

accounts for MindComet in Altamonte Springs, Fla. He lives in Apopka.

Ryan Heape, c'01, is a billing analyst for Verizon in Alpharetta, Ga. He lives in Atlanta.

Molly Motley Morris, j'01, and her husband, Michael, celebrated their first anniversary earlier this year. They live in Marietta, Ga.

Justin Poplin, e'01, practices law with Lathrop & Gage in Overland Park. He and **Elizabeth Weltz Poplin**, c'06, live in Lenexa.

BORN TO:

Wayne, '01, and **Patricia Moore Schroeder**, s'07, son, William John, Dec. 23 in Lenexa.

Keith Van Horn, c'01, and Melissa, twin daughters, Claire Alexis and Avery Diane, March 15 in Lawrence, where Keith is a dentist.

2002

Heidi Sparkman Boehm, n'02, g'09, works as a unit educator for KU Medical Center in Kansas City. She and her husband, **Troy**, b'99, live in Olathe.

Jordan Cochran, j'02, c'02, commutes from Lawrence to Kansas City, where he's an account director at VML.

Katherine McClure Coleman, b'02, g'03, manages finance for ADP Dealer Services in Hoffman Estates, Ill. She and her husband, Chris, live in Fox River Grove.

Nate Hinkle, g'02, recently became lead engineer for Ulteig in Englewood, Colo.

Jennifer Kaufman, c'02, m'09, is a pediatric resident at Phoenix Children's Hospital in Phoenix.

Scott Lowe Jr., g'02, is an academic adviser at Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Va.

Jennie Honeycutt Pollard, c'02, directs programs for the Northwest Center for Kids in Seattle.

Scott Raymond, c'02, is co-founder of Gowalla, a location-based social network firm. He lives in Austin, Texas.

Sara Shepherd, j'02, c'02, reports for the Kansas City Star. She lives in Mission.

MARRIED

John Gravino, c'02, to Angela Castle, Dec. 12 in Kansas City, where they live. John directs facilities and operations for the College Basketball Experience and the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

BORN TO:

Christopher, b'02, and **Marie Hooper Kohart**, d'03, g'07, son, Logan

James, Feb. 4 in Eudora. Christopher is an accountant with Long CPA in Lenexa.

Jennifer Moore Zygmunt, b'02, and **Piotr**, c'03, son, Colin Reid, April 17 in Olathe. Jennifer is a retirement wholesaler for Principal Financial Group, and Piotr is a benefit consultant for Schiffman.

2003

Susan Shumaker Klusmeier, g'03,

coordinates diversity programs for the University of Missouri in Columbia.

David Meall, b'03, owns Talent Pulse in Seattle.

Alison Neumann, f'03, works as an independent jewelry appraiser in Naperville, Ill.

MARRIED

Kirstie Schneider, c'03, m'09, to **Jordan Van Ry**, May 14 in Parkville, Mo.

Profile

BY CHRIS LAZZARINO

Army general takes aim on improvised explosives

Before he took command of operations and training for the Department of Defense's massive push to defeat improvised explosive devices, Brig. Gen. Chuck Taylor was first a beneficiary of the group's rapid advancements.

While on his second combat tour in Iraq, in 2005, Taylor, c'83, and his troops drove past a remote-controlled IED that didn't detonate until their vehicle had passed. Had Taylor and his Army soldiers driven near the same device on his first tour, early in the war, the IED surely would have detonated. By 2005, however, all U.S. military vehicles had been outfitted with electronics that jam trigger signals sent by cell phone.

"When I went into the fight in 2003, we didn't know what counter radio electronic warfare was. I had a radio in my vehicle and we went forward," Taylor says. "Now, no vehicle that we have, and no vehicle that we'll ever produce, won't have a device that jams all the signals in and around that vehicle."

Taylor explains that an IED is, by definition, a non-military contraption that uses any sort of accelerant, such as a blasting cap stuck in an old artillery shell, and is triggered either by remote signals or a command wire. Contrary to

a commonly held image of an angry loner hastily assembling and concealing the bombs, IEDs are actually the work of well-organized insurgent networks, including master bomb makers, financiers, roadside emplacers, observers and even videographers ready to film the carnage.

"We've killed most of the dumb ones," Taylor says, "so the ones who are still out there are pretty good at what they do. And they're getting paid for it."

IEDs are responsible for 85 percent of all coalition casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan, and Taylor concedes that the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization won't, on its own, bring about their extinction. That honor and responsibility will fall to the citizens of Iraq and Afghanistan who report bomb-making insurgents to local authorities for prosecution.

In fact, Iraq now has in place a central criminal courts system that is prosecuting people based on evidence collected by military experts, part of what Taylor refers to as "'CSI: Baghdad' or 'CSI: Bagram.'" Before the trials could proceed, lawyers and judges had to have evidence procedures, such as fingerprint collection, explained to them with demonstrations.

"We're not going to win the war by defeating IEDs," Taylor says. "You're going to win the peace by taking the challenges these people and these tribes



■ Former commander of the The Old Guard, Taylor marched at the head of President Reagan's funeral procession. He returned in May for ROTC commissioning. "If I'm successful, it's because of my roots, and values that were helped to develop right here at KU."

have faced for decades and changing that condition—building the trust and confidence so that when they do turn in people who build those devices, the rule of law will prevail." —



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They live in Liverpool, N.Y., and Kirstie is a general surgery resident in Syracuse.

BORN TO:

Alyson Pleviak Carr, h'03, g'05, and **Wade**, c'04, b'05, daughter, Lauren, March 20 in St. Louis.

2004

Scott Christie, g'04, works as an interactive editor for Great American Publishing in Sparta, Mich.

Kevin Grantham, h'04, g'08, is a research scientist for ViraCor Laboratories in Lee's Summit, Mo.

Charles Hoffmann, c'04, recently became an integrator for Nicholson Kovac in Kansas City.

BORN TO:

Molly Fruetel Fritzel, c'04, and **Patrick**, '05, daughter, Ruby Maya, March 11 in Eudora. Molly is a speech-language pathologist for ECKCE, and Patrick is a job superintendent for Gene Fritzel Construction.

2005

Caryl Goodyear-Bruch, PhD'05, recently was named a Distinguished Alumna of Nursing by the KU Medical Center Alumni Association. She's an assistant clinical professor of nursing at the KU Medical Center, and she lives in Independence, Mo., with her husband, Ron.

Paige Higgins, f'05, was the first American woman to finish the 2010 Boston Marathon last April. Her time was 2:36:00. Paige lives in Flagstaff, Ariz.

MARRIED

Stacey Urban, n'05, to Clinton Watier, April 16 in Lawrence. They live in Roeland Park, and Stacey is a nurse at the KU Medical Center.

BORN TO:

Danny, d'05, and **Laura Lesko Lewis**, assoc., son, Carter Phillip, May 3. They live in Eudora. Danny is assistant director of alumni programs for the KU Alumni Association, and Laura works for



1982 GRADUATE MAGAZINE

THEN AGAIN

Hug-a-'Hawk: Bob Hoffman, b'85, a JRP freshman from St. Louis, models an Association of University Residence Halls T-shirt. AURH celebrated in 1981 with T-shirts, Frisbees and balloons. And, of course, hugs all around.

Class Notes

Global Prairie in Kansas City.

Kathy McVey Meitl, d'05, g'09, and Gregory, a'06, daughter, Holly Ramona, Nov. 24 in Lemon Grove, Calif.

2006

Brian Dolan, h'06, g'08, received an Early Career Achievement Award this year from the KU Medical Center Alumni Association. He works at the Medical Center as a business operations manager in perioperative services and is clinical

assistant professor of allied health and health information. He lives in Kansas City.

Estuardo Garcia, j'06, recently became a community journalist for Desotoexplorer.com. He lives in Kansas City.

Angela Errante Hartshorn, n'06, and her husband, Ben, celebrated their first anniversary Sept. 19. They live in Shawnee, and she's a nurse at the Shawnee Mission Medical Center.

Erin Nied, j'06, is associate director of

Robstan Group Inc. in Kansas City.

Dustin Rogge, p'06, owns Washington HealthMart in Washington. He lives in Linn.

2007

Hillary Addison, j'07, is an account executive for the Omaha World-Herald. She makes her home in Omaha, Neb.

Erika Bentson, j'07, volunteers with the Peace Corps in Tendrara, Morocco.

Kristen High Bundy, f'07, is a graphic

Profile

BY JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

Darwin's prize attests to a teacher's evolution

School was nearly out for summer. The students at Cabot High School had finished their classes, so June 7 was reserved for teachers to wrap up the academic year in relative peace. Lorraine Darwin sat alone in her classroom, scrolling through e-mails on what should have been a low-key last day before the welcome summer break.

Then she clicked on a message and learned she had won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Suddenly there was another reason to celebrate.

Darwin, d'94, g'99, shared the news with Zanya Clarkson, the school principal who nominated her for the national award. Clarkson announced the happy news via the school's intercom, and all the teachers rejoiced with Darwin, who for nine years has taught at Cabot, a public high school in Sherman, Ark., a suburb of Little Rock. She teaches pre-calculus, trigonometry and Advanced Placement calculus to juniors and seniors.

To compete for the national honor, Darwin submitted a 24-page questionnaire, letters of recommendation and two 30-minute videos (only one of which could be edited) of her classroom teaching.

Darwin says she knew early in her career that upper-level classrooms would be her niche. "I like to take what would be considered harder material and break it down and make it understandable and help the students wrap their brains around it and be active participants in their learning," she says. "It's just the way I'm made. I fit with the upper-level students."


But she admits that her classroom tactics sometimes lean toward Mister Rogers. A Japanese figurine named Bobble (who has her own Facebook page) assists Darwin in class, and video projects are part of the curriculum. To introduce juniors to the rigors of AP calculus, the seniors created spoofs on TV's "Star Trek," "The Office" and a tribute to mobster movies called "Scarfather." This year, Darwin wrote a seven-verse song to help her AP students review for the comprehensive exam.

Her sense of whimsy often confuses acquaintances who presume she teaches at the opposite end of the school spectrum: "It's funny, when I meet people, they ask, 'Do you teach kindergarten?' I say, 'No, actually calculus.'

"I don't know if it's something with

my personality, or how that comes across. But I take liberties in my classroom, as do several of my peers. We do what we can to make it fun."

Darwin credits her students for the national honor. Although she used to fear burnout—"I was going to be saying the same things over and over for the rest of my life. There are only so many math classes, right?"—she realized that the students would continue to inspire her. "They are going to be different every year; that's what it's all about," she says. "It's the interaction with them. It's all about who they are.

"Instead of hitting burnout, I turned a corner, and the past five or six years have been getting better every year." 



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designer for TSYS in Phenix City, Ala., where she and her husband, **Brandon**, g'08, make their home. He's an engineer for Russell County, and they celebrated their first anniversary Sept. 4.

Christopher Bystrom, j'07, manages digital projects for Goble & Associates in Chicago.

Jeffrey Commerford, b'07, g'09, is a staff tax accountant for Ernst & Young in Kansas City.

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

Sarah Pikul, c'07, works in the training department of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Mission. She lives in Overland Park.

Lance Watson, c'07, serves as assistant commandant of cadets at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, where he lives with his wife, Jessica.

Matthew Zeffery, c'07, is managing partner of Arx Global Holdings in Chicago.

MARRIED

Travis Dambach, c'07, to Katherine

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Clark, Sept. 19 in Jackson, Mo., where he teaches history and coaches football at Jackson High School.

Erin Fisher, d'07, g'10, and **Bret Brown**, d'10, March 20 in Olathe. They live in Gardner, where Erin teaches third grade for the Gardner-Edgerton school district. Bret works for Carondelet Health.

Ashley Hirschorn, c'07, and **Jeremy Alpert**, a'09, Oct. 24 in Kansas City. They live in Chicago, where Ashley does feature film publicity and promotions for Terry Hines & Associates and Jeremy is an associate with CresaPartners.

Tait Jeter, f'07, and **Lynzee Benedict**, n'07, May 1 in Olathe. They live in Overland Park.

2008

Ashley Bolton, j'08, coordinates product rollouts for Lee Enterprises in Davenport, Iowa. She lives in Chicago.

Jenna Custer Jones, d'08, teaches American history and government at Louisburg High School. She and her hus-

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band, Erik, live in Olathe.

Lynsay Montour, j'08, is an assistant account executive for Brainerd Communicators in New York City.

2009

Jill Custer, b'09, coordinates accounts payable for Meadowlands Stadium Co. She lives in New York City.

Sasha Roe, c'09, j'09, develops creative content for PlattForm Advertising. She lives in Mankato.

2010

Amanda Randall, c'10, is an administrative assistant with the women's basketball program at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Chelsie Shipley, '10, performed last summer as Cassandra in "The Trojan Women," which was performed in New York City's Riverside Park. Her home is in Lawrence.

Weston White, '10, is a staff buyer for Honeywell FM&T in Kansas City. He lives in Olathe.

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n	School of Nursing
p	School of Pharmacy
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s	School of Social Welfare
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John Barnes, a'31, 99, Feb. 2 in Kansas City, where he was a retired lieutenant colonel in the Missouri Division of the Corps of Engineers and a heating/ventilating and air-conditioning engineer. He is survived by a son; a daughter, Dora Barnes Hart, c'58; a stepson and stepdaughter; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Monti Belot Jr., c'35, g'38, m'40, 96, Feb. 21 in Lawrence, where he retired as a physician at the age of 85. He is survived by a daughter, Rosemary Belot Jarrett, c'77; two sons, Monti III, c'65, l'68, and Allen, j'70; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Margaret Wolf Traylor Elvig, '34, 100, March 20 in Lawrence. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. She is survived by two sons, Jon Traylor, c'60, g'66, and Thomas Traylor, c'75; two stepdaughters, Elizabeth Elvig Shinn, c'62, and Elaine Elvig Connell, '51; a stepson, John Elvig, e'55, g'58; 13 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Tom Meschke, b'34, 97, March 2 in Hays. He co-owned Meschke's Men's and Boy's Wear in Garden City for many years. Surviving are two sons, John, b'66, and Larry, assoc.; a daughter, Marty Meschke Kraemer, '70; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mildred McElwain Schooling, d'36, 100, Feb. 26 in Prairie Village. She is survived by two daughters, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1940s

Lowell Anderson, e'42, 90, Oct. 6 in Oak Ridge, Tenn., where he was retired from a career with Union Carbide. Two daughters, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive.

Verl "Andy" Anderson, d'47, g'52, 88, March 26 in Abilene, where he was a for-

mer educator. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a son, Doug, a'75; a daughter, Vicki Anderson Cathey, '70; a stepson, Mark Hall, b'85; a stepdaughter, Debra Rhoton, '91; three grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; four great-grandsons; and two stepgreat-grandsons.

Nella Corwin Anneberg, c'40, 92, March 4 in Manhattan, where she was a speech pathologist. She is survived by three daughters, one of whom is Linda, d'73, g'77; a son; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Warren Beck, b'48, 85, March 22 in Overland Park, where he was a retired tax accountant for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell. Survivors include his companion, Priscilla Marston, two sons, a daughter and 10 grandchildren.

The Rev. **Robert Bingham, b'47**, 84, Jan. 30 in Athens, Ga. He was an adjunct professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is survived by two daughters and a granddaughter.

Samuel Brick, g'47, PhD'52, 92, March 9 in Safety Harbor, Fla. He had been a professor of music at Carthage College and at the University of Tampa, where he received an Outstanding Professor Award. Surviving are a son, a daughter, five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

John Cook, c'49, 84, April 28 in Manhattan, where he was a retired marketing representative for Phillips Petroleum. He is survived by his wife, Georgann, two sons, a stepson and four grandchildren.

Robert Cotton, m'45, 90, March 12 in Topeka, where he was a retired physician. He is survived by his wife, Alice Roper Cotton, n'46; a son, Donald, b'78; a daughter; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Sidney Dawson Jr., d'48, 89, Sept. 27 in Tucson, Ariz., where he was an assistant principal and principal in Tucson's junior and senior high schools. He also

acted in the movies "Revenge of the Nerds" and "Raising Arizona." Survivors include his wife, Etta Mae Jackson Dawson, c'40, g'48; a son; a daughter; and two grandsons.

Betty Sullivan Goss, b'44, 87, March 27 in Leawood. Surviving are her husband, Harold, b'47; four sons, Harold, b'70, l'74, Frank, c'76, Gary, c'76, and Michael, b'81; and five grandchildren.

Nancy Nevin Marshall, c'47, 85, Feb. 20 in Cape Coral, Fla., where she was a retired office manager. Two sons, three daughters and nine grandchildren survive.

Renata Meyer, c'49, 101, Feb. 18 in Raytown, Mo., where she was a retired German teacher. Several nieces and nephews survive.

George Rippey, e'46, 91, April 15 in San Antonio, where he was a retired colonel in the U.S. Army. A daughter and three grandchildren survive.

Ralph Robertson Sr., e'48, 84, Feb. 26 in Overland Park, where he was a retired laboratory manager at Seidlitz, Colony and Valspar Coatings. He is survived by his wife, Jean; a son, Reg Jr., e'79; a daughter; a grandson; and a great-granddaughter.

Edwin Trimble, e'49, 89, March 11 in Dallas, where he was retired from Union Carbide. Two daughters, a son and two grandchildren survive.

Victor Wall, '44, 87, Oct. 18 in Clay Center. He is survived by his wife, Leah, assoc.

Jackie Parker Werts, '49, 86, April 3 in Joseph, Utah. She had been an innkeeper, a real-estate agent and a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, Jack, j'49; a son, Charles, '73; a daughter, Vicki Werts Constable, '69; five sisters; two brothers; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Martha Fairhurst Whorton, d'42, 89, May 2 in Shawnee Mission, where she was a retired teacher. She is survived by her husband, Arthur, two daughters, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1950s

Ethel Byrns Beasley, c'50, 84, March 3

in Anderson, S.C. She was former director of the medical technology school at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla. Surviving are four stepdaughters, a stepson, two sisters, three brothers, two grandchildren, nine stepgrandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Billy Bryant, p'50, 81, Feb. 5 in Beloit. He is survived by his wife, Leone; a daughter; a son, Ward, j'82, g'85; a sister; and four grandchildren.

Hugh Buff, m'50, 86, March 9 in Mission Hills, where he was a retired physician. A daughter, a son and three grandchildren survive.

Patricia Bokor Burgstahler, g'59, 75, April 17 in Lawrence, where she was a piano teacher. She is survived by her husband, Albert; three daughters, two of whom are Janet Burgstahler Anderson, '85, and Jennifer, b'86; two sons, Albert, e'83, and David, e'91; two sisters; 10 grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Nancy Davis Burnside, '51, 81, March 2 in Shawnee Mission. She is survived by a son, Bradley, b'79, g'80; a daughter, Carolyn Burnside Lopez, d'82; and five grandchildren.

Martha Keplinger Cook, c'50, 82, March 17 in Ventura, Calif. Surviving are two daughters, two sons, seven grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Jerry Elliott, c'58, l'64, 73, April 5 in Lawrence, where he was the senior judge on the Kansas Court of Appeals. He is survived by his wife, Debra Duncan, assoc.; a son; a brother, Jim, b'56; and a sister, Nancy Elliott Burke, d'66.

Ashford Galbreath Jr., c'55, m'59, 76, Jan. 27 in Overland Park, where he practiced medicine for more than 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Claudene Dougherty Galbreath, n'78; two sons, Ashford, c'85, and David, c'90, m'98; a daughter, Barbara Galbreath Sharp, s'97, s'03; his stepmother; a sister; seven grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Marilyn Haize Hardy, d'59, 74, Feb. 12 in Lawrence. She is survived by her husband, Donald, '62; a son, David, c'83, l'88, g'88; a daughter, Karen Hardy Ye, '84; a sister; and a granddaughter.

Jo Ann Boswell Lumpkin, f'56, 75, Feb. 22 in Phillipsburg. She is survived by her husband, Don, b'57; a son, Todd, '87; a brother, Dan Boswell, f'59; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

William Lynch, b'50, 85, Jan. 23 in Shawnee, where he was retired from a career with the Atomic Energy Commission. Surviving are his wife, Janice, a daughter, two brothers, a sister, two granddaughters, seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Ronald Mercer, '52, 79, Feb. 8 in Edmond, Okla., where he owned Ennex Inc. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Riggs Mercer, '52; two sons; a daughter; two brothers, Richard, c'53, and Robert, c'50; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Robert Nold, j'53, 78, Dec. 20 in Akron, Ohio, where he was a retired editor and a sportswriter for the Akron Beacon Journal. He is survived by his wife, Delight; three sons; a brother, John, c'51, g'57; and seven grandchildren.

Helen Norwood, g'59, 97, Feb. 21 in Lawrence, where she taught at Pinckney Elementary School and was the first principal at Schwegler Elementary School. A brother, James, survives.

Kenneth Ochs, b'52, 79, Sept. 25 in Colorado Springs, where he was a businessman and a cattle and horse rancher. Among survivors are his wife, Dolores Mausolf Ochs, c'52; a son; a daughter; and two brothers, Donald, b'53, and Harlan, b'50.

John Olson, c'53, m'56, 78, March 16 in Cooperstown, N.Y. He was a professor emeritus of surgery at Columbia University. Survivors include his wife, Rita Shipp Olson, c'54; three sons; and a grandson.

Rosemary Landrey Paul, c'50, c'52, 81, Feb. 24 in Helena, Mont. She had been an administrative assistant at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park and is survived by a daughter, Alison, s'86, l'91; two brothers; and two grandchildren.

Karl Reaster, '56, 75, Feb. 25 in Leawood, where he was retired from a career in data processing with IBM. He is survived by his wife, Janice Jensen

Reaster, n'63; a son, David, c'87; a daughter; and a sister.

Henry Remple, PhD'50, 101, April 9 in Lawrence, where he had an independent practice in clinical psychology for many years. He earlier had been chief of psychology at the VA Medical Center in Leavenworth. Survivors include a daughter, Lucy Remple McAllister, f'58, d'60, g'67; a son, Robert, c'62; a sister; and a grandson.

Ruth Magee Schiefelbusch, '54, 89, Feb. 19 in Lawrence, where she had been a speech therapist for the school district. She is survived by her husband, Richard, g'47; two daughters, Caroll Schiefelbusch Millin, '79, and Jean, d'80, g'90; a son, Larry, c'65, g'65; a sister; six grandchildren; a stepgrandson; four great-grandchildren; and a stepgreat-grandson.

Arthur Smith, c'51, 80, April 23 in Lexington, Mass., where he was a former electrical engineering professor and former dean for undergraduate education and student affairs at MIT. He is survived by his wife, Wilma, three daughters and two stepsons.

Kenneth Stanley, c'53, m'56, 78, Feb. 20 in Kingwood, Texas, where he was a retired physician. Surviving are two daughters, one of whom is Kathleen, c'80, g'84; two sons, Brad, g'85, and Kenneth III, m'87; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Darrell Taylor, e'52, 85, Jan. 28 in Lee's Summit, Mo., where he was a retired engineer. He is survived by his wife, Helen; two daughters; three sons, two of whom are Derek, j'79, and Kent, e'82; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Richard Thomas, g'58, 79, March 7 in Billings, Mont. He was retired city administrator of Santa Barbara, Calif., and earlier had served cities in Kansas, Montana, Colorado and Missouri. Surviving are his wife, Lois, two daughters, two sisters and two granddaughters.

Carolyn Campbell Wagstaff, c'54, 77, April 6 in Leawood. She lived in Lawrence for many years and is survived by a son, Richard III, j'80; two daughters, Carolyn Wagstaff Gerwick, d'82, and Jennifer Wagstaff Arbanas, c'84; a sister,

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Margaret Wagstaff Fligg, c'56, c'57; and six grandchildren.

1960s

Richard Cartwright, e'62, 74, Jan. 17 in La Jolla, Calif. He had owned a company specializing in air-quality management. Survivors include his wife, Sharon Simpson Cartwright, '61; a son; his father; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Anthony Chop, j'67, 65, March 1 in Overland Park, where he had a career in advertising. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and a brother.

Richard Downey, b'63, 73, Jan. 9 in Des Moines, Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Lydelia, a daughter, a brother and a sister.

Donald Grimes, g'63, 77, Jan. 28 in Fayetteville, Ark. He is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Andrea Grimes Woods, c'93; two brothers; a sister; and five grandchildren.

James Hopkins, m'65, 77, March 1 in Leawood, where he was physician. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, a son, a daughter, a brother and two grandchildren.

David Kuttler, e'62, 69, March 24 in El Dorado, where he was a chemical engineer. He is survived by his wife, Judy; two sons; one of whom is Andrew, f'09; a daughter, Angela Kuttler Sabo, j'88; and four grandchildren.

Carl Metzler, p'60, 79, March 22 in Topeka, where he owned Home Drug Pharmacy. He is survived by his wife, Joyce McCarter Metzler, assoc., two sons, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

David Mitchell, b'65, g'68, PhD'72, 66, March 17 in Greensboro, where he was a member of the sociology faculty at the University of North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Ann; two stepsons; a stepdaughter; two sisters, Donna Mitchell Warrington, a'69, and Janice Mitchell Gunderson, c'71; and seven grandchildren.

Karen Ogden O'Brien, d'68, 64, March 19 in Dallas. She is survived by her husband, Mike, j'66, g'69; a daughter; and two grandchildren.

John Peterson, j'61, April 11 in Leawood. He had been a national correspon-

dent for the National Observer and later wrote for the Wall Street Journal. He is survived by his wife, Janice Guyot Peterson, d'62; a stepson, Hunter Richardson, c'92; two stepdaughters, Courtney Richardson, c'85, and Ashley Richardson, b'89; and seven grandchildren.

Martha Perkins Robb, d'68, 96, Feb. 20 in Pittsburg. She is survived by three sons, a sister, a brother, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Charles Swengel, g'67, 73, Feb. 5 in Kansas City, where he worked for Unified Government. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jo, three daughters, a sister and eight grandchildren.

Wallis Thon, b'66, 64, July 30, 2009, in Grand Junction, Colo. Two daughters and two sisters survive.

William Wallace, g'60, 75, Oct. 10 in Phoenix, where he had been acting chancellor for the Maricopa Community College District. He is survived by his wife, Juliene, two sons, a daughter, two brothers, a sister, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ralph Wright, g'69, 69, Feb. 9 in Wichita. He had been a professor at North Texas University and is survived by his mother and a brother.

1970s

Arthur "Tripp" Anderson, d'73, g'83, l'88, 62, April 6 in Lawrence, where he was an attorney. He is survived by his wife, Mary Stanford Anderson, c'76; two sons; his father; a brother, Lowry, g'77; and a sister, Rebecca, '78.

The Rev. **Edwin Cole, g'70**, 71, Dec. 13 in Laurie, Mo., where he was a priest at the Shrine of St. Patrick. Five sisters and two brothers survive.

Joanne Wilkerson Kersten, g'79, EdD'84, 68, Feb. 26 in Liberty, Mo., where she was retired chair of nursing at William Jewell College. A son, a brother and a granddaughter survive.

Sister **Roberta Klesener, g'72**, 68, Dec. 26 in Milwaukee, where she lived with the School Sisters of St. Francis. Several nieces and nephews survive.

Paula Libel, c'78, 59, March 4 in Kansas City, where she had worked for Soil Service Nursery. She also worked

as a reflexologist.

Mary Millemon Merrill, g'75, 64, March 15 in Centerville, Texas. She lived in Merriam and had been a special-education teacher for the Shawnee Mission School District for more than 30 years. She is survived by her husband, Myron, two sons, a brother and a granddaughter.

Shirley Hemming Rohrer, c'70, PhD'76, 62, Feb. 14 in Raleigh, N.C. She had been an associate professor of biology at the University of Mobile in Mobile, Ala. A daughter and a granddaughter survive.

William Sherman, c'77, 56, Feb. 5 in Kansas City. Survivors include his wife, Connie, a daughter, a son and four granddaughters.

Roger Thompson, c'74, 59, Jan. 21 in Blue Springs, Mo., where he taught computer classes at Blue River Community College. Surviving are his wife, Linda Tilden Thompson, d'72, g'77; and a sister.

1980s

Brian Collins, g'80, 57, Feb. 11 in Overland Park. He taught sixth grade at Belinder Elementary School for 33 years. Two sisters and a stepbrother survive.

Jeffrey Copeland, b'87, 45, March 27 in Shawnee. He is survived by his wife, Ann Mentzer Copeland, '87; a daughter; a son; and his parents.

Hubert Dumortier Jr., g'81, 81, March 17 in Kansas City, where he worked for the city development department. Surviving are two sons, one of whom is Thomas, '81; two daughters; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mark Klimiuk, c'88, 45, Feb. 1 in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he was founder and president of RadiantBlue Technologies. He is survived by his wife, Theresa, three sons, a stepson and a stepdaughter.

Marilyn Leeper Lindsay, s'82, 75, Feb. 16 in Maple Hill. She was a social worker at Topeka State Hospital for 41 years. A brother and 17 nieces and nephews survive.

Michael Montgomery, m'82, 57, March 26 in Kansas City. He lived in Emporia, where he was a partner in Emporia Orthopedic Associates. Surviving are his wife, Shelly, a son; two daughters; two brothers;

two sisters, one of whom is Mary Montgomery Sherbon, m'87; and three grandchildren.

Jeffrey Montolio, PhD'88, 51, Jan. 19 in Olathe, where he was a psychologist. He is survived by his wife, Betsy Jones Montolio, d'81, g'86; a daughter; his parents; two sisters; and a brother.

Nancy Musgrave-Hann, g'81, 57, Feb. 4 in Parkville, Mo., where she was a teacher. A son and two brothers survive.

Virginia "Ginny" Wightman Pugh, s'80, 76, Feb. 24 in Mission. She is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Laurie Pugh Dahms, c'81, m'86; a son, Daniel, c'86; a brother; and six grandchildren.

Jannell Salts Stone, j'87, 46, Feb. 22 in Overland Park, where she was a customer-service representative for J.C. Penney and Farmers Insurance. She is survived by her parents, Richard, g'70, and Judith Salts; and a sister, Janis Salts Miller, h'92.

Susan Stuckey, c'85, 47, March 31 in Prairie Village, where she had a career in sales. Her mother, stepfather and three brothers survive.

1990s

Cynthia Nachbar Cole, n'96, g'98, 59, Feb. 21 in Shawnee, where she was a nurse practitioner. She is survived by her husband, Bill, g'82, g'99; a daughter; two sons, one of whom is Robert, l'00; her mother; a brother; a sister; and six grandchildren.

Eric Flescher, EdD'98, 58, March 2 in Kansas City, where he was a teacher. He is survived by his wife, Sue-Ellen, assoc.; a daughter; a son; a stepson, David Holzman, b'09; a stepdaughter, Laura Holzman, j'06; his mother; a sister; and a brother.

Stephen Gilmore, g'98, 47, Jan. 10 in Salida, Colo., where he was an anesthesiologist. He is survived by his wife, Donna, three daughters and a son.

Lorinda "Lori" Lawson King-Clemons, c'90, 46, March 18 in Kansas City. She was a research biologist for Bayer, a paralegal for local law firms and a group fitness instructor. Survivors include her husband, Tony; a son; a step-

son; her parents; a brother, Rodger, '83; and a sister.

The University Community

Nobleza Asuncion-Lande, 72, Feb. 13 in Lawrence, where she was a professor of communication studies and a 2001 inductee into the KU Women's Hall of Fame. She is survived by two sons, James, '88, and Charles, '88; three brothers; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Norman Forer, 84, Feb. 12 in Lawrence, where he was a retired KU assistant professor of social welfare. In the early 1980s, he went to Iran on his own to try to resolve the crisis after Iranian students took Americans hostage inside the U.S. Embassy. Survivors include two sons, Robert, l'85, and Patrick, c'88; and two daughters, Martha Forer Fanty, c'82, d'83, and Sarah, '77.

Peter Frevert, 72, May 11 in Topeka. He taught economics at KU from 1967 until 2001 and earlier had taught at Depauw University and at State University of New York at Buffalo. He is survived by a son, Benjamin, e'88; three daughters, one of whom is Mary Ann, d'94, g'02; three sisters, one of whom is Gail Frevert Schuman, c'74; two brothers; and four grandchildren.

Anthony Genova, 80, March 20 in Lawrence, where he taught philosophy at KU for 38 years. Survivors include his wife, Veronica Bartoszek Genova, '74; and a daughter, Pamela, c'83.

Robert Hoffmann, 81, April 6 in Bethesda, Md., where he was former director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. Earlier he had taught zoology at KU, where he also was curator of the Natural History Museum. Surviving are his wife, Sally Monson Hoffmann, '75; three sons, one of whom is David, c'84; a daughter, Brenna Hoffmann Olivier, c'86; and two grandchildren.

Robert Jaeger, '50, 84, March 1 in Lawrence, where he was retired assistant director of the KU Printing Service. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Shawbaker Jaeger, '82; two daughters, one of whom is Julie Jaeger Ramirez, '85; a stepdaughter; a stepson, Larry Shawbaker, '87; a

brother; two grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Barbara Jones, 74, April 28 in Lawrence, where she was a KU librarian for many years. Her twin sister survives.

John Kepes, 81, Feb. 2 in Kansas City, where he was a professor emeritus of pathology at the KU Medical Center. A daughter survives.

Peter Neely, 82, Feb. 21 in Eudora. He was an associate professor at KU from 1968 until retiring in 1997. Survivors include his wife, Yvonne Cousins Neely, assoc.; a daughter; a son; three grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Michael Palij, PhD'71, 96, Jan. 21 in Lawrence, where he had developed the Ukrainian book collection at KU. A memorial has been established with the KU Endowment Association. He is survived by his wife, Lubomyra, assoc.; a son, Peter, e'81; and two grandchildren.

Oliver Phillips, d'50, 80, Feb. 16 in Lawrence, where he was a KU professor emeritus of classics. He received the Mortar Board Outstanding Educator Award at KU in 1978 and had taught honors sections of Western Civilization after retiring. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Liese Phillips, '79; two sons, Stephen, g'85, l'89, and Mark, c'87; and five grandchildren.

Robert Squier, 91, April 11 in Portal, Ariz. He was a retired professor of anthropology at KU, where he had been the first chairman of the anthropology department. His wife, Evelyn, assoc., survives.

William Wilson, 75, Dec. 14 in Lawrence. For 20 years, he had worked at the KU Bookstore, where he was known as "the bookstore guy." He earlier had a career as a supply systems analyst at the U.S. Army Communications and Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth, N.J. A brother survives.

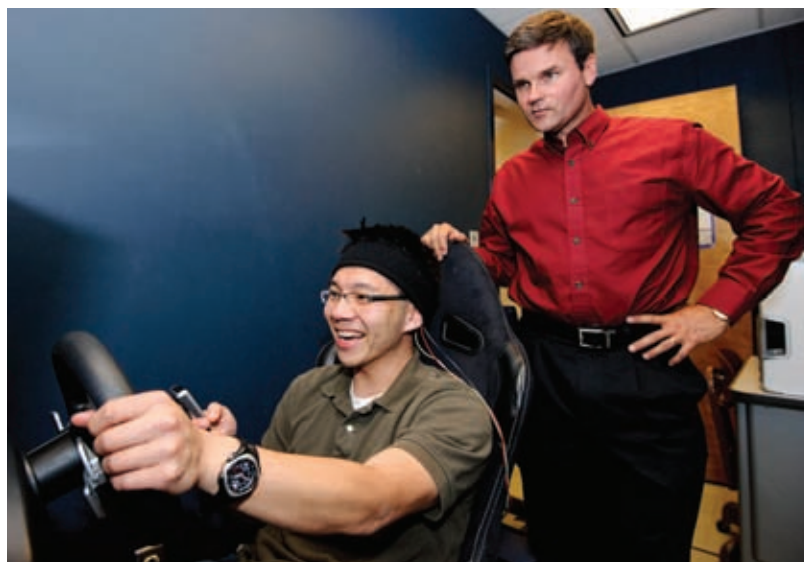
Associates

Albert Liebert, 77, Feb. 28 in Coffeyville, where he was chairman of Liebert Bros. Electric Co. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine "Jerry" Walterscheid Liebert, p'55; three daughters, one of whom is Ann Marie Liebert Vannoster, '80; two brothers; and five grandchildren.



Rock Chalk Review

■ A survey of KU students by Paul Atchley (right), associate professor of psychology, found higher than expected rates of texting while driving. In related research Atchley uses a driving simulator (operated here by Singapore PhD student Mark Chan, g'09) to study how texting and cell phones affect driver vigilance on long trips.



STEVE PUPPE

Studies have shown that driving while intoxicated increases the risk of accident by 400 percent and talking on a hands-free cell phone increases accident risk 450 to 500 percent. Texting while driving increases the risk of accident by 2,300 percent.

Atchley's work in this area grew out of his cognitive psychology studies on visual attention and the ways that cell phones distract drivers. He found that hands-free cell phones do not improve safety, because the real distraction isn't the dialing, but the conversation that follows.

"We kept giving these presentations and people would say, 'If this is so bad, why do people do it?' I never had a great answer,

and that's what got us started on this line of research."

So why do people continue to engage in a behavior six times more dangerous than drunk driving?

Atchley's recent study, funded by KU's Transportation Research Institute, found that people who engage in risky behavior tend to minimize the risk to themselves. He attributes the behavior to "cognitive dissonance," a concept that psychologists originated in the 1950s. Basically, when people engage in behavior that is inconsistent with their beliefs, they tend to change their beliefs rather than their behavior.

"If you engage in behavior that's really dumb, you either tell yourself, 'I'm really stupid and do things I shouldn't,' or you tell yourself, 'No, this is fine; I'll be OK. It won't happen to me.'"

In fact, Atchley's study is the first in his field to show that drivers who initiate text messages change their perception of road conditions. A highway situation others characterized as

Thumbing a ride

Texting behind the wheel far more prevalent, and dangerous, than most realize

Ask your average college student if it's OK to drink and drive, Paul Atchley says, and the answers are unequivocal: Absolutely not. Never. No way.

But inquire about texting and driving and the responses are more nuanced.

"When you talk to students and ask if this is safe, they say no," says Atchley, associate professor of psychology. "But when we looked at how many students are texting while driving, the results were shocking to us."

In a study of KU students between the ages of 18 and 30, Atchley found that 70 percent initiate text messages while driving, 81 percent reply to texts, and 92 percent read text messages.

Those numbers reflect only those who engage in these behaviors while *moving*. Add those who say they do these things while stopped in traffic, and the percentages are even higher. Bottom line, only 2 percent of students surveyed say they never use their phones or PDAs to text while driving.

“intense” texters characterized as “calm.” That means at the very moment they are the most distracted, drivers are paying less attention—not more—to their driving.

In other words, Atchley says, “We’re really good at fooling ourselves.”

All this means that knowledge of risk has very little effect on behavior: Sternly worded public service announcements warning people about the risk of occupying their eyes and both hands to type on a tiny keyboard while hurtling down the highway at 70 miles per hour? Probably a waste of time, Atchley says.

Instead, he is proposing a series of studies to AAA, the motor club and leisure travel organization, to determine the best way to persuade people that texting while driving is a bad idea. Society’s changing view of drunk driving may offer a hint.

“The first drunk driving laws were on the books in 1917, but it wasn’t until the late 1970s and ’80s that they were enforced,” Atchley says. “That came about because groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving had these really compelling tragic stories they could tell to legislators to really force their hand to enforce the laws that were already in place.”

Such compelling stories about texting-related tragedies, sadly, are starting to spread. Advocacy groups such as Impact Teen Drivers, formed by California Highway Patrol officers, have sprung up to use texting-related fatal crashes to educate drivers. AT&T recently launched a campaign that features family members sharing the banal text messages that contributed to a loved one’s accident. More than 20 states (including Kansas) and the District of Columbia have passed laws banning texting while driving, and Atchley says insurance companies are starting to weigh in on the issue, with Allstate recently starting an “X the Text” campaign.

“It’s not until we have enough tragedies,” Atchley says, “that people get motivated to change the laws or enforce the laws we have.”

—Steven Hill



STEVE PUPPE

■ English professor Ken Irby, who recently published a collection of more than 40 years of his work, was selected this spring by the Poetry Society of America to receive the Shelley Memorial Award.



Poetic intent

Collected poems earn national recognition for KU professor

When he was a graduate student in Chinese history and literature at Harvard in the early ’60s, Ken Irby discovered the Grolier Poetry Book Shop in Harvard Square. Not only did the venerable store (which today bills itself as “the oldest continuous poetry book shop in the U.S.”) offer books that were hard to find, but it also offered a chance to meet the poets who wrote them.

“Anybody might show up, because that was where everybody went,” recalls Irby, c’58. “I met Marianne Moore there. Anais Nin. Richard Wilbur. That was a factor.”

A factor, that is, in the decision Irby made after just one year of work on his PhD: Chinese history and literature were not his calling. Poetry was.

Irby, associate professor of English, again found himself in Moore’s august company this spring, when he won the 2010 Shelley Memorial Award from the Poetry Society of America. Established in 1929 and bestowed only by nomination,

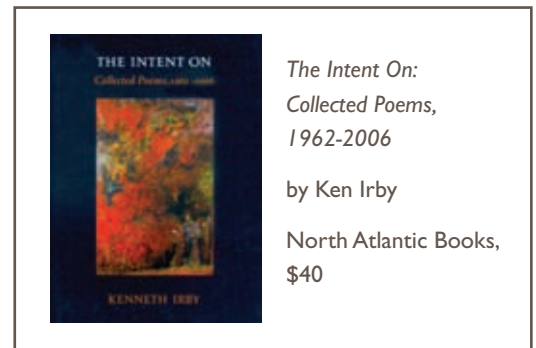
the Shelley Award is given to a living American poet by a jury of three poets. Past winners include Moore, who won in 1941; e.e. cummings; William Stafford, c’37, g’46; Anne Sexton; and Gary Snyder. Irby shares the 2010 Shelley Award with poet Eileen Myles.

“It’s an honor to be in that company, for sure,” he says. “I was dumbfounded. Absolutely staggered.”

The honor follows publication earlier this year of *The Intent On:*

Collected Poems, 1962-2006. The massive, 600-page compendium of five decades of Irby’s writing spans his days at Harvard to his time at KU, where he has taught since 1985.

Irby also lived in Berkeley, Calif., and San Francisco, where he once managed a tailor shop; Mexico City, where his brother, James Irby, c’52, introduced him to Latin American literature; Nevada, New Mexico and Hawaii, during a two-



year stint in the Army; and Denmark, where he traveled as a Fulbright scholar and later taught at Copenhagen University.

The landscapes and people of all those locales influence his poetry, in which a strong sense of place is ever-present. But perhaps no place is as

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pervasive as Kansas, where the Texas-born Irby moved (to Fort Scott) when he was 3 years old. Many of the early poems, especially, in *Intent On* explore Kansas people and places. “To Max Douglas” is a long work that addresses a friend of Irby’s who died of a heroin overdose. As a fellow poet said to Irby, “It’s the first poem he ever read in which the central character is the state line between Missouri and Kansas. Fort Scott is five miles from Missouri. You could feel palpably a difference. I can feel it still. When I come back from the Kansas City airport and cross into Kansas, it feels like a different terrain.”

That terrain and many others—not merely the geographical but also the philosophical, psychological and political landscapes of Irby’s experience—are explored in the poet’s singular style throughout this impressive collection. Gathered for the first time in one volume, they form a fitting monument to a long and distinguished writing life. —Steven Hill

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Leapin’ lizards!

Graduate student helps find, identify new species of monitor lizard

Luke Welton is still a year away from completing his master’s degree in ecology and evolutionary biology, but he already has

gained a valuable insight into searching for new species: If locals have two words for what scientists think is only one species of critter, chances are there might actually be two.

So it was that as early as 2001 researchers trekking through remote, mountainous forests on the Philippines’ Luzon Island began hearing about a large monitor lizard similar to the Grey’s monitor. Their suspicions were confirmed last year, when a joint KU-National Museum of the Philippines expedition captured a species unknown to all but the locals, who, it turns out, consider it a delicacy.

“Local tribespeople of the northern part of Luzon Island have known about this monitor for generations,” says Welton, c’07, who was one of the first biologists to see the animal now called the Northern Sierra Madre Forest Monitor Lizard. “The individual we caught had been accidentally trapped and salvaged from a hunter who had set snare traps for wild pigs.”

Welton grew up in Lawrence, scurrying through creeks and ponds in pursuit of “creepy-crawlies, frogs, lizards, snakes, all sorts of things.” He admits to being rather unfocused as an undergraduate, and only had the confidence and direction for graduate school thanks to his adviser, Assistant Professor Rafe Brown.

Now Welton has helped capture, analyze, identify and document a species previously unknown to science.

“That fact that there are still charismatic, conspicuous, large vertebrates unknown to science out there in the world is indescribably thrilling to me,” Welton says. “I was sort of in the right place at the right time, and I can’t thank

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■ Graduate student Luke Welton accomplished a rare feat among modern biologists: He helped capture and identify a large vertebrate animal previously unknown to science—in this case, a giant, fruit-eating monitor lizard (left).

my adviser enough for seeing potential in me, supporting me and providing me this opportunity.

“The same goes for the entire [herpetology division of KU’s Biodiversity Institute]. It’s an incredibly supportive, collaborative environment.”

The Northern Sierra Madre Forest Monitor spends most of its time in trees, eats fruit and snails, and can grow up to 2 meters long. It displays bright yellow and black stripes with spots across its back.

DNA analysis and physical inspection of the adult male found in 2009 confirmed suspicions that it was a distinct species. The findings were published in April in the Royal Society of London’s *Biology Letters*.

“We hope that by focusing on protection of this new monitor, conservation biologists and policymakers can work together to protect the remaining highly imperiled forests of northern Luzon,” says Brown, curator of the herpetology division and team leader of the 2009 expedition. “The new species can serve as a convenient ‘flagship species’ for conservation, focusing the attention of the public and affording protection to many unrelated species if its habitat is preserved.” —Chris Lazzarino

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◆ ◆ ◆ Curtain calls

Theatre designer Liz Banks made the most of her “Macbeth” experience. Her lighting designs for University Theatre’s October production helped her win one of eight regional competitions for the prestigious Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, and when she arrived in Washington, D.C., for the April event, she learned that her group’s shared challenge was lighting a “Macbeth” scene.

“Everybody did the same scene from ‘Macbeth,’ and that had nothing to do with our show here at University Theatre,” Banks says. “We basically had a day to focus all our lights and then do tech rehearsal, then we ran the scenes and professional designers responded.”

And they responded most enthusiastically to Banks, g’10, who won the Barbi- zon Award for Theatre Design Excellence, sponsored by a theatrical

supply house specializing in advanced professional lighting. Banks will teach and design theatre at Austin College in Sherman, Texas.

The Kennedy Center also announced at its April festival the creation of a playwriting award named for KU English professor and playwright Paul Stephen Lim, honoring Asian-American student writers.

In other theatre news:

Elizabeth “Biz” Grim, a master’s student in theatre design, will participate in the USA Student Exhibit at the 2011 Prague Quadrennial of Performance Design and Space, in the Czech Republic. Grim was chosen for her set design for “Book of Days,” staged by University Theatre in December 2008.

University Theatre alumnus Randy Adams, g’80, and his partners in Junkyard Dog Productions won the Tony Award for Best Musical for “Memphis.” The hit Broadway musical won four Tony Awards at the June 13 ceremony in New York’s Radio City Music Hall.

—Chris Lazzarino



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■ Theatre design graduate student Elizabeth “Biz” Grimm won a place in the 2011 Prague Quadrennial, one of many important honors recently enjoyed by theatre students and alumni.

In his element

DownBeat magazine, the authoritative publication for jazz and blues music, chose “Out of His Element,” an extended jazz composition by senior Andrew Linn, as the winner of the Undergraduate College Division of its 33rd-annual Student Music Awards.

The trumpet performance major began studying composition with Dan Gailey, director of jazz studies, in spring 2009, and his winning composition made its concert debut with KU Jazz Ensemble I in November.

“I was astounded to realize,” Linn says, “that all the hard work I put into the piece didn’t go unnoticed.”

Linn’s is the 18th DownBeat Student Music Award won by the School of Music since 1992. Linn, of Chesterfield, Mo., was a member of KU Jazz Combos I and II and KU Jazz Ensemble I. He will now head to the University of Northern Colorado to pursue a graduate degree in jazz studies.

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Glorious to View



■ “Nebula I quilt,” by Virginia Randles, with hand quilting by Bertha Mast, is part of a summer exhibition on view until Aug. 29 in the Spencer Museum of Art’s Central Court. Organized and curated by advanced student interns, “Quilting Time & Space” includes 11 of the nearly 200 quilts in the Spencer’s collection, as well as glass paperweights, a Japanese folding fan and a series of intricate sample pieces.



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