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By giving war veterans a way to continue serving, Team Rubicon founder William McNulty is writing a new playbook for disaster relief and veteran reintegration.

By Steven Hill

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By Heather Biele

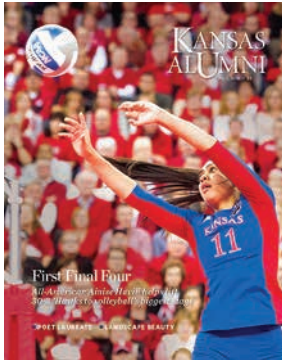
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Leslie Schweitzer's curiosity about global cultures fueled a successful business career. Now she's using her international worldview to champion education in Afghanistan.

By Jennifer Lawler

Lift the Chorus



Struck by Strickland

WE JUST RECEIVED the new issue of *Kansas Alumni*, and I did something I almost never do with any magazine: I saw the table of contents photo of the hay bales and flipped straight to the story ["At First Light," issue No. 1] instead of working my way up to it—and then I looked at Michael Strickland's and Steve Puppe's photographs instead of reading first. Beautiful. When I did read the story, it was Chris Lazzarino's usual outstanding work. Thanks very much for a great issue.

Charles Marsh, c'77, g'80, g'83,
PhD'85
Lawrence

No legend

WHILE PERUSING the fine print concerning the December photo in the 2016 Alumni Association calendar, I noted the comment that "law students reportedly chained a third-year classmate with perfect attendance" to Jimmy Green's statue. Fact, not legend. Here's an eyewitness account of the event:

As Frank Kirk's law school

days drew to a close in May 1967, he was known for two usually incompatible achievements, a low golf handicap and unblemished attendance. On the last day of his last class, a squad of colleagues blocked the entrance to Green Hall and handcuffed him to Uncle Jimmy's left ankle out on Jayhawk Boulevard. His vacant seat was immediately noticed when class convened, and the question was asked and answered. Thereupon, Dean Jim Logan adjourned us all to the front steps, and delivered his final lecture in Wills and Trusts while standing on the statue's base next to "Mr. Kirk."

And that's the way it was.

John E. Smith II, c'65, l'68
Lake City, Colorado

Radio, radio

I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD to *Kansas Alumni*, and I enjoyed the article on KU radio broadcasting [KU 150, issue No. 1].

It was nice to know Wilt Chamberlain was a DJ at KUOK. I was an engineer there in 1965, and your story brought back great memories. KUOK used to be in the basement of Hoch Auditorium, and it was a lot of fun.

I also was sad to see McCollum Hall come down [On the Boulevard]. I was a resident when it opened. When they took it down I watched online, and I must say it brought a tear to my eye. It was part of KU history similar to when I saw them take down Old Fraser.

I was also sorry to read about the death of Professor Lawrence Sherr [In Memory].

I learned statistics from him in the business school. He was a great teacher.

Bob Jensen, b'70
Overland Park

YOUR ALUMNI MAGAZINE is very good, and I enjoyed the article on the history of radio stations at KU.

I worked at KANU around 1961, and participated in the installation of equipment that made it the first public radio station in the United States to go stereo. I remember standing in front of the transmitter and reveling at how "great" it sounded. The transmitter, an old Western Electric with mechanical frequency control, was noisy, so the effect was hard to appreciate.

I listen to KANU via the Internet and enjoy hours of classical music as well as NPR programs. Stereo sounds a lot better now than it did then, but that was a historic moment that I won't forget.

John Franklin, c'61
Santa Barbara,
California

Proud Jayhawk

I WAS MOVED TO TEARS to learn that an innocent man, Mr. Floyd Bledsoe, was sent to prison for more than 15 years but exonerated and freed because of my beloved University's law school ["Proven Innocent," Hilltopics, issue No. 1].

In my humble opinion, those privileged to attend the University are called and obligated to use this privilege for the common good as this diligent team of KU professors

Your opinion counts

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and students did. I was already a proud Jayhawk: I am a stratospherically proud Jayhawk after reading this article! Rock Chalk!

Luke Bobo, e'82
Shawnee

Band on the run

Editor's Note: Thanks to all who heeded our call for information about the band's iconic pregame dash down the stadium steps chronicled in "Suit Up the Band," issue No. 6, 2015. Space restrictions prevent us from printing every response, but here is one of the many letters we received.

I PLAYED TROMBONE in fall 1955 or 1956 for Professor Russell Wiley. Yes, we were running the steps then. Grass field, white suede shoes. I don't recall marching down the hill at that time. The front line of the band outweighed the football team's offensive line.

I have fond memories of watching Wilt high-jumping during track season, and the very long lines to buy a program from him at football games. And I got to listen to Louis Armstrong in the student union while waiting for the basketball team to return from a disappointing loss in the national final.

Dear KU, thanks for the memories!

Don Sparlin, e'59
Rolla, Missouri

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Scenes from the sesquicentennial

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who come
here live.**



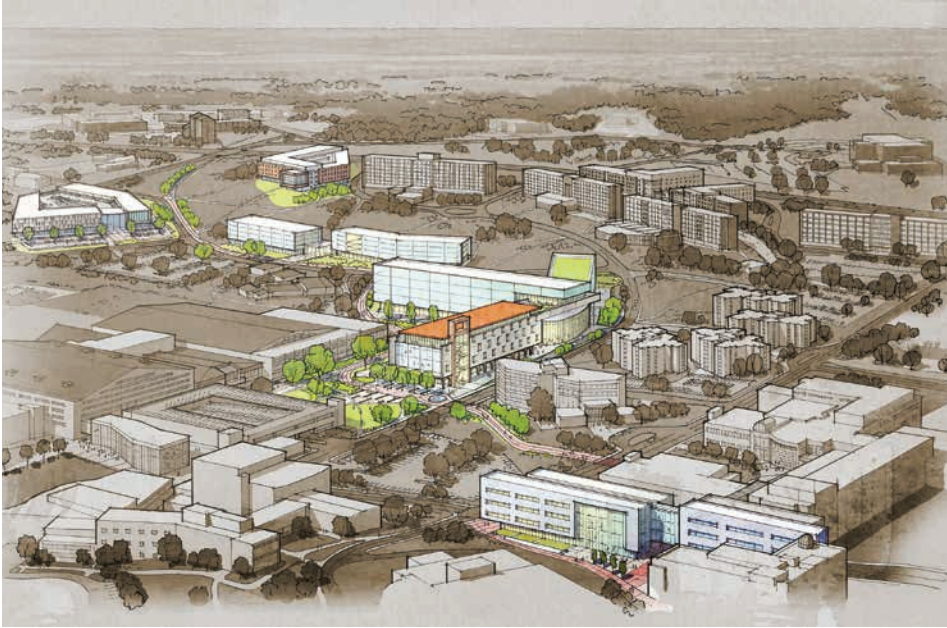
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Central District

The first day of March brought a gust of gloom from Topeka. After Kansas tax revenues fell \$53.6 million short of estimates in February, Gov. Sam Brownback, R82, ordered an immediate budget cut of 3 percent—\$17.2 million—across the six Kansas Board of Regents universities for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30. KU’s share of the reduction totals \$7.18 million across all campuses: \$3.95 million on the Lawrence and Edwards campuses and \$3.23 million from KU Medical Center programs in Kansas City, Salina and Wichita.

In a March 2 email to faculty and staff, Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little explained that in recent months, as the state’s tax revenues have repeatedly lagged behind projections, University leaders had braced for bad news. “Many of our unit heads and budget managers have been making prudent decisions over the past year in view of a possible reduction,” she said. “But even so, a \$7.18 million cut presents significant challenges and will require difficult decisions moving forward.”

If tax revenue continues to slide through the remaining four months in the current fiscal year, the prospect of additional cuts casts a long shadow. The Kansas Legislature could be forced to revise the fiscal year 2016 and 2017 budgets it passed in mid-February. As always, we will provide legislative news via email to members of Jayhawks for Higher Education, our statewide advocacy network of more than 1,700 alumni and friends.

Only a few days after the grim news of budget cuts, the University released the 2016 Chancellor’s Report (report2016.ku.edu). In print and online, the report is a powerful reminder of KU’s noble purpose and unshakable perseverance. A small college that

opened 150 years ago following the turmoil and bloodshed of the Civil War has become an international research university. Throughout its proud history, KU has prevailed over societal and financial challenges. The report repeats the chancellor’s declaration in her October 2015 message to faculty and staff: “We are united in our pursuit of knowledge and our obligation to share it with the society we serve.”

This year, KU begins a monumental \$350 million redevelopment of the Central District on the Lawrence campus, an area bound by 15th and 19th streets and Naismith Drive and Iowa Street that will link the historic Jayhawk Boulevard corridor with the thriving western region of campus beyond Iowa Street. The new Central District will include a long-overdue integrated science building to

replace outdated and obsolete Malott and Haworth halls, as well as a 500-bed residential and dining complex, a new student union, a parking facility, and a central utility plant—all to accommodate enrollment growth.

No state funds will be used to build these new structures. Instead, KU will transform science instruction and invigorate a wide swath of campus through an innovative public-private partnership agreement. Since 2014, KU leaders have developed the plan with the approval of the Regents and in consultation with key legislative committees. As Gray-Little said in her Feb. 9 testimony before the House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means committees, the project saves millions by bundling the construction of several large structures into one cohesive plan, and it relies on self-generating revenue streams from housing, dining and parking fees instead of state funds or tuition increases.

“We’ve been asked to operate more like a business, and to find ways to better serve the state without additional taxpayer funds,” she said. “That is exactly what we’ve done with this project, in a way that makes the University of Kansas a model for other universities, and in a way that makes the state of Kansas a model business-friendly state.”

As Jayhawks explore the website of the 2016 Chancellor’s Report or flip through its pages in print, we see the many ways in which students, faculty, staff and alumni demonstrate KU’s commitment to scholarship and service. The report concludes with Gray-Little’s refrain from the 2015 Convocation: “There’s no limit to what we can do and where we go from here.”

Our possibilities tower toward the blue. 

On the Boulevard

SUSAN YOUNGER (3)



“Winged Victory of Samothrace” (above), also called “Nike of Samothrace,” is one of several modern plaster replicas of Greek and Roman sculptures found at the Wilcox Classical Museum in Lippincott Hall. The museum, which is operated by the department of classics, was founded by Professor Alexander Martin Wilcox and dedicated in 1888. Visitors can tour the exhibits in the Mary Amelia Grant Gallery weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters.

Exhibitions

“Letters from a Leader: Phog Allen to Bob Dole, 1938-1939,” Dole Institute, through April 15

“Celebrating Opportunity for People with Disabilities: 70 Years of Dole Leadership,” Dole Institute, through spring

Lied Center events

MARCH

22 Christian Tamburr, solo vibraphone and piano

22 Symphony Orchestra

25 Out of Bounds, public performance

29 Tunes at Night with Nicholas St. James

31 Joy of Singing

APRIL

1 Olga Kern, piano

2 KU Powwow and Indigenous Dance and Culture Festival

6 Branford Marsalis Quartet

7 Michael Ignatieff, “The Better Angels of Our Nature: Is Moral Progress Possible?”

8 PROJECT Trio

9 AEG Live Presents: John Mellencamp Plain Spoken Tour

10 Jennifer Nettles Next Women of Country Tour

13 The Justice Matters 2016 Nehemiah Assembly

18 Wind Ensemble

21 Mike Daisey: “Faster Better Social”

24 KU Jazz I with vocalist Deborah Brown

26 University Band and Jazz Ensembles II & III

27 Emerson String Quartet

28 Patty LuPone: “Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda ... played that part”

29 Popovich Comedy Pet Theatre

29 Catherine Rodlund, Bales Organ Recital Hall

MAY

3 Symphonic Band

4 Red Green’s I’m Not Old, I’m Ripe! Tour

5 “Beauty and the Beast”

University Theatre

APRIL

1 “Fools in Love,” Macelli’s

8-10, 15-17 “Little Women-The Broadway Musical,” directed by Amy Anders Corcoran, Crafton-Preyer Theatre

29-30, May 1, 3-4 “Welcome to Arroyo’s,” directed by Nicole Hodges Persley, William Inge Memorial Theatre

Lectures

MARCH

22 Humanities Lecture Series: “Human Trafficking in the Heartland,” Hannah Britton, The Commons

28 “Election Preview: The Future of the GOP,” Alex Castellanos, Dole Institute

31 At Large Lecture Series: “Land(un)locked,” Steve Rowell, The Commons

APRIL

7 “The National Security Advisor,” Don Gregg, Dole Institute

13 At Large Lecture Series: “The Challenge of Building a National Museum,” Lonnie G. Bunch III, The Commons

14 Humanities Lecture Series: “Mike Brown’s Body: A Meditation on War, Race, and Democracy,” Robin D.G. Kelley, Lied Center Pavilion

21 “Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America’s Vietnam,” Fredrik Logevall, The Commons

Academic Calendar

MARCH

14-20 Spring break

MAY

5 Last day of classes

6 Stop day

9-13 Finals week

15 Commencement

Alumni Events

MARCH

9-12 Kansas City: Big 12 men’s basketball tournament

16 Houston: Networking breakfast

17 KU Alumni online networking

17-20 NCAA men’s basketball tournament, first and second rounds

24 Denver: Networking breakfast

24-27 NCAA men’s basketball tournament, Sweet 16 and Elite Eight

30 Neodesha: Kansas Honors Program

APRIL

1 Houston: Crawfish Boil

2-4 NCAA men’s basketball tournament, Final Four, Houston

5 SAA Etiquette dinner

5 Twin Cities Happy Hour

6 Goodland: Kansas Honors Program

6 Medicine Lodge: Kansas Honors Program

7 Logan: Kansas Honors Program

13 Denver: Networking breakfast

15-16 Alumni Reunion Weekend, Adams Alumni Center

17 KU Day with the Oakland A’s

20 Dallas: Jayhawks and Java

22 Houston: Networking breakfast

23 21st annual Rock Chalk Ball, Overland Park Convention Center

MAY

1 KU Day with the Seattle Mariners

3 Twin Cities: Networking breakfast

11 KU Night with the Yankees

12 Art History on the Rocks: Thomas Hart Benton and Bourbon, Tom’s Town Distilling Co., Kansas City

13 Fairway: Biospecimen Blood Drive

13 Hays: Smoky Hill Golf Tournament

18 Houston: Networking breakfast

19 Denver: Networking breakfast

20 Garden City: Great Plains Golf Tournament



Events listed here are highlights from the Association’s busy calendar. For complete listings of all events, watch for emails about programs in your area, visit kualumni.org or call 800-584-2957.

Jayhawk Walk



Hover on

Some 30 American universities have banned the self-balancing scooters known as hoverboards, citing safety concerns caused by crashes and the hot new toy's propensity for bursting into flame while its batteries are charging. An entire country (Great Britain) banished the wheeled wonders from roads. But Mount Oread remains a hoverboard haven, according to a January report in the Lawrence Journal-World.

"If we see one on Jayhawk Boulevard, we treat it like a Segway," Capt. James

Anguiano of KU's Public Safety Office told the paper, "we don't treat it like a skateboard."

Skateboards—and roller skates, roller blades, coasters and similar conveyances—are banned by City of Lawrence ordinance from Jayhawk Boulevard sidewalks and parking garages. Seems those daredevil devices are safety hazards to pedestrians.

The new hoverboards, on the other hand, are hardly the swift, gravity-defying thrill rides that transported Marty McFly in "Back to the Future II." They don't even hover; they roll, like Segways sans handles.

Yawn. We'll hold out for jetpacks.

In his own words

"DR. NAISMITH, HOW DID YOU happen to invent basketball?"

"Well, Mr. Heatter, in the winter of 1891, I was a physical instructor at Springfield College in Massachusetts ..."

So begins a newly released radio interview from 1939 that is remarkable in two ways: Not only is it the only known recording of James Naismith's voice, but it also features Naismith himself describing the birth of his enduring creation.

As part of his research for a book about the influence of religious beliefs on Naismith's life, Michael J. Zogry, associate professor of religious studies and director of KU's Indigenous Studies Program, uncovered a reference to Naismith's appearance on the Jan. 31, 1939, episode of "We the People," a scripted, peppy interview show hosted by George Heatter.

Zogry determined that a copy of the show might be held at the Library of Congress; working closely with research assistant Katie Hobson, a master's student in religious studies, Zogry received a

digital file of the interview and obtained permission from the rights-holder to share the clip for educational purposes (exhibits.lib.ku.edu/exhibits/show/naismith150/collections/radio-interview).

"I thought it was significant, but I really didn't know how people would react," says Zogry, whose find was reported by such heavyweights as The New York Times, NPR and the BBC.

"I was obviously pleased that so many people were interested, and it became a global news story."

Naismith closed the interview by observing, "The whole thing started with a couple of peach baskets I put up in a little gym 48 years ago. I guess it just goes to show what you can do if you have to."

Speaking for generations of basketball fans across the globe, Heatter replied, "Indeed it does."

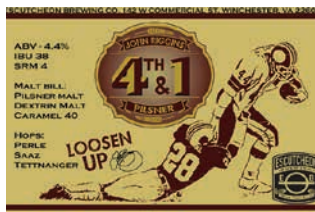


Zogry

Loosen up

THREE THINGS JOHN RIGGINS, '81, is famous for—a Super touchdown run, a Supreme quip and a love of beer—all come together in the most recent manifestation of The Diesel's joie de vivre: a new brew called John Riggins 4th & 1 Pilsner.

Launched in December by Escutcheon Brewing of Winchester, Virginia, the Czech-style Pilsner (a nod to Riggins' Czech ancestry) crafted by brewmaster John Hovermale features a label with the



John Riggins and Escutcheon brewmaster John Hovermale sample the Diesel-inspired 4th and 1 Pilsner.

iconic image of Riggins shedding a tackler on his way to a 42-yard touchdown that put Washington ahead of Miami for good (and earned the former KU running back MVP honors) in Super Bowl XVII.

Also on the label is a snippet of Riggo's most famous quote, directed toward Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor at a tony Washington banquet in 1985: "Loosen up, Sandy, baby. You're too tight."

Riggins, who last year shot a pilot episode for a TV show dedicated to beer, collaborated with Hovermale on the craft-beer creation. According to the Washington Post, the brewmaster gave him a homework assignment: Taste all the pilsners he could find and report back.

No problem, replied Riggins: "I've been doing homework for 40 or 50 years."

Friday night lights

IT HAS BEEN DECADES since roller skating was an option in Lawrence—We miss Fantasyland!—so when the opportunity arose Feb. 5, students rolled out with almost staggering enthusiasm.

Before the Kansas Union Ballroom



doors opened at 8 p.m., the line for Student Union Activities' first '70s-themed skating party stretched down the fifth-floor hallway, doubled back to the stairs, descended to the fourth floor, and snaked past the KU Info kiosk.

Two hours later, 253 skaters had tripped the light fantastic—in 20-minute rotations,

because the company hired for the event didn't bring nearly enough skates. Skaters zipped around a rubber "rink" in a giddy haze of swirling lights and disco tunes.

Shortly after the overwhelming success of "Flashback Friday," SUA announced that roller skating parties would return at least once a semester. The news thrilled sophomore Tonia Vega, who proposed the idea last fall.

"Roller skating was definitely the thing to do on Friday and Saturday nights," says Vega, a Kansas Citian who frequently joined friends at Skate City Shawnee.

"When I saw that another college had brought a skating rink to its campus, I thought it would be perfect for KU. Lawrence doesn't have skating rinks, so everyone got excited about it. Skating always brings back such good memories."

With skating such a hit, can roller derby be far behind?

A batmobile for the Bay

It's no Gotham City, but San Francisco needs rescue—from the terrors of traffic. Thankfully, residents of this congested coastal city may soon see reprieve from its maddening mess.

KU aerospace engineering students designed the BATWinG, a Bay Area Transport Wing-in-Ground-effect vehicle, and in December captured the \$2,500 first prize at the annual Power Electronics Systems and Applications conference in Hong Kong.

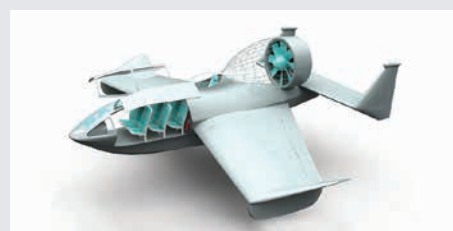
"They designed a type of system that was specifically intended for transport, alleviating a lot of bottlenecks in areas that could accommodate fast marine vessels," says Ron Barrett-Gonzalez, e'88, PhD'93, team adviser and professor of aerospace engineering.

The BATWinG runs on a rechargeable battery and can take off and land in water, shuttling passengers to and from existing transport terminals across the bay. It travels up to 10 feet above the water and reaches speeds of 120 mph, easily besting the ferry, which putters along at 3 mph. The vehicle produces no air or water

pollutants and very little wake or noise that might disrupt marine or avian wildlife. Although it carries only nine passengers, it can easily make multiple eight-minute trips in the time it takes the ferry to make one.

Students plan to present their concept to several companies, "with hopes of turning our ideas into reality," says team leader Eric Bodlak, a Wayne, Nebraska, graduate student.

Making the City by the Bay a better place for its citizens? Surely the Caped Crusader would approve.



Hilltopics

COURTESY, CENTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY (2)



The protected area south of Blake Hall known as Prairie Acre is the focus of restoration efforts by environmental studies students like those in Robert Hagen’s field ecology course (below).

Prairie preserve

Students lead community effort to restore the Prairie Acre

One last remnant of the tallgrass prairie that once covered campus—and about 85 percent of Douglas County—still clings to the southern slope of Mount Oread, a one-third-acre patch of tawny grasses and sparse wildflowers surrounded by a wall of heaped stones thought to have been uncovered by the excavation of Potter Lake.

The Prairie Acre, left untouched for the University’s first seven decades and formally set aside as a protected site in 1932, still survives, but many of the plant species that grew there have vanished. Now a community effort led by students aims to reintroduce dozens of native species to the existing site and eventually more than double the plot’s size while expanding its purpose from prairie preservation to living laboratory.

“We really want to design the site as a whole so that multiple classes, multiple departments can make use of it, enjoy it and learn from it,” says project coordinator

Laurel Sears, f’99, a graduate student in urban planning and geography. “We want students to continue to use it as an outdoor, living lab.”

Plans drawn up by students in the environmental studies department’s capstone class call for a small kiosk that could provide shelter and classroom space; a demonstration garden with signs explaining prairie ecology, site history and plant identification; and an eventual expansion that will add prairie plants to an adjacent two-thirds-acre area now growing only trees and grass.

But first, the collaboration of the environmental studies program, the Kansas Biological Survey (KBS) and the KU Center for Sustainability will focus on restoring plant diversity in the core site, says Kelly Kindscher, professor of environmental studies and senior scientist at KBS. He estimates that 200 plants may have grown there at one time, but only about 33 species—tough plants like prairie grasses, sunflowers and bee balm—survive today.



“We have a lot going for us already,” says Kindscher, c’79, PhD’92. “The grasses are mostly there, and there are some wildflowers, just not in the abundance that we want. But we’re doing a true restoration in that we’re restoring something from a native state to a better native state.”

The environmental studies capstone class that Kindscher teaches researched the Prairie Acre and wrote a report last year detailing its history and ideas for its future. Students and volunteers collected, sorted and cleaned seeds from the KU Field Station and other sites around Douglas County. Prairie advocates also provided some hard-to-find seeds.

In January volunteers planted more than 5,000 seeds for 100 plant species in a greenhouse on West Campus, and those seedlings will be set out during a public planting event April 24 at 1 p.m. Project organizers hope enough volunteers turn out to help them triple or quadruple the numbers of species and bolster the presence of other varieties that are only sparsely represented at the site.

“We need to increase the numbers,” Sears says, “so there’s a population that can re-seed themselves and continue their natural cycle.”

A gift from School of Business faculty members Douglas May, c’81, and Catherine Schwoerer will help fund the first phase of the restoration. Historic Mount Oread Friends donated \$2,500 to kick off a crowdfunding campaign in

January that sought to raise \$10,000 for the project.

Expansion into the area directly to the

north could start next year, spearheaded by a class on prairie restoration taught by Kindscher and Peggy Schultz, associate specialist in the environmental studies program. A field ecology class taught by Robert Hagen, research associate at the Kansas Biological Survey, will continue work begun last summer to monitor 40 one-meter squares throughout the site to quantify the number of species present. And Kindscher and Sears say they can envision a Prairie Acre that within two to three years has broad-based educational appeal that would draw KU classes in the arts and sciences as well as Lawrence elementary schools and scout troops.

“Part of why this is taking shape now is because people have been working to get this to become part of the curriculum,” says Sears, who, in addition to serving part-time as project coordinator is also a teaching assistant for Kindscher’s capstone class that is helping plan the site.

“We really want it to be a place that still exists in 10 to 15 years as a meaningful place for people to learn from,” Sears says, “because it’s a great spot.”

For more information or to sign up for the April 24 planting event, visit sustain.ku.edu/prairieacre.

—Steven Hill

Promise of progress

KU hears campus concerns, releases diversity action plan

KU is moving forward with its commitment to create a more inclusive environment on campus, as evidenced by the diversity action plan Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Sara Rosen released Jan. 28. The document, which details what the University has already accomplished, what is planned for this semester and throughout the 2016-'17 academic year, and who is responsible for each task, was created to “ensure members of the KU community are understood, accepted and successful in their individual pursuits.”

“Last year we saw the nation grapple with issues surrounding race, calls to ban immigrants based solely on

religion, marriage equality, sexual orientation and gender identity, and more,” Rosen wrote in the letter to KU staff, faculty and students. “Activities at KU must be grounded in respect for others if we are to achieve our goals.”

The diversity action plan is broken into four categories: communication and accountability, education and training, recruitment and retention, and campus-wide strategic framework. Some of the completed items from each category include:

- A diversity, equity and inclusion advisory group, led by Clarence Lang, chair of the department of African and



Rosen

STEVE PUPPE



STEVE PUPPE

As part of the ongoing response to recommendations made by the Chancellor’s Task Force on Sexual Assault [“Time for Change,” issue

No. 6, 2014] the University has hired two women to fill important roles on campus.

Jennifer Brockman (left) will direct the new Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Center (SAPEC), which KU created in October to centralize sexual assault prevention and education efforts.

Merrill Evans (right) will serve as the Campus Assistance, Resource and

Education (CARE) coordinator, a position created in 2014 to help students who have been sexually assaulted.

Brockman comes to KU from the University of Iowa, where she led a staff of 22 and more than 50 volunteers as executive director of the Rape Victim Advocacy Program. SAPEC’s first employee, she will be joined by two prevention educators and an adminis-

trative assistant. The center provides coordination, assessment and education for sexual assault prevention Universitywide.

Evans, s’04, s’08, worked with survivors of sexual trauma at Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center. As CARE coordinator she works at Watkins Health Services to coordinate support for victims of sexual and domestic violence.

UPDATE

Hilltopics



Fulbrightful: KU ranks among the top universities nationwide for producing Fulbright Scholars, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. Six faculty members received Fulbright awards to teach and conduct research

abroad in 2015-'16, which places the University among a group of schools ranked fourth. It's KU's highest ranking since 2011, when it placed second behind only Harvard.

African-American studies, and Sheahon Zenger, PhD'96, athletics director, was formed to investigate and pursue issues raised at the Nov. 11 town hall forum.

- All deans and vice provosts participated in a daylong social justice and diversity training session in January, facilitated by the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA). Department chairs also took part in a workshop on faculty mentoring.

- Nate Thomas, vice provost for diversity and equity, and Sarah Crawford-Parker, g'97, PhD'06, assistant vice provost and director of first-year experience, established a workgroup to increase retention rates for first-generation, low-income and students of color. In addition, OMA extended the Hawk Link program through the spring semester to increase academic support for these students.

- The KU Climate Study process began last fall and will continue this semester with focus groups and survey development.

For a complete list of items in the diversity action plan, visit provost.ku.edu/diversity-and-inclusion-action-steps.

Despite the University's efforts to foster inclusion and equity on campus, signs of turmoil are still present. On March 2, the dean of the School of Social Welfare, Paul Smokowski, resigned after less than a year on the job, citing several "daunting" challenges, including dwindling financial

resources, ongoing student protests over inclusion and equity, and faculty morale, that keep the school from moving forward.

In a letter submitted to the School of Social Welfare community, Smokowski wrote, "These concerns existed before I arrived at KU. I have done my best, but have certainly fallen short at times."

During his brief tenure at KU, Smokowski created the Toni Johnson Office of Race and Social Justice, named after the recently deceased professor of social welfare, and organized several task forces to address minority student support, mental health resources and social justice research.

In recent months a student group known as the School of Social Welfare Student Activist Committee has led a series of protests, citing the school's failure to take a stance on racial issues and stand in solidarity with minority students. On Feb. 22, the group called for the dean's resignation.

Smokowski will officially step down from his role as dean on July 1 and remain on the faculty as professor. Stephen Kapp, social welfare professor and associate dean of academic programs, will serve as acting dean.

Student Senate leaders whose future in student government was uncertain last semester will continue their work on campus. In November, following the town

hall forum on race, respect, responsibility and free speech, the KU Student Senate Executive Committee demanded the resignations of President Jessie Pringle, Vice President Zach George and Chief of Staff Adam Moon, citing inaction and failure to address multicultural issues on campus. The three leaders refused to resign, and a nine-member impeachment committee, composed of four standing committee chairs and five randomly drawn senators, was formed. At the Student Senate meeting on Jan. 27, a majority of the senators voted to stop the impeachment proceedings and allow the three to continue their roles. George, who graduated in December and was enrolled as a nondegree-seeking student this semester, resigned on March 2 to accept a full-time job with the National Association of Counties in Washington, D.C.

—Heather Biele

Healthy step

Fitness 'wearables' help hospital track cardiac rehab

Patients battling serious heart problems can get world-class treatment at the University of Kansas Hospital's Center for Advanced Heart Care, including an extensive course of rehab therapy provided by the center's cardiac rehabilitation unit. But sooner or later, patients must return home, where old habits—like an unhealthy diet and too little exercise—can foil the best intentions to make the most of their prescribed rehab regimen.

"The main problem is, what do we do then?" says Eric Larson, program manager of cardiopulmonary rehabilitation at the hospital. "We try to introduce gyms, try to introduce home walking programs, but the problem is we fall back to 20 to 25 percent compliance with exercise."

In a bid to more accurately track the exercise level of recovering heart patients, Larson and his team started a pilot program that uses an off-the-shelf wearable fitness device—the Garmin Vivofit activity tracker—to gather daily feedback on a patient's exercise levels. The



To ensure that heart patients continue to exercise after their in-hospital rehab sessions are completed, Eric Larson of the University of Kansas Hospital's cardiac rehabilitation unit uses Garmin Vivofits to track patients' activity levels.

device worn on the wrist tracks the number of steps a person takes each day, and from that information can estimate the amount of calories burned. Users synch the device with a special software program that provides a weekly report on activity and sleep cycles to Larson and his staff.

Cardiac rehab programs traditionally have relied on patients to self-report their exercise levels quarterly, with mixed results.

"We would see a 7-pound weight gain with someone who supposedly was exercising 420 minutes a week," Larson says. "That doesn't add up. So we needed something concrete, and now we have it."

Twenty-two of the 23 patients enrolled in the first year of the pilot program saw positive results as measured by psychological and physical testing, namely a significant decrease in anxiety and depression and an increase in the ability to perform a range of tasks—from doing dishes to walking to playing sports.

"One gigantic bit of good news is that we've had a zero readmission rate," Larson says. "That's gigantic in our field, especially when we're dealing with congestive heart failure patients, where it's such a chronic disease."

Not only are Larson and his colleagues collecting valuable data they can use to improve patients' therapy regimens, but patients themselves also are motivated to exercise more.

"It's a major motivator, and that's the number one thing," Larson says. Many of his patients are recovering from stent placements, heart attacks, open-heart surgery or congestive heart failure. "These individuals have been through a life-changing event, and they know they need to make changes. Now they have something on their wrist they can see on a daily basis to help achieve that goal."

The exercise physiologist (who says he and his staff have even embraced the new wearable technology, engaging in some friendly competition to see how many steps they take each day) has seen a troubling trend in his 21 years in the field: The age of patients with serious heart disease has dropped.

"Now we're seeing individuals in their 40s and 50s with massive heart attacks or open-heart surgery. But they're taking steps to change their lifestyle," Larson says, "and utilizing this off-the-shelf technology is phenomenal. I think that's what we need to see more of."

—Steven Hill

Milestones, money and other matters



■ **Yong Zhao**, a recognized authority on a broad range of education issues, will join the department of educational leadership and policy studies in August as KU's 11th Foundation Distinguished Professor. A prolific, widely published scholar, Zhao is currently presidential chair and professor in the department of educational measurement, policy and leadership at the University of Oregon. He will also hold a courtesy appointment with the School of Business and is expected to expand his research in creativity and entrepreneurship in education and collaborate extensively with faculty members in the school's Center for Entrepreneurship.

■ **A \$1.8 million estate gift** from an alumnus who worked on the Manhattan Project will establish a new professorship in physics. The gift from Ernest and Virginia Klema will create the J.D. Stranathan Professorship of Experimental Physics in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Klema, c'41, g'42, who died in 2008, joined the top secret World War II project to create an atomic bomb shortly after graduating from KU. Virginia died in 2015.

■ **KU debate** qualified for the National Debate Tournament for the 49th consecutive year this spring. Two duos (freshman Sion Bell and sophomore Quaram Robinson, and juniors Chris Birzer and Mac Cook) will compete in the national championship tourney, which KU has won five times.

Hilltopics

Jean Hall and Noelle Kurth will oversee a five-year research project that examines health insurance outcomes for people with disabilities under the Affordable Care Act.



STEVE PUPPE

tion between the Life Span Institute (LSI) and the department of health policy and management at KU Medical Center, and Kurth, senior research assistant at the LSI, lead a KU team that is partnering with researchers from Washington State University, George Mason University, Independent Live Research Utilization and the Urban Institute as part of a five-year, \$2.5 million research grant conducted by the Collaborative on Health Reform and Independent Living.

RESEARCH

Affordable Care Act focus of researchers' study

AS OF SEPTEMBER, 17.6 million people have signed up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the percentage of uninsured Americans has dropped from 18 percent to 11.4 percent, a 50-year low.

Less well known is how the ACA affects the 18 million adults age 18 to 64 who,

because they have a disability that prevents them from working full time, are not eligible for employer-based health insurance.

To examine that issue, KU researchers Jean Hall, g'91, PhD'03, and Noelle Kurth, c'00, will use national surveys and interviews to study the experiences of working age adults with disabilities in getting and keeping health insurance, and to identify the impact health insurance has on community living and integration. Hall, director of the Institute for Health and Disability Policy Studies, a collabora-

CAMPUS LIFE

Group to forge campus policy on concealed carry of handguns

CHANCELLOR BERNADETTE Gray-Little in February appointed a five-member Weapons Policy Task Force to begin the "important and complicated" task of complying with a state law passed by the Kansas Legislature in 2013 that will allow concealed handguns on university campuses and campus buildings beginning July 1, 2017.

To comply with the law, the Kansas Board of Regents in January approved a weapons policy that applies to all Regents institutions but allows each to determine

VISITOR

Satirist speaks

New York Times best-selling author, New Yorker writer and creator of the satirical news column "The Borowitz Report" joined KCUR "Up to Date" host and Kansas City Star political columnist Steve Kraske for "An Evening With Andy Borowitz," the 2016 Kenneth A. Spencer Memorial Lecture.

SPONSOR: The Commons

WHEN: March 3

WHERE: Kansas Union Ballroom

BACKGROUND: "The Borowitz Report" draws millions of readers and won the first National Press Club award for humor. @BorowitzReport was voted best Twitter feed of 2011 in a Time magazine poll. Borowitz has also written two best-selling books and has worked as a television producer and a standup comedian.

ANECDOTE: Borowitz compares the "relentless

devolution" that he says has steadily lowered the bar for what constitutes a qualified presidential candidate to training TV viewers to accept mindless entertainment. "We have trained the audience to expect less," Borowitz says, "and now it's not just what they're watching on TV, it's what they're voting for."

QUOTES: "Actually, the development of Americans



COURTESY ANDY BOROWITZ

Borowitz

voting for the most famous person in the race is not new. That was also true of our first president, George Washington. He was the most famous guy in America and he got elected president. But I would say the accomplishment of leading a successful revolution is slightly different from firing Dennis Rodman—in scale, scope and ambition."

—Steven Hill



specific ways to implement the policy on their campuses. Universities must submit their plan to the Regents by October.

The Weapons Policy Advisory Committee is chaired by Jim Pottorff, f'84, KU general counsel, and includes the police chiefs of the Lawrence campus and KU Medical Center, and University governance representatives Mike Williams, from Lawrence, and Patricia Kluding, from the medical center. The committee will oversee formulation of KU's plan for implementing the Regents' policy and will provide guidance to two campus implementation committees—one for Lawrence, Edwards Campus and the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Yoder, and one for the medical center's three campuses.

"As I've told the committee members, the goal of this process is to create a Universitywide plan that emphasizes the safety of our campuses, creates a setting conducive to learning, teaching and research, and is consistent with state law," Chancellor Gray-Little wrote in a Feb. 29 message to Lawrence faculty, staff and affiliates. "This will require a good deal of work by the committees, given the complexity of our University and the

different needs of our campuses."

A website, weaponspolicy.ku.edu, shares information about weapons laws and policies affecting Kansas and KU. Campus community members can share their thoughts with committee members at weaponspolicy@ku.edu.

ADMINISTRATION

Committee kicks off national search for new provost

A SEARCH COMMITTEE chaired by Steve Warren, professor of speech, language and hearing, is working with search executive Bill Funk, of R. William Funk and Associates, to recruit the University's next provost and executive vice chancellor.

KU's former provost, Jeffrey Vitter, left in December to become chancellor at the University of Mississippi. Sara Rosen, senior vice provost for academic affairs, is the interim provost.

Joining Warren, c'74, g'75, PhD'77, on the search committee are Michael Branicky, dean of the School of Engineering; Tammara Durham, EdD'09, vice provost of student affairs; John Ferraro, chair of the speech-language-hearing department at KU Medical Center; Joshua Hackathorn, steamfitter with facilities services; Aleah Henderson, doctoral student in ecology and evolutionary biology; Kissan Joseph, professor of business; Paul Kelton, associate dean for the humanities in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Mechele Leon, chair of the theatre department; Julie Loats, f'96, director of the Center for Online and Distance Learning; Susan Lunte, distinguished professor of chemistry; and Jessie Pringle, student body president.

Milestones, money and other matters

■ **Gwen Ifill**, co-anchor and managing editor of "PBS Newshour" and moderator and managing editor of "Washington Week," will receive the William Allen White



Ifill

Citation for service to journalism at KU April 14. The citation, awarded by the trustees of the William Allen White Foundation, annually recognizes an American journalist who exemplifies White's ideals of service to journalism and to the community.

■ **A \$7.2 million gift** from Roger, b'72, and Julie Davis will create the Center for Figure Sense at the School of Business. "We think of 'figure sense' as the effectiveness with which people select and evaluate evidence before making a decision or taking action," says Davis, who is owner and CEO of Paxton/Patterson in Chicago. "Strong figure sense requires a solid understanding of accounting, economics, finance and statistical analysis—and the ability to persuasively communicate recommendations and supporting evidence."

■ **Mark Petrino** became the new director of KU Dining Services in February. Formerly senior associate director of residential dining at Colorado State University, Petrino replaces Nona Golledge, who resigned after 27 years at KU.

■ **Undergraduate Research Awards** went to 49 students this spring. Coordinated by the Center for Undergraduate Research, the awards come with a \$1,000 stipend to support undergraduates as they work on mentored research and creative projects. Since it was started in 1986, the program has funded more than 1,450 student projects.

"I subscribe to the Mark Twain view. He said brilliantly that comedy is just reality very, very baldly and nakedly stated."

—Andy Borowitz

Long road

Top-ranked 'Hawks hope journey runs to Final Four

For all of its sparkling success, perhaps the most surprising aspect of the current men's basketball team is that the only player to experience a Final Four is senior forward Jamari Traylor—and he didn't exactly fly to New Orleans on the team charter in 2012.

"We had to, like, hitchhike our own ride, me and Ben," Traylor says, referencing fellow 2012 freshman Ben McLemore, who, like Traylor, was forced to sit out the season—allowed to practice, but not travel with the team—as a "partial qualifier" under the NCAA's labyrinthian academic guidelines. "It was tough, but we found rides with friends."

After wrapping up their 12th-consecutive Big 12 championship, the Jayhawks were expected (as *Kansas Alumni* went to press) to land a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, and seniors Traylor, Perry Ellis, Hunter Mickelson and Evan Manning could begin contemplating the trip that has eluded them: the NCAA Final Four, April 2-4 in Houston.

"I have a goal to go to the Final Four," Ellis said Oct. 1, perched on a tall stool on Naismith Court during men's basketball media day. "We have a lot of pieces back and we've been through tough times. We know what to do."

When the calendar rolled forward to March 1, Ellis, a first-team All-Big 12 forward from Wichita who is once again the Jayhawks' leading scorer, did not back down from the goal he

announced on Day 1. But, with his Jayhawks just a month away from the destination they have yet to experience, Ellis treads with caution.

"I feel like we're performing really well," Ellis says, "but you can't look ahead. You have to live in the moment."

Their path toward another defense of their Big 12 titles proved more harrowing than the Jayhawks—27-4 overall, 15-3 in the Big 12 and ranked No. 1 in the country heading into the Big 12 tournament—might have imagined after their triple-overtime victory over Oklahoma Jan. 4 in Allen Field House. With conference road tests awaiting in four of their next six



STEVE PUPPE (2)



Leading scorer Perry Ellis (above) and vocal leader Jamari Traylor (left) proved the value in differing styles of senior leadership.

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games, KU lost at West Virginia, Oklahoma State and Iowa State, while "holding serve at home," as coach Bill Self is fond of saying, against TCU and Texas.

While many saw the Jan. 30 overtime victory over Kentucky—a much-hyped made-for-TV game that had the old hoops barn rocking up to the rafters—as the season's turning point, Traylor says it was the 86-67 loss Jan. 19 at Oklahoma State that proved pivotal.

"In the locker room after that game I was just chewing guys out," says Traylor, c'16, who graduated in December and will join his three senior teammates for the May 15 Commencement procession. "If we want to be a serious team we can't have games like that. Since then, I feel like we've been taking everything more seriously. We've had a couple of slip-ups

since then, but we've been making strides to be better."

Including the Kentucky game, the Jayhawks closed the regular season with 11 consecutive wins. They clinched a share of the league title with a nine-point victory against Texas Tech Feb. 27 and won the title outright with a convincing, 86-56 win Feb. 29 at Texas.

"I'm surprised it happened before this," Self said two days before the regular-season conclusion March 5 against Iowa State. "I thought this would be a game that would have conference championship implications for us, for them, for other teams that would still be fighting for it. Fortunately for us, we took care of business this past week."

Heading into the Iowa State game, KU was holding conference opponents to a combined field goal percentage of .387 and out-rebounding Big 12 rivals by more than three boards a game. After defensive struggles of the past couple of seasons, the increased intensity is seen as a key for a possible deep tournament run.


"I wouldn't put this team at the top of some of the other defensive teams we've had," Self says, "but for us to have a great finish, we're going to have to play to that elite level."

He was denied the opportunity to travel with his teammates in 2012, but Traylor was on hand for the semifinal and championships games in the Louisiana Superdome. KU used a smothering defense to march all the way to the season's final game, a loss to Kentucky, and Traylor says he now senses echoes of that trademark talent.

"They were a great defensive team," Traylor says of the 2012 Jayhawks. "This last month or so, we've been pretty much getting after it defensively, and that's one of the reasons we've been so effective. Everybody is focused. We're locked in."

Two days after KU won the outright Big 12 title, Traylor got a call from his road-trip pal McLemore, now a third-year pro with the NBA's Sacramento Kings.

"He was talking about wanting to get one of my rings," Traylor says, grinning, "because I've got five now."

Might a sixth await? 

"In the locker room after that game I was just chewing guys out. If we want to be a serious team we can't have games like that."

—senior Jamari Traylor, on the wake-up-call game at Oklahoma State

Super at shortstop

Dynamic Brickey flashes rare mix of batting, fielding pizzazz

Softball coach Megan Smith remembers well the first time she encountered shortstop Chaley Brickey: "I saw video on her when she was an eighth-grader."

Brickey, named first-team All-Big 12 as a junior last season, committed to KU the following year, as a high-school freshman in Haltom City, Texas, just north of Fort Worth. Smith was in her first season at KU then, after three years as an assistant at LSU, and, in many ways, coach and player grew into their roles here together.

"We joke about this all the time, but she committed as a freshman, so she was young, and she would call me every other week and we would just talk," Smith says,

smiling at the memory. "She's a part of my family. I talk with her *more* than my family, and I have for eight years."

Brickey, a 5-foot-1 dynamo, graduated high school a year early, arrived at KU as a 17-year-old and was promptly named Big 12 Co-Freshman of the Year. Last season, she led KU in batting average (.386), hits (68), runs scored (52) and slugging percentage (.688), and was second in home runs (13), RBI (56), walks (38) and on-base percentage (.488).

A starter in all but two games since 2013, Brickey early this season became KU's all-time leader in walks, topping the 30-year-old record of 108, and she is among the top five in career batting average, RBI and slugging percentage.

"I was in a good rhythm last year," Brickey says. "I know that in certain situations I was just very calm. That's a key for me, especially in pressure situations."



KU softball made the NCAA Tournament two seasons in a row but failed to advance beyond opening-weekend regionals. The key phrase on Chaley Brickey's mind this season? "Get to a super regional."

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Smith cites Brickey's ability to draw walks and hit for power while registering few strikeouts as "a special thing. She's a force for us at the plate because we know she can hit one out, we know she can drop a bunt, we know she can take a walk, and she's not going to strike out very much."

Also named to the All-Big 12 Defensive Team, Brickey paced KU to a .977 fielding percentage, the second-best mark in the conference and 11th nationally. KU's 2014 mark of .979 topped the Big 12 and was second nationally. Brickey cites her backhands and on-the-run fielding as her defensive strengths.

"I've known Chaley for a while now," says power-hitting sophomore Daniella Chavez, last season's Big 12 Co-Freshman of the Year and a fellow Texas native, "and I've always known her as a big hitter, but her defensive skills are amazing as well."

A few days before the start of her senior season, Brickey reflected on her early commitment to Kansas. High school freshmen perhaps aren't always known for

making wise life decisions, but Brickey has never second-guessed her instincts.

"I came here on a visit," she says, "and it just felt like home."

Fresh football faces

Beaty hires deep roster of new assistant coaches

Second-year coach David Beaty weathered a busy off-season, hiring new assistants to coach the defensive line, linebackers, special teams, wide receivers and running backs. Perhaps most significant was the departure to Arkansas by running backs coach Reggie Mitchell, who had also served as recruiting coordinator.

Beaty, himself a former high school coach, replaced Mitchell with Tony Hull, who had spent nine seasons as head coach at Warren Easton High School in New Orleans, an important recruiting region

for KU. After his 2004 graduation from Louisiana Lafayette, where he was a two-year starter on the offensive line, Hill spent three years as a NASA engineer.

Beaty also announced that he would assume play calling and quarterback coaching responsibilities from offensive coordinator Rob Likens.

"That doesn't have anything to do with Rob; it has to do with me," Beaty said March 6, shortly after the first spring practice. "We will be a little bit different than what we were last year offensively." Referencing the high-octane offense Beaty helped coach while an assistant at Texas A&M, he said, "We will run more of the true Air Raid."

Quarterback Ryan Willis, who started eight games as a freshman last season, will be limited in spring drills while he recovers from a wrist injury sustained in a pickup basketball game.

The 15th and final spring practice is the spring game, April 9 in Memorial Stadium.

UPDATES

Senior **Daina Levy** came within an inch of the meet record in winning the Big 12 Indoor weight throw Feb. 26 at Iowa State. Also scoring gold was sophomore **Sharon Lokedi**, who won the 5,000 meters. As *Kansas Alumni* went to press, Levy, senior All-American pole vaulter **Casey Bowen** and sophomore shot putter **Nicolai Ceban** were preparing for the March 11-12 NCAA Indoor Championships in Birmingham, Alabama. ...

Sophomore **Smith Hinton** continued her unbeaten streak with singles and doubles victories in a 7-0 sweep of No. 46 New Mexico Feb. 28 in the Jayhawk Tennis Center. The 23rd-ranked Jayhawks opened the season 7-1. ...



Levy

KU swimming used 15 top-three finishes to take second place at the Big 12 Championship meet Feb. 24-27 at Texas. Senior **Chelsie Miller**, the school record holder in five events, was chosen to compete in the 400-yard individual medley at the March 17-19 NCAA Championship meet in Atlanta. ... Sophomore guard **Lauren Aldridge** scored a

career-high 23 points to lead women's basketball to an 81-64 upset of TCU in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament March 4 in Oklahoma City. Also scoring in double-figures were sophomore guard **Chayla Cheadle** (15), freshman guard **Kylee Kopatich** (14) and freshman forward **Tyler Johnson** (12). ...

Senior golfer **Ben Welle** on March 1 won his second career title with a one-stroke victory at the Louisiana Classics Invitational. The KU men placed second in team competition, which followed a two-stroke team victory Feb. 21 at the Desert Intercollegiate in Palm Desert, California, and two team victories during the fall season. ... Sophomore All-

Americans **Ainese Havili** and **Kelsie Payne**, sophomore **Madison Rigdon** and junior **Cassie Wait** participated in tryouts for the U.S. National women's volleyball team Feb. 19-21 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Team selections are expected to be announced in late March. ...

On the eve of what is anticipated to be a successful baseball season, coach **Ritch Price** announced that last year's Saturday starter, junior left-hander **Sean Rackoski**, broke a thumb during preseason drills and will be lost for the season. Sophomore **Brandon Johnson** will likely be lost for two seasons after tearing an elbow ligament.

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After the 'Hawks ran the table in Allen Field House, coach Bill Self (l) got swept up in the emotion of Senior Night, honoring (below, l-r) Jamari Traylor, Perry Ellis, Hunter Mickelson and Evan Manning. Bob Davis, retiring after 32 seasons as the voice of the Jayhawks, was also recognized March 5. "It's going to be five seniors," Self said two days earlier. Grinning, Self impishly added, "Of course, one of them is a senior citizen ..."





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Mission: Relief

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COURTESY TEAM RUBICON

Previous page: Team Rubicon member Chris Ryan cradles a newborn—delivered hours before on a desk that served as a makeshift operating table—as the disaster-response group prepares to medevac survivors of Typhoon Haiyan on the Philippine island of Leyte in November 2013. Left: William McNulty in the Manresa camp in Haiti, where Team Rubicon’s first mission brought badly needed medical aid to victims of the 2010 earthquake.

treat the most critically wounded first. They improvised supplies, prying doors off ruined houses to use as stretchers and rigging splints from window frames and tree branches. And they were doing it without being shot at.

“It was actually a little bit cathartic for the team, knowing they were operating in this environment and yet they didn’t need to carry a gun, didn’t need to worry about anybody trying to kill them,” McNulty says.

“They were just there to help people.”

In the course of their 18 days in Haiti, a team that began with four grew to 60 and treated more than 3,000 wounded. It gained a name—Team Rubicon—and a mission: Take the crisis management skills and passion for service of returning war veterans and apply them to disaster-relief efforts around the globe. Unlike many international aid organizations, which can take days or weeks to fully mobilize, the veterans of Team Rubicon would strike quickly—within 24 hours, in most cases—bridging the gap between the immediate aftermath of disaster and the arrival of large-scale relief operations.

The urgent need for a humanitarian quick reaction force was particularly stark in Haiti, where McNulty soon realized that experience in a combat zone did not prepare the veterans and emergency first responders on his team for everything they would encounter in Port-au-Prince.

“In Iraq I had seen lots of fresh wounds—gunshot wounds, shrapnel wounds,” he says. “I had never seen wounds that had been left to fester untreated for five or six days. I had never seen gangrene. Nor had our ER doctors.

When William McNulty arrived in Haiti in January 2010, just three-and-a-half days after a magnitude 7.0 earthquake rocked the Caribbean’s poorest, most populous country, the first thing the former Marine noticed was how much the capital city reminded him of a combat zone.

“Port-au-Prince looked just like Iraq after the war,” says McNulty, who spent nearly two years in Iraq working in counter-terrorism. “It looked a lot like Fallujah.”

Destruction was widespread and catastrophic. Some 250,000 homes collapsed, tens of thousands were killed and millions more were displaced. The nation’s already shaky infrastructure was devastated, complicating efforts to bury the dead and bring supplies and medical attention to the wounded. Power and communication grids were down, vehicles and fuel were in short supply, and the Port-au-Prince airport was closed. Media reports claimed that armed mobs were roaming the streets, and the Red Cross and the U.S. State Department advised against travel to the country, further slowing the arrival of international disaster

agencies mobilizing large-scale relief efforts.

But for McNulty, c’01, and the military veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan who joined the seat-of-the-pants relief effort that he organized with his friend and fellow Marine Jake Wood, Haiti’s “post-chaotic environment” felt like familiar ground.

“There was a calmness the veterans had in dealing with a lot of the same issues [faced in war], the unstable populations, limited resources, the unfamiliar sights, sounds and smells,” McNulty recalls. While people and aid had begun piling up at the airport, “no one was operating in town,” he says. “We realized that we were out there alone, and just naturally falling back on our military training.”

The ad hoc “medical militia,” as the group called themselves, set up triage to

This is what we saw every day in Haiti. Crush wounds. Compound fractures. It was an experience no one will ever forget.”

On their second day in Port-au-Prince, the team was triaging patients at a collapsed school, sending those needing high-level care to a local hospital. Word came back that the hospital was full of wounded, but there was no medical staff to treat them. McNulty and his team moved in, re-establishing emergency care and staffing the ER for two days.

In their secure compound on the grounds of a Jesuit novitiate at the end of one long day, McNulty turned to Wood and said, “We have a model here. No one else is engaging veterans in this type of service, but it makes so much sense because of the skills we have.”

That realization spurred the two men to grow Team Rubicon into a thriving disaster-response organization that taps the unique skills of combat veterans to perform under pressure in crises. The 60 volunteers who joined them in Haiti in 2010 have since swelled to a volunteer force of 35,000 (75 percent of whom are veterans), with a full-time staff of more than 50 that provides back-office support for the dozens of disaster deployments Team Rubicon mounts each year. The nonprofit has attracted backing from the likes of the Clinton Global Initiative, the Starr Foundation and the Drue Heinz Family Foundation, which last year awarded McNulty and Wood the \$250,000 Heinz Prize for the Human Condition.

Along the way, the organization that initially focused its attention on disaster victims began to realize that among those benefiting the most from Team Rubicon’s missions were the military veterans themselves.

Shortly before graduating from KU with a degree in communication studies in December 2000, William McNulty walked into a Lawrence recruiting office and enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve, requesting infantry duty rather than officer training. He was following a long family history of service: Both of his grandfathers served in World War II, and his father was a Green Beret, a U.S. Army Special Forces medic.

McNulty’s unit was not deployed to Afghanistan; it was put on standby but never sent to Iraq. He found another way into the war, taking a civilian job in Anbar province.

“I thought it was going to pass me by, and I wanted to be there, wanted to be part of the solution,” he says.

Growing up in suburban Chicago, he was an Indian Guide, a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout. He attended a Catholic high school, Loyola Academy, where the Jesuit teaching emphasized action in addition to intellect. Service had always given him a sense of purpose.

In Iraq, he pinpointed high-value targets for military units to kill or capture. “At the end of the day it felt like playing whack-a-mole, because there’s always another,” says McNulty, who, between his Marine Corps service and his civilian job, worked on counterterrorism for eight years, from 2001 to 2009. “What is the end game? What does winning look like? That was never clearly defined.

“Eventually, I lost my sense of purpose,” he says, “because I didn’t see any progress with the war.”

Operation:
Haiti Relief
Port-au-Prince
Earthquake
2010



WILLIAM MCNULTY, TEAM RUBICON

Operation: Tenzing
Kathmandu, Nepal
Earthquake
2015



MILES PEPPER, TEAM RUBICON

Operation:
Factory One
Flint, Michigan
Contaminated
Water Emergency
2016



KYLE DOYON, TEAM RUBICON

Operation:
Starting Gun
Moore, Oklahoma
Tornado
2013





KIRK JACKSON, TEAM RUBICON

What he did see was a lot of violence and mayhem. Though he deployed in a civilian capacity, he lived and worked alongside U.S. troops and Iraqis who were targets of mortar barrages, rocket-propelled-grenade volleys, car bombs. Some days the casualty counts reached 20 dead and 100 wounded.

“I was very angry,” McNulty says. “We lost a lot of good people. I lost friends, and it infuriated me.”

McNulty was in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 12, 2010, when he saw the disaster in Haiti unfold on his television screen. He wasn’t about to watch passively.

When Jake Wood posted on Facebook that he was thinking of going to Port-au-Prince, McNulty called him immediately. “I said, ‘Dude, I’m in,’” McNulty recalls. “What’s the plan?”

The plan was to visit Haiti for a few days, deliver medical supplies and come home. McNulty reached out to his old high school, which put him in touch with Brother James Boynton, who’d arrived in Haiti nine days earlier to direct a Jesuit-run school. Boynton needed to organize an outside medical team to respond to the disaster, but the chaos was making it hard to do.

McNulty used his D.C. connections to

secure letters guaranteeing free passage from the ambassadors of Haiti and neighboring Dominican Republic, then contacted a family friend, Dr. Mauricio Consalter, to put together a 16-member medical team from a Chicago hospital. The team would meet Boynton in Santo Domingo, cross the Haitian border and drive to Port-au-Prince. But the plan hit a snag when the hospital vice president wouldn’t authorize the trip.

“He said, ‘I love what you guys are doing, but I just got off the phone with the Red Cross and they say you’re crazy, it’s too dangerous,’” McNulty recalls. “I said, ‘We’re Marines. We have experience in Iraq and Afghanistan, and we know how to operate in these environments.’” His Jesuit contacts in Haiti were telling a very different story than the world was seeing on CNN. “They said, ‘It’s the walking wounded, and you need to get down here right away,’” McNulty says. “Yes, there are some criminal elements, but right now even the criminals are shaking the dust out of their ears.”

McNulty, Wood and two others flew separately to the Dominican Republic. On the way, each ran into someone who was en route to Haiti and decided to join their team. (McNulty’s find was an Army

A few of the 100 volunteers deployed to the Philippines in response to Typhoon Haiyan deplane near the hard-hit city of Tacloban. During Operation: Seabird, Team Rubicon helped with search and rescue operations, conducted damage assessments and gave medical aid to more than 2,000 people.

Special Forces medic.) In this way the four-man crew became eight. It grew again when McNulty reported to Chicago that conditions were safe, and the hospital dispatched its 16-person medical unit.

Using local sources for transportation and language translation, moving quickly and carrying only what they could fit in backpacks, Team Rubicon got to disaster victims in Haiti—and, later that year and the next, in Chile, Pakistan and Turkey—before the large aid agencies. They undertook humanitarian missions to Burma, South Sudan and Mozambique. And their volunteer army began to grow, just as the military was paring back its commitments in Afghanistan and Iraq.

They were tapping into veterans’ deep need to continue serving after their time in the military was up. A 2009 Civic Enterprises study on veteran reintegration, commissioned by the U.S. Joint Chiefs of

Staff, found that 92 percent of veterans returning from war value community service. The top three issues they want to volunteer for are wounded veterans, other veterans and military families, and disaster relief. Yet only 13 percent reported their transition from military to home life was going well.

By 2009, nearly 2 million Americans had served in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and they faced significant hurdles in their return to civilian life. Veterans experienced higher unemployment rates than civilians and relied on food stamps at nearly twice the civilian rate. One in five service members had filed for divorce since 2001. Veterans aged 20 to 24 years old were two to four times more likely to commit suicide than their civilian peers—a rate that, if it continued, the study warned, could eventually outpace the combat death toll.

McNulty went through his own difficult readjustment.

“There was a point where I was a very angry person, very jaded and disillusioned about the war,” he says. “I see that a lot in fellow veterans, and to help them through this transition process, the reintegration process, has helped me a lot as well.”

Working on the same intractable problems for years with no real forward movement had sapped his sense of purpose. Helping people recover from natural disasters brought it roaring back.

“When we were down there in Port-au-Prince and you’re saving someone’s life, it’s tangible, immediate progress,” he says. “When you go into a city immediately after a tornado ripped through it and you help them batten down a roof or move to shelter, it gives you an extreme sense of purpose.”

Then, in March 2011, Clay Hunt, a 28-year-old former Marine who’d been among the second wave of Team Rubicon volunteers in Haiti, killed himself. Jake Wood had been Hunt’s partner in sniper school, fought with him in Iraq and Afghanistan, and was best man at his wedding. McNulty also knew him well.

“Clay was really happy when he was volunteering with Team Rubicon, because it gave him purpose,” McNulty says of

“When you go into a city immediately after a tornado ripped through it and you help them batten down a roof or move to shelter, it gives you an extreme sense of purpose.”

Hunt, who had been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and struggled with depression, panic attacks and sleeplessness. “When he committed suicide it brought to light this reality that 22 veterans a day commit suicide here in the United States, and there’s no silver-bullet answer to why this is happening.”

Hunt’s death jolted McNulty and Wood, making them take a hard look at Team Rubicon’s mission and what the volunteer work they were organizing meant to the veterans themselves.

“After Clay’s death, we decided we’re going to change our mission, we’re going to shift the focus from the disaster victim to the veteran, to give the veterans back those things they lost when they took off the uniform,” McNulty says.

“We were a disaster response organization that used veterans for service,” he adds, “and we became a veterans service organization that just happens to be good at disaster response.”

Soldiers lose three things when they take off the uniform, notes retired Army Gen. David Petraeus.

“You lose a sense of purpose—this idea

of serving a mission that is larger than self. ... The second is the sense of community: You’re doing this mission larger than self with others who are performing a mission larger than self and feel privileged to do that. And then there’s the sense of identity.”

Petraeus, commander of multi-national forces in Iraq in 2007 and of U.S. forces in Afghanistan in 2010, was speaking at a luncheon in London last June to build international support for the recently launched Team Rubicon Global. The idea behind Team Rubicon Global, which McNulty leads as CEO and Petraeus serves as a board member, is to export the Team Rubicon USA model to countries like the United Kingdom, Australia, Norway, Germany and Canada, where the desire of war veterans to continue serving their countries and communities after leaving the military is strong. Joining Petraeus were two fellow board members, Gen. Sir Nicholas Parker, the retired commander-in-chief of the British Army who served with U.S. forces in Afghanistan and Iraq, and Karl-Theodor Zu Guttenberg, former minister of defense under German Chancellor Angela Merkel.



Now armed with shovels and sledgehammers, Team Rubicon volunteers wear a new uniform—the gray T-shirt with the red-and-white logo that denotes a cross (the traditional symbol of aid) turned on its side (signifying Team Rubicon’s nontraditional approach to disaster response).

The organization’s name refers to Julius Caesar’s famous crossing of the Rubicon River—now a symbol of irrevocable commitment to bold action. The negative space winding through the icon represents the Rubicon River and marks Team Rubicon’s commitment to reinventing disaster relief. 🍃

—S.H.

U.S. military uniforms contain a lot of information to anyone who knows how to read the various medals, badges and insignia, Petraeus explained to his British audience. A soldier's name, rank, unit, training and combat history are all on display. "You take that off," he said, "and it's as if you have taken off your identity."

To try to bring that sense of purpose, community and identity to more veterans after Hunt's suicide, Team Rubicon launched U.S. operations. Because they could deploy volunteers to a domestic relief project at a fraction of what it cost to send them overseas, the move allowed them to use their donated funds to give many more vets a chance to pitch in.

Team Rubicon volunteers helped the people of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Joplin, Missouri; and Moore, Oklahoma, dig out after catastrophic tornadoes. They led cleanup efforts following 2013 floods in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Missouri, Illinois and Wisconsin. In April 2013, after a massive ammonium nitrate explosion at a fertilizer plant in West, Texas, destroyed scores of homes and killed many local first responders who were fighting a fire at the plant when it exploded, Team Rubicon helped state authorities set up and manage the disaster response.

"We never thought we were going to move the needle on the domestic side of disaster operations," McNulty says. "We thought, 'This is America. We've gotta be the best in the world when it comes to natural disasters.' We were so wrong."

A turning point was the organization's response to Superstorm Sandy, the massive hurricane that rocked the Caribbean and the U.S. in 2012, killing more than 200 and causing an estimated \$75 billion in damage—walloping particularly hard the densely populated coasts of New Jersey and New York.

Team Rubicon shut down its Los Angeles headquarters, where support of field operations was conducted from afar, and moved its entire staff to New York, where they set up a forward operating base at 124th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard and began their usual drill of dispatching eight- to 10-member teams of military veterans and first responders. But the general public began showing up by the hundreds, wanting to help. Team Rubicon turned them away, McNulty says, "until this former Marine logistics officer who was running the FOB said, 'Hey dummies, you have thousands of people trying to get involved, and we have plenty of tools.'" (Home Depot and other corporate sponsors often arm Team Rubicon with the tools, electronics and other supplies and equipment they need to complete their missions). "Why not break down the 10-man teams of vets to one or two veterans, attach 20 to 40 civilians, give them the safety brief, the work orders, the tools. Now our impact is an order of magnitude greater than it was." The on-the-fly shift in strategy allowed 350 Team Rubicon veterans to manage 10,000 civilian volunteers during the Sandy response.

It marked the beginning of a move to professionalize the organization: Team Rubicon adopted the Incident Command System, which is the standard command structure for the emergency management field. It organized field teams into 10 regions that correspond with regions set up by FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency. And it invested in training for

Operation:
Greased Lightning
Rockaway Peninsula,
New York
Superstorm Sandy
2012



DANIEL GORMAN, TEAM RUBICON

Operation:
Huckleberry Hustle
Mayes County,
Oklahoma
Flood
2016



TEAM RUBICON

Operation:
Karen Shan
Thai/Burma Border
Humanitarian
mission
2012



ROSS FENTER, TEAM RUBICON

Operation:
Friendly Ghost
Casper, Wyoming
Cole Creek Wildfire
2015



LISA MONK, TEAM RUBICON

volunteers that can lead to emergency management certifications in a wide range of skills. Team Rubicon's volunteer army is adept not only in the physically demanding work of mucking and gutting homes ravaged by floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, hurricanes and typhoons, but also skilled in heavy equipment operation, home demolition, wildland firefighting, incident management, disaster mapping and other high-level emergency operations.

Professionalizing hasn't meant forgetting that veterans—with the skills they've built in their military training and deployment and their desire to serve—remain Team Rubicon's backbone. When FEMA sent one of its highest-ranking administrators to study the organization's approach, McNulty was happy to show off the high-tech mapping, management and solar-powered computing tools at his disposal. But he also told his visitor, "Sir, honestly, we're just throwing veterans at the problem, and they're figuring it out."

Last year Team Rubicon Global launched its first overseas network, Team Rubicon United Kingdom, and in the next five years it hopes to establish teams in 12 countries where veterans have indicated a strong desire to keep serving.

International leaders see a chance not only to put skilled veterans to work in support of severely taxed emergency management systems, but also to change attitudes about veterans. Call it winning hearts and minds.

The attitude toward veterans now in England, says Gen. Sir Nicholas Parker, "is a whiff of sympathy rather than respect," an outmoded attitude that, he believes, reflects a basic misunderstanding about the post-9/11 veteran. "He and she is a completely different sort of person to the person that the British Legion was designed to support," Parker says, referring to the charity created in 1921 to help British military members and their families. "It's the sort of person who has massive potential. ... They want to make a difference, and my goodness they are amazingly capable people, who will make things happen, with no money, with no

JONATHAN DAVIS, TEAM RUBICON



structure. It reaffirms for me what a fantastic commodity the veteran is."

Karl-Theodor Zu Guttenberg, the former German defense minister, believes the Team Rubicon model could even have implications for geopolitics and the perception of U.S. foreign policy around the world.

"The idea of having at a certain point not only the fabulous 20 to 30,000 already engaged American veterans they have, but also shoulder-to-shoulder German veterans, British veterans, Norwegian, Australian and maybe—in four or five or six years even Russian veterans," Guttenberg says, "this is a rich building component which is invaluable, and unique. That's something that you cannot produce in the back rooms of G-7 meetings."

There is no shortage of veteran service organizations doing good work on behalf of the men and women who serve in their country's military. McNulty estimates there are some 40,000 in the U.S. alone. But what sets Team Rubicon apart, says Navy veteran and Team Rubicon Global president and chief operating officer Ken Harbaugh, is that "veterans who join our ranks know they will not be the *object* of our mission, but rather the *agents* of it."

Taking a break from assessing damage with an unmanned aerial vehicle after the Nepal earthquake in 2015, Brian Brown, logistics manager for Team Rubicon region VI, delights children with an eye-in-the-sky view of themselves in the remote village of Sermathang.

"We don't give you tickets to the ball game," McNulty says. "We don't lobby the Hill; we don't do advocacy. We recruit, train, equip and deploy military veterans into natural disasters. We challenge you to continue your service in the mission of disaster response."

The mission is familiar: Help people.

"I don't know any Marine who joined the Corps to kill people," McNulty says. "I joined the Marine Corps to help people."

The end game is clearly defined: Bring relief. To the rescued, certainly. But also to the rescuer.

"Imagine the amount of purpose that fills you when you realize you're out there helping someone on the worst day of their life," McNulty says.

That's what winning looks like.

"For a lot of veterans it's that service of helping someone else," he says, "that is really helping themselves."

Hail to the 'Hawks

Local artists pay tribute to 150 years of tradition
with new twists on our treasured mascot



By Heather Biele

Photographs by Steve Puppe

As the University celebrates its sesquicentennial, another anniversary also demands attention: 70 years ago, Hal Sandy drew the jovial Jayhawk that has stood the test of time.

When Sandy, j'47, arrived on campus after serving in World War II, the beloved bird had gone through several transformations, from the leggy, quasi-human mascot designed in

1912 by student Henry Maloy, c'14, to the wartime fighting Jay that Eugene "Yogi" Williams, m'54, sketched in 1941.

Sandy still recalls the day R. Edwin Browne, c'38, g'57, then director of public relations for KU, called him into his Strong Hall office to make a simple request: make a happier postwar mascot for the University. With tracing paper, a pen and India ink, Sandy obliged. "It was the only

cartoon I ever made, ever drew, in my life," he says. "The only reason it lasted so long is the foundation was so stunning, so striking."

Shortly after he graduated, Sandy sold the Kansas Union Bookstore the rights to his bird for a mere \$250. "Made us millions," he jokes, laughing.

Sandy's smiling bird inspired artists who created their own renditions for the 2003 Jayhawks on Parade project

(see story, p. 33). Fueled by the parade's success, the Alumni Association planned a reprise for KU's 150th anniversary. After enlisting the help of Ottawa-based fiberglass builder ATC Composites to fashion a new mold, the Association selected three Lawrence artists to add their own flourishes to a new flock of birds.



EARL RICHARDSON



Rock Hawk

CATHY LEDEKER

Cathy Ledeker, a painter, illustrator, calligrapher and illuminator for more than 40 years, was a natural choice to design a sesquicentennial Jayhawk. The former art director at Van Go Mobile Arts Inc., a nonprofit organization that serves Lawrence teens, was already well-versed in working with the statue: She created “Gogh Hawks Gogh!” with assistance from students at Van Go as well as “Holy Hawk!” for the 2003 parade.

Ledeker, '93, gladly agreed to participate in the 2016 edition. “It felt like a real honor to be invited to do it,” she says. “It was a perfect thing for me, because it allowed me to do something that wasn’t associated with Van Go.”

The theme for her bird came easily. After spending nearly 20 years doing freelance work for

KU Endowment, which often included illustrating historic buildings on campus, Ledeker decided to pay homage to KU by incorporating some of her favorite architectural elements into her Jayhawk.

“I developed a working knowledge of these grand buildings while researching, photographing, sketching and illustrating them,” she says. “I enjoyed exploring the elegance and hidden charms of many of the old campus buildings, but most particularly those of Spooner, Twente and Dyche halls.”

Ledeker’s creation is nothing short of a treasure hunt for Mount Oread enthusiasts. The head and body of the bird boast the iconic red tile roof of Spooner Hall and the limestone blocks found on several historic buildings, including



Dyche and Lippincott halls. The bird’s beak showcases the beautiful gothic windows of Watson Library. Ledeker couldn’t resist incorporating other ornate details, including the owl at the apex of Spooner Hall’s roof and the frieze carved into the front of Twente Hall, into her design. She even added a bit of whimsy with a manhole cover she discovered on Jayhawk Boulevard.

“I was taking pictures and it was right there at that intersection,” Ledeker says of the cover she spotted in front of Watson Library. “I thought, ‘Is that too silly?’ And then I thought, ‘Well, I really don’t care. I’m going to do it anyway because it’s a fun thing.’”

As Ledeker worked meticulously on her bird, weaving 150 years’ worth of architectural details into her 5-foot canvas, she found herself reflecting on the University’s rich history and tradition.

“I imagined the artisans working on those buildings with no power tools—just chisel, hammer, elbow grease and an artist’s eye. And what they accomplished!” says Ledeker. “I know there were architectural renderings and engineering and all that. But I think about those blue-collar guys out there who were artists. Who were they? That is their legacy. That is what we have of those people. I wanted to honor that.”





Sesqui-Hawk-Tennial

STEPHEN JOHNSON

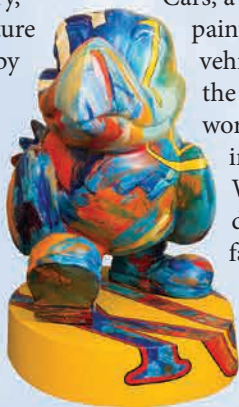
Stephen Johnson is no stranger to commemorating KU milestones. A versatile artist known for his Caldecott Honor children’s book, *Alphabet City*, and massive mosaics and murals in New York City and Los Angeles, he created “The Spirit of Laws,” an oil painting commissioned in 2003 for KU School of Law’s 125th anniversary, and the abstract sculpture in the Lied Center lobby celebrating the performing arts center’s 10-year anniversary and the 100th anniversary of the University’s concert series in 2003.

Johnson, f’87, who recently has explored abstract themes in his paintings, almost immediately had an idea for a sesquicentennial

Jayhawk. “I knew I wanted to do something with typography and dates,” he explains. “I knew I wanted a series of abstract shapes. I thought it would be an interesting way to not get stuck down with the eyes, beak, tail and shoes and just let it be a blank canvas.”

Johnson drew inspiration for his bird from the BMW Art Cars, a collection of painted racing and road vehicles that includes the work of several world-renowned artists, including Andy Warhol, who designed Johnson’s favorite, a 1979 BMW M1. “He just did a beautiful job with these brushstrokes,”

Johnson says. “You know, how do you paint a car and make it look interesting?



It’s still a car. The Jayhawk will always be the Jayhawk, but you have to make it kind of exciting and new.”

To bring fresh life to a familiar figure, Johnson used brilliant colors to create bold, sweeping brushstrokes over the head and body of the bird. “In a way, they’re sort of like feathers,” he says. “They kind of follow the movement of the form.”

Johnson honored the University’s 150 years on Mount Oread by carefully juxtaposing “1865” and “2015”

over the Jayhawk’s playful color palette in strong fonts that closely resemble KU’s logos over the years.

“I think the numbers, as graphic as they are, tame the exuberance of the abstraction,” he says. “The abstract brushstrokes symbolize the passion and vitality of the 150 years—the energy and dynamism and color of the University. All those brushstrokes are moments of time and experiences that potentially become a larger conversation. It’s fun to think about.”



KU Songbird

SUSAN YOUNGER

As soon as the Alumni Association announced there would be three fiberglass Jayhawks commissioned for the University's sesquicentennial, Susan Younger eagerly asked, "Can I do one?"

Younger's passion for KU is evident in her work as creative director for the Alumni Association, where she designs *Kansas Alumni* magazine and creates set and table designs for the Association's major annual events, including the Rock Chalk Ball in Kansas City and the Jayhawk Roundup in Wichita. Younger, f'91, also was the mastermind behind "Whoosh!" and "Mascot Miro," two Jayhawks featured in the 2003 parade, as well as the "Peace, Love and Daisy Hill Forever" bird, a collaboration with Valerie Spicher, j'94, graphic designer for the Association.

For an occasion as special as KU's sesquicentennial, Younger knew she wanted to go all out—and a mosaic fit the bill. She had considered using the technique for the 2003 parade but was reluctant to attempt something she hadn't done before. Since then, the self-taught Younger has completed



several mosaic pieces, including tables and benches. She was ready to test her new skill on a curvaceous canvas.

As she contemplated themes for her bird, Younger's top priority was to make a lasting tribute to the University. "What's more lasting than the alma mater?" she says, recalling how the vision for her songbird came together. "I wanted the words to look lyrical and have movement."

Younger initially wanted to create ceramic letters by hand and fire them in her kiln, but she quickly realized that task was far too ambitious for the amount of time she had. Instead, she purchased premade letters—nearly 540 of them—to replicate all three stanzas of Professor George Barlow Penny's cherished song, "Crimson and the Blue," which she carefully placed in a swirling design that "evokes movement and is reminiscent of a bandana, which pays homage to our Midwest heritage."

After countless hours of painting and trimming letters, cutting glass tiles and carefully positioning them in the grout, then painting and sealing the body of the bird, Younger is pleased with the final result and hopes others will identify with her passion for KU when they see it.

"There's something about the shape of this particular bird that people really respond to," she says. "I just want them to celebrate the love of KU."



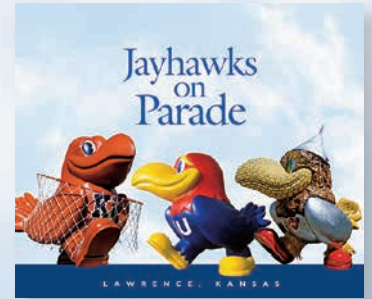
The sesquicentennial Jayhawks will be on display April 11-22 at KU's Edwards Campus in Overland Park and at the Rock Chalk Ball April 23. They will return to the Adams Alumni Center in May for Commencement.

The original parade

In February 2002, Doug Holiday, '85, owner of Biggs BBQ, blurted out an idea in a brainstorming session of the Lawrence Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) board: "You know what we should do? Jayhawks on Parade."

Others in the room immediately agreed, including fellow board member Brad Kemp, g'91, then assistant director of public affairs at the KU Natural History Museum, and Susan Schmidt Henderson, j'96, who directed marketing for the CVB at the time. They began to plan a public art exhibition modeled after parades of whimsical fiberglass cows and other creatures in various cities, including Sun Valley, Idaho, where a pack of Labrador retrievers had caught the eye of Lawrence CVB director Judy Billings, assoc., during an earlier trip.

The Jayhawks on Parade team also included Paul Vander Tuig, KU's director of trademark licensing, who endorsed the project; Maria Martin and Melodie Christal of Downtown Lawrence Inc.; other KU staff members; and the Alumni Association. Michael Irvin, f'96, then graphic design coordinator for the Office of University Relations, created a three-dimensional rendering of the bird, and a fiberglass fabricator, The Glass Hand in Cleves, Ohio, produced the 100-pound, 5-foot statue. In 2003, 30 birds took their perches throughout the city and on campus, becoming instant hits with countless Lawrence residents and visitors. —H.B.



Watch these Jayhawk transformations and listen to artist interviews online at kualumni.org/KU150Jayhawks.

A portrait of Leslie Schweitzer, a woman with short, styled blonde hair, wearing a black top and a gold necklace. She is smiling slightly and holding a blue booklet titled "A LEADING ROLE FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS IN AFGHANISTAN'S ECONOMY". The background shows a blurred architectural drawing with the text "AL CAMPUS MASTER PL" visible.

**A powerful force
in foreign affairs,
Leslie Schweitzer
strives to empower
and educate students
in Afghanistan**

by Jennifer Lawler
Portrait by Steve Barrett

International

When Leslie McElfresh Schweitzer first traveled outside the United States—as a young teenager heading to Mexico for a Girl Scouts program—she had no idea the experience would open the door to a lifetime of adventure and service. But she did know an opportunity when she saw one.

A few years later, the Osage City native traveled to Finland as an exchange student, and that trip prompted her to spend her junior year of college in Copenhagen. But unlike many young people backpacking through Europe, Schweitzer, '70, had an entrepreneurial spirit and an eye for business. “I started my first business between freshman and sophomore year,” she says. “I worked with a British chemical company and sold products in the USSR and ran a franchise in college.”

How did Schweitzer pull off such a coup while her fellow students worked local jobs in retail and fast food? As an exchange student in Finland, she connected with as many people as she could. Three years later she returned and put an ad in the Helsinki newspaper, looking for work. A Finnish franchisee of the British chemical company spotted her ad. The company wanted to hire an American, and eventually Schweitzer went on the road as a sales representative.

Curious about other cultures, she studied international relations at KU for six semesters and ultimately completed

owner. She was one of the first American women to engage in business with China in the 1970s and established a pioneering trade relationship with that country. In an era when many American women didn't work outside the home, much less run a business in another country, Schweitzer took risks. But she has always seen risk differently from other people, she says. “I was willing to get involved where other people didn't want to go. That's where the opportunities are.” She credits her parents for believing she could do anything and nurturing her independence at a young age.

Schweitzer also learned the value of building meaningful connections. “Businesses are based on relationships. It takes time and it's hard work. It requires a tremendous amount of dedication. None of it comes easily,” she says. “The most important part is understanding the people that you're dealing with. What are their priorities and values? How do you know your own? There's no magic. It's just the willingness to make a commitment.”

Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco, PhD'99, associate vice provost of international programs, says she has long admired Schweitzer's genuine dedication: “She is enthusiastic, open-minded and respectful of other cultures. She's able to establish a vision that she carries out over time. So many things in our lives hold our interest for a short period of time and then we move on. She will keep working.”

Gronbeck-Tedesco has known

Schweitzer says of her involvement. “KU has such excellent programs. Most people are not aware of how large and significant they are.”

For her part, Schweitzer is happy to offer the perspective of someone who has spent her life as part of the global community. “It is so important to develop the kinds of relationships that arise through international exposure. It has changed my life,” she says.

It's fair to say that Schweitzer has had a hand in changing other people's lives as well. One of her proudest achievements was helping to establish the Friends of the American University of Afghanistan, a nonprofit fundraising organization that supports the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF). Schweitzer also serves on the board of trustees for the American University.

This involvement is characteristic of Schweitzer, says Gronbeck-Tedesco. “The one thing that comes through in almost all of her work is a commitment to providing access to education as a way to make the world a better place.”

Schweitzer believes the future of Afghanistan depends on education. The American University in Kabul is modeled after its campuses in Beirut and Cairo, which were founded more than 150 years ago and have educated many leaders in the region. “Our dream is that this will happen in Afghanistan,” Schweitzer says.

Nearly 10 years ago, AUAF's first class

Impact



her degree in international relations at George Washington University.

Over the next 35 years, Schweitzer's zest as an entrepreneur and international traveler helped her succeed as a business

Schweitzer since 2001, when Schweitzer began serving on the advisory board for KU International Programs. “I believe so much in the value of studying abroad and bringing students to this country,”

included 50 students, only one of whom was a woman. Last fall's incoming class was 55 percent women, and female students comprise 35 percent of the entire undergraduate population. “It is the only

nonprofit coeducational institution in the history of Afghanistan,” Schweitzer says. “In 2001, there were barely any women being educated in Afghanistan. Now 3 million are in schools. What has made me so passionate is the education of women. But I also believe in the coeducational aspect. If you’re going to change a country, you have to change how men perceive women and help them interact together toward one single goal: the empowerment of Afghans to support their new democratic government.”

AUAF aims to provide a world-class education and to keep Afghans in their country so they can help lead its development. According to Schweitzer, “Right now there is a very strong desire among students—particularly women—to stay in-country to help their sisters and cousins. Our students develop a commitment to help their country. Our graduates are already in high positions in government.”

With current student enrollment at 2,000, the campus ambiance compares to that of a small liberal arts college in the United States, Schweitzer says. “It’s an amazing institution. Five classes have graduated, and 12 percent of graduates are Fulbright scholars. Our biggest problem is that families won’t pay for girls to attend university.”

About 70 percent of students receive financial aid. The Friends of the American University of Afghanistan raises money for those scholarships. “I’m building a cadre of KU supporters,” she says. “We want Jayhawks all over the school. It’s a fragile environment right now, but I expect it to survive and thrive.”

Schweitzer emphasizes that the huge amount of resources and effort invested in Afghanistan has not been wasted. “We have made tremendous progress. There’s much more to Afghanistan than you read in the newspaper,” she says. “This is a nascent democracy with just the second



COURTESY LESLIE SCHWEITZER (2)

Leslie Schweitzer has witnessed tremendous enrollment growth at the American University of Afghanistan, particularly among young women, who are now 35 percent of the undergraduate student population.

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elected president in the history of the country. Our goal is to have this be a sustainable democracy, and the university can contribute tremendously to fulfilling that goal.”

As part of continuing U.S. and international efforts to train the Afghan army and police force to secure the country on their own, President Barack Obama announced last October that 9,800 U.S. troops would remain in Afghanistan through most of 2016. The total presence of American and NATO troops last fall was 17,000. Plans call for U.S. forces to decrease to 5,500 by early 2017.

“One of our biggest problems has been security,” Schweitzer says. “It did get much worse in 2014 [after troop pullouts began]. It was much more difficult than we had anticipated due to the lengthy process it took to resolve the election. The university has continued to function through all of this and is growing.”

Schweitzer takes special pride in a 70,000-square-foot building dedicated to

women’s empowerment. It includes day care, prayer, fitness and cultural centers. “We are trying to re-introduce to this generation the culture that came before the Russians and Taliban destroyed it,” she says.

Schweitzer, the mother of two sons, has always tried to balance her focus on opportunities—for herself and for others—with her need to nurture her family. “I thought it was important to make sure there was always a balance between my family and entrepreneurial zest. Nothing means more to me than to have a normal family life and raise my children.”

How did that play out in the global career Schweitzer has pursued? “China in the ’70s was very different from what I’m doing now,” she explains. She started by facilitating barter and countertrade in China through the Noble Trading Company, but she kept a home base in the U.S.

“When I had one child, I couldn’t manage China, so I moved to Eastern Europe. With two I moved into Central and South America.” But she didn’t leave the company; her role evolved. She began developing clients throughout these other countries.

How did working in Eastern Europe make it easier to balance her family’s needs with the demands of her career? “Shorter commute,” she says with a laugh. “And it was even shorter still when I started working in Central and South America and the Caribbean.” She spent every other week in Central and South America for 18 years.

Her husband, attorney William H. Schweitzer, died recently. “He was a huge supporter of all of this. He understood how important it was to me,” she says. “We were married nearly 43 years and he shared my passion. My boys have a unique perspective on what women can do.”

Schweitzer says she isn’t ready to sum up the themes of her life. “I don’t really think like that. I think, ‘What’s next?’”

Opportunity still beckons. 

—Lawler, c’88, g’94, PhD’96, is a Eudora freelance writer and frequent contributor to Kansas Alumni.

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12 BIG B CHAMPIONSHIPS




12 March 12, 2011, KU vs. Texas
 Kansas claims its seventh-consecutive Big 12 Championship title behind a season-high 20 points from junior guard Tyshawn Taylor, c'12, defeating Texas, 85-73. KU earns a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament for the 10th time in school history.



11 March 1, 2006, KU vs. Colorado
 Max Falkenstien, c'47, celebrates his 60th and final year of calling Jayhawk athletics. Max receives a bronze Jayhawk and his No. 60 jersey is "retired" above Naismith Court.



10 Jan. 1, 2005, KU vs. Georgia Tech
 Senior guard Keith Langford, '05, hits a fall-away jumper with 3.3 seconds remaining, capping the biggest comeback of the season to beat Georgia Tech, 70-68, in overtime.



6 March 3, 2015, KU vs. West Virginia
 The Jayhawks needed overtime to beat the Mountaineers, 76-69. KU avoids its first Senior Night loss since 1983, and the win gives the 'Hawks the outright Big 12 title.



5 March 11, 2007, KU vs. Texas
 Capping an incredible 22-point comeback, the Jayhawks defeat Texas, 88-84, in overtime—and capture the 2007 Big 12 Tournament championship over the Longhorns.



4 Feb. 24, 2014, KU vs. Oklahoma
 KU defeats Oklahoma, 83-75, to claim a share of its 10th-consecutive (and 14th overall) Big 12 championship and its 57th all-time conference title, the most in NCAA history.

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BIG 12 CONFERENCE

Top 12 memorable moments celebrating KU's 12 straight Big 12 Conference Championships



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9 March 22, 2009, KU vs. Dayton

In his return home, Minnesota native and hometown hero Cole Aldrich, c'13, posts the first official triple-double in Kansas basketball history with 13 points, 20 rebounds and 10 blocked shots. The 60-43 victory over Dayton in Minneapolis propels KU to the Sweet 16 for the third-straight year.



8 March 11, 2010, KU vs. Texas Tech

Kansas becomes the third school in history to reach 2,000 all-time wins. The Jayhawks, including Sherron Collins, '10, beat Texas Tech, 80-68, in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Tournament.



7 March 24, 2013, KU vs. North Carolina

Travis Releford, c'13, and Kevin Young, c'13, react after KU overcomes a nine-point halftime deficit, shooting 62 percent in the second half to beat North Carolina, 70-58, and advance to the Sweet 16. The win is coach Self's 300th at Kansas.



3 Jan. 4, 2016, KU vs. Oklahoma

In a triple-overtime "instant classic," KU wins a hard-fought, 109-106 victory over the determined Sooners. The Jayhawks rally from five down with 2:24 remaining in the second OT, and the third OT features four lead changes.



2 Feb. 25, 2012, KU vs. Missouri

In the last conference battle against archrival Missouri, KU battles back from its largest second-half deficit ever—19 points—to tie the game at 75 as regulation expires. Tyshawn Taylor scores nine of the Jayhawks' 12 points in overtime to guarantee KU at least a share of its eighth-straight Big 12 title.



1 April 7, 2008, KU vs. Memphis

Trailing by nine with 2:12 left in regulation, Kansas mounts one of the most memorable comebacks in history to win the 2008 NCAA National Championship. In overtime, Kansas defeats Memphis, 75-68, for its fifth national title. Jayhawks celebrate in San Antonio and back home on Mass Street.

Association

Community calls

Blood drive, bicycle donation events rely on Jayhawk volunteers

Kansas City-area alumni can invest in their community by participating in two upcoming volunteer opportunities.

The third-annual biospecimen blood drive, a collaboration between the Alumni Association and the Biospecimen Bank at the University of Kansas Cancer Center, will be May 13 at the Clinical Research Center in Fairway.

This event is the only one of its kind in the nation. Unlike most blood drives, where large volumes of blood are collected for patients in need, the biospecimen blood drive uses small samples—the equivalent of a few tablespoons of blood—for cancer research, specifically early detection of breast and ovarian cancers. In the past six months, researchers at the KU Cancer Center have published several articles citing medical advancements they have made, thanks to these blood donations.

Colleen Reilly, project manager for the Biospecimen Repository at the Cancer Center, is encouraged that the event is gaining attention and hopes that participation will be strong again this year. “Outside of it being a Cancer Center event, it’s starting to be a KU Medical Center event,” she says. “I’m really excited that it’s becoming a Universitywide initiative.”

For those who are unable to attend the blood drive but are interested in donating,

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Alumni Association board member Luke Bobo, '82, donated blood for cancer research (above) and Kansas City alumni Andrew Wank, b'09; Jay Ruf, e'96, b'96; and Jace McClasky, c'95, l'02, volunteered at the 2015 biospecimen blood drive. Jayhawk families learn about bicycle safety and healthy living at the annual 'Hawks, Handlebars and Helmets event (opposite).



the center encourages alumni to call the Cancer Center at 855-211-1475 and schedule an appointment. More information about the event can be found at kualumni.org/donateblood.

Another initiative that's gaining ground is 'Hawks, Helmets and Handlebars, an annual event that stresses the importance of healthy lifestyle and bicycle safety for children.

For the past seven years, the Alumni Association and Healthy Hawks, a program created by KU Medical Center's department of pediatrics to help children and their families overcome issues related to weight, have distributed hundreds of bicycles and helmets to children in need. This year's event will be June 4 at the Cancer Center's Westwood Campus. The Greater Kansas City Alumni Network will collect used bikes April 23 and May 7 in the Jayhawk Central parking lot on the KU Edwards Campus.

Hospital Heroes and the Concussion and Trauma teams from the Medical Center will professionally fit children with free bicycle helmets on June 4, and the Johnson County Fire Department will be on hand to educate families about fire safety and set up bicycle safety obstacle courses for the riders. Baby Jay will sign special certificates for all the children.

BETSY WINETROUB (2)

According to Jessica Nelson, j'11, a Kansas City network board member and community awareness co-chair, 52 bikes and 75 helmets were distributed to Healthy Hawks families at last year's event, and she hopes to exceed those numbers this year.

"The more bikes we can get donated, the more kids in Kansas City we can help," she says.

For more information on the donation days and the 'Hawks, Helmets and Handlebars event, visit kualumni.org/bikesforkids.

DAN STOREY (4)

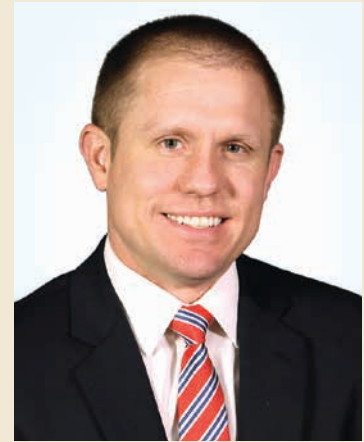


A NOTE FROM HEATH

Alumni are game changers

Count me among the thousands of Jayhawks who love March Madness. We live week to week in March while our beloved Jayhawks are in the national spotlight as a perennial goliath in the NCAA men's basketball tournament. Kansas basketball provides a platform most universities would love to have. Winning 12 straight Big 12 Championships is unprecedented in the modern era of college basketball and, as we all know, this feat did not happen by accident. KU boasts the incomparable Bill Self, the most talented players on the floor in nearly every game, and the greatest home court advantage in any sport.

Just as alumni and fans join forces in Allen Field House to help lift our team to victory, Jayhawks working together for the University are also game changers. KU sits in the middle of the country in one of the least populated states. It does not have many of the built-in advantages of schools in heavily populated states, not to mention the diverse types of industries. Our true advantage lies in the pride and commitment Jayhawks have for their alma mater.



DAN STOREY

Peterson

Your membership, philanthropic support, volunteer work, advocacy, assistance in student recruitment, leadership, career success—and the way you each represent KU within your communities—dramatically strengthen KU's reputation and the value of the KU degree.

Together, your collective efforts provide an equally impressive advantage for KU—albeit not quite as intimidating as Allen Field House. For all you do, we salute you.

Rock Chalk, Jayhawk!

—Heath Peterson, c'04, d'09
KU Alumni Association president



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The power of sport

Former student-athletes share experiences with social injustice

The School of Business, the Langston Hughes Center and Kansas Athletics hosted the “The Power of Sport: A Conversation on Business, Race and Sports” Feb. 18 in the Kansas Union ballroom. Hundreds of students, faculty, staff and alumni attended the second annual event, which was co-sponsored by the KU departments of African and African-American Studies; Health, Sport and Exercise Sciences; the K Club; and the Alumni Association. Former KU student-athletes Ernie Shelby, f’59; Lisa Braddy, ’92; and Wayne Simien, c’05, were guest panelists, and Shawn Leigh Alexander of the Langston Hughes Center acted as moderator. Dave Zirin, sports editor for The Nation magazine, provided the keynote address.

“It’s been a very tough year in academia discussing issues of diversity and race,” said Alexander, as he welcomed the panelists and audience. “I think it’s important that we’re here and willing to discuss these issues.”

The panelists shared their personal experiences with racial and social injustices at KU and in the community, and took questions from the audience during the event, which lasted more than two hours. Several current Jayhawk student-athletes attended, including the entire KU men’s basketball team.

Shelby spoke about desegregation in Lawrence in 1957. With fellow athletes Wilt Chamberlain, ’59; Homer Floyd, d’61; and Charlie Tidwell, ’61, Shelby called a meeting with Chancellor Franklin Murphy to discuss the problems they were encountering in the city. “We told him we were all going to leave campus unless the refusal of service stopped in Lawrence, Kansas,” Shelby said. “He was very receptive and he said that he would take care of it.”

Within 24 hours, the chancellor had good news for his students: The city was open. “We don’t really know what he said, but it happened, and the city of Lawrence was desegregated.”

Following a successful live webcast in November of the McCollum Hall demolition, the Alumni Association provided a live webcast of “The Power of Sport: A Conversation on Business, Race and Sports.” To view the recorded video, visit kualumni.org/powerofsport. The Association will announce webcasts of future events via email.



Panelists Lisa Braddy and Wayne Simien and moderator Shawn Leigh Alexander listened as Ernie Shelby described Lawrence in the 1950s (left); Dave Zirin delivered the keynote address (above); hundreds of students, faculty, staff and alumni attended the event, including former KU physical education instructor Bob Lockwood, who showed off his K-Club ring with Shelby (below center), and members of the KU men’s basketball team (below left). After the event, Dave Zirin signed copies of his book for attendees (below right).



ANN DEAN (5)

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Reunion weekend

Alumni return for 50-year and Gold Medal Club celebrations

Members of the Class of 1966 and members of the Gold Medal Club—alumni who have passed their 50-year anniversary of graduation—will return to Mount Oread April 15-16 for a weekend filled with memories and merriment.

This year's reunion will feature guided tours of Quantrill's Raid through Lawrence, bus tours of campus and a kickoff lunch with KU student leaders at the Adams Alumni Center on Friday afternoon.

On Saturday, Gold Medal Club members and the Class of 1966 will make their way to the Kansas Union for a luncheon and program featuring Dr. Roy Jensen, director of KU's Cancer Center, before enjoying a special presentation in honor of the University's sesquicentennial.

"The 2016 reunion weekend will allow alumni to share in the tradition, landmarks and history that make us all Jayhawks," says Jacey Krehbiel, d'12, assistant director of alumni programs. "Reunion attendees continually rave about the chance to relive the history."

For more information or to register for the events, visit kualumni.org/reunions.

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The Association thanks these Jayhawks, who began their Life memberships Jan. 1 through Feb. 29. For information, visit kualumni.org or call 800-584-2957.

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47 Alan Fisher, b'47, was inducted in Lawrence High School Alumni Association's Hall of Honor. He served in World War II as part of the U.S. Army Air Infantry Division.

48 Elmo Maiden, e'48, g'50, was inducted in the Heritage League Hall of Fame by the Heritage League of the Second Air Division of the U.S. Army Air Forces. He is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

56 Carl Blair, f'56, a retired professor of art at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, exhibited several paintings and sculptures at the Hampton III Gallery in Taylors, South Carolina.

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

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

57 Jane Werth Joslin, d'57, lives in Overland Park. She has two grandchildren who attend KU.

Paul Maurer, p'57, makes his home in Upland, California.

60 Jim Graves, l'60, a retired attorney and past board chairman for the Family Guidance Center in St. Joseph, Missouri, received the Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Health Care Community Impact Award for his service to the field of mental health.

61 Richard Huff, e'61, published *The Brooks School* about a one-room country school he attended near Home, Kansas. He lives in Overland Park after retiring from a 41-year career in structural engineering.

62 Dale Taylor, d'62, g'71, PhD' 84, is publisher at Barton Publishing Company and secretary of the Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care. He also founded the bachelor of music therapy program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, where he was professor emeritus.

Virgil Thompson, p'62, is CEO of Spinnaker Biosciences in Solana Beach, California.

Vikram Tolat, e'62, retired as a program director at IBM. He and his wife, Shriekha, live in Wappingers Falls, New York.

65 Robert Enberg, c'65, m'69, a retired physician and administrator at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, volunteers for Take Stock in Children, a mentor-student nonprofit organization in Florida. He lives in Bradenton.

Roy Swift, f'65, is executive director of Workcred in Washington, D.C. He lives in Clifton, Virginia.

66 Janice Sutton Pierce, s'66, is retired and lives in the San Francisco Bay area.

H.A. "Bud" Yazel, d'66, was named 2015

Coach of the Year at the Lutheran High School of Kansas City, where he coaches cross country. He also coaches track at Blue Springs High School in Missouri.

67 Beatrice Osgood Krauss, g'67, lives in Tucson, Arizona, where she retired from a career in public health and HIV prevention. She is an associate editor of the *Journal of Methods and Measurements in the Social Sciences* and contributed to a World Health Organization guidance on HIV disclosure.

68 Marty Crump, c'68, g'71, PhD'74, wrote *Eye of the Newt and Toe of Frog*, *Adder's Fork* and *Lizard's Leg: The Lore and Mythology of Amphibians and Reptiles*, which was published in December by University of Chicago Press. She is an adjunct professor of biology at Utah State University in Logan and Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

69 Laura Ferguson Brinkley, n'69, office manager at Gibson Area Orthopedics in Gibson City, Illinois, was named a Pinnacle Professional in the Field of Health Care by Continental Who's Who.

John Manahan, d'69, g'82, owns Manahan Consulting. He lives in Kansas City with his wife, **Patricia Dalrymple Manahan**, '85.

Thomas Murray, c'69, a business litigation attorney at Lathrop & Gage in Overland Park, was inducted in Lawrence High School Alumni Association's Hall of Honor. Tom is a member of KU's Hall Center for the Humanities advisory board.

70 Bradley Mathers, d'70, a retired teacher, owns Midwest Trophies in Tarkio, Missouri, where he and his wife, Annette, make their home.

71 Dee Wallace Stone, d'71, is an actress and intuitive life coach. She developed BuppaLaPaloo, an interactive teaching toy for children.



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72 Ric Averill, f'72, g'85, is artistic director of performing arts at the Lawrence Arts Center. He lives in Lawrence.

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John Carlile, c'72, m'75, is medical director of hospitalist and intensivist services at Summerville Medical Center in Summerville, South Carolina, where he makes his home.

L. Lewis Wall, c'72, m'83, is the inaugural Selina Okin Kim Conner Professor in Arts & Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis. He also is professor of anthropology and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Washington University School of Medicine.



Karen Zupko, j'72, is president of Karen Zupko & Associates in Chicago, where she makes her home.

73 Carol Allen Brandenburg, d'73, is a senior business analyst at United Healthcare. She lives in Sartell, Minnesota.

Glenn Meyer, c'73, is a Dell software development senior adviser at NASA in Moffett Field, California.

Donald Pageler, b'73, lives in Westminster, California, where he is retired from a career with Hughes Aircraft Company. He served in the U.S. Navy and is past vice president of the Liberty Veterans Association.

Roger Reynolds, b'73, was recognized for serving 2,000 volunteer hours at the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois.

74 M. Jenise Thomas Comer, s'74, is president of the 2016 board of directors of the Association of Social Work Boards. She is a professor and director of

the BSW social work program at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg.

James Guthrie, e'74, g'77, g'01, retired from a 43-year career with Black & Veatch. He's a merit badge counselor and unit commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America. Jim resides in Prairie Village.

75 Charles Boyd, c'75, g'76, is chairman of the Center for the National Interest in Washington, D.C. He is a retired general in the U.S. Air Force.

David Elkouri, b'75, f'78, is executive vice president and general counsel at Halcón Resources Corporation in Houston.

David Middendorf, e'75, retired as an electrical engineer at Black & Veatch. He makes his home in Hiawatha.

76 Stanley Moore, c'76, retired from a 38-year career at the Dow Chemical Company. He recently spent two months volunteering aboard the Africa Mercy

hospital ship. Stan and his wife, Karen, live in Granbury, Texas.

77 Jacqueline Eyring Bixler, g'77, PhD'80, received the 2016 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award. She is an alumni distinguished professor in the department of foreign languages and literatures in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

A. Keith Schooler, p'77, is a pharmacist

at CK Pharmacies. He makes his home in McPherson.

78 Chad Leat, b'78, retired vice chairman of global banking at Citigroup Inc., joined Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings' board of directors. He lives in New York City.

Catherine Ray Nance, e'78, g'88, retired as a senior engineer at AT&T.

79 William Miller, c'79, is a massage therapist and owns Bodyworks

Massage Therapy in Bonner Springs, where he makes his home with his wife, **Shelly Morris Miller**, '82.

Randy Olson, j'79, is a contract photographer for National Geographic. He lives in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Jeffrey Wesche, c'79, lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he directs planning and logistics at LifeNet Health.

80 Mike Binkley, j'80, retired after 34 years as a television news anchor in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he lives.

PROFILE by Heather Biele

Mother, daughter share success of family business

Alia Sachedina had no intention of taking over her mother's Lawrence-based retail business. The free spirit, who was born in Nairobi, Kenya, and raised in Lawrence, had left the Midwest behind after college to travel the world.

"I lived sort of a gypsy life for a long time," Sachedina, '00, says. "I left the country with no itinerary or return date."

Wanderlust was in her blood. Sachedina's mother, Elizabeth Kurata, c'72, had left Lawrence armed with just a backpack nearly four decades before her, shortly after graduating from KU, to visit a friend in Kenya. She stayed there for 10 years and started a family.

Kurata returned to Lawrence in the early '80s with her daughter and two sons, determined to start a new life and support her children after separating from her husband. She brought back a crate of handwoven sisal bags, which she attempted to sell to local vendors.

"She went from shop to shop, kind of like a traveling salesperson," Sachedina says of her mother. "She was very industrious and very driven."

Interest in the handcrafted goods was strong, and soon Kurata was making multiple trips to Africa for more artifacts,

including wooden statues and soapstone carvings. She established the brick-and-mortar shop, African Adorned, in 1985 and operated both a retail and wholesale business.

Kurata immediately put her daughter to work, although Sachedina had no interest in the store, even as a teenager. "She actually had to fire me a number of times," Sachedina

recalls with a laugh. "She would hire me for busy seasons to work the retail side of things. I just wasn't interested."

Even after Sachedina left Lawrence to pursue her own travels, Kurata tried to convince her daughter to return and run the business. After numerous failed attempts and threats to close the shop, Sachedina finally agreed.

"I'd been traveling for a few years, and I started longing for simple pleasures, like having a garden and a dresser where I could put my clothes," she says.

Sachedina took over in 2007 and admits the transition wasn't easy. "My mom had built this business; it was her vision and her creation," she says. "I felt hugely



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"There are great shops everywhere, but I do think we have something special," Alia Sachedina says of the family-owned business her mother, Elizabeth Kurata, started more than 30 years ago.

responsible to her to make it work."

Any hesitation she once had has passed. Nearly 10 years into her role as owner, Sachedina has embraced the shop and has even implemented several changes, including modifying the name to Adorned Boutique, which reflects the store's current collection of handcrafted jewelry, textiles and accessories from countries outside of Africa. She's also hoping to launch a website this year.

Sachedina can't predict how long she'll want to run the family-owned boutique, but she already knows who could take her place when the time is right.

"My 4-year-old daughter loves the shop," she says. "She'll be a great candidate."



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Tim Hills, '80, lives in Sedan, where he is senior vice president at the Bank of Sedan.

Lorraine Mangione, g'80, PhD'84, professor and director of practica at Antioch University New England in Keene, New Hampshire, was honored for her dedication to teaching by the Massachusetts Psychological Association at its annual conference in November.

Teresa Bratton Peterson, d'80, lives in Lawrence, where she is an assignments specialist at KU Student Housing.

81 David Bruns, d'81, was named 2015-'16 international president of Optimist International. He is a judge of the Kansas Court of Appeals in Topeka, where he lives with his wife, **Shawn Pierson Bruns**, e'83.

Jayne Handelman, g'81, PhD'84, is president of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. She also directs pediatric audiology at C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and is a clinical assistant professor in the department of otolaryn-

gology-head and neck surgery at the University of Michigan Health System.

Matthew Keenan, c'81, l'84, is a partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, where he has worked for 30 years. He makes his home in Leawood.

82 Barbara Bichelmeyer, j'82 c'86, g'88 PhD'92, is provost and executive vice chancellor at University of Missouri-Kansas City. She lives in Kansas City.

Elizabeth Blackburn, d'82, g'84, was appointed to the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court in Florida. Liz is a partner at Cobb Cole in Daytona Beach, where she makes her home.

Kevin Kelso, b'82, is an accountant and principal at Kevin Kelso, CPA, PC, PA in Kansas City.

Douglas Reding, m'82, vice president of oncology services at Ministry Health Care in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, leads hematology and oncology services at the James Beck Cancer Center.

Michael Regier, b'82, is general counsel and secretary at Vanderbilt University

Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, where he lives.

Margo Warhola Shepard, g'82, is senior financial adviser and senior vice president of investments at Wells Fargo Advisors in Overland Park.

83 Susan Haka, PhD'83, senior associate dean and Ernst & Young professor of accounting at Michigan State University in East Lansing, received the 2016 American Accounting Association's Lifetime Contribution Award.

Anthony Marino, e'83, is president and CEO of Vermilion Energy Inc. in Calgary, Canada.

Joseph Moore, c'83, is a senior management analyst at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C. He makes his home in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Paul Mullin, e'83, is a senior mechanical engineer at Northrup Grumman Aerospace Systems in Redondo Beach, California. He and his wife, Isabel, live in Manhattan Beach.

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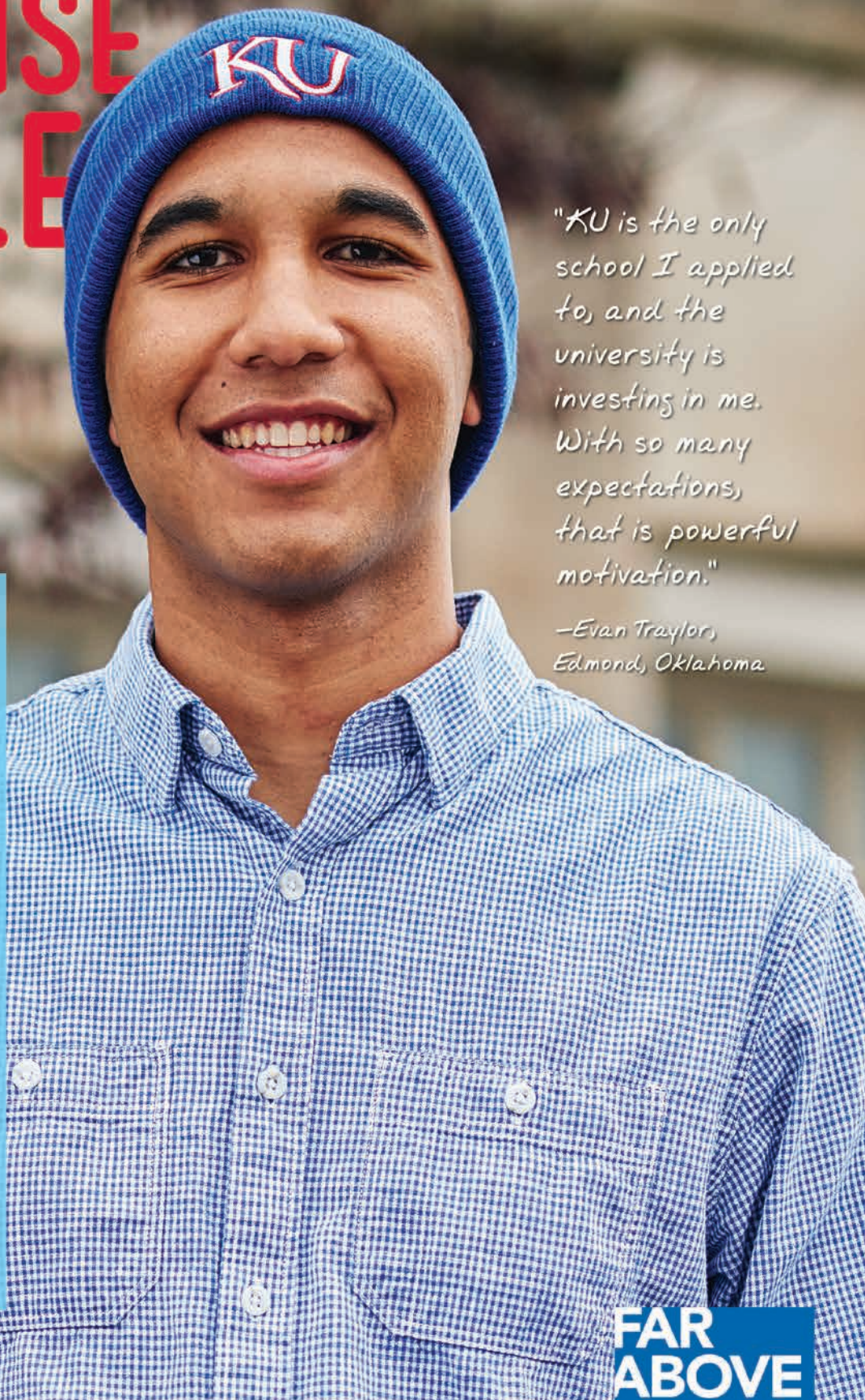
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Francis Wardle, PhD'83, is an adjunct professor at the University of Phoenix in Arizona and Red Rocks Community College in Lakewood, Colorado. He lives in Denver.

84 Tom Bené, b'84, is president and COO of Sysco Corporation. He lives in Houston.

85 Kelly Arnold, g'85, is town manager of Windsor, Colorado, where he makes his home.

Randy Eakin, b'85, is chief financial officer of Children's Learning Adventure Childcare Centers in Phoenix.

Sally McRorie, PhD'85, lives in Tallahassee, Florida, where she was named provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at Florida State University.

Robyn Nordin Stowell, c'85, is an attorney at Sherman & Howard in Scottsdale, Arizona, where she resides.

87 Patricia Cowan, g'87, is dean of the College of Nursing at the University



of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, where she makes her home.

Cedric Hunter, '87, a former KU basketball player, was inducted in the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame. He is a behavioral coordinator at Boys Town Day School in Boys Town, Nebraska.

PROFILE by Chris Lazzarino

Sports psychologist helps Blue Jays find mental edge

Angus Mugford, hired in December as the Toronto Blue Jays' first "director of high performance," has already fielded plenty of questions about why a successful sports psychologist would choose to work in baseball, often seen as slow to embrace the latest trends in physical and mental training and performance analytics.

What doubters fail to take into account, he explains, is that baseball has long been at the forefront of player development.

"In baseball, they accept that when you draft an 18-year-old, they're probably not going to be playing in the majors until 25," says Mugford, g'99, PhD'05. "They understand that journey of learning."

Mugford traces his professional passion to a pair of heartbreaking matches he endured as a 13-year-old boy back home in Britain: In March 1990, Scotland upset heavily favored England to win rugby's Five Nations Championship; four months later, England lost its World Cup soccer semifinal to West Germany when England twice failed to convert on penalty kicks.

In the rugby championship, Mugford saw a Scottish side that simply *looked* ready to win: "The analogy would be March Madness, right? There are some teams that have no business winning

against the biggest teams, and yet you see it. It struck me that, emotionally and mentally, Scotland won the game before it even started." In the soccer match, Mugford saw the flip side of failure, with his English squad losing by choking in the crucial final moments.

"That was a big turning point for me," Mugford says. "I wanted to know more."

Underwhelmed by his psychology and sport science studies as an undergraduate at the University of Birmingham, Mugford discovered inspiration in the "awesome" faculty he found at KU, which he attended on scholarship as part of the KU-Birmingham exchange program.

His first job after earning his doctorate was at the influential IMG Academy, in Bradenton, Florida, where Mugford supervised mental training for junior and professional tennis players and NBA and NFL draft prospects. He even coached Green Berets and Navy SEALs, life-and-death work he prepared for by studying his wife, Sarah Temple Mugford, c'05, an emergency-room physician.



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Angus Mugford says kids should be encouraged in sports "to reinforce the effort and the life lessons, as opposed to the outcomes and the trophies. That's the key to keep in mind."

"My wife teaches me all the time," Mugford says, "about mental performance, managing pressure, communication."

Mugford, president-elect of the Association for Applied Sports Psychology, chose to leave IMG for the opportunity to "dive deep" with one organization, for which he'll help guide young prospects to maturity as athletes and men and prepare big-leaguers for success in pressure situations.

"Winning is clearly important, and that's the outcome we're measured on, but the reality is that it's about growing and developing people. Winning is a byproduct of that."

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Liz Hawks, IMC graduate, senior vice president and partner at FleishmanHillard

Michael Reid, '87, retired after 38 years as curator of collections at KU Memorial Unions. He was responsible for acquiring the 1,000-piece Jayhawk Collection currently on display at the Kansas Union.

Mark Russell, e'87, lives in Beaufort, South Carolina, with his wife, **Wendi Dill Russell**, j'86, where they own Printology Signs & Graphics. The couple have four children.

88 Robin Hales Johnson, b'88, manages real estate and workplace services at Salesforce.com in San Francisco, where she lives.

89 Robin Abramowitz, c'89, is executive director at the Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City in Overland Park.

Todd Cohen, c'89, j'89, is associate vice president for marketing and communications at Regis University in Denver.

Michael Harmelink, c'89, g'91, is an executive partner at Gartner Inc. in

Portland, Oregon. He makes his home in Camas, Washington.

Mark Putman, f'89, g'94, is vice president of operations at Credit Union Student Choice in Washington, D.C.

90 Daniel Cindrich, f'90, is a military analyst for the U.S. Department of Defense.

Kiersten Gobetz Firquain, c'90, owns InHome Bistro Catering and is chef for Happy Food Company. She makes her home in Lenexa.

Laura Woodward Garrison, j'90, is vice president of Dimension Data. She lives in Atlanta.

Kyle Mathis, e'90, is director of strategic transactions at Chevron Phillips Chemical Company. He resides in Spring, Texas.

Sarah Purdy, g'90, is city manager of Yates County, New York.

Cheryl Reinhart Riddle, j'90, is director of sales for the higher education division at Lexmark Enterprise Software. Her husband, **David**, c'90, is a strategic

enterprise solutions executive at McKesson Technology Solutions. They live in Parker, Colorado, and have three children.

91 Michelle Anschutz, e'91, is a field engineering administrator at the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Lorraine Cavataio, b'91, is an attorney at Sandberg Phoenix & Von Gontard in O'Fallon, Missouri. She lives in Swansea, Illinois.

Jason Feldman, c'91, is an equity trader at Susquehanna International Group in Chicago.

Jared Lock, c'91, founded the JDL Group in Leawood, where he makes his home.

Monica Forman London, h'91, lives in Omaha, Nebraska, where she is an occupational therapist at Healthpro.





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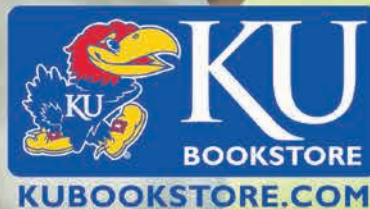
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Elizabeth MoneyMaker, c'91, l'96, is an attorney and partner at Dine, Pino & MoneyMaker in Bradenton, Florida.

92 Stephen McPhilliamy, f'92, is partner and executive director at Insight Product Development in Chicago, where he makes his home.

Paul Rudd, '92, received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles. He was also named the Topeka Capital-Journal's 2015 Kansan of the Year.

Munaf Shamji, m'92, an interventional cardiologist at the Heart Medical Group in Van Nuys, California, is on the board of directors at Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Van Nuys.

David Suroff, e'92, is a staff attorney and member of the pro bono team at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City.

MARRIED

Keith Larkin, d'92, g'97, and **Erin Cottrell**, c'13, Oct. 10 in Topeka. Keith teaches at Olathe East High School, and

Erin is a program assistant at KU. They live in Olathe.

93 Matthew Druten, b'93, is chief financial officer at Executive AirShare Corporation in Kansas City.

Gillian Schieber Flynn, c'93, j'93, author of the best-selling book *Gone Girl*, flipped the switch at the annual Plaza lighting ceremony in Kansas City last year. Her short story "The Grownup" was published in November by Crown.

Hale Sheppard, j'93, l'98, g'99, an

PROFILE by Steven Hill

Dewey leads preservation of 'America's Front Yard'

As the chief caretaker of the National Mall in Washington, D.C., Catherine Dewey oversees the repair and upkeep of America's most visible national treasures.

The Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln monuments. The Vietnam Veterans and National World War II memorials. Ford's Theatre and Petersen House (where Abraham Lincoln died) all fall under the watchful eye of Dewey, c'93, who in April 2015 was named chief of resource management for the National Mall and Memorial Parks unit of the National Park Service.

"I feel very privileged to be trusted to care for all these special places," she says, noting that America's Front Yard, as the Park Service calls the National Mall, "is like no other place in the country."

"Often when I'm flying into National Airport and I look out and see the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, I think, 'Oh, that's all mine,'" Dewey says. "'That's mine to take care of. I often smile to myself and wonder, 'How did I get here?'"

The journey started at KU, where her plans to study political science and Russian crumbled with the Berlin Wall.

"I didn't think they would need spies anymore," Dewey says, laughing. "That

was my freshman naiveté. Now I know better."

A future in espionage seemingly derailed, she discovered another path in an archaeology class taught by Elizabeth Banks, associate professor of classics.

"I thought I wanted to be an archaeologist, but Betty Banks said to me, 'No, you would like to be an

archaeological site conservator.'" Dewey soon learned that Banks was right.

"In archaeology, you basically destroy the site to get the information," she says. "I liked the idea of saving sites rather than destroying them."

She gradually moved into architectural conservation and now works to ensure that America's national treasures don't become ruins. She guides the maintenance of more than 150 Washington sites, ranging from the 146-acre National Mall to dozens of tiny pocket parks scattered across the metro area.

New monuments (with complex regulatory hurdles to clear) are established frequently, and existing structures demand



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"People don't always realize the National Mall is part of the National Park Service," says Catherine Dewey, manager of a D.C. park system that draws 33 million visitors per year.

constant upkeep. Collections of artifacts (medals, photos and other mementos left by visitors to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, for example, or the coat Lincoln wore to Ford's Theatre and a pillow that cradled his head as he lay dying) must be maintained. There are even living things such as the Tidal Basin cherry trees and urban wildlife to manage.

"We can be dealing with a little pin associated with Lincoln's assassination one minute and one of the world's largest freestanding masonry structures the next," Dewey says. "Every day is different, but it's really all about protecting our natural and cultural resources. It keeps me challenged and entertained."



attorney at Chamberlain Hrdlicka in Atlanta, was named to the 2015 Super Lawyers' Business Edition.

Scott Weisenberg, c'93, is an attorney at Selig Law Firm in Chicago, where he lives.

MARRIED

Daniel Deaver, e'93, to Robin Wetherington, Nov. 6 in Valdosta, Georgia, where they make their home. Dan is director of manufacturing at Georgia Gulf Sulfur Corporation.

94 Angela Cervantes, c'94, wrote *Allie, First at Last*, which will be published in late March by Scholastic Press. In 2014, Angela won the International Latino Book Award for her debut novel *Gaby, Lost and Found*.

Laura Geritz, c'94, g'04, is a lead portfolio manager at Wasatch Advisors in Salt Lake City, where she resides.

Rachel Waltner Goossen, PhD'94, received Peace History Society's 2015 DeBenedetti Award for her article, "Disarming the Toy Store and Reloading

the Shopping Cart," which was published in *Peace & Change*. She is a professor of history at Washburn University in Topeka.

Michael Happe, j'94, is president and CEO of Winnebago Industries Inc. in Forest City, Iowa.

Nicole Moritz Ohmes, s'94, '01, is a medical social worker at Palomar Medical Center in Escondido, California. She lives in Oceanside.

Joseph Reardon, l'94, is CEO of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

MARRIED

Lorraine Darwin, d'94, g'99, to Steven Marroulis, Sept. 5 in Little Rock, Arkansas. They live in Reisterstown, Maryland.

95 Neeli Bendapudi, PhD'95, was elected to MRIGlobal's board of directors. She is H.D. Price professor of business and dean of KU's School of Business.

David Hanks, c'95, is business manager at the University of North Carolina in

Chapel Hill. He lives in Cary.

Kenneth LaTessa, PhD'95, is chief information officer at the National Research Center for College & University Admissions in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Lori Reesor, PhD'95, is vice president for student affairs at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, where she makes her home.

Hilary Thomas Wagner, f'95, directs client services at TalentRISE in Chicago.

96 Tim Jordan, f'96, also known as "Typewriter Tim," exhibited his glass-infused typewriters and typewriter parts at the William and Florence Schmidt Art Center at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville.

Melissa Frazier Knudsen, b'96, is a measurement and data analyst at iModules in Leawood.

Ernest Oelkers, f'96, '02, is a recitalist



and played at the Winterfest organ concert in Gonzales, Texas. He lives in Austin with his wife, **Christine Hagstrom Oelkers**, c'95.

Erin Streeter, j'96, was named to PR News' annual list of Top Women in PR. She's senior vice president of communications at the National Association of Manufacturers in Washington, D.C.

97 Stephen Hupp, c'97, professor of psychology at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, received the SIUE Alumni Association's Great Teacher Award for 2015-'16.

Sharyn Lewin, c'97, m'01, was inducted in Lawrence High School Alumni Association's Hall of Honor. She is medical director of the gynecologic oncology division at the Regional Cancer Center of Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck, New Jersey.

98 Gregory Dunlap, g'98, is president of Horizon Bank in Waverly, Nebraska.

Keri Morrison Lauxman, c'98, was named 2015-'16 Lawrence Master Teacher and was one of seven to win the statewide distinction. She's an English language arts instructor at Lawrence High School.

Andrew Longstreth, c'98, is a content and client strategist at Infinite Spada in New York City.

Patrick McGuire, g'98, g'05, joined Argus Consulting in Overland Park. He and his wife, **Nicole Wiviott McGuire**, c'98, have three children.

99 Sarah Zeller Anello, c'99, lives in Souderton, Pennsylvania. She is a venue sales specialist at Center City District in Philadelphia.

William Graham, g'99, is commander and division engineer of the Army Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic division.

Scott Morrill, b'99, co-owns Cervantes' Masterpiece Ballroom in Denver and the Aggie Theatre in Fort Collins. He makes his home in Denver.

Richard Shearer, j'99, was named partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in

Kansas City. He is an attorney in the firm's business litigation and corporate services group.

00 Michelle Holt Barkofski, b'00, is standards manager for experience planning and integration at the Walt Disney Company. She lives in Windermere, Florida, with her husband, Steve, and their two children, Keira, 4, and Oliver, 1.

Nicholas Brown, c'00, m'06, is a surgeon at Sumner Regional Medical Center in Wellington.

Jack Martin, c'00, g'08, is senior director of strategic communications at the University of Washington in Seattle, where he lives.

Regina Polok, b'00, is an accountant at the Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange in Lenexa. She lives in Fairway.

Devon Reese, l'00, is an attorney and partner at Reese Kintz and Guinasso in Incline Village, Nevada. He and his husband, **Felipe Cisneros**, assoc., live in Reno with their three children.

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01 Steven Allton, c'01, f'02, l'04, g'14, is an attorney at KU's Legal Services for Students.

Jessica Foster, m'01, g'07, is director of developmental behavioral pediatrics

in the NeuroDevelopmental Science Center at Akron Children's Hospital in Akron, Ohio. She makes her home in Hudson.

Renee Scholz Mercer, e'01, directs regional sales at Biogen. She makes her home in Overland Park.

02 Paul Dunscomb, PhD'02, is professor of East Asian history at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Blake Hawley, g'02, is president and

CEO of Integrated Animal Health in Lawrence, where he makes his home.

John Patterson, c'02, l'05, is of-counsel at Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice in Kansas City.

03 Edwin Aiken, b'03, g'10, is a global project leader at Colgate-Palmolive. He lives in Lawrence.

Barry Loudis, j'03, is senior director of business and product development at Turner Broadcasting in New York City, where he resides.

PROFILE by Chris Lazzarino

Female guards illuminated by Holocaust historian

Shelly Cline was a seventh-grader in Belleville when her band teacher announced that before they could prepare for a USO-style show planned in honor of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, the young musicians first had to study the world at war in the 1940s.

"She said, 'You can't play the music without understanding the history at the time,'" recalls Cline, c'04, d'04, g'09, PhD'15, now public historian at the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education in Overland Park. "Of course the Holocaust was a significant part of that, and it's something that stayed with me."

Cline returned to the Holocaust during her "life changing" junior-year Western Civilization course, taught by senior lecturer Dale Urie, which included a Holocaust text. The course turned Cline away from her intended career as a high school history teacher and pushed her toward graduate school and research focused on what Cline refers to as "perpetrator history."

For her dissertation, Cline studied the female prison-camp guards employed by the Nazis, a subject previous historians had yet to research in depth.

"It was really questions about human nature that struck me: what it is we're capable of and why. And of course that's where my research eventually went, looking at these ordinary people and trying to understand what happens when ordinary people get caught up in these extraordinary circumstances."

Cline's journey into the little-known topic of female guards, known as the *Aufseherinnen*, began with a comment from Urie as Cline set out on her honor's thesis. When Cline said she wanted to research both women and the Holocaust, Urie replied, "What do you know about women guards?"

Also supported by Jewish Studies lecturer Fran Sternberg, a daughter of Holocaust survivors, Cline deeply explored the *Aufseherinnen*.

Her research took her to Germany, where she even lived for two weeks in a youth hostel that had been fashioned out of barracks used by female guards at Ravensbrück, a women's concentration camp north of Berlin.

"That was, I would say, instructive, to



At the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, Shelly Cline devises educational programs that encourage us "to act more responsibly in the face of the crises of our world today."

lightly float in their reality, in the sense of that physical space, understanding the geography of the camp, understanding that this space holds so much energy and so much memory," Cline says. "There was definitely a toggling back and forth, between what I'm trying to find out, on this intellectual plane, and then to be there, to think about it in terms of the real brutality and suffering that happened.

"Because I study perpetration, I try to enter the topic from their perspective, but that doesn't negate the reality of all the pain and suffering that happened on the other side. Sometimes that was difficult to deal with."

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04 Jennifer Holtwick Harader, m'04, is a physician at Oasis Family Medicine Associates in Topeka, where she makes her home.

Brian Konie, c'04, is manager at Bravo Consulting Group in Reston, Virginia. He lives in Arlington.

BORN TO:

Corey Fenwick, e'04, and his wife, Abbey, daughter, Jordan, Oct. 13 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Blair Lawrence Tyson, j'04, and her husband, Truss, daughter, Channing, Aug. 12 in Prairie Village.

05 Kevin Hunter, '05, is president of inMarket in Venice, California. He makes his home in La Jolla.

Christopher Morton, b'05, lives in Leawood, where he directs brand strategy at Tachikara Inc.

Anna Clovis Ritchie, c'05, j'05, is an attorney and partner at Martin,



Pringle, Oliver, Wallace and Bauer in Wichita, where she lives.

Lisa Schmitz, g'05, manages marketing and public relations for the annual Principal Charity Classic PGA Tour event in Des Moines, Iowa.

Patricia Seymour, PhD'05, is professor and chair of the department of communication disorders & sciences at California State University in Northridge.

Robert Wenzl, PharmD'05, is CEO at Midwest Family Health in Phillipsburg, where he lives.

MARRIED

Tami Jae Alloway, n'05, to Josh Tinkey, Oct. 10 in Lawrence. She's a clinical nurse at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City. They reside in Overland Park.

06 Luka Kapkiai, g'06, teaches chemistry at Neosho County Community College in Chanute.

Jennifer Wilson Kissinger, e'06, is director of corporate sustainability and preconstruction manager at PARIC

Corporation in St. Louis.

Jesse Newell, c'06, j'06, works at the Kansas City Star, where he is the beat writer for KU sports. He lives in Lawrence.

Michelle Lockhart Sundstrom, g'06, is vice president for enrollment management at the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio.

Jeremy Walling, PhD'06, lives in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where he's a professor of political science at Southeast Missouri State University.

Jana Zaudke, m'06, is an associate professor at KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

07 Jeffrey Braun, f'07, lives in Fremont, Nebraska, where he is a sports information assistant at Midland University.

Alonzo Jamison, c'07, is a services executive central region at Ricoh USA Inc. in Lenexa.

Dena Neuenschwander, c'07, j'07, is a project leader at Boston Consulting Group. She lives in New York City.

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Jeremiah Randall, d'07, is head athletic trainer for the Houston Astros. He makes his home in Lakewood Ranch, Florida, with his wife, Kelly.

MARRIED

Patrick Bliven, e'07, and **Brenna Spurgeon**, c'09, Aug. 21 in Kansas City, where they live. He's an electrical engineer at Burns & McDonnell, and she's a global benefits associate consultant at Lockton Companies.

BORN TO:

Danielle Lafferty Hoover, c'07, and her husband, **Darrick**, assoc., daughter, Harlow Margaret, Jan. 17 in Wichita, where she joins a brother, Hudson, 5. Danielle is assistant director of Wichita programs for the KU Alumni Association.

Lincoln Lewis, a'07, '08, and his wife, Irene, daughter, Eleanor Arifin, Oct. 5 in Singapore. Lincoln is an architect at MKPL Architects.

Erin Wiley Quakenbush, j'07, g'09, and her husband, Cory, daughter, Avery, Oct. 28 in Lafayette, Colorado.

Michael Sloop, c'07, and **Jacquelyn Bowlin-Sloop**, b'07, son, Koa, Feb. 24, 2015, in Kansas City, where he joins a brother, Kai, 3.

Aaron, b'07, g'08, and **Ashley Kerr St. Clair**, PharmD'08, son, Gavin Alexander, Jan. 13 in Olathe, where he joins a brother, Trevor, 3. Aaron is a CPA at Hollis Kuckelman Van De Veer in Olathe, and Ashley is a pharmacist at CVS.

Megan Talburt, c'07, and her fiancé, Aaron Powell, daughter, Gretchen, Oct. 1 in Wrangell, Alaska. Megan is secretary and travel coordinator at Wrangell High School.

08 Andrew Baker, j'08, is a sales executive at Travelers Insurance. He makes his home in Fairview, Texas.

Peter Marples, c'08, f'11, is a realty specialist at General Services Administration in Denver. He lives in Golden, Colorado.

Jessica Kibbe Webb, c'08, is a senior recruitment coordinator at KU. She makes her home in Lawrence.

BORN TO:

Alan, c'08, and **Ashley Darling Miner**, '09, son, Turner William, March 18, 2015, in Oklahoma City. Alan is a physician in the U.S. Navy.

09 Jonathan Benevides, f'09, is a member at Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice in Kansas City. He lives in Overland Park.

Will Clausen, e'09, is CEO and founder of Cartogram in Seattle. He lives in Renton, Washington.

Allyn Denning, c'09, lives in Ellsworth, where she is a field organizer for the Hillary for America campaign.

Christine Hartigan Falk, j'09, g'15, is interim marketing and public relations director at KU's Edwards Campus. She lives in Olathe.

Alison McAfee, f'09, is a graphic design professional at HOK in Kansas City.

Darrell Stuckey, c'09, was nominated for the 2015 Walter Payton NFL Man of the

Year. He plays for the San Diego Chargers.

Andrew Wank, b'09, is a wealth manager at Bloom Inc. in Kansas City.

MARRIED

Matthew Metz, b'09, to Jamie Pickett, Dec. 19 in Warrensburg, Missouri, where they make their home. He's a partner at Integrity Tree.

10 Rieta Drinkwine, c'10, is director of the Union County Carnegie Library in Union, South Carolina. She makes her home in Mount Pleasant.

Stephen Hicks, g'10, is a chaplain in the U.S. Navy at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City.

Dagoberto Rodriguez, f'10, is an attorney at Rodriguez & Sanabria in Manassas, Virginia.

MARRIED

Annie Frizzell, c'10 and **David Mills**, c'10, June 13 in La Jolla, California. She is



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a regional admissions representative for KU, and he's a regional admissions representative for Arizona State University. They make their home in San Diego.

Julia Groeblacher, c'10, to Daniel Castillo, Jan. 20 in Washington, D.C., where they live. She is a foreign service officer at the U.S. Department of State.

Ashley Petitjean, c'10, to Brandon Braaksma, Sept. 26 in Lawrence. They reside in Sheldon, Iowa.

11 Scott Durham, c'11, is a senior IT support technician at KU.

Alex Oyler, e'11, '14, is a senior specialist for connected car technologies at SBD North America. He lives in Kansas City.

Sarah Kelly Shannon, j'11, is a proof-reader at Sullivan Higdon & Sink in Wichita, where she makes her home.

Mathew Shepard, c'11, is coordinator of

student conduct at the University of Maryland in College Park. He lives in Silver Spring.

Ashley Wanger, c'11, manages On the Border in Lawrence, where she lives.

MARRIED

Deena Finer, n'11, to Jonathan Gluck, Nov. 7 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They live in Nashville, Tennessee.

Christine Laskowski, d'11, g'13, to Alexander Cate, June 21 in Lawrence, where they live. She teaches English as a second language in the Lawrence school district.

Michelle Sprehe, j'11, and **Michael Goodrich**, assoc., Dec. 4 in Mexico. She's a marketing coordinator at Riverview Health in Noblesville, Indiana. They make their home in Carmel.

12 Elizabeth Berland, PharmD'12, is a clinical pharmacist at Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center in Topeka. She commutes from Lawrence.

Noah Hendrix, e'12, is a software

engineer at Airbnb Inc. in San Francisco, where he lives with **Linsee Addington Hendrix**, PharmD'14, a pharmacist at Walgreens.

Andrew Simon, b'12, is a workflow consultant at Wolters Kluwer in Wichita, where he lives with his wife, Sarah.

Keniesha Thompson, m'12, is an internist at Mercy Clinic Adult Hospitalist in St. Louis.

13 Stephen Dargosa, g'13, is a former at Di Stefano's Victor Cafe in Philadelphia. He resides in Haddon Heights, New Jersey.

Jarom Schmidt, g'13, is an associate administrator and ethics and compliance officer at Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center and Sunrise Children's Hospital in Las Vegas, where he lives.

Nicholas Self, b'13, owns Universal Windows in Bonner Springs.

Valerie Switzler, g'13, received the Linguistic Society of America's 2016 Excellence in Community Linguistics Award. She's the director of the culture



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Corinne Christensen Todd, d'13, is a vaccine specialist at VaxServe in Dallas, where she lives with her husband, Patrick.

MARRIED

Andrew Petz, e'13, to Hannah Jones, Dec. 5 in Kansas City. He's a civil engineer at Black & Veatch in Overland Park, where they make their home.

14 Dillon Davis, c'14, lives in Topeka, where he is a communications specialist at Payless ShoeSource.

Tara Hammer, g'14, is an energy sustainability specialist for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee, Oklahoma. She lives in Seminole.

Christopher Nicholson, c'14, manages Jos. A. Bank in Lawrence, where he makes his home with his wife, **Alexandra**, d'13, operations manager at Heartland Community Health Care.

Phoenix Trees, b'14, g'15, is part of the

attestation and business advisory staff at MarksNelson in Kansas City.

Brandon Wurz, b'14, is an analyst at Goldman Sachs in Irving, Texas. He lives in Justin.

MARRIED

Tamara Gaynes, e'14, and **Maxwell Lemieux**, '15, June 13 in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. They make their home in Wichita, where she is an electrical engineer at Textron Aviation, and he works at Intrust Bank.

15 Zachary Carnahan, j'15, is a recreation program specialist for the City of Olathe.

Dalen Fink, e'15, is a field engineer at Chesapeake Energy. He lives in North Canton, Ohio.

Matthew Huderle, g'15, is an athletic trainer at UBMD Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine in New York. He resides in Cheektowaga.

Tom Hung, e'15, is a DAS manufacturing

leader and GOLD associate at Catalent Pharma Solutions in Kansas City.

Joseph McGroder, l'15, is an attorney at Graves Garrett in Kansas City. He resides in Lenexa.

Joshua Rankin, d'15, teaches physical education at Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School in Abilene. He also coaches cross country at the middle school and high school in Abilene, where he makes his home.

Courtney Schupp, c'15, is a tour consultant at EF Tours in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She lives in Somerville.

Brandon Starkel, g'15, is a management and program analyst for the U.S. Army in Fort Leavenworth. He and his wife, Laura, live in Overland Park with their three children.

Kevin Staten, g'15, is a design professional at HOK in St. Louis.

Jonathan Wilson, g'15, lives in Osage Beach, Missouri, where he's an audiologist at Lake Regional Ear, Nose and Throat.

In Memory

30s **Rose Stach Sizemore Burton, c'39**, 97, Nov. 5 in Santa Rosa, California, where she was a homemaker. She is survived by three sons, Michael Sizemore, l'67, Patrick Sizemore, l'70, and Herbert Hadley Sizemore Jr., l'73; a daughter, Sarah Sizemore, f'73; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

M. Orville Johnson, g'38, 103, Aug. 19 in Raymore, Missouri. He was supervisor of music for the Independence public school district. Survivors include a daughter, Sherry Johnson Unruh, d'73, g'76; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Elon Torrence, j'39, 98, Nov. 11 in Topeka, where he was a retired Associated Press reporter. He is survived by a daughter, Mary, c'71, l'74; three sons, one of whom is Charles, '83; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

40s **Jo Ann Roberts Allegre, '49**, 91, Nov. 25 in Lebo. She worked at the Kansas City Kansas Chamber of Commerce. Surviving are her husband, Jack; two sons, William, p'80, and Peter, p'80, g'81; two daughters, one of whom is Ann, m'77; a brother, John Roberts, c'51; nine grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Virginia Ochs Becker, '43, 93, Dec. 11 in Wichita, where she was a homemaker. She is survived by three sons, Karl Jr., c'65, Paul, '68, and Bruce, c'75; a daughter, Ruthie Becker Gillespie, f'75; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Charles Benton Jr., c'48, 89, Sept. 26 in Kingsport, Tennessee, where he was retired director of health and nutrition research at Eastman. Two daughters and three grandchildren survive.

Marjorie Neumann Carlson, b'41, 96, Nov. 21 in Modesto, California, where she was a retired social worker. Survivors include a daughter, a son, two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Bertha Mendenhall Coffin, c'40, 96, Dec. 28 in Shawnee, where she was a retired legal secretary. A son, a daughter, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren survive.

Mary Shepard Diehl, d'49, 89, Jan. 16, 2015, in Kirkwood, Missouri, where she was a retired teacher and competitive golfer. She is survived by her husband, Walter, d'50, g'55; a son; and a grandson.

Eleanor Fry, c'43, 94, Nov. 28 in Pueblo, Colorado, where she was a local historian and editor of the Pueblo Chieftain for several years. A sister, Helen Fry Wiens, j'52, survives.

Warren Grist, e'49, 92, Dec. 20 in Wichita, where he was a retired research and development manager at the Burke Company. His wife, June Pond Grist, c'48; two sons, William, e'74, and Thomas, c'75; a daughter, Barbara, d'80; two sisters; and six grandchildren survive.

E. Eugene Innis, e'49, 88, Oct. 19 in Nashville, Tennessee, where he was a retired patent attorney for Phillips 66 and Air Products Corporation. Two sons and three grandchildren survive.

Harwood Kolsky, c'43, g'47, 94, Nov. 5 in Saratoga, California. He worked at IBM for several years and later was professor emeritus of computer engineering at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He is survived by two sons, one of whom is Franklin, c'70; a daughter; two granddaughters; and two great-grandsons.

Nelda Budde Kubat, g'46, 93, Nov. 12 in Ithaca, New York, where she was a volunteer and retired teacher. Her husband, Daniel, g'57, survives.

Mary McBee Kuhlmann, c'45, c'47, 93, Nov. 17 in Dallas, where she was a Girl Scouts leader and member of several square dancing clubs. Surviving are her husband, Joseph, a'50; a son; a daughter; and a granddaughter.

Charles Lear, b'48, 91, Dec. 19 in Topeka, where he was retired from a longtime career in banking. He is survived by his wife, Mary Varner Lear, '49; a daughter, Marcia Lear Nigg, s'73; two sons,

Christopher, b'71, and Andrew, b'79; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Vernon McKale, e'43, 93, March 21, 2015, in Sonoma, California. He was president of McKale's Service Stations. Surviving are a son, a daughter, a brother and seven grandchildren.

Kenneth Miller, c'49, g'51, 89, Jan. 15 in Madison, New Jersey, where he was retired professor and chair of political science at Rutgers University. During his time at KU he edited Co-ops on Campus. He is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

R. Elvin Miller, g'48, 93, Nov. 15 in Overland Park, where he was a retired teacher and counselor in the Shawnee Mission school district. Survivors include his wife, Margaret; a daughter; a son; two brothers, one of whom is James, p'65; and a sister.

Arthur Nelson, c'43, 92, Nov. 28 in Weston, Massachusetts, where he founded several companies and nonprofit organizations in the Boston area. He is survived by a son; two daughters; a brother, Stanley, c'50, l'50; and seven grandchildren.

Curtis Ottinger Sr., e'49, 89, Jan. 7 in Leawood, where he owned his own construction company. He is survived by a son and four grandchildren.

Ruth Bird Santee Swander, c'46, n'49, 90, Nov. 22 in Lawrence, where she was a retired nursing instructor and consultant. Surviving are a daughter, a son, a stepson, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ruth Gibson Thomas, f'41, 95, July 19 in Greeneville, Tennessee, where she was a retired music instructor. Two sons and two grandchildren survive.

Marjorie Machin Tonkin, c'41, 97, Nov. 30 in Council Grove. She and her late husband managed nurseries before retiring. Several nieces and nephews survive.

Lois "Polly" Pollom Torrence, c'42, 95, Nov. 9 in Topeka, where she was a teacher. She is survived by a daughter, Mary, c'71, l'74; three sons, one of whom is Charles, '83; a brother; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Joan Elliott Winn, '44, 92, Nov. 3 in

Kansas City, where she was a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, Larry Winn Jr., c'41; two sons, E. Larry Winn III, c'66, l'68, and Douglas, c'68, g'76; two daughters, Janet Winn Payne, d'71, and Cynthia Winn Burr, '73; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Virginia Ruse Wright, c'41, 96, Jan. 1 in Eugene, Oregon. She served in the U.S. Navy as a flight simulator instructor. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Keith Zarker, e'45, g'48, 91, Nov. 27 in Houston, where he was an executive at Shell Oil Company and later chaired Kezar Consulting. He is survived by his wife, Mary, four sons, a daughter, a sister and nine grandchildren.

50s Warren Andreas, c'52, l'54, 84, Nov. 23 in Winfield, where he was a retired attorney. He is survived by his wife, Colleen; two sons, one of whom is David, b'77, l'80; a daughter, Alisyn Andreas Edwards, c'82; two stepsons; two stepdaughters; a brother, Ronald, e'61, g'63; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

M. Dale Atwood, m'51, 95, Sept. 10 in Topeka, where he was a retired physician and financial planner. Surviving are five sons, Steven, c'75, m'78, Michael, c'78, m'82, Larry, m'80, Eric, c'81, and Jeff, c'83, m'87; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Melford Bartz, e'50, 91, Jan. 7 in Brownsburg, Indiana. He worked at Millers National Insurance Company. Survivors include a daughter, a son, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burton Brewer, j'58, 79, Dec. 22 in Tequesta, Florida, where he was publisher and editor of The Beacon Magazine. Surviving are four sons, one of whom is Randy, '91; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Larry Campbell, d'58, g'66, 80, Jan. 8 in Leawood, where he was a retired elementary-school principal. He is survived by a daughter; a son; a brother, Ed, '54; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Joan Bigham Frieling, c'51, 86, Nov. 20 in South Bend, Indiana. She was an elementary-school teacher. Her husband, Gerald, e'51; two sons; a daughter; a brother, Frank Bigham Jr., '67; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren survive.

William Hall, b'53, 84, Jan. 1 in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he was retired from a 35-year career with General Electric. He is survived by his wife, Diane Hornaday Hall, c'53; a son; a daughter; and four grandsons.

Larry Horner, b'56, 81, Dec. 29 in San Jose del Cabo, Mexico, where he was retired CEO and chairman of KPMG International. He also served on several corporate boards. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. Surviving are his wife, Donna, assoc.; three sons; two daughters; and 11 grandchildren.

Howard Hurwitz, '51, 88, Dec. 23 in Grove, Oklahoma. He owned Lawrence Sanitary Milk and Ice Cream Company before starting a career in insurance. Survivors include two daughters, Barbara, '80, and Mimi, '81; and a son.

Theodore Ice, c'56, l'61, 81, Nov. 23 in Newton, where he was a retired district judge for the State of Kansas. He also served on the board of governors for KU's School of Law. He is survived by his wife, Sue Harper Ice, d'56; two daughters, Laura, d'80, and Nancy Ice Schlup, d'83; a son, Evan, e'86, l'93; and three granddaughters.

Lila Tessendorf Johnson, d'52, 84, Nov. 11 in Denver, where she was a retired music teacher and choir director. A memorial has been established at KU Endowment. She is survived by her husband, Morgan, '56; a son, David, e'79; two daughters, one of whom is Amy Johnson Smith, j'89; and a granddaughter.

Lawrence Jones, a'55, 86, Sept. 10 in Prairie Village. He was principal of Lawrence W. Jones Architects & Associates for more than 45 years. Survivors include his wife, Laura; two daughters, Laura, c'79, g'93, and Ferrell Jones Hansen, b'80; a son; and three grandchildren.

Jann Duchossois Lund, d'55, 82, Nov. 28 in Overland Park, where she was a retired elementary-school teacher and vice

president of Myron Green Cafeterias Company. Surviving are her husband, George, a'55; a son, John, c'88, l'92; two daughters; and seven grandchildren.

Conrad McEwen, e'50, 86, Nov. 1 in Lantana, Florida. He was plant manager at Deshler Products. He is survived by a daughter, a son, two grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

Carleton McMullin, g'58, 83, July 17 in Bend, Oregon. He had a longtime career in city management and also chaired Keystone Enterprises Inc. His wife, Jane, two daughters, a stepdaughter, a stepson, three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and a great-stepgrandchild survive.

Harold Metz, j'57, 81, Nov. 4 in Kansas City, where he worked as an insurance agent for more than 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Marilyn Marks Miller, j'51, 85, Dec. 24 in Madison, New Jersey, where she was retired assistant dean of Rutgers University School of Law. Surviving are two daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Monte Miller, c'51, m'55, 85, Oct. 28 in Crozet, Virginia, where he was a retired surgeon general in the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by two sons, one of whom is Mitchell, '80; a daughter; a sister, Marilyn Miller Woods, n'55; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Carroll Mock, c'57, 81, Oct. 21 in Utah. He was regional vice president at Penn Mutual Life and a volunteer for Rocky Mountain National Park. Surviving are his wife, Babs; a stepson, Keith Heaton, c'85, m'89; two stepdaughters, Laurie Heaton, b'88, and Julie Heaton Medlock, j'89; a sister, Norma Mock Woody, d'53; a brother, Clark, c'58; and seven grandchildren.

Kathleen "Kakie" Larson Raney, c'50, 87, Nov. 19 in Lawrence, where she volunteered and served on several boards. She is survived by her husband, Richard, b'50, p'52; two grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

Clifford Reusch, c'52, m'56, 84, Dec. 17 in West Valley City, Utah, where he was a retired pathologist. Surviving are a son; a

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daughter; a sister, Joyce Reusch French, d'55; a brother, Timothy, '61; and two grandchildren.

Roland Roepe, a'50, 90, Dec. 1 in Overland Park, where he was retired from a career with TWA. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Allison, f'81; two sons, one of whom is Steven, '72; a stepdaughter; a stepson; six grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and seven great-stepgrandchildren.

James Ross, c'54, 83, Nov. 19 in Greensboro, North Carolina, where he was retired from a 23-year career with Ciba-Geigy. Surviving are his wife, Susan Sohlberg Ross, c'56, c'57; a son; a daughter; and five grandchildren.

Rodrigo Solera, g'58, PhD'64, 87, Nov. 16 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was professor emeritus of language, literature and civilization & culture at Millersville University in Millersville, Pennsylvania. A brother survives.

Gary Westhusin, d'57, 80, Nov. 18 in Plainville, where he was a retired teacher. He is survived by a sister.

Donaldeen Woods Wray-Newton, '50, 87, Nov. 13 in Brooksville, Maine. She was a homemaker. Four sons, a daughter, a stepson, a stepdaughter, 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren survive.

Martin Yocum, b'57, 82, Dec. 27 in Moraga, California, where he was retired vice president and general manager of operations at Heublein Inc. He is survived by his wife, Darlene, assoc.; a son; a daughter; two sisters; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

60s David Branine, p'67, 71, Jan. 2 in Goddard. He was president of Branine Inc. His wife, Della, a son, a daughter and three grandchildren survive.

Ronald Broun, c'61, l'67, 75, Oct. 20 in Lawrence. He was a litigator for the National Labor Relations Board and also wrote classical music reviews for The Washington Post. A daughter and four grandsons survive.

Darrel Burri, a'62, 76, Nov. 2 in Newport News, Virginia. He was chief of facility requirements in the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include his wife, Sally; a daughter; a son; a sister, Carol Burri

Peterson, '59; and three grandchildren.

William Calhoun II, b'66, 71, Oct. 9 in Lawrence, where he was retired CEO and secretary of the Emporia Community Foundation. Survivors include his wife, Judith Cartright Calhoun, PhD'96, '97; two daughters, Stephani Calhoun Davis, c'88, and Melissa Calhoun Sottoway, j'91; two sisters, one of whom is Kay Calhoun Mehrer, '62; and four grandchildren.

Margaret Phipps Conlan, c'67, 70, Dec. 15 in Marietta, Georgia. She was a case worker at the Division of Family and Children Services in Georgia and also served as a court advocate for children. She is survived by her husband, Gary, e'74; two sons; a sister, Pamela Phipps Wilton, d'61; and a granddaughter.

Charles Douglas, PhD'67, 84, July 31 in Honaunau, Hawaii, where he was a retired senior research scientist. He is survived by his wife, Karen, two sons, a brother and six grandchildren.

Karen Atkins Epps, n'64, 72, Oct. 6 in Fulton. She was a nurse and also worked at the family business, Epps Seed Company. Surviving are her husband, James, '65; two daughters, one of whom is Lisa, l'97; a brother, Kent Atkins, p'62; and two granddaughters.

Anita Esplund Fillingim, d'60, '92, 77, Nov. 12 in Wichita. She was a vocal music instructor and also directed community theatre. She is survived by her husband, W. Claude; two daughters, one of whom is Debra Fillingim Raffety, d'92, '98; a son, David, '99; a sister, Linda Esplund Barnes, '79; and two grandchildren.

Fred Hamilton, e'65, 73, Dec. 12 in Houston, where he worked for Texaco. Surviving are his wife, Nancy Lintecum Hamilton, c'63, d'64, g'66; a daughter; a son; a sister; a brother; and a granddaughter.

James Hutchison, g'60, PhD'63, 85, Nov. 3 in Jonesboro, Arkansas, where he was a retired professor of botany at Arkansas State University. Survivors include his wife, Sallye, two sons, a sister and four grandchildren.

Constance Stucky Lewis, c'68, d'68, g'74, 69, Oct. 22 in Norfolk, Virginia, where she was a teacher. Survivors include her husband, Albert, e'68, g'74; three sons,

one of whom is Gregory, c'02; a sister, Anna Stucky Jones, d'65, g'68, '96; a brother, Eric, e'72, m'75; and eight grandchildren.

Alice Meyer Linck, PhD'61, 83, Oct. 27 in Dallas, where she was a retired English professor. A son and a grandson survive.

David Stahl, e'61, 76, Nov. 25 in Spring, Texas, where he was retired from a 28-year career with Shell Oil Company. He is survived by his wife, Karen, a daughter, a son, a sister, a brother and five grandchildren.

Penny Mann Sumrall, d'68, 68, Nov. 18 in Independence, Missouri, where she was a surgical nurse. Surviving are her husband, Phil; two daughters; two sons; two brothers, one of whom is Benjamin Mann, c'73; a sister; and two grandchildren.

Carroll Kincaid Twiss, c'64, 72, May 7, 2015, in Kirkland, Washington. She was a member of the King County Democrats and the National Women's Political Caucus of Washington and served as chair of the 45th District Democrats of Washington State for several years. She is survived by her husband, Charles, e'65; three daughters; two brothers; and six grandchildren.

Byron Van Dyke, b'68, 68, July 25 in Lockport, Illinois. Two sisters and a brother survive.

Mary Fassnacht Whitaker, d'62, EdD'96, 74, Nov. 18 in Overland Park, where she was a retired special-education teacher. She is survived by a daughter, Lori Whitaker Chandler, b'90; a stepson; a stepdaughter; a sister, Janet Fassnacht Baumhover, d'66, g'79; and five grandchildren.

Raymond Douglas Yocom, j'60, 77, Dec. 7 in Lake Oswego, Oregon. He was an editorial writer for The Oregonian and later owned Dusty Cover Books. A son, a daughter and four granddaughters survive.

70s William Fisher, g'71, PhD'81, 73, Jan. 7 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where he was an exploration geologist. He is survived by his wife, Jane Hyldahl Fisher, g'71; a daughter, Muriel Fisher Folsom, c'97; a son, Joshua, c'01; a sister; and four grandchildren.

Sara "Sally" Ternstrom Hultquist, g'70,

102, Sept. 1 in Bonner Springs. She was a retired teacher. Surviving are two sons, Larry, c'64, and Timothy, '75; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Jamie Mangan King, f'76, 60, Jan. 10, 2015, in Burr Ridge, Illinois. She was an interior designer and home builder and president of Mangan King Associates. She is survived by her husband, Geary, b'74, g'76; a daughter; a son; three brothers, Jim, '72, John Mangan III, c'73, and Jerald, c'79; and a granddaughter.

Robert Medford, EdD'73, 82, Dec. 29 in Golden, Colorado. He worked for the National Education Association. Survivors include his wife, Donna; a daughter, Jerre, j'90; a son; a sister; and a granddaughter.

Elizabeth Vandever Titus, PhD'71, 97, June 21 in Kansas City, where she was a retired attorney and professor of history. She is survived by her husband, Ellsworth; three sons; a stepdaughter, Marian Titus Mills, b'79; four stepsons, three of whom are Paul Titus, b'82, David Titus, c'82, and Martin Titus Jr., '77; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Robert Wilson, d'74, 71, July 7 in Kansas City. He is survived by his wife, Rosalyn Hooks Wilson, s'70, s'99; and a daughter.

80s Larry Bernstein, '81, 56, Sept. 27 in Edwards, Colorado, where he worked in the electronics industry. Surviving are his wife, Marcia Gelb Bernstein, d'83; a son, David, c'10; and two sisters, Marilyn Bernstein Krug, '72, and Alyse Bernstein Vernon, c'79.

Edward Gillette, c'81, 56, Jan. 6 in Kansas City, where he was an attorney and principal at Gillette Law Firm. He is survived by his wife, Janice Monslow Gillette, '85; two stepdaughters, one of whom is Kathryn Steinbrink Case, c'11; two brothers; a sister; and two grandchildren.

Gail Medsker Miller, '81, 79, Nov. 26 in Kansas City, where she was a retired editor and writer at the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. Survivors include her husband, Ray, b'81; two sons, one of whom

is Mark, '84; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Kent Press, c'83, 55, Nov. 3 in Overland Park, where he owned Press Insurance Services. He is survived by his wife, Julie Smith Press, j'85; two sons, Andrew, '09, and Alexander, '12; his mother; a sister, Brenda Press Harden, j'81; and a brother.

Stephen Sapp, c'86, l'89, 55, Dec. 11 in Dallas, where he was an attorney and partner at Schiff Hardin. Surviving are his wife, Theresa Barton Sapp, '84; a son; and a daughter.

John "Jay" Scott, c'85, 51, Sept. 16 in Chicago, where he was a portfolio manager at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. He is survived by his parents, John, and Sarah Heindel Scott, c'55; two sisters and several nieces and nephews.

90s Roger Robben, c'92, 46, Nov. 30 in Wichita, where he coached freshman football at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School and also taught mathematics at Augusta High School. He was captain of the KU football team. Survivors include his parents, Robert, d'65, b'65, and Sherry; two daughters; a son; two brothers, one of whom is Robert Robben Jr., '92; and three sisters.

Rev. **J. Timothy White, PhD'96**, 64, Sept. 3 in Garland, Texas. He was pastor at Central Church of the Nazarene in Dallas. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Reinking White, '86; a son; a daughter; and a grandson.

00s Lucinda "Cindy" Butler White, d'00, 73, Dec. 21 in Overland Park, where she was a retired paraprofessional in the Shawnee Mission school district. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. She is survived by her mother, Rubye Butler, assoc.; a daughter, Susan White Nenonen, j'95; a son; a sister, Rosemary Butler Garrett, d'73, '98; a brother, James Butler Jr., b'65; four grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

10s Kelly Cosby, c'12, 25, Nov. 15 in New York City, where she was an attorney at Duane Morris. Survivors include her parents, J. Mark, g'95, and

Jimmie, g'95, '15; a brother, Clayton, c'15; and her grandparents.

Joseph Ralston, a'14, 35, Nov. 6 in Lawrence. He served on the board of directors of the Lawrence Social Service League for several years. His parents, a brother and a sister survive.

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Maynard Paul Bauleke, '46, 90, Dec. 6 in Lawrence, where he worked for the Kansas Geological Survey and was a professor of mechanical engineering at KU. He is survived by a son, Howard Bauleke, c'81.

Dennis Dahl, c'56, m'61, PhD'63, 85, Dec. 21 in Lawrence. He was a physician at Watkins Memorial Health Center. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen Dahl Nuckolls, c'94, g'98, PhD'11; a son; and two granddaughters.

Patricia Howard, PharmD'89, 64, Dec. 16 in Kansas City. She was a professor and vice chair in the department of pharmacy practice. She also was a professor of cardiovascular medicine at KU Medical Center and a board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist. A sister survives.

E. Jerome Niebaum, d'61, 76, Jan. 5 in Lawrence, where he was retired assistant vice provost for information technology and also served as president of the Endacott Society from 2008 to 2009. He is survived by his wife, Judith Johnson Niebaum, d'62, '93; a son, Richard, f'86; a daughter, Jerri Niebaum Clark, j'88; a sister; and four grandchildren.

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Enid "Bud" Larson, assoc., 95, Oct. 31 in Lawrence. He was a system operator at Kansas Gas & Electric for 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn, assoc.; a son, Warren, p'71, g'73; a daughter, Jill Larson Bradney, d'81, g'90; a sister; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Violet Strank Lehman, assoc., 102, Oct. 22 in St. Joseph, Missouri. She served on the board of the Atchison Public Library for several years and also was involved in the PEO Sisterhood. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara, f'70.

Rock Chalk Review

A writer's life

Heaberlin's 'Black-Eyed Susans' rewards years of rejections

Julia Heaberlin dreamed of writing psychological thrillers. Unlike the vast majority of her journalism colleagues harboring similar literary fantasies, Heaberlin acted. With encouragement from her family and a financial plan in place, she unshackled her “golden handcuff,” a secure job as assistant managing editor for features at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, ensconced herself in her home office and began writing.

Her first manuscript, *Playing Dead*, attracted literary agent Pam Ahearn, but editors' rejection letters “flew back.” Ahearn told Heaberlin, j'83, to keep working on her second manuscript, *Lie Still*. Again came the rejections. The only hope Heaberlin could cling to came in the rejections that delivered bad news nicely.

More than three years in, with family debt mounting, Heaberlin headed out one bitterly cold morning to walk her 90-pound dog, Ollie. She'd already cried into her pillow once that morning, “vaguely wondering whether I needed a therapist.” When Ollie

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Julia Heaberlin was 45 when she set out on her quest to become a published novelist; she expected it to be tough, but now concedes she had no idea what awaited: “What is it Bette Davis said, ‘Old age is not for sissies’? Publishing is not for sissies.”

yanked her across the icy street, Heaberlin landed hard, and a gloved hand splatted into dog poo.

Tears began again, and in that moment, facing the very real prospect of psychological collapse, Heaberlin told herself: Quit now or see this thing through.

“I can't tell you why I decided to go which way, because it was very close,” Heaberlin says from her Texas home, the day after her best-selling third novel, *Black-Eyed Susans*, had been optioned by writer-director Rod Lurie. “Once you get along a path so far, there's always a little bit of hope hanging out there for you. It was about a month or two after that that the manuscript was bought.”



JILL JOHNSON



Playing Dead
Ballantine Books, \$15



Lie Still
Bantam Books, \$15



Black-Eyed Susans
Ballantine Books, \$26

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In *Black-Eyed Susans*, Heaberlin found the success she spent years toiling toward. The Washington Post hailed it as “a masterful thriller that shouldn't be missed.” Simon Mayo, host of the BBC's Radio 2 Book Club, raved that *Black-Eyed Susans* was “maybe the thriller of the year.”

Black-Eyed Susans tells the story of Tessa Cartwright, who, as a teenager, was the only survivor of a serial killer's rampage on young girls. With the killer closeted safely away on death row, Tessa grows into a talented woman raising an endearing teenage daughter, Charlie. She remains haunted by her traumatic past—“my monster” is Tessa's description of her

turmoil—but her life is progressing better than might be expected.

And then one morning she finds freshly planted black-eyed Susans—the haunting trademark of her terrifying past—outside her bedroom window. Is the killer free? Will he return to finish his horrible crime? Is the wrong man facing execution?

Unspooling painful memories while seeking the truth of what really happened, Tessa faces her inner demons as well as the terror suddenly confronting her family.

When she finally meets with the man convicted of the crimes, whose innocence Tessa no longer doubts, she tells him about the black-eyed Susans. “It's OK if you think I'm crazy,” she says. “I would.”

Terrell Goodwin, who has found faith and serenity while awaiting execution, replies, “I don’t think you’re crazy. Evil sneaks up on little cat feet. ... I know that ain’t the way the poem goes. It’s supposed to be fog on little cat feet. Fog. Evil. It works either way.”

Heaberlin explains that her favorite thrillers “have a bigger theme going on, maybe a bigger social theme,” citing, among others, the dysfunctionality of marriage that Gillian Flynn, c’93, j’93, portrayed “in uncomfortable ways” in her blockbuster *Gone Girl*. “In the case of *Black-Eyed Susans*,” Heaberlin says, “it’s the death penalty,” which Heaberlin researched intensively, interviewing DNA scientists, one of the nation’s leading death-row attorneys and even an exonerated Texas man who served 18 years on death row after being wrongly convicted of killing a family of six.

Weaving larger social themes into a psychological thriller is a daring test of a writer’s skill. Heaberlin succeeds where so many others fail because her story remains taut and its cast of fully drawn supporting characters, reminiscent of the charming oddballs populating the works of Richard Russo and Michael Chabon, fills the novel with zestful energy.

Despite its dark heart and chilling turns, *Black-Eyed Susans* holds true to one of Heaberlin’s rules: “I don’t like to have a lot of gore in my novels. I like to leave it to the reader’s imagination.” The charming Charlie shines as “the hope of the novel,” and Tessa stands tall as its champion.

Drawing inspiration from Thomas Harris’ enduring Clarice Starling—“The most kick-ass heroine there ever was,” in Heaberlin’s estimation—Heaberlin delivers a leading woman strong enough to drive a complicated and difficult story.

“I like to have females who are both



SUSAN YOUNGER

Dyche Hall

victims and heroes, figuring out their lives,” Heaberlin says. “I don’t know if there will ever be another Clarice Starling, but I’m aiming for that.”

Strong women figuring out their lives? As Heaberlin proves, sometimes the real thing is even better than fiction.

—Chris Lazzarino

Mighty museum

Passion for science pushes Dyche’s displays to top honor

Science matters. And yet, Leonard Krishtalka, director of the KU Biodiversity Institute and Natural History Museum, is not content to rest on the obvious validity of that simple statement.

“We want to tell the stories of what we discover about the life of the planet and the cultures of the planet, and, very

importantly, *why* it matters,” Krishtalka says. “It’s not enough to tell the stories of what we know, but how does it matter for current day-to-day lives and how does it matter into the future?”

The zeal Biodiversity Institute scholars, students and staff show for answering why their work matters was recently recognized by Best College Reviews, which ranked Dyche Hall’s Natural History Museum the best among all U.S. public universities. Placing fourth out of 30, KU trailed only private schools Harvard, Drexel and Yale.

KU was cited for its collection of about 9 million living and fossil plants and animals and 1.5 million archaeological artifacts, as well as research and teaching programs spread across 13 divisions.

In order to qualify, museums had to not only be the hub of vigorous research but also welcome public visitors. KU’s—which annually attracts 3,000 participants in hands-on science programs, 5,000 children on school trips and after-school programs, and 6,000 Kansans in a variety of campus and community events for adults and families—was also cited for honoring its founding mandate to benefit the entire state.

“We in many ways connect KU to the community,” says Teresa MacDonald, PhD’15, associate director of public programs. “We’re the public face of not

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“Once you get along a path so far, there’s always a little bit of hope hanging out there for you.”

—author Julia Heaberlin

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Leonard Krishtalka refers to the Natural History Museum's four floors of public exhibits as "this place of quiet contemplation, this place of reverence for the environment and why it matters."

only the Biodiversity Institute, but really the public face of the University, in terms of being an accessible, fun place to go to see these incredible collections.

"Science is for everybody, and we hope that we make that connection for people."

Dyche Hall and its museum are popular destinations for KU classes in diverse fields such as art and design, dance, American studies and theatre. The 50 to 55 graduate students enrolled each year in biodiversity and archaeological sciences are part of what KU faculty and staff consider the best such biodiversity graduate-school enterprise in the country; even undergraduates are invited to participate in high-level research expeditions around the world.

Krishtalka also notes that the Biodiversity Institute's state-of-the-art computer modeling and information collection resources "uniquely" train KU students to harness the latest computational sciences in analyzing data and creating "what-if" modeling scenarios.

Says Krishtalka, "Why does this matter? Why are we doing it? It's for the benefit of earth's environment and human well-being."

—Chris Lazzarino

Face-to-Facebook

Researchers find neighbors long to connect, just not necessarily online

When Bonnie Johnson tried to reverse the trend of dwindling participation in her once-thriving Lawrence neighborhood association, she first turned to that old standby of community building, the ice cream social. Only 10 people came, in a neighborhood with 550 households.

Neighborhood meetings drew even fewer people, despite attracting 75 attendees in years past.

"Myself and other members of the steering committee were at our wit's end, wondering what could we do," says Johnson, c'90, g'92, PhD'07. "We can't even get people to come for homemade ice cream and the balloon man? A lot were ready to call it quits."

Instead, the associate professor of urban planning at KU turned to the academic literature in her field for ideas. Urban planners and city managers often use social media to solicit citizen input, and studies on the topic were encouraging. The

neighborhood association launched a Facebook page, a Twitter account and an email listserv. They delivered doorhangers to every home advertising the new communication options, then awaited the response.

"It was crickets, basically," Johnson says with a laugh. "We got five Facebook likes, three Twitter follows and two new email addresses. Out of 550 households!"

Wondering why social media was no more effective than ice cream socials, Johnson turned to colleague Germaine Haleboua, assistant professor of film & media studies. An expert on digital media, she could also point to studies in her field that suggested social media jump-starts community engagement. "In that respect, it was surprising that there wasn't more activity," Haleboua says, "because if you take the studies at face value social media seems like a universal thing that is beneficial more often than not."

They decided to survey the neighborhood to find out how people preferred to communicate—if at all. What they found was surprising.

"When we asked how they prefer to communicate with neighbors, they said face-to-face," Johnson says. Many felt that Facebook is for staying in touch with friends and felt uncomfortable with the



STEVE PUPPE

Johnson and Haleboua

Grand galaxy

The second book in a projected trilogy, James Gunn's *Transgalactic* picks up where his critically acclaimed 2013 science fiction novel *Transcendental* ["Masterwork," issue No. 6, 2013] left off. Having successfully discovered—and used—the Transcendental Machine that is the object of their quest in book one, war veteran Riley and his lover and partner-in-arms Asha find themselves perfected by their trip through the device, which transmits matter across great distances, leaving flaws behind.

Unfortunately, their separate journeys through the machine leave them separated, and *Transgalactic* (Tor Books, \$26.99) follows their quest to reunite and use their newly developed intellectual and physical superiority to save the galactic civilization of myriad alien races from the oppressive bureaucracy that rules it.

Where Gunn, j'47, g'51, borrowed the literary tropes of Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* in *Transcendental*, the

professor emeritus of English here riffs on Dante's *Inferno*. But instead of abandoning all hope, Gunn's heroes resist and confront the all-knowing Pedia, a god-like computer that's programmed to protect human beings at all costs. The novel finds the 92-year-old science fiction Grand Master in a reflective mood, musing on the contradictions of human nature and the promises and drawbacks of utopian societies. Ending on a hopeful note, with a setup that will leave readers eagerly awaiting the trilogy's conclusion, *Transgalactic* with its many strange worlds and alien species is ultimately—like all great science fiction—an inventive, provocative examination of what it means to be human. 🍃

—Steven Hill



STEVE PUPPE

After producing more than 40 books in his lengthy career, science fiction Grand Master James Gunn says writing his first sequel—book two of his Trans trilogy—was a new experience. "It's sort of like juggling," he says of his foray into long-form storytelling. "You have to keep a lot of the balls in the air, and they all matter."

idea that neighbors would be able to see their Facebook page. "They said, 'It's only for my friends, and if my neighbor isn't my friend I'm not gonna get on Facebook with them.'"

At the same time, people who had the most interest in having a neighborhood association identified social media as their preferred means of communicating, even as they indicated that Facebook isn't a neighbor-to-neighbor mode that works for them.

"You can read that as they're asking for a new system," Halegoua says, "some other social media network or digital system

that would allow them to communicate with a lot of neighbors at once but maybe not share as much information as they would on Facebook."

So while social media did not turn out to be a panacea, as many studies have suggested it can be, the researchers say their findings show that it does have a place in bringing neighbors together, especially when used in concert with a strong human touch. It's not a replacement for active leadership and face-to-face contact, as Johnson discovered when her neighbors banded together to deal with problems caused by road construction that

detoured traffic through their neighborhood. Social media *and* door-to-door visits helped them make their voices heard at city hall.

And they were encouraged to find that the rise of online communities in no way signals the demise of neighborhood social networks.

"One of the things that was striking was just how much neighbors still wanted to communicate and still wanted to know who was living next door," Halegoua says. "But even more striking was the huge drive toward sharing and helping: 'I want to know if you need my help, and I want you to know I'm here to help you.'"

Adds Johnson, "We heard so many people saying, 'I found out later his wife had cancer and they were having trouble, and if only I had known I'd have taken a casserole over.' There is still a real longing for that." 🍃

—Steven Hill



Halls of academe

Latest in KU history series preserves stories of the remarkable Mrs. Watkins, the scholarship halls she built and the scholars she inspired

Since its debut with the 1984 publication of *Old Fraser*, Historic Mount Oread Friends' "Biography of a Building" series followed a template that proved endearingly successful: Relying entirely on archived photographs, architectural plans and commentary contemporary to the era, the books told the histories of Old Fraser, Dyche and Spooner halls.

The fourth volume, *Watkins and Miller Halls*, follows the same structural format, yet meanders along a slightly different avenue for its storytelling.

"It's less about the architecture and more about the people who were there," says series co-creator Carol Shankel, one of the founding members of HMOF in 1981. "It's more about the reason for those buildings, and Mrs. Watkins' vision and generosity in starting them."

Elizabeth Miller Watkins was, indeed, a woman of vision and generosity. The daughter of a country doctor, Lizzy was 13 when she entered KU's preparatory high school in 1874. Finances forced her withdrawal less than two years later.

She found work as a clerk at the J.B. Watkins Land and Mortgage Company, and her skills and trustworthiness merited promotion to secretary for the wealthy entrepreneur (and eligible bachelor) Jabez Bunting Watkins. They traveled together on business—scandalous at the time—and in 1909, when she was 47 and he 64, they returned from a trip to New York City as a married couple.

Though Lawrence and KU society types shunned Jabez and Elizabeth, by all reports they flourished as a couple truly

suited to each other. After Jabez's death in 1921—two years after they had completed construction on The Outlook, the hilltop home she later donated to the University as the chancellor's residence—Mrs. Watkins began distributing her wealth.

She gave 26,000 acres of Kansas farmland to KU Endowment, proceeds from which continue to benefit KU in countless ways; \$175,000 for construction of Watkins Memorial Hospital and \$200,000 to build Lawrence Memorial Hospital; and, dearest to her heart, \$75,000 to build Watkins Hall, whose unique organization Mrs. Watkins herself devised as a means to help young women without financial means pursue their KU dreams.

With the 1926 opening of Watkins Hall, KU's innovative scholarship hall model was born; 11 years later, after another \$75,000 gift, Miller Hall, named for Mrs. Watkins' brother Frank, opened next door.

"We have a special sense of gratitude to her," says rancher and Watkins Hall alumna Norma Decker Hoagland, c'75. "She thought ahead and really planned for us, almost in a parental way."

Pursuing her dream to create a book that would help preserve Mrs. Watkins' legacy, Hoagland approached Shankel, '68,



Collaborators (l-r) Shala Stevenson, Barbara Watkins, Norma Hoagland and Carol Shankel in Watkins Hall.

and Barbara Watkins, g'78, PhD'71, the energetic team that compiled the three previous "Biography of a Building" books. When they agreed to assist as editors and advisers, Kitchen 8, the halls' alumnae society, raised nearly all the money required for publication.

With research assistance from Mary Dresser Burchill, c'62, retired associate director of the law library, Hoagland compiled campus maps and photographs, historic quotes about the scholarship halls and their founder, as well as reminiscences. Also contributing were graphic designer Shala Stevenson, of the Lied Center; novelist and scholarship hall alumna Sara Paretsky, c'67, who wrote the foreword; and the University Press of Kansas, which again serves as distributor.

"I've worked on this for three years, and every time I read it I still love the story," Hoagland says. "The words of the women through the decades just really ring true. They're timeless."

The public is invited to the book's April 23 launch party at the Union Pacific Depot, where partygoers will savor Mrs. Watkins' favorite treats: champagne, chocolate and Jordan almonds.

—Chris Lazzarino



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