WU enrollment dips again

Number of undergraduates down 3.5 percent this fall

By Steve Fry
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The number of undergraduate students at Washburn University this fall dropped 3.5 percent, a "significant" decrease, a university official said Tuesday.

Universities tally the number of students in the fall and spring semesters, but the fall enrollment is the school's measure of its student attendance, said Al Dicke, dean of enrollment management at Washburn.

The drop in numbers is a softening of enrollment at the undergraduate level, he said. Washburn administrators are trying to determine why the number declined this fall.

"We're looking at that," Dicke said, adding it would be about a month before he expects to conclude why the enrollment dropped. "Almost all of it is at the undergraduate level."

Overall, there are 6,901 students at Washburn this fall, compared to 7,153 in the fall semester a year earlier. That equates to 252 fewer students.

President Jerry Farley was out of town on Tuesday and unavailable for comment.

The drop in students is reflected in the numbers of men and women, part-time and full-time students, and freshmen through seniors, Dicke said.

The number of graduate students increased by 30, to 436 this fall, compared to 406 last fall, Dicke said. That is a growth of 7.4 percent.

There are five fewer students in the Washburn School of Law, a decrease of 1.1 percent compared to a year earlier. There were 450 law students in fall 2006, and there are 445 this year.

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FALL ENROLLMENT

Universities under the Kansas Board of Regents reported the following numbers for the fall semester.

- Emporia State University — 6,354, down 199 students, -3.0 percent
- Fort Hays State University — 9,588, up 466 students, +5.1 percent
- Kansas State University — 23,332, up 191 students, +0.8 percent
- Pittsburg State University — 7,087, up 228 students, +3.3 percent
- The University of Kansas — 29,260, down 353 students, -1.2 percent
- Wichita State University — 14,442, up 144 students, +1 percent
WU: Modest growth sought

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This is the second year in a row that enrollment has dropped. Washburn enrolled a total of 7,261 students in the fall 2005, but only 7,153 in the fall of 2006.

The university's goal is to grow at a "modest, sustained pace," perhaps 1 percent a year, Dickes said.

Washburn grew very rapidly from 6,118 in 2001 to 7,261 in 2005, a rate of 18.7 percent during those four years, Dickes said.

In part, Washburn enrollment numbers are reflecting changes in demographics, including a smaller pool of graduating high school seniors, Dickes said. That means there is increased competition among colleges for a smaller number of seniors, he said.

Universities governed by the Kansas Board of Regents are showing mixed results of increases and decreases in enrollment this fall. Emporia State University and The University of Kansas showed decreases in enrollment, while Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University and Wichita State University had more students.

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Kansas residents to take part in town hall on energy

How Kansas and the United States will meet its growing energy needs will be the topic of conversation in Topeka on Thursday, Oct. 4.

Washburn University, University of Kansas Energy Council, Kansas State University, Center for Sustainable Energy and ConocoPhillips are co-hosting a town hall meeting to discuss the state's and nation's energy issues, including traditional oil and gas development and consumption, renewable fuels, alternative energy sources, energy efficiency and conservation. Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and share their ideas on energy solutions that are secure, reliable, available and environmentally responsible.

Topeka is the 28th of 35 stops on ConocoPhillips' nationwide 'listening tour.'

The town hall meetings foster an open forum for citizens to express their opinions about energy issues and topics, as well as to gain feedback from local and national experts. Individuals interested in learning more about, and participating in, the national Conversation on Energy tour can visit www.conocophillips.com/energy.

The meeting will be held at the Kansas History Museum and Library, 6425 SW 6th Ave. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the event will begin at 7 p.m.

One-on-one interviews with ConocoPhillips' representatives are available. To schedule an interview, or to be included on the event registration list, please call Saki Indakwa, (713) 513-9510 or Cassie Wedekind, (214) 665-1336.
Buster Keaton celebration at Iola this weekend

KTVU-TV (PBS) invites viewers to the 15th Annual Buster Keaton Celebration this weekend in Iola. This year's anniversary celebration teams Keaton with the legendary Douglas Fairbanks offering films and presentations on the Great Stone Face and the Great Swashbuckler!

KTVU will commemorate the anniversary year by offering free Keaton paperweights (while supplies last) to attending fans. The celebration runs September 28 and 29 at the Bowlus Fine Arts Center in Iola. Admission is free.

Some of the feature films will be shown with live music scores by the Mont Alto Motion Picture Orchestra.

Born Joseph Frank Keaton on October 4, 1895 near Iola, at Piqua, Buster was an American silent film comic actor and filmmaker. His trademark was physical comedy with a stoic, deadpan expression on his face, earning him the nickname "The Great Stone Face."

Keaton's career as a performer and director is widely regarded to be among the most innovative and important work in the history of cinema. He was recognized as the seventh greatest director of all time by Entertainment Weekly. His film work spanned movie history from the silent film era to the 1960s. His silent film, The General, is critically regarded as one of the best films of all time. Keaton also appeared in a number of smaller, cameo roles in films in his later life including Sunset Boulevard (1950), Around the World in 80 Days (1956), It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World (1963), Beach Blanket Bingo (1965), and A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (1966). Keaton died in February 1966.

Speakers scheduled to appear at the celebration include Robert Arkus, film historian; Tracey Doyle, Keaton & Fairbanks historian and author; Martha Jett, Keaton Historian, documentary filmmaker and author; Fred Krebs, Professor of history, Johnson Co. Community College; David Macleod, Keaton historian and co-founder of the Blinking Buzzards Buster Keaton Appreciation Society in the United Kingdom; Thomas Prasch, PhD, Washburn University; Frank Scheide, PhD, University of Arkansas; Bill Shaffer, Producer/Director, KTWU, Channel 11; and John Tibbetts, PhD, University of Kansas.

More information on the celebration can be found online at www.busterkeatoncelebration.org
India is becoming valuable trade partner to Kansas companies

BY PAT SANGIMINO

India, with a population of one billion, including 300 million middle-class residents, is a sleeping giant in the trade market, says the provost and executive vice chancellor at the University of Kansas.

"It's a market that is going to be a part of American business for the rest of our lives," says Richard Lariviere, who has extensive business experience in India.

Lariviere, who has been a senior fellow at the American Institute of Indian Studies in India and a consultant to many corporations, locally and abroad, will be one of the featured speakers Thursday when the Kansas World Trade Center presents "Destination India," its annual international trade conference.

The conference, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Wichita, will feature a number of experts on business opportunities in India.

Lariviere also has written books, articles and reviews on subjects ranging from law and religion in India to matrimonial remedies for women in classical Hindu law. In 1989, his book on Indian legal procedure was selected as the best book of the year on South Asia by the CESMEO Institute in Torino, Italy.

A GIANT IN WAITING

"There are opportunities for Kansas businesses there," says Karyn Page, president and CEO of the Kansas World Trade Center.

The best parallel Page can give came 26 years ago when Kansas Gov. John W. Carlin saw an opportunity to form a trade relationship with China, then a mere shadow of the powerful economic machine it is today.

"At that time, China was a blip to Kansas — a blip on the radar screen to the United States," Page says. "Now look at the opportunities Kansas has forged. We were the third state to have a formalized relationship. Fast-forward to today. China is a top five export trade market with the state of Kansas."

China is one of the top importers of Kansas beef, wheat and aircraft. India should be considered to have the same kind of potential, Page says. Lariviere concurs.

"The broad message I want to convey is it's hard to imagine a business that doesn't have to pay attention to the international market — particularly India and China," he says.

Some Wichita companies are already developing strategies for India. Pioneer Balloon Co. has broken ground on a 42,000-square-foot foot facility in southern India, which will allow the balloon maker to remain competitive on the international market.

"It has to do with a whole global strategy of how we're going to be competitive on a worldwide basis," says Pioneer President Ted A. Vlamis.

There are some Wichita companies that outsource some of their technological, accounting and tax work to India as a means of cutting costs. It is something that is looked upon negatively, Page says, because people don't truly know the issue.

"People don't have an adequate understanding of what outsourcing is," Page says. "People look at it as the exporting of American jobs and that's not what it is."

Page says the Kansas WTC outsources its tax work to a certified public accountant and it has a law firm handle its legal work.

"We don't go out of the country to do it, but we're taking portions of our work and sending it elsewhere to get a better value on the bottom line," Page says.

Lariviere says outsourcing has been going on for years. It's only in recent years when professional service jobs began getting sent overseas that it caused a controversy.

"It's relatively new in the United States, but it has been going on worldwide for a long time," he says.

"People think of it as taking my job and giving it to someone else, that it's a bad thing. When you understand what outsourcing is doing, you understand it and find a way to make it work for you."

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Kansas exports to India, 2001-06
Exports from the state of Kansas to India have increased nearly 700 percent since 2001.
Social scientists debate war work

A dispute is raging among anthropologists about the ethics of helping the military.

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The Kansas City Star

U.S. Army officers mired in the insurgencies of Iraq and Afghanistan yearn to know what makes Sunnis, Shiites, Kurds, Turkmen, Pashtuns, Tajiks, Uzbeks and Hazaras tick.

So they've turned to anthropologists like Felix Moos at the University of Kansas.

"An informed military that is culturally agile is a force for less conflict," he said.

He falls with a small cadre of anthropologists insisting wars could be less violent and more successful if Americans in uniform better understood whom they're up against, and arguing that social scientists should team up with the military.

That attitude horrifies some anthropologists, who recall past links to espionage and colonialism. They fret it will undermine the success and safety of colleagues in the study of humans. They ask: Who will talk to us once we've teamed up with soldiers in an unpopular war?

"These anthropologists talk about it saving lives," said Hugh Gusterson at George Mason University. "But the military can use this knowledge to be more lethal. ... You start out with one thing that evolves into quite another."

Gusterson is part of the ad hoc Network of Concerned Anthropologists circulating a pledge — part anti-war, part purity of the profession — promising not to work with the military on counterinsurgency.

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WAR: Anthropologists debate ethics of working with military

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS ANTHROPOLOGIST BARTHOLOMEW DEAN

The argument involves a creed central to the profession — that only people willingly playing along should be the subjects of research. Critics insist no truly informed people would freely share insights with a potential enemy who, after all, is still a combatant or occupier.

Those working with the military respond that no one is being tricked into talking to them and that they can speed the way toward compromise and reconciliation. Anthropologists on both sides, however, agree that the invasion of Iraq was begun with surprising ignorance about Iraqis that has made the conflict more intractable.

Cultural understanding lies at the heart of the new counterinsurgency doctrine crafted under Gen. David Petraeus during his command at Fort Leavenworth and aggressively put to battlefield tests. Commanders increasingly turn to anthropologists to navigate the pecking orders of tribes and clans, to identify local taboos and to minimize resistance to an occupying army.

"Everybody from about lieutenant colonel on down, what they've known in their careers has been low-intensity conflicts — Haiti, Somalia, the Balkans ... Iraq and Afghanistan," said Jim Greer, a retired Army colonel now with the Army's Human Terrain System at Fort Leavenworth. "They see this kind of expertise as highly valuable."

At the University of Kansas, anthropologists Moos and Bartholomew Dean regularly consult with officers studying counterinsurgency at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. To sit out the wars, they say, misses chances to help end conflicts.

"I want to live in a stable world," Dean said. "I'm passing on knowledge that makes the world more able to reach compromises."

For instance, working with two soldiers, he's finishing up a paper now that aims to reduce the threat of improvised roadside bombs. It studies "Operation Turkey Stomp," where U.S. soldiers threatened to shut down Iraqi shopkeepers if Americans continued to get hit by blasts near their stores.

Dean said the tactic got short-term results, but its effectiveness waned over time and threatened long-term sentiments.

That sort of work typifies the real-world work that contrarian anthropologist Montgomery McFate contends is too rare.

"The discipline," she wrote in a paper provocative partly because it appeared in the Army's Military Review, "has become hermetically sealed within its Ivory Tower."

McFate today is the senior social science adviser to the U.S. Army Human Terrain System and says it's a mistake for the profession to back away. "War is always going to happen," she said.

In its infancy, anthropology was derided as the "handmaiden of colonialism" because it so often involved intellectuals studying native inhabitants of some territory freshly acquired by an imperial power. They often unwittingly drew a road map for control of local populations.

During the world wars, anthropologists worked as spies or propagandists. Gregory Bateson, one of Margaret Mead's husbands, worked against the Japanese with U.S. intelligence units and helped create deceptive radio broadcasts for Burmese consumption. He later regretted his partisanship and damage to the credibility of the discipline.

Similarly, the collaboration of scientists in Vietnam with the military also outraged some in the profession and fueled a movement for greater distance.

Yet anthropologists today are teaming up with commanders in Indonesia, the Philippines and elsewhere. Those with the U.S. Army, although still civilian, sometimes carry guns and regularly talk with locals before briefing military officers.

That makes other anthropologists jumpy.

"Already when I'm traveling in Latin America, in areas where there are guerrilla groups, when I introduce myself as from the United States, there is suspicion," said Roberto Gonzalez, an anthropologist at San Jose State University. "So if I decide to send a student doing a graduate project out to somewhere where U.S. anthropologists are doing counterinsurgency work, his or her physical safety is compromised."

Some in the profession warn that anthropology may be an oversold tool to the military — one wrote that it "risks replacing strategy with stereotypes," that it is becoming engrained in modern war.

Patrick Porter, a lecturer at the British Joint Services Command and Staff College, writes bluntly: "To wage war, become an anthropologist."

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Shaikh noted how the tax industry has changed in the last 10 years. When he started, the industry was primarily focused on compliance and return preparation.

"Now, Jefferson Wells and other firms provide a full array of financial consulting services to meet the demands of clients facing ever increasing and complex regulatory and financial reporting requirements," Shaikh said.

- **Focus:** Shaikh said his new job gives him a chance to focus on the Kansas City region and take a more detailed approach to medium- and large-size clients.

| Toni Cardarella, special to The Star |
KU Housing Department Announces 2007-08 Student Leaders

The University of Kansas’ Department of Student Housing has named its 2007-08 student leaders, including resident assistants for KU’s eight residence halls, proctors and food board managers for 11 scholarship halls and top officers for the five university housing organizations.

“We are thankful for and proud of the outstanding leadership that these students provide in their various roles,” said Diana Robertson, director of the Department of Student Housing. “Their willingness to serve their peers in these capacities is testimony to their character and personal achievement. They truly make a difference in the lives of so many students.”

For the 146 students chosen as live-in resident assistants, proctors or food board managers, duties include serving as role models, handling administrative and programming duties and performing paraprofessional advisory functions for residents. Food board managers coordinate menu planning and food purchasing for their assigned halls.

Housing organization officers are elected to represent their fellow student residents and organize and facilitate shared social, intellectual and cultural concerns and activities.

About 5,000 people live in KU student housing facilities, Robertson said. The top 1 percent of these students, based on community leadership, are eligible for membership in the KU chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary.

A student leader from the Edwards County area is Sarah Marie Stegman, daughter of Rean and Jerri Stegman, who is a junior majoring in Psychology BGS. Sarah will be a Resident Assistant at Ellsworth Hall.
Hanston Firemen attend Fire Training School

Lane Halling, Gary Seiler, Ryan Burke, Neil Hardiman, Mike Salmans, Dustin Lee, and Chief Mike Burke attended a fire training school hosted by the LaCrosse Fire Department on Wednesday Sept. 19th. Training included inside fire training with the use of the University of Kansas Fire Trailer. Numerous fire situations were addressed including a typical stove fire and a bedroom fire. “This intense inside fire training was very valuable to all those attending,” commented Chief Mike Burke. Lane Halling, Gary Seiler, Neil Hardiman, and Dustin Lee (right) prepare to enter the trailer to put out a stove fire. Mike Burke at the controls (below).
Students honored

Students from 12 Kansas high schools will be honored Wednesday, Oct. 3, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment.

A total of 84 seniors will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 6:30 p.m. dinner program at the Salina Country Club, 2101 E. Country Club Rd.

Local student honored include Brooke Major and Aubrey Pancek, both from Wilson High School.

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 Mike Davis, senior vice president for alumni programs for the KU Alumni Association.
Regents plan shows how funds from Legislature will be spent on university projects over five years

Building on education

Officials at the six state universities in Kansas will have more than $38 million this year to begin work on 50 critical building maintenance projects.

The Kansas Board of Regents earlier this month released its "State University 5-Year Maintenance Plan Allocations," a document that outlines project dates and funding through fiscal year 2012.

The money for the projects was made available by House Bill 2237, which was passed during the last legislative session.

The bill provides to the universities $90 million in direct state funding, about $44 million in retained interest earnings and up to $118 million in private contributions generated by state-funded tax credits.
## Five Most Expensive Projects

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### Five most expensive projects scheduled for 2008:
- $6,000,000, KU, utility tunnel improvements.
- $5,100,000, KSU, Willard Hall.
- $3,311,000, KU, Wescoe Hall.
- $2,970,000, KSU, utility infrastructure improvements.
- $2,073,000, FHSU, Picken Hall improvements.