Student athletes work hard for grades

I read with more than passing interest the story on the cheating scandal that has unfolded at Florida State University. Over the last five years that I’ve taught Humanities and Western Civilization at The University of Kansas, I’ve had numerous athletes in my classes. In addition, I’ve had to fail students who were caught cheating in my classes. None of the students caught cheating were athletes.

It’s unfortunate the academic assistance employees at FSU felt the need to help students cheat on online exams and give them other assistance, such as typing papers. Contrary to public opinion athletes aren’t given preferential treatment at KU. In fact, I was first alerted to this story by an official in the Student Athlete Support Services office at KU. In the interest of full disclosure, I must acknowledge I’m serving as a strategic tutor for two student athletes this fall.

When I was contacted by the SASS office about the possibility of serving as a tutor, I was somewhat reluctant. However, when I learned the athletes were former students, I readily accepted. I must confess I was curious as to how this tutoring worked for the athletes. I’d passed by, but never ventured inside, the Wagon Student Athlete Center where the majority of the tutoring sessions take place. I’d read advertisements in the University Daily Kansan looking for tutors, and I’d spoken with some graduate school colleagues who had served and continue to serve as tutors for student athletes.

One of the first official functions I attended after accepting this position was a NCAA compliance meeting where the tutors and support staff were instructed in the numerous procedures and regulations that cover all aspects of the tutor-student relationship. Other issues related to various forbidden benefits that could damage the eligibility of the athletes and the reputation of the athletic department, and the university in general, also were discussed.

The amount of information was rather overwhelming, but I left with an increased appreciation for the everyday difficulties encountered by the athletes and those individuals at the university who serve in support roles for the students.

From the outside looking in, it’s rather easy to be critical or cynical about the resources provided for student athletes, but if you look beneath the surface I think anyone would be hard pressed to not admire the dedication and energy of the student athletes.

Many of the athletes rise at dawn to work on their conditioning. When many of us are arriving at work, these men and women are attending early-morning classes or having hour-long tutoring sessions for their various classes.

In an age when many students look for the easy way out, it’s refreshing to see the student athlete is alive and well at KU.

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Energy meeting slated at Washburn

Students from Washburn University will meet with an executive from ConocoPhillips to discuss local, national and global energy issues at 1 p.m. Thursday at Washburn University.

Carlin Knickel, the vice president of ConocoPhillips, will visit Washburn to discuss the global energy environment and the importance of energy security. The conversation on Energy town hall meeting is co-hosted by Washburn, The University of Kansas Energy Council, Kansas State University's Center for Sustainable Energy and ConocoPhillips.
Dole awards announced

LAWRENCE — Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., will receive this year’s Robert J. Dole Leadership Prize from the Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Lied Center. Tickets are required but are free.

Lewis has represented Georgia’s 5th District in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1987. He has been at the center of the civil rights movement since the early 1960s.

He became a national figure after his role in the civil rights marches from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., when police beat Lewis in public with the television cameras rolling. The beatings fractured his skull and left head wounds that are still visible today.

Previous winners of the Dole Leadership Prize include former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, former U.S. Sens. Howard Baker and George McGovern, and former Polish President Lech Walesa.
Wildcat professor gets research money from Jayhawks

K-State News Service

A Kansas State University grain scientist is being recognized for his research work with a Higuchi award from the University of Kansas.

Paul Seib, professor emeritus of grain science and industry, is receiving the Irvin Youngberg Award for Applied Sciences from KU.

The honor includes a $10,000 award which must be used for research materials, summer salaries, fellowship matching funds, research assistance or other research-related support.

A cereal chemist, Seib's expertise includes cereal carbohydrates, wheat-based foods and stable forms of vitamin C. He is the author of more than 200 journal articles, several book chapters and a monograph. He also holds 18 U.S. patents, including two involving a stabilized form of vitamin C used in animal feeds, particularly aquaculture feed.

Seib's work has earned numerous honors, including the Melville L. Wolfrom Award from the Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry of the American Chemical Society; Award of Merit from the Japanese Society of Applied Glycoscience; and the Excellence in Teaching Award and the Altsberg-Schoch Memorial Lectureship Award, both from the American Association of Cereal Chemists.

He also received the 2001 Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty awards for outstanding contributions to research and graduate education at K-State.

Seib currently serves on the board of editors of two journals dealing with carbohydrate polymers. He retired from K-State in 2006.

The Higuchi awards were established by the late Takeru Higuchi and his wife, Aya, to honor outstanding research accomplishments of faculty at Kansas Board of Regents institutions.
School awards

Harvey Co. high school seniors to be honored

Students from four Harvey County high schools will be honored by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment at the annual Kansas Honor Scholars reception at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Hutchinson.

The seniors represent the top 10 percent of their high school classes academically, regardless of classes taken, occupational plans or higher education goals. Each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary in hardback and CD versions.

Following is a list of honorees, listed by high school. Students from Wichita schools will be honored in November; those from suburban Sedgwick County schools were listed Sept. 20.

Halstead — Tyler Donker, Jacob Nightingale, Megan Ollendieck, Grace Page, Mandelyn Phillips and Matthew Piesky

Hesston — Katherine Alison, Kendra Alison, Benjamin Baumgartner, Jordan Bontrager, Joseph Brichacek, Cory Hiebert, Jessica Juhnke, Roxanne Larson, John Murray, Jared Redding, Cory Rychener, Ricardo Sanchez, Ashley Shogren, Brett Voth, Dorothy Voth, Lee Voth-Gaedert, Jamie Wollenberg and Elizabeth Worthington

Newton — Sammantha Baldwin, Joseph Barden, Kacy Barker, Dustin Blosser, Grace Choe, Ryan Clough, Emilie Doerksen, Rachel Goering, Amy Goering, Amelia Harrison, Kylie Jantz, Kevin Leary, Taylor McCabe-Juhnke, Lucas McConnell, Sheralynn Neff, Scott Rempel, Caroline Robby

Allison Schrag, Aubrey Schrag, Julia Schrag, Elizabeth Tieszen, Kristin Unruh, Anna Unruh, Lindsay Vannaman, Sarah Vogt, Melissa Volk and Ruth Wiens

Sedgwick — Brittany Grattan, Jennifer Hendrixson, Jesse Manning and Joshua Walker

Burrton — Lance Guthrie and Ashley Hobbs
Local students named University of Kansas housing 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.

The students from Kansas City, Kansas, are: Janae Lynn Newman, sophomore pre-pharmacy major and graduate of Sumner Academy, Corbin Hall resident assistant; Creston Miles Herron, senior violin major and graduate of Sumner Academy, Ellsworth Hall resident assistant; Mark Anthony Marquez, sophomore pre-optometry major and graduate of Sumner Academy, Lewis Hall resident assistant; James McIntosh, sophomore human biology major and graduate of Sumner Academy, Ellsworth Hall resident assistant; and Alessandra Hanly, sophomore undecided major and graduate of Turner High School, Hashinger Hall resident assistant.

"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 para-professional 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.
KU officials honor CPM class participants

Special to the Times

Kansas Secretary of Administration Duane Gooersen will join University of Kansas officials Wednesday in Liberal to honor participants in the Certified Public Manager's program offered in southwest Kansas by KU's Public Management Center.

Gooersen and KU Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Richard Lariviére will address the participants, legislators, local officials and guests at 5:30 p.m. at the Liberal Country Club, 339 W. 18th St.

Participants include state, local and federal workers who have been enrolled in the program since January. The monthly class rotates among sites in Liberal, Dodge City and Garden City to accommodate students from the area.

This year, students from Hays, Larned and Norton also enrolled in the program.

"In our ongoing efforts to serve the entire state, the KU Public Management Center first offered this course in southwest Kansas in 2006, and the response was overwhelming," said Charles Jones, director of the center, which is in Topeka. "So we've offered it again, and again we received enthusiastic participation from across the region."

KU's Certified Public Manager credential is a nationally recognized emblem of management excellence and complies with the guidelines and standards established by the National Certified Public Manager Consortium. Working with the Public Management Center to offer the program are the Mid-America Regional Council, League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Association of Counties and U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School.

The Certified Public Manager program was established in 1993. Since then, more than 800 public managers have completed certification. The year-long course concludes with a December graduation. Classes meet three consecutive days each month, for a total of 288 contact hours.

The program's goals are to provide a foundation of knowledge and skills in management practices for those at all levels in government; offer opportunities for professional and personal growth for public-sector employees; and foster effective management practices in government organizations.

The program participants are as follows:

City of Liberal employees Sally M. Fuller, Gary L. Scott and D. (Colleen) Towns.
Seward County employees Janet K. Lewis, Sherry Wilson, Crystal Ann Clemens, Mary L. Bloomer and John A. Ralston.
Southwest Medical Center employees Mark L. Cowan, Jo Lynn Harrison, Lisa L. Mathes, Sandra Ann Montes and Susan Marie Zielke.
Dodge City employees Corey A. Keller, Barbara J. Slagland Clifford E. Sonnenberg.
Garden City employees Alan M. Geier, Clayton M. M. Horst, Rachelle I. Powell and Dan F. Riney.
Greensburg employee Steve A. Hewitt.
James "Jim" Braun of the Hays Police Department.
Lakin employee Fred T. Jones III.
Chris A. Baker with the Larned State Hospital.
Norton employee Todd T. Toman.
Ulysses' Linda J. McHenry with Grant County.
Shawn Silliman, a naturalist with the Chaplin Nature Center, is helped by Erin Dye as they tag a female Monarch Butterfly during the annual Fall Nature Day & Butterfly Tagging held on Saturday at the nature center. Over 100 volunteers took part in watching the Monarch Butterfly migration. These volunteers were instructed on proper handling and capture techniques, before they went out to search for these creatures. The butterfly tagging program is part of on-going research conducted by the University of Kansas. The butterflies make the trip from Mexico to the northern part of the United States each year, and back. At right a monarch has been tagged.
Garden Rises From Ashes Of Deadly Lawrence Fire
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LAWRENCE (AP) - Every day, flames engulfed an east Lawrence home, taking the lives of her husband and four grandchildren, Learlean Glover has worked to reconstruct her life.

It's been an arduous, yearlong struggle.

Glover, was the sole survivor of the blaze that broke out a year ago Monday at 1205 New Jersey St. She was injured and suffered smoke inhalation in the fire. Within a few days, her physical wounds were healing, and she was released from the hospital.

But Glover had endured a tremendous loss. Her husband and four young grandchildren for whom the couple cared were dead. Her home was charred rubble.

As state Rep. Barbara Ballard told the Glover family during a funeral service for the five fire victims: "I don't think anyone can ever know how you feel."

In that fire a year ago, Glover lost so much. She didn't, however, lose her faith.

"I've learned we can build and we can tear down, but we have to know when to rebuild," she said during a recent interview.

She has visited the site of her former home daily. After collecting whatever she could salvage from the ashes, she transformed the lot into a flourishing community garden, a garden that commemorates the lives of Charles Glover Sr., 66; Nolan Vender, 13; DaVonte Brockman, 11; Mario Johnson Jr., 2; and Mariyana Johnson, 13 months.

Glover's strength since the tragedy has awed friends and neighbors.

One neighbor, Jack Klinknelt, who pulled Glover from a broken window after the fire broke out, has witnessed a transition at 1205 New Jersey -- from a house full of children to an empty lot and, now, to a garden that attracts neighbors, school children and passers-by.

"What's so impressive is people have different ways of responding to trauma," he said. "She obviously is one of those people that met it completely head-on."

But she didn't meet it alone. Glover's foundation has been her faith in God.

"You're talking about me being strong; I give God the credit for that, because if it had not been for him, I don't think I'd have made it," Glover said. "Yes, I was pulled through the fire, but not having them after the fire, it was like, why am I here? What for? What purpose do I have? But he let me know: 'Your work here is not done. You still have a job to do.'"

She said that job now is to focus on the community and the children, "to show them the love that they showed me."

She also draws inspiration from Nolan's brother, Kamil Williams, 12, and sister, JaNessa Williams, 11, who now live with her. Before Nolan perished in the fire, she said, it was his dream to have Kamil and JaNessa live with him.

In the past year, the garden has provided a safe haven, filled with special memories for Glover, a place to help her "focus on the good things," she said.

Gardening certainly wasn't new for a member of Charles and Learlean Glover's family. Before his death, Charles Glover was a groundskeeper at University of Kansas for more than 25 years, keeping tabs on the gardens and yard of Chancellor Robert Hemenway's campus home for a decade. Nolan and DaVonte, who participated in a master gardeners after-school program, and the Glowers would work together in the garden.

Remarkably, several plants from the family's garden survived the brutal fire, including Charles Glover's miniature rose bush.

Learlean Glover said the rose bush has bloomed just once since the fire. Two blossoms appeared, as if to say, "we miss you," she said with teary eyes, and then they "went back to sleep."

Five rocks painted with the names of each family member are lined together in the garden. Each family member who died has a small designated flower bed with flowers they liked. Neighbors have also contributed.

Glover has bigger plans for the lot.
Her focus and her dream is to create My House, a community building, or a day care. In a way, she would be like a grandmother to all misplaced children or anyone who wanted to visit.

"My vision is to see little children at My House, playing in the flower beds. I can see them picking flowers for Mom, maybe Grandma," she said.

She and a longtime friend, Reta Cosby, applied to ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," in hopes of having a building constructed on the lot.

Besides being involved in several community organizations and her church, Glover has remained in-
olved at Nolan and DaVonte's schools. She donated two Van Go Mobile Arts benches, in memory of each boy. Nolan was in seventh grade at Central Junior High School, and DaVonte was in sixth grade at New York School.

DaVonte's teacher, Deb Temple, said last year was an emotional one at the school, especially for her and DaVonte's classmates. DaVonte's empty desk remained in the classroom. Through the year it slowly moved to the back of the classroom where it was designated as a quiet place for students.

At Central Junior High, principal Frank Harwood said students and staff members who knew Nolan lost a "true friend."

Cosby said people need inspiration from tragedy and she hopes Learlean Glover's story provides that inspiration to others who are going through a difficult time.

"There's a brighter day after all of it," Cosby said.
Coach loves KU still despite fan backbiting

At a time when newspaper sports pages are filled with stories of athletes and coaches engaged in crimes, arrests, foul language, violent tempers, cheating, drugs and other such actions, it is refreshing to know there are coaches such as former Kansas University basketball coach Roy Williams, recently inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.

During his acceptance remarks, Williams, who left KU after 15 highly successful years to become coach at North Carolina, emphasized how much his years at KU meant to him. He said they were “the happiest 15 years of my life.”

Williams is well aware of the double talk by many at KU and among a number of KU alumni who are quick to criticize Williams behind his back. ...

Nevertheless, Williams continues to express his affection for KU, even though he is well aware of the fickle fans and others who talk out of both sides of their mouths and who continue to be critical of the coach. ...

One of the truly distinguishing aspects of the Hall of Fame induction was that so many former KU players made the effort to attend. Some observers said they could not remember any former inductee having so many of his players present.

Williams is a winner, not only on the basketball court but also as a person. Collegiate sports needs more coaches such as Williams, men and women who set an example for others to try to match.

He could be bitter about the way some at KU conducted themselves at the time he was considering a move to North Carolina, and what some continue to say behind his back.

But he is a bigger man than those who want to tear him down. Again, more individuals like Williams are needed in college sports.

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