The University of Kansas had approximately 43,400 contributors to KU Endowment for the fiscal year 2007, establishing a new record, for a total of $94.3 million. That had risen from the 41,083 that had given in 2006.
Birney recognized in KU Dean’s Scholars Program

LAWRENCE — Erin Aili Birney was one of 19 University of Kansas students in the Dean’s Scholars Program honored by the College of Liberal Arts and Science and the University Honors Program.

Students are selected as sophomores and juniors based on cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher. The honored students were given a reception Nov. 5 at Nunemaker Center.

Birney, a Winfield High School graduate, is a daughter of Don and Sue Birney, Winfield. She is a junior in Spanish whose mentor is Jorge Perez, assistant professor of Spanish and Portuguese.

Established in 1992, the program provides recipients with annual $1,000 scholarships and faculty mentors and is designed to diversify the talent pool available for liberal arts and sciences faculties.

The Dean’s Scholars Program is part of the University Honors Program and is geared for academically talented students in liberal arts and sciences who are interested in pursuing graduate study and who represent groups traditionally under-represented in graduate education.

Dean’s Scholars are matched with a distinguished KU faculty member and are required to complete special seminars designed to build skills and strategies necessary for graduate study and research.
Reservoir surveys to be done at area lakes

The Kansas Biological Survey at the University of Kansas is scheduled to perform bathymetric surveys to map lake depth and sediment accumulation on Winfield City Lake and Wellington City Lake Thursday and Friday. Funded by the Kansas Water Office, the Kansas Biological Survey's Applied Science and Technology for Reservoir Assessment team employs state-of-the-art bathymetric mapping sonar that creates 3-D color-coded depth maps of reservoirs and highly detailed maps of lake bottom contours and sediment thickness. Recognizing the critical need for information on Kansas reservoir conditions, the Kansas Biological Survey in 2006 created the ASTRA Initiative, with major investments in infrastructure and equipment to address the need. The Survey is a source of biological and ecological information about the Kansas environment and has extensive experience in reservoir, stream, and water quality assessment, watershed monitoring, and remote sensing and related geospatial technologies. KBS is uniquely qualified to contribute to the research and information needs for immediate and longer-term management of Kansas reservoirs.
Surbaugh: From activist to insider

Former ‘NIMBY’ now sits atop the JoCo commission

BY STEVE VOCKRODT | STAFF WRITER

Annabeth Surbaugh still remembers the phone conversation she had with her daughter not long before the Johnson County Commissioner cast the vote she feared would bury her in the political graveyard.

In 2000, Surbaugh was peering down the shotgun of a deciding vote that would either let the Wonderful Wizard of Oz theme park continue on its troubled path at the old Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant near De Soto or kill the idea once and for all.

Down one barrel, she saw leading business figures in the Kansas City area, ranging from Robert Hemenway, chancellor of the University of Kansas, to Pete Levi, president of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, pressuring her to vote to save the project.

In the other barrel were scores of Johnson County residents who saw the Oz proposal as a poorly planned project supposedly backed by a mysterious source of financing.

Surbaugh told her daughter that she would vote the project down and that it didn’t matter what vote she cast because it would upset too many people either way.

“No matter what I do, this isn’t going to work out,” Surbaugh remembered telling her daughter.

More than seven years later, she’s still the only countywide-elected chair Johnson County has known, guiding the county and its wildly eccentric county commission through the past five years of growth in Johnson County.

Not bad for someone who came from humble beginnings as a child in St. Louis County, living above businesses in what she said today would be called Section 8 housing.

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Annabeth Surbaugh says she’s never been anti-development. “I wanted quality development,” she says.
NEWSMAKER: Surbaugh helps beef up JoCo's ratings, steers change to charter

ANNABETH SURBAUGH
Title: Chairwoman of the Johnson County Commission
Family: Daughter, Paige
Education: Bachelor's in retailing, University of Missouri
Hobbies: Gardening, traveling

by municipal credit agencies.

Bob Regnier, chairman and CEO of Bank of Blue Valley, pointed out another
notch in Surbaugh's belt, crediting her with leading the county through its
change to a charter form of government in 2002.

"Government is different, particularly being a big change from the previous
structure going to the chairman arrangement," he said. "It think it could
have gone the other way. If there hadn't been strong leadership, it might not have
made the same progress."

Dolores Furtado, a county commis-
sioner from 2002 to 2006, said Sur-
baugh's efforts have made the county's
runaway growth and development more
attractive and manageable.

"She certainly has been mindful of
doing it in an orderly fashion," Furtado
said. "I think it's fair to say it has been

Surbaugh and her neighbors, were slow
to react to concerns, Surbaugh saw the
opportunity to do more as an elected of-
official than as an unofficial complainer.

That catapulted her to her first elect-
ed post as a board member of the water
district, which merged with WaterOne a
year later.

Her role as a rabble-rouser continued
on that board, which she described as
-dominated by a "good ol' boys" network
of men holding views of a bygone era.

"One asked (me) who was at home
with the kids; another said, 'She should
be at home making cookies,'" she said.

"So the next week I brought cookies."

In 1992, Surbaugh was elected to the
Johnson County Commission, where
she found the finances of development
and business-rich Johnson County to be
relatively poor.

"Our financial ratings were not strong," she said. "We did not have an auditor."

If there's another accomplishment
beyond the development at the former
Sunflower plant that Surbaugh said
she's particularly proud of, it's elevating
the county's financial ratings to AAA
status.

Johnson County is one of few counties
that enjoys AAA ratings — the equiva-
 lent to a personal credit score of 800 —

We call them lofts today, but they weren't so lofty then," Surbaugh said.

When she came to Johnson County
in the mid-1980s, she split her time be-
 tween department store retailing and
launching her political career as a self-
described hellraiser in northern Over-
land Park, protesting leapfrog and slip-
shod developments while advocating for
improving declining homes and busi-
nesses.

"Her career started as a NIMBY (Not
In My Back Yard) who opposed many of
the projects I was working on," said Lar-
ry Winn III, a Polisnelli Shalton Flanigan
Suethaus PC real estate lawyer, who lat-
er would become an ally of Surbaugh's.

Surbaugh denied being a NIMBY, pre-
erring instead to describe herself as an
activist.

"I had the reputation of the crazy
neighborhood lady who didn't want de-
velopment," she said. "And I never said
 that. I wanted quality development."

When she moved to south-central
Overland Park, she discovered that her
house and others around it had lousy
water pressure.

When members of Rural Water Dis-
 trict No. 2, which provided service to

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Dedicated to giving

Local philanthropists share events that sparked their commitment to charitable causes

The Kansas City Business Journal asked area philanthropists to describe an event that sparked or strengthened their commitment to charitable giving. Here are their responses:

BOB BERNSTEIN
Title: Chairman and CEO of Bernstein-Rein

Philanthropic efforts: Bernstein-Rein maintains a department dedicated to working with charities and touches more than 100 organizations a year through donations of time, services and money. Bernstein has served on the boards of numerous organizations, including The Children's Place, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Junior Achievement, YouthFriends, Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, and the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. He has contributed to scholarship and fund-raising efforts at area schools, including the Kansas City Art Institute, William Jewell College, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the University of Kansas, Baker University and Avila University.

Inspiring experience: My early remembrance of giving came from my mother. We didn't have a whole lot, but my mother would always volunteer to help with I think it was March of Dimes originally, where you'd go around in the neighborhood and ask for pledges. I remember her taking me around the neighborhood when I was a small child when she'd knock on doors and ask people if they would donate 50 cents or a dollar. I remember that so well. When somebody would come and ask her — whether it was somebody knocking on the door or whether it was somebody she would see in a shopping center — she would always give something to them. She always felt like these people needed it more than she did. She always put that in my mind that if you had something you ought to share it, and that it was important to give to people who were less fortunate. I got that from my mother at an early age. ...

I happen to have an uncle who had an illness that put him in a nursing home at a very young age. I saw how unfortunate those people were...
that were in that home when I was a teenager. I just always felt like if I could help, I wanted to help. That was always important to me. ... I do Santa Claus every year at The Children's Place. I've done it for over 20 years. It's a nursery for abused children. When I get a hug from those children, it is so special. It feels so special to me. I can remember one time a little child came running up to me as I was leaving. I sit down and have every child come up and sit on my lap, and we give them a toy. This one child said, "Wait, Santa. Wait," and came running over and had a little tiny Santa that they had made and gave it to me. I still have it. It kind of brings a tear to your eye when you realize how important and how meaningful that it is to them to have somebody who cares. That, to me, is worth a million dollars. It's just a wonderful, wonderful feeling to know that you're helping somebody.

**DICK BOND**

**Title:** Former Kansas senator

**Philanthropic efforts:** Bond and his wife, Sue, are working to establish a chair in public service at the University of Kansas law school. Bond also is a longtime board member of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, a founding member of the Johnson County Community Foundation, a founding director of YouthFriends, a board member of the Shawnee Mission Medical Center Foundation, and has served on various other boards and committees.

**Inspiring experience:** Early on -- starting 20-some years ago -- I was able to be helpful in chairing a fundraising effort for what is now called KVC, Kaw Valley Centers Behavioral Center. It was originally called Wyandotte House. Then it was called Kaw Valley, and now it's called KVC. ...

... I found that extremely rewarding to make a difference in the lives of children who were homeless, who were going to be placed in foster care, who were abused, neglected. That was exciting to be able to work hard and raise those dollars to build a place that would care for them and give them a better life. ...

One story is I had called Senator Bob Dole, who was chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. I told him that I needed a million dollars to finish this building for Kaw Valley Cen.
called Dole and said, "You know, you're putting your finance committee bills together. Put in a million dollars so we can take care of these kids. We left seven kids last night in the back seat of police cars because we had no place for them."

Within about 30 days, the bill
passed the Senate, and the chairman of the finance committee had put in a million dollars for Kaw Valley Center, and the president signed it. …

We built the building, and every Christmas for some period of time, several years, Senator Dole would come to Kaw Valley Center at Western Wyandotte County with gifts he had purchased with his own money, no press, and he would read books to these little kids and hand out gifts he’d bought himself.

That was exciting.

**HERB KOHN**

**Title:** Partner at Bryan Cave LLP  
**Philanthropic efforts:** Kohn has served as chairman of the Kansas City Art Institute, on the board of trustees for the Truman Library, chairman of the Swope Health Foundation annual dinner for 12 years, and was director of Boys State for five years.

**Inspiring experience:** Boys State is a program for leaders in Missouri who’ve just completed their junior year of high school. We gather in Warrensburg, Mo., from every county in the state. I remember going there (as a participant) and meeting the man who was the director of the program at that time. He was a lawyer from St. Louis and was certainly one of the most impressive people I’ve ever known in my life. I saw then what he was able to do for the program and for the future of the country because these are the future leaders of the state. Because the program exists in all states, you’re talking about the leaders of the country.

I remember thinking about what a wonderful thing it was that he could do that and what a wonderful thing it would be for the country if more people could participate.

So years later, I had a chance to actually follow in his footsteps and become the director of the Boys State program and had a chance to see firsthand the impact that the program had on the future leaders of the country.

These people had already established themselves as leaders of their high schools.

It just is one of the best feelings I’ve ever had. In fact, I tell people that if they’re ever worried about the future of the United States, they need to spend a day or two at the Boys State program, and they won’t be nearly as worried about it.

**BARBARA UNELL**

**Title:** Author and parent educator, whose books include “Discipline without Shouting or Spanking” and “Getting from No to Yes Without Nagging, Bribing or Threatening”  
**Philanthropic efforts:** Nonprofit efforts Unell has established include: “Kindness is Contagious … Catch It,” a school-based program to teach children kindness, respect and compassion; the Sunflower Celebration, to raise money for the Blue Valley Educational Foundation; Back in the Swing, a fund-raiser for breast cancer survivorship programs and research in Kansas City; and Uncle Dan’s Report Card, a nonprofit program that promotes 14 habits that lead to success in school and life.

Unell has served on various boards, including the Blue Valley Educational Foundation, the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education and the Menorah Legacy Foundation.

**Inspiring experience:** I can hardly remember a time when I wasn’t thinking about how to defend someone who was, I thought, either being hurt or in trouble or needed a pat on the back or a note of kindness or something – even from my earliest memories.

I would ask my parents, “Why would somebody be so mean to that person?” or “Why don’t we help that person?” I was forever picking up books for people who dropped their books. It’s sort of this natural impulse that I had to be helpful. I think they didn’t quite know what to do with me. I was always bringing around May baskets to the people in the neighborhood to brighten their day. I didn’t even know, of course, what philanthropy meant in that form, but I knew that either seeing either hearing of, or being helped by, someone was something to be cherished.

As I really started to get involved in various career paths, I always gravitated to those kinds of organizations or businesses that seemed to be helping somebody. But again I didn’t know the word philanthropy. I didn’t know that it was charity. I didn’t even know what the word nonprofit meant. I just thought that it was great that these institutions were around. …
Those business experiences and philanthropic experiences came from my own experience of needing help and needing support and realizing that I could combine business and philanthropy to actually form a professional career out of all of that. It really came from that question, “Why?” when I was so little.
Universities hide info on business jets

LAWRENCE (AP) — When it comes to finding out where a business jet is headed, the University of Kansas and Kansas State University are more secretive than the governor’s office.

Since January, the University of Kansas has participated in a service that shields real-time flight plan information from the public for trips taken by its Cessna Citation Bravo based at Lawrence Municipal Airport.

Kansas State has been blocking flight plan information for its two business jets from internet tracking sites six years.

“It is fairly common, for security, to not let the whole world know where your plane is going,” said Todd Cohen, a spokesman for the University of Kansas.

But Gov. Kathleen Sebelius doesn’t keep her flight plans secret.

“Our schedulers or security get on the flight tracking system and track the state plane regularly when needed,” said Sebelius spokeswoman Nicole Corcoran.

Pilots regularly file flight plans with the Federal Aviation Administration prior to takeoff. Web sites then track the flights as they happen.

Federal law allows plane owners to request that information be blocked by the National Business Aviation Association.

“In the business community, some of the flights carry competitive and/or security concerns,” said Dan Hubbard, a spokesman for the association. “There may be a reason why the party making the flight feels the flight should not be understood in real time.”

The schools use their planes for a number of sensitive trips, including coaches recruiting players, performing government-funded research that officials would like to keep quiet or transporting controversial speakers to campus.

Kansas’ Cessna seats about eight and is used by officials at both the Lawrence campus and the KU Medical Center campus in Kansas City, Kan.

The university does not block flight information on a King Air C-90B, of which the school is a part-owner. That plane, based in Kansas City, Mo., is used primarily for medical outreach reasons.

Kansas State uses its two planes for general business travel and developed the policy blocking the flight information since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.
KU announces 52 graduates of law enforcement training center

HUTCHINSON — Monte C. Strait, special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Kansas City, Mo., office, congratulated 52 graduates of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center at an Aug. 10 ceremony at the 4-H Encampment Building on the Kansas State Fairgrounds.

The graduates, who began their training course April 30, represented 37 municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies from across Kansas. They were the 191st basic training class of graduates.

The training center is a unit of University of Kansas Continuing Education. Established in 1968 as the central law enforcement training facility for the state, the center is near Yoder.

Graduates receive certificates of course completion and Kansas law enforcement certification from the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers’ Standards and Training, the state’s law enforcement licensing authority. The training course fulfills the state requirement for law enforcement training. Classroom lectures and hands-on applications help train officers to solve the increasingly complex problems they face in the line of duty.

The center trains the majority of municipal, county and state law enforcement officers in Kansas and oversees the training of the remaining officers at seven authorized and certified academy programs operated by local law enforcement agencies and the Kansas Highway Patrol.

About 350 officers enroll annually in the 14-week basic training program. The center offered continuing education and specialized training to more than 2,500 Kansas officers last year. Funding for the training center is generated from court docket fees from municipal and state courts. No funds from the state’s general revenue are used to operate the center.

Names are listed in the following order:

Dodge City Police Department,
Amy Stringer, Police Officer, Dodge City.
Five students from Eureka High School were selected to participate in the KU Honors Program, held in El Dorado on Monday, October 22. Those representing Eureka included Paige Edmondson, Kevin Hayes, Adam Henneke, Cord Tucker and Jana Valentine.

Sponsored by the Kansas Alumni Association, the students participating are named as Kansas Honor Scholars and to be eligible they had to be ranked in the top 10 percent of their class their senior year. The award is for outstanding academic achievement.
KU to honor Wyandotte seniors

A total of 157 seniors from high schools in Wyandotte County will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 7 p.m. reception program on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Battenfeld Auditorium and the Francisco Lounge in the Student Center at KU Medical Center, 3901 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas.

The Kansas Honors Program began in 1971 and has honored more than 100,000 students. Scholars rank in the top 10 percent of their high school senior classes and are selected regardless of curricula, majors, occupational plans or higher education goals.

During the ceremony, each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary in hardback and CD versions, presented by Jill Miller, director of Kansas City programs for the KU Alumni Association.

Barbara Atkinson, executive vice chancellor of the KU Medical Center, will speak to the students and their parents and guests.

Community volunteers collect reservations, coordinate details and serve as local contacts for the event. Chris Schneider of Kansas City, Kansas, will be the site coordinator. Stephanie Parker of Kansas City, Mo., will be county coordinator.

The students honored from Wyandotte County are:

- **Bishop Ward High School:** Amelia Bartkoski, Michael Delich, Kelly Hanson, Kari Harrington, Samuel Hurtung, Jacob Mark, Lacy Schindel, Randy Tanner and Sarah Waggoner;
- **Schlagle High School:** Ashley Carpenter, Robert Carter, Amanda Cox, Jessica Cox, Antionette Crawford, Ladarius Frazier, Alexandra see SENIORS, page 16

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Hardison, Christina Her, Ching Her, Jama Jackson, Keesha Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Sascha Johnson, Nesaydeh Kannah, Latricia Lankford, Joshua Pack, Jerome Powell, Bradley Sirls, Rayven Smart, Lajuan Solomon, Kashuna Spencer, Samuel Sullivan, Mee Vang and Bridgette Williams;


- **Sumner Academy:** Anthony Bigby, Kayla Bishop, Khiara Drew, Grace Charlton, Brian Green, Ignacio Hernandez, Samantha Herr, Amalia Lainez, Kristen Mikulan, Stanton Parker, Ricky Randle, Saphire Stockman, Nefetari Terrill-Jones, Melissa Villalobos, Jeremy Wilks and Joshua Williams;

- **Turner High School:** Michael Conyers, Lauren Gumminger, Caitlin Maloney, Chantel McGee, Shawn Bales, Jessica Chowning, Sara Langley, Lyndsay Wilkins, Derek Bryant, Tabatha Ohlson, Caitlin Edmundson, Alexander Godfrey, Shane Price, Karina Calzada, Jannette Lopez and Jessica Figgens;

- **Washington High School:** Kristopher Bright, Alicia Brooks, Ashley Cheaton, Rasheda Hibler, Terra Hill, Matthew Holyfield, Caitlin Hurt, Aurora Jackson, Darius Jefferson, Taleasa Johnson, Abbey Marlow, Bradley Moses, April Munoz, Ashlee Phillips, Corine Poke, Tiffany Sutton, Brandy Taylor, Sara Tucker, Jocelyn Walker, Marquis Wilson and Catty Yang;

- **Wyandotte High School:** Maria Ramirez, Michael Dwyer, Joshua Wright, Deandre Tatum, Osmara Rodriguez, Oscar Guerra, Dulce Sanchez, Jacqueline Mera, Sandra Morales, Daniel Kirkpatrick, Hugo Lugo, Philip Jones, Zachary Carson, Niang Kim, Araceli Jimenez, Destiny Goston, Seth Irving, Alex Rodgers and Maria Macias, and

- **Piper High School:** Tiara Davis, Diana Dukovic, Kayla Fearing, Hillary Feden, Kathering Lauber, Elizabeth Long, Caitlyn McCall, Kayla Miller, Andrew Ruzza, Madeline Schuman, Kaitlyn Slater, Taylor Stitt and Christopher Teters.

The Kansas Honors Program is made possible through KU Endowment and proceeds from the Jayhawk license plate...
KU announces 49 graduates of law enforcement training center

Wyandotte County graduates Jason Gilmore, Danny Jackson and Jay M. Pennington will work as sergeants in the Wyandotte County Sheriff’s Department. Lloyd Beth, from Kansas City, Kansas, will work as a police officer in the Edwardsville Police Department.

Kansas Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh congratulated 49 graduates of the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center at an Oct. 12 ceremony at the 4-H Encampment Building on the Kansas State Fairgrounds.

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