TOPEKA – The cost of an education at state universities could significantly increase again next school year.

With that in mind, one institution unveiled a plan to the state Board of Regents Thursday to make college costs more predictable for students and their families.

University of Kansas officials proposed hiking tuition charges by about 16 percent for all incoming freshmen next year in return for freezing their rate for four years.

The board will vote on the plan and all universities’ tuition increases at a June meeting. Proposed hikes for Kansas residents at other institutions ranged from a 5.1 percent jump in tuition and fees at Fort Hays State to 9.5 percent at Emporia State.

At KU, a mandatory “four-year tuition compact” with each incoming group of freshmen would prevent year-to-year tuition spikes for that class of students, Provost Richard Lariviere said.

Over the past 30 years, the university’s tuition has increased by an average of 9 percent a year but has seen some yearly jumps as high as 25 percent.

“We are looking at something more predictable and regular, I think,” Lariviere said of the new proposal.

KU officials also want to set out a four-year schedule for fees and allow all students to fix their on-campus housing costs for two years.

But the tuition compact would only be for new freshmen this fall. Returning and transfer students would see a 6 percent increase in tuition next year and would be subject to future yearly increases approved by the Board of Regents.

Resident incoming freshmen would pay a single tuition rate of $213 per credit hour for four years while non-residents would pay $560. Those figures are averages of the rates students would pay if the university increased tuition by 6 percent every year for four years.

Each subsequent year’s freshmen would be required to enter into the four-year compact with the university which could be based on different tuition rates.

However, students lose their compact rate once they’ve completed four years.

KU Chancellor Robert Hemenway said in a written statement that allowing students to earn a degree in four years is a top priority.

“By offering no tuition increases for four years, we are giving students a powerful incentive to finish their degrees on time,” he said.

Tuition and fees for in-state residents attending KU and Kansas State University have more than doubled since 2002 as the percentage of state support has waned. Still, state officials argue their institutions remain a bargain compared to others schools around the country.

Officials have covered rising costs, enhanced technology, provided additional financial aid and increased faculty and staff salaries with the new tuition revenue.

Hannah Love, KU student body president, said she supported the compact proposal because it could help hold down large year-to-year increases students have been facing.

“I think it is a good response,” said Love, a Dodge City junior. “It’s one way, I hope, of correcting the increases.”

Board of Regents Vice Chairwoman Christine Downey-Schmidt of Inman said she didn’t know if the state’s other institutions would develop similar programs.

“I think every university will be looking to see how this works and if it fits in with their needs,” Downey-Schmidt said.
Editor's note: This is the first in an occasional series of Harris News Service articles on global warming.

By Sarah Kessinger
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LAWRENCE – Don Worster stands with his back to a video screen turned gray with an ominous 1930's image of dark dust clouds.

The elder University of Kansas history professor looks into the young faces of students seated in the campus auditorium.

He poses a challenge to them: Kansas recovered from the Dust Bowl, but will it heed the lessons from that environmental disaster? Kansans today are mining groundwater just as they are mining fossil fuels.

By 2020, some two-thirds of the irrigated acreage in Kansas will no longer enjoy a reliable water supply, state officials predict.

"That's a mere 13 years away," warns Worster, KU's Hall distinguished professor of American history and a Hutchinson native.

Seven decades since the "Dirty Thirties" buried farms in silt and scattered topsoil from the Great Plains to the Atlantic, today's signals from nature - the abundant evidence of climate change - should be spurring dialogue and action among Kansans, Worster said.

International scientists predict a warming planet could bring long-term drought and economic fall-out in a region now consuming water far beyond sustainability.

Meanwhile, Kansans burn more and more of the coal and oil that help fuel climate change.

Human and economic loss
In the early part of the 20th Cen-

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Dust storms swept through the High Plains, leaving farms buried in silt. The ecological nightmare came after years of plowing up fragile grassland for economic benefit, Worster said in his recent speech, "Feeling the Heat: Global warming and the Great Plains.

Today, the state's pursuit of wealth through coal-fired electricity poses a similar problem, he contends. Power plants' carbon dioxide releases are contributing to global warming.

His words echoed what the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a multi-national panel of scientists, announced in April.

North America will face more severe storms with human and economic loss, the report states.

It can expect more hurricanes, floods, droughts, heat waves and wildfires, it said. Coasts will give way to rising sea levels.

Notable in Midwest farm country, the short-term expectations are for crop yield increases of 5 percent to 20 percent from a longer growing season. But that will quickly decline if temperatures rise by 7.2 degrees late in the century, the IPCC concludes.

Matter of faith

It has been 70 years since the Dust Bowl's temperatures rose as high as 120 degrees some days. Worster wonders whether Kansans in 70 years will see the same.

"If these climate predictions are right, we're going to see a hotter, drier climate without a water source," Worster said. "We've used it up."

He recalled a conversation with a member of the state's board of agriculture a few years back.

The elder farmer's approach to intensive irrigation was one of complacency, Worster said. "So what? My kids don't want to be here anyway," the man told him.

"Many realize their children won't be here to farm," Worster said, "so why worry about a resource that's not going to be here?"

But Worster senses people might be waking up. He is willing to hit the speaker's trail and address groups across the state about the issue.

"We have to assume this is a mining mentality. The old coal mine towns, they disappeared. But some were remade though American ingenuity. Aspen, Colorado, is a former mining town."

What will happen to Kansas' signature places, its small farming towns, he said, is up to Kansans today.

"This comes down to a matter of faith... in human rationality," he said. "People are pretty innovative, creating a pretty good life on a very difficult planet."

Home on the range?

As for the predictions for the planet's future: "Most of us in Kansas think it won't be a problem for us," Worster said. "Maybe in the Netherlands or Bangladesh... but not here in the 'Garden of the World' as we once called ourselves."

Higher temperatures mean less soil moisture, however; as evaporation rates climb. When large-scale irrigation ends, the Great Plains could shift back to dry prairie or to dryland farms, which probably won't draw the same level of income. Worster said.
Area residents graduate from University of Kansas

More than 4,280 students will earn degrees at the University of Kansas this spring. The university’s 135th commencement ceremony was Sunday, representing 97 Kansas counties, 44 other states and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and 52 countries.

KU’s Class of 2007 numbers more than 6,400, including 2,125 who completed degree work in summer and fall 2006.

KU graduates from the area included:

From Rossville High School: Danielle Marie Froelich, daughter of Barbara Froelich, pharmacy doctorate; Jessica L. Lutackas, daughter of Jon and Diann Lutackas, English minor, bachelor of science in journalism.


From Silver Lake: Dustin Lee Dick, master of science in education; Blaine M. Folsom, master of urban planning; Erin Marie Grennan, daughter of Tom and Carol Grennan, master of occupational therapy, Paul Anthony Nioce, son of Mary Nioce, doctor of medicine.

From Hiawatha High School: Michael Matthew Grimmett, son of Bob and Susan Grimmett of Silver Lake, bachelor of science in mathematics.
I want to remind everyone about the benefit supper or Cindy Laverentz tonight at the 4-H Building from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A house guest of Deloris Herron this past week was her cousin, Ron Woods, Hermitage, Mo. Ron grew up and graduated from Greensburg, Kan. He spent a week cleaning up in Greensburg. His sister, Cathy, and husband, Bill Hayes, Loveland, Colo. came and worked three days. They luckily found a room in Dodge City. Ron is a retired State Trooper and enjoyed seeing a couple former “trooper friends,” along with former Greensburg friends from the past. A small town and a small world.

Valleyview Church served hamburger and chips at the regional track meet on Friday. They served nearly 500 people, and raised $2,200 for Greensburg tornado victims.

Spencer Burns is to have back surgery in Illinois. His mother, Karen, injured her foot and is using a crutch to get around.

Dennis McKay and his son were here to attend CHS graduation.

Shirley Ball is organizing a fiddlers and pickers event to be held the first Saturday of every month at GrayCo Over 50 Center. We enjoy watching you parade to the park for a fun day.

Reminder: Take The Jacksonian with you on your Memorial Day ventures and send in a photo for Jacksonian Jaunts. Show us where you and the newspaper have traveled.

They have been saying on the radio that gas prices for Memorial Day will not slow people down. I totally disagree. I do not plan to do anything just because of the prices. It took a 20¢ jump last week. I keep hearing them talk about $4 gas in California. Ouch!

An anonymous person sent me a note about my column. I want that person to know that HIPPA is something signed at hospitals, not my column. I only put those things in my column that people tell me about.

People in this community are concerned about others. Besides, it was my mother-in-law who had surgery. It lets those know about her since they do not see her often. Sorry if you were offended, and for me not being perfect.

If you have items that you wish to report, call 855-3902.

Many businesses will be closed Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day.

Remember Their All
By Colleen Reddaway Cook
Memorial Day, a time to pay tribute for the ultimate sacrifice.

Celebrate with your picnics, beach outings and reunions, But teach your children about the sacrifices made, Pride in the United States and the courage of the past.

Men and women, no matter how large or small the part, Left their all behind, footprints of water imprinted in the annals of time.

Let us give them bitter-sweet honor of a hero—respect ... and a heart rending thanks.

On The Outside
The University of Kansas community donated more than $29,000 to help the citizens of Greensburg. The KU Dining Services announced its “Dine to Donate” campaign raised $2,500 for Heart to Heart International’s relief efforts. The School of Engineering is offering full scholarships to GHS students for summer engineering camps at KU.
Professors experience rural life

ABOVE: Janis Lariviere, project coordinator with the Center for Science Education, Dole Human Development Center at the University of Kansas, looked at sheep at the Prairie Museum of Art and History today. RIGHT: Kirby Randolph, assistant professor and director, history and philosophy of medicine, at the university, visited with the museum’s cat. Members of the KU faculty and staff were in Colby as part of the annual Wheat State Whirlwind Tour. The tour’s purpose is to expose the staff to parts of Kansas they haven’t seen, and give them a better understanding of the state.
Area students graduate from KU

Six area students graduated from the University of Kansas Sunday.

The university's class of 2007 numbers more than 6,400, including 2,125 who completed degree work in summer and fall 2006. More than 4,000 participated in Sunday's ceremony.

Graduates from Goodland are: Kendra Jo Billinger, daughter of Rick and Rita Billinger, with a Bachelor of Arts in speech, language and hearing. Matthew Gannon Hall, son of Fred and Sharon Hall, with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. Rebekah Delynne Nichols, daughter of Ron and Bonnie Thompson, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in design. Jill Susanne Sowers, daughter of Rue and Marilyn Sowers, with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Joshua G Topliff, son of John and Carol Topliff, with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. From Sharon Springs: Casey Dean Rhea, son of Kurt and Cheri Rhea, Doctor of Pharmacy degree.
University of Kansas
More than 4,000 candidates for degrees graduated May 20
from the University of Kansas.
Area graduates include: Barber County: Kiowa, Alicia Ruiz, Bachelor of General Studies/Applied Behavioral Science; Medicine Lodge, Blair Donovan, Bachelor of Fine Arts/Design.

Barton County: Claffin, Timothy Hertach, Master of Accounting and Information Systems. Amber Hoffman, Bachelor of Science in Education; Ellinwood, Kelly Alderson, Bachelor of General Studies/English; Great Bend, Jared Barton, Bachelor of Social Work, Sarah Call, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Emily Holthus, Doctor of Medicine, Danielle Keenan, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Nicole Leiker, Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering, Abbie Schuster, Bachelor of General Studies/Psychology; Hoisington, Andrea Ricke, Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Clark County: Ashland, Nichole Canton, Bachelor of General Studies/History, Amber Odermann, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Edwards County: Belpre, Karen Wagner, Doctor of Pharmacy; Lewis, Tara Roenbaugh, Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science.

Ellsworth County: Ellsworth, Maggie Finke, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Holyrood, Phillip Martinez, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering; Wilson, Calley Averbcombie, Bachelor of Fine Arts/Design, Courtney Pekar, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Finney County: Garden City, Alyson Algrim, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Eric Babb, Bachelor of Science in Education, Derek Blau, Doctor of Pharmacy, Levita Yen Bui, Bachelor of Arts/Psychology, Matthew Calbeck, Bachelor of Music/Percussion, Lindsay Campbell, Juris Doctor, Amy Conway, Bachelor of Science in Education, Elizabeth Crotty, Bachelor of Arts/Biology and Chemistry MINOR, Garden City, Luis Cruz, Bachelor of Arts/Architectural Studies, Amanda Hollis, Business Minor and Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Kevin Hoskinson, Bachelor of General Studies/Theatre and Film, Jere-my Kirchoff, Doctor of Medicine, Melanie Lee, Master of Science in Education, Bryn Maughmer, Bachelor of General Studies/Psychology and Bachelor of General Studies/Speech-Language-Hearing, Michael Merz, Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics, Esmeralda Oroso, Bachelor of Science in Biology, Andrew Payne, Bachelor of Arts/Economics and Co-Major: International Studies and Bachelor of Arts/Political Science, Brandon Petz, Master of Accounting and Information Systems, Hannah Pickett, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Megan Price, Communication Studies Minor and Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Dusti Remschner, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Michael Rink, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Jessica Sprott, Bachelor of Science in Occupational Studies, Jessica Sprott, Bachelor of Science in Occupational Studies, Kristin Strasser, Bachelor of Arts/Psychology; Holcomb, Lindsay Rome, Doctor of Medicine.

Ford County: Bucklin, Trevor McGee, Bachelor of Arts/Theatre and Film and Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Elizabeth Rogers, Juris Doctor; Elizabeth Vocasek, Bachelor of Arts/Spanish; Dodge City, Kurtis Bell, Bachelor of Science in Education, Lindsay Gibbs, Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science, Crystal Hesman, Doctor of Medicine, Erin Koontz, Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Amy Le, Bachelor of General Studies/Psychology, Ashley Pyle, Female, Doctor of Medicine, Rachael Raugewitz, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Tammer Scott, Bachelor of Science in Business/Finance, Trinh Thuy Tran, Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science, Mark Vierthaler, Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Linda Thao T Vo, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Spearville, LeAnn Bell, Doctor of Pharmacy.

Greeley County: Tribune, Ryan Dittmer, Bachelor of Science in Education, Trenton Peter, Bachelor of Science in Business/Management.

Gove County: Quinter, Adrienne Ringer, Bachelor of Science in Education, Tina Sarber, Doctor of Pharmacy, Lynn Schmalzried, Master of Arts/Psychology and Doctor of Philosophy/Psychology.

Grant County: Ulysses, Natasha Lane, Master of Occupational Therapy, Karlo Ponce, Bachelor of General Studies/Economics, Paola Ponce, Doctor of Pharmacy.

Gray County: Cimarron, Sheryl Doubek, Bachelor of Arts/Psychology; Copeland, Sarah Leonard, Bachelor of Science in Journalism; Ingalls, Kelsey Gerber, Bachelor of Arts/English; Nubin, Amy Winsor, Bachelor of Science in Education.

Hodgeman County: Jetmore, Chastity Romero, Bachelor of General Studies/Anthropology and Bachelor of General Studies/History of Art.

Hamilton County: Syracuse, Deborah Fitzgerrel, Bachelor of General Studies/English, Justin Reed, Juris Doctor; Matthew Younger, Bachelor of Arts/English.

Harper County: Anthony, Charles Forsthy, Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Kelly McKee, Doctor of Pharmacy, Michael Nichols, Juris Doctor.

Harvey County: Halstead, Sarah Roberts, Bachelor of Science in Business/Accounting; Hesston, Ryan Hall, Doctor of Medicine, Arthur Unruh, Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry; Newton, Catherine Bergman, Doctor of Musical Arts, John Birky, Doctor of Medicine, Allison Blough, Master of Social Work, Allison Blough, Master of Social Work, Kyle Bonewitz, Bachelor of Science in Business/Marketing, Cody Buller, Bachelor of Science in Geology, Brittany Claassen, Bachelor of Science in Business/Accounting, Ryan Funk, Doctor of Pharmacy, Adam Gregg, Doctor of Medicine, Angela Holdeman, Doctor of Medicine, Luke Metzler, Bachelor of General Studies/Philosophy and Bachelor of General Studies/Sociology; Nathan Navrat, Bachelor of Arts/English, Rebecca Palmer, Bachelor of Arts/Anthropology and French Minor, Michael Parks, Bachelor of General Studies/Economics, Ashley Pugh, Bachelor of General Studies/Applied Behavioral Science, Susan Rohr, Master of Social Work, Randy Rucker, Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, Allissa Smet, Bachelor of Social Work, Jared Smith, Master of Social Work, Lourdes Snapp, Bachelor of Science in Education, Lesley
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Kearny County: Leakin, Devon Hanes. Schmehl, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

Kingman County: Cheney, Whitney Fasbender; Bachelor of Science in Journalism; Cunningham, Laney Allbritton, Bachelor of Arts/Anthropology and Bachelor of Arts/Psychology; Kingman, Becky Harbert, Bachelor of Social Work; Kale Langley, Bachelor of Arts/Human Biology; Kelsey McCabe, Business minor and Bachelor of General Studies/Communication Studies.

Zenda, Megan Swingle, Doctor of Pharmacy.

Kiowa County: Greensburg, Stephanie White, Bachelor of General Studies/Appplied Behavioral Science; Haviland, Carson Ballard, Bachelor of Fine Arts/Design.

Lane County: Dighton, Kayce Imming, Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Meade County: Meade, Steadman Rogers, Master of Science in Education; Lindsey Ross, Bachelor of Science in Journalism; Plains, Doctor of Medicine; Tamarah Dreitz, Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Bachelor of Arts/Communication Studies, Amanda Mercer, Bachelor of Arts/Psychology and Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Elizabeth Mercer, Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science.

Marion County: Burns, Shelby Plumner, Bachelor of Science in Education; Goessel, Amanda Voth, Juris Doctor; Hillsboro, Adam Driggers, Bachelor of Fine Arts; Art; Marion, Jared Beeton, Doctor of Philosophy/Geography; Ashlee Moore, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Peabody, Jeremy Carroll, Bachelor of Science in Physics; Tina Hardin, Juris Doctor; Sarah McLeod, Bachelor of Social Work.

McPherson County: Galva, Amy Becker, Bachelor of General Studies/Theatre and Film; Sara Grout, Master of Social Work; Inman, Brecken Lee, Bachelor of Science in Business/Finance; Kyleen Wright, Bachelor of Arts/English, Emily Yoder, Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management; Lindsborg, Betty Amos, Doctor of Philosophy/Education/Special Education, Katie Bandy, Bachelor of Arts/English, Shane Bauscher, Bachelor of General Studies/Geography; McPherson, Susan Birket, Doctor of Pharmacy, Jessica Chapman, Bachelor of Arts/Environmental Studies, Elizabeth Elliott, Master of Arts/Speech-Language Pathology, Kimberly Frazier, Bachelor of General Studies/Appplied Behavioral Science, Jonathan Kaufman, Master of Architecture, Jill Koehler, Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, Katherine Leicht, Master of Arts/Speech-Language Pathology, Jacob Linn, Bachelor of Science in Education, Shauna Marvin, Master of Public Health, Jamie Meador, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Heather Schwertfeger, Bachelor of Arts/Critical Antiquity; Moundridge, Elizabeth Hafoja, Juris Doctor.

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Ness County: Ness City, Vicki Gerstner, Master of Social Work; Utica, Jennifer Lindsley, Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science.

Pawnee County: Larned, Kate Giessel, Bachelor of Arts/Linguistics and Bachelor of Arts/Theatre and Film; Nicole Pounds, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Betty Seba, Doctor of Pharmacy, Holly Zook, Doctor of Physical Therapy.

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Rice County: Geneseo, Kasey Monroe, Bachelor of General Studies/Theatre and Film; Little River, Lance Hill, Bachelor of General Studies/Theatre and Film; Lyons, Bethany Barrientes, Bachelor of Arts/History, Christopher Hogan, Master of Science/Accounting; Sterling, Samantha Irick, Bachelor of Arts/Speech-Language-Hearing.

Reno County: Buhler, Brett Smith, Bachelor of Science in Business/Management, Jacob Stover, Bachelor of Arts/Communication Studies and Bachelor of Arts/French; Matthew Vieyra, Bachelor of Fine Arts/Art, Aaron Wiens, Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science; Haven, Joseph Fahrbach, Bachelor of Science in Business/Accounting and Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Jonathan Dennis, Peace and Conflict Studies Minor and Bachelor of Arts/Religious Studies, James Guyl, Bachelor of Science in Biology, Valerie Hooper, Bachelor of Arts/Human Biology, Chelsea Medlock, Bachelor of Science in Biology and Bachelor of Arts/History, Kristopher Morford, Bachelor of Arts/Biology, Darica Nisly, Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Amy Schaller, Bachelor of General Studies/Appied Behavioral Science, Andrea Smith, Doctor of Pharmacy, Jack Stanford, Bachelor of General Studies/Psychology, Mandi Atkinson, Bachelor of Arts/Environmental Studies, Christopher Bailey, Doctor of Pharmacy, Kelli Baird, Bachelor of Fine Arts/Design, Eriberto Biera, Bachelor of Fine Arts/Art and History of Art Minor; Kyle Binns, Juris Doctor, Michael Bretches, Bachelor of Science in Business/Accounting, Kristin Conklin, Bachelor of Science in Business/Finance, Tyler Davis, Bachelor of General Studies/History and Bachelor of General Studies/Political Science, Charlotte Dower, Bachelor of Science in Education, Casey Ensz, Bachelor of General Studies/History of Art, Jon Gortken, Doctor of Medicine; Stephanie Goodman, Bachelor of Science in Biology, Stephanie Goodman, Bachelor of Science in Biology, Jeffery
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KU Announces 4,000 Candidates For Degrees To Graduate In May 20 Ceremony

KU’s Class of 2007 numbers more than 6,400, including 2,125 who completed degree work in summer and fall 2006.

NOTE: Parent names/addresses and high schools are given only if students have provided that information.

Students from this area: Information is in this order: P/G ZIP P/G CO P/G City Student Name Gender Parent Name Plan (Major or Majors) Stdnt Level Destination HS Name HS City HS State

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Area students set to graduate from the University of Kansas - May 20

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Assaria students among those graduating are Ryan Brack, son of Charles and Tamra Brack, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering; Jordan Komp, son of Gary and Candy Komp, Bachelor of Science in Biology; Thomas Komp, son of Gary and Candy Komp, Bachelor of Science in Biology; and Erin Petitjean, daughter of Dan and Sandra Petitjean, Bachelor of General Studies in History.
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Lindsborg area graduates include Betty Amos, Doctor of Philosophy in Education/Special Education; Katie Lynn Bandy, daughter of Dale Swenson, Bachelor of Arts in English; and Shane Barber, son of John and Sharon Barber, Bachelor of General Studies in Geography.