Two Make KU Spring Honor Roll

More than 4,690 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2007 semester.

Among them were two high school graduates from Comanche County.

Meghan Lem, 1997 Coldwater High School graduate and daughter of Mark and Becky Sherman of Coldwater, was on the Pharmacy Professional Honor Roll. Shasta Zielke, 2004 South Central High School graduate and daughter of Mike and Gayle Zielke of Protection, was on the Liberal Arts Undergraduate Honor Roll.

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The Effingham Public Library is undergoing some changes. The biggest change came about after Rosemary Falk, librarian, announced her retirement after more than 20 years of service. The search was on for a replacement and one was found, Elizabeth Lane, Atchison, began her duties as the new librarian a little more than a month ago.

Mrs. Lane was born in Horton and lived there until she was 12 years old. She and her family then moved to Topeka, then Kansas City and to Hill City. She attended Fort Hays University and graduated from Kansas University after her marriage to Rex Lane. Her degree is in social work.

Several years ago the Lanes lived near McLouth and Mrs. Lane worked as the assistant director at the McLouth school library and she continued in that position until this spring.

“That was due to my voracious love of libraries,” she said. “As a young child I started going to the library in Horton. My mother was a voracious reader as well and encouraged us to read. One summer one of the nuns at my school told my mom right before school got out that she did not feel my reading level was up to par.”

That summer her mother told her that she was going to the library every other day and that she was going to read. At the library, the librarians introduced her to the Nancy Drew books and she read them by the hour, she said.

“By the end of that summer I was reading adult books,” Mrs. Lane said. “I don’t know whether my reading level was really that poor or not, but it encouraged me to read and throughout the rest of my life I can’t go anywhere without a book. Most women can’t go without their lipstick, I can’t go without a book.”

She found out about the position at the Effingham library while rummaging through some old newspapers and spotting an advertisement for the position.

“It was just like it started glowing, honestly, it was very interesting. The deadline was the next day,” she said. “So I decided to get online and I looked up the library hours and brought my resume over here and hand delivered it to one of the board members.”

After a meeting of the board, she was offered the position and accepted it. “It’s been very interesting. I really love small communities and everybody has been absolutely inviting and
Elizabeth Lane, right, new librarian at the Effingham Public Library, assists Nancy Keith in checking out a book Friday at the library. Mrs. Lane began her new position more than a month ago at the library. She hopes to get some new programs organized and to get more people involved with the library.

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welcoming,” she said. “There are some things we need to do, but as a whole I’m just excited to be here. It’s just been a blast.”

Mrs. Lane has made a few changes at the library since taking over. She has started going through the books, looking at them in preparation for asking the board about weeding policies she hopes to implement at the library.

She has adopted a stamp that has the year on it to help her keep track of when the books are being checked out and when they are not, and to help with the weeding process.

She has rearranged some of the furniture and done some general housekeeping.

“Hopefully, we’re going to make some transitions,” Mrs. Lane said. “One of the representatives from the Northeast Kansas Library System will be coming to do an upgrade to the staff computer and I’m really excited about that.”

In about six months, the library will be automated with that will come scanning of the books and these changes will eliminate a lot of hand duties, she said.

“It will be really cost effective in the end and hopefully then we can look at more programming and more things for the community as a whole,” Mrs. Lane said. “The consortium provides grants to do this and it won’t have to come from what we are receiving from the mill.”

Mrs. Lane served as president of the Friends of the Atchison Library for several years and said that has helped her know how important automation is.

She also hopes to start programs for children and adults at the library and to upgrade the computers that are available to the patrons. She plans to work on grants for that upgrade.

With the closing of the public swimming pool in Effingham, Mrs. Lane is seeing many more children coming in to the library and has about 50 or more youth involved in the Summer Reading Program.

She hopes to get a Friends of the Library program started and to get some of the men in the community involved.

“I’m just very, very excited to be here and this town has been so welcoming to me,” she said.
Kansas University has hired an administrator to lead minority recruitment for faculty and staff.

Maurice Bryan, who has been provost at Ottawa University for three years, began work Monday in Lawrence as associate vice provost for diversity and equity.

Bryan is no stranger to KU, where he worked as director of equal opportunity from 1993 to 2001. He said his new position would be related to his previous one, but it would not involve compliance issues or discrimination complaints that were common in his previous job.

Bryan said he preferred to look at diversity in terms that transcend physical appearances and skin color.

"I think what is more difficult and more rewarding in the end is to get people who truly think differently than us and bring a different approach to issues, emotions or thoughts," Bryan said. "In some situations, we're actually uncomfortable with that."

He said attracting faculty and staff with different backgrounds and viewpoints would enrich classroom discussions and help existing faculty and staff grow as people.

"Sometimes people think just changing the physical bodies, without really changing ourselves, can work," Bryan said. "What we really need to do is to change how we do things, how we think, and be presented with new ideas and new perspectives."

KU Provost Richard Lariviere said in a news release that the university aimed to give students a mix of different viewpoints and backgrounds in its faculty.

"Maurice knows this university, he knows diversity matters and he has the knowledge and skills to lead this important effort," Lariviere said.

In 1997, KU Chancellor Robert Hemenway set goals for minority and female faculty numbers. By 2006, the number of minority faculty had increased 75 percent and the number of female faculty was up 41 percent.

Bryan said that after three years at a smaller, liberal arts university, he would need to update himself in order to evaluate the diversity status of major research universities across the country.

But he said many people still lacked appreciation for the importance of diversity at educational institutions.

"We still have a long way to go toward people embracing what is, in my mind, crucial to a democratic nation," Bryan said.
TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Incoming freshmen at the University of Kansas will pay the same tuition rate for four years under a plan the Kansas Board of Regents approved Thursday.

Under the plan, which takes effect in the fall, tuition rates at the University of Kansas will increase nearly 16 percent over current levels, then stay at that rate for four years.

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"However," she said in a news release, "innovative cost-containment proposals such as KU's tuition compact are certainly refreshing, and I'm anxious to see how students benefit from this plan in the coming years."

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The Wichita Eagle, on college tuition hikes

Just in time for the tuition hikes to be approved for fall, the Kansas Board of Regents released a study indicating that a state university education usually costs less in Kansas than it does in five neighboring states.

That's good to know, though of limited comfort to price-sensitive wannabe students.

With the notable exception of research institutions in Colorado and Oklahoma, which charge less than comparable University of Kansas, Kansas State University and Wichita State University, resident undergraduates in states next door could end up paying from 3 percent to 68 percent more for comparable college degrees, the study said.

Such comparisons remain valid and reassuring, as they were when Kansas' universities got aggressive about tuition increases early in the decade.

But they won't ease the sting many families will feel this fall from the latest proposed increases, which range from 4.9 percent at Fort Hays State University to 6.5 percent at WSU to 9.7 percent at Emporia State University.

Regents chairman Nelson Gallé clearly is right that "rates at our state's universities continue to provide Kansans with an exceptional educational value."

However, the regents and the institutions they govern cannot afford to be cavalier about tuition, one of the biggest investments a family can make.

Seeing that tuition has gone up again, many potential students may decide the barrier to enrollment is impenetrable and not bother to explore the many aid options. ...

Of course, perhaps the most important factor in the tuition issue is the Legislature, which arguably has forced higher tuition on higher education by scaling back state funding of university budgets — from 49 percent in 1985 to 29 percent in 2005.

That has put more pressure on institutions to cover costs through tuition, research money and grants. ...

Even if there are good reasons for tuition increases — and there are — every hike carries the risk of pricing taxpayers out of their own universities.
Lawrence — Kyle S. Mock, a Liberal Arts undergraduate junior, son of Steven and Connie Mock of Riverton, Kan., was one of more than 4,690 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas who earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2007 semester.

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Area residents named to the spring 2007 honor roll at the University of Kansas in Lawrence are:

Regents approve 7.9 percent tuition hike as part of 5-year plan

By Annette Lawless
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State students can expect to dish out a little more from their pocketbooks, as the Kansas Board of Regents approved tuition increases for the six universities across the state last Thursday.

Following the second-largest tuition increase for the 2006-07 academic year, undergraduate students can expect to pay $3,117.40 in tuition and fees beginning this fall — a $230 increase from the year before.

Since 2002, tuition and fees have increased significantly for in-state students, more than doubling at K-State and the University of Kansas, according to the Board of Regents Web site, www.kansasregents.org. This year's 7.9-percent increase is consistent to other tuition increases across the state — and relatively small compared to the 12.8-percent tuition hike from the year before.

“We certainly recognize the heavy financial burden hard-working students and their families must bear as students pursue a higher education,” said Christine Downey-Schmidt, the

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newly elected chair of the Board of Regents. “Unfortunately, tuition enhancements are necessary if our institutions are to maintain the high quality of education that Kansans deserve and demand.”

Student Governing Association has established a “Five-Year Tuition Strategy Proposal” based on conclusion of the Student Senate Special Committee to Study Long-Term Tuition Strategies.

The committee was formed to analyze budgets and to prioritize the best tuition strategies to support K-State students.

Along with other university officials, they submitted this year’s tuition proposal to the Board of Regents in May. Then, the Regents evaluate, and in some cases, alter the tuition rates to what they deem best for each university.

Through the committee’s proposal, tuition is estimated to increase $15 per credit hours per year for each student – an increase, which will last for five years.

While the 2007-08 tuition increase is consistent with the five-year tuition plan, representatives from the admissions office confirm that these increases also are used to help eliminate fees for transcripts, commencements and career placements.

Tuition increases help boost faculty salary, undergraduate experience, academic programs, campus technology and other university enhancements.

“Today’s difficult fiscal challenges played a large role in our tuition decision,” Schmidt said. “State funding per university student continues to decline, campus utility costs continue to increase, and student expectations for increased educational quality all contribute to necessary cost enhancements.”

Although some might disagree with the overall tuition increase, Regents members say that students ultimately have a substantial voice in the cost of their education.

“Students have been actively and meaningfully involved in the campus tuition-setting process, and that level of student engagement and buy-in has been critically important as we have considered these proposals,” said Nelson Galle, the out-going Chair of the Board of Regents.

“In addition, while fiscal pressures have forced tuition rates to rapidly increase across the nation, it’s important to note that a state university education in Kansas remains a great buy when compared to neighboring states. Tuition rates at our state’s universities continue to provide Kansans with an exceptional educational value,” Nelson said.

A recent survey conducted by the Board of Regents revealed that Kansas universities have considerably lower tuition rates compared to neighboring states.

Students who attend K-State, the University of Kansas or Wichita State – the state’s three research institutions – pay $831 less than those who attend similar institutions, about a 15 percent difference.

Those who attend Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University or Pittsburg State University – the state’s three regional institutions – pay $818 less, about a 23 percent difference.

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state’s six universities and a coordinating board for 19 community colleges, 10 technical institutions and a municipal university.
Smith Given
Playwriting
Award At KU

The Department of English at the University of Kansas recognized 69 undergraduate and graduate students with just under $40,000 in awards and scholarships for outstanding academic performance, writing and teaching at an annual awards ceremony in May.

Among those 69 undergraduate and graduate students, 2003 Rose Hill High School graduate Benjamin Smith was awarded the Grant K. Goodman Playwriting Award. Smith is the son of Kelly and Shirley Smith.
Tuition burden for state schools shifting to residents

By CHRIS GREEN
Harris News Service

TOPEKA — The gap between what residents and non-residents pay to attend the state's largest universities will narrow again this fall.

In 2001, undergraduate students from out-of-state paid about four times more in tuition than Kansas students to attend the University of Kansas, Kansas State University and Wichita State University.

That disparity has significantly decreased in recent years, however, because in-state tuition costs have risen at more rapid rates than out-of-state charges.

The most recent round of tuition increases approved by the state Board of Regents last week will push the ratio to well below 3-to-1 at all three of the state's research institutions, according to a Harris News Service analysis of tuition data.

In fact, Kansas State and Wichita State will increase tuition by the exact same dollar amount for resident and non-residents students taking a semester of 15 credits hours this fall — $225 at K-State and $119.25 at Wichita State.

As a result, in-state students will see an 8.7 percent increase in their tuition at K-State while out-of-state students will see only a 3 percent. At Wichita State, residents will pay 6.5 percent more compared to the 2.2 percent more for out-of-state students.

Such changes show more of the tuition burden at research schools shifting to Kansas residents at a time when such charges make up an increasing portion of university operating budgets.

Roger Lowe, vice president of administration and finance at Wichita State, said his institution has actively worked to shrink the gap between in-state and out-of-state tuition.

Out-of-state students will pay 2.88 times more than in-state students to attend this fall. The university would eventually like to decrease that ratio to 2.75, Lowe said.

Lowe said the changes were designed to make the university competitive for out-of-state students and to ensure fairness.

"It's a matter of competition but we also feel that the number we're shooting for is to cover the costs of an education for a non-resident student, so that the taxpayers of the state Kansas don't have to pay the costs of it," Lowe said.

In the past, out-of-state students have paid rates that more than covered the costs of their educations, essentially subsidizing lower rates for resident students.

"What we want is a fair charge where the nonresidents students cover the expenses of their academic work," Lowe said.

Outsider advantages?

The state's three regional institutions — Emporia State, Pittsburg State and Fort Hays State — haven't seen significant changes in the spreads between in-state and out-of-state tuition rates.

Out-of-state students pay 3.41 times more than in-state students to attend Pittsburg State and 3.56 more at Emporia State. The ratio at Fort Hays State is 3.77-to-1.

Nonresidents paid 3.79 times more than residents to attend all three institutions in 2001.