Local students named University of Kansas housing leaders

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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.

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Hinson named resident assistant at KU's Templin Hall

Erik Weston Hinson, son of Jerry and Deborah Hinson, a Pre-Medicine sophomore, has been named a Templin Hall Resident Assistant. Hinson is a Maize High School graduate.

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Voth receives law degree from KU

LAWRENCE — Amanda Voth, graduate of Goessel High School and Bethel College, graduated from The University of Kansas Law School with a juris doctor degree on May 20. She passed the Kansas State Bar and will be admitted to practice at the state and federal levels in a ceremony in Topeka, which was Friday. She is the daughter of James and Gayle Voth of Goessel.
Homecoming week begins at Wellington High School

By TERESA LEE
The Wellington Daily News

Homecoming is just around the corner, and high schoolers are gearing up for a night of fun.

This year’s Homecoming theme is “Crusader Paradise,” which was developed by the school council. The idea comes from each individual’s idea of paradise — whether it’s an island getaway or a night on the town.

Numerous events will kick off the week of homecoming starting with Spirit Week starting Oct. 1 at Wellington High School. Each day will have a different theme. Students will participate in crazy days such as Camo Day to Wardrobe Catastrophe Day.

On Thursday, a parade through downtown Wellington will show off four floats — one for each class at WHS. Duchess candidate, Kayla Richmond says her senior class float will involve a waterfall with a Crusader fan watching the Knights play the state championship.

“IT’s going to be really cool,” said Richmond.

A pep assembly will be held Friday, Oct. 5 to stir up some Crusader pride before the big game against Kingman at 7 p.m. that night. While the football team bashes their way to victory, the five girls named Duchess candidates this year will eagerly await the halftime coronation of the winner.

This year’s candidates are Chelsea Cox, Melanie
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Martin, Taylor Smith, Kayla Richmond, and Crosby Brooks. The Duchess candidates are picked from a list of senior girls by all the senior boys in the school. Those with the most votes become candidates.

The winner of the crown is voted on the day before homecoming and the winner announced at the half.

A game will be held after the game at the high school until 11:30 p.m.

But the fun doesn’t stop with the high schoolers. Fall festival will be taking place starting at 8 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 6 with the 18th Annual Chili and Salsa Cook-off at Heritage Park. A motorcycle toy run will start their line up at 10 a.m., and for all the University of Kansas and Kansas State University fans a television will be available at the festival for the big game.

“It’s a great time for everyone in Wellington, and this way homecoming doesn’t just stop with the game and a dance,” said Shelley Hansel, director of the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information on the fall festival, contact the chamber at 326-7466.
Sunflower seeks new partner to build ethanol plant near Holcomb

GARDEN CITY (AP) — Sunflower Electric Power Corp. is seeking a replacement partner to build an ethanol plant in southwest Kansas as part of its proposed integrated bioenergy center.

The Scoular Co. had planned to construct the plant to produce 100 million gallons of ethanol a year. Sunflower wants the ethanol plant built at the same site where it plans to construct some coal-powered plants.

Now Scoular is looking for another location to build an ethanol facility, and Sunflower is looking for another company to build the plant it wants. The ethanol plant would be part of Sunflower’s proposed bioenergy center, which would reuse and convert waste products into renewable energy, including methane and ethanol.

Omaha-Neb.-based Scoular considers the bioenergy center a great project, said Randy Hellerich, Scoular’s director for renewable fuels development, but the integrated nature of the center created development challenges the company couldn’t overcome.

“We have enjoyed our work together but believe it is in everyone’s best interest for Scoular to find a different site that more closely meets their needs,” said Clare Gustin, Sunflower’s vice president for member services and external affairs.

Finney County is working with Scoular to find another location in southwest Kansas that would meet its needs, said Eric Depperschmidt, president of the Finney County Economic Development Corp.

Sunflower spokesman Steve Miller said the Hays-based company would continue searching for a partner that could work within the bioenergy center’s integrated style. He said the corporation had several companies interested in the project.

Miller said it was the uniqueness of the project that led both Sunflower and Scoular to decide to go in a different direction.

The ethanol facility’s groundbreaking scheduled for this fall will likely be delayed.

The plant is part of the plans by Sunflower to build two or three coal-fired plants outside Holcomb. The bioenergy center has been proposed to include an ethanol plant, a biodiesel plant, a livestock processing facility, a dairy plant and a coal-based power plant.
Burden woman wins KU T-shirt

LAWRENCE — Christina Hankins, Burden, was among the Kansans from 21 counties who won T-shirts with the Jayhawk logo simply by visiting the University of Kansas booth at the Kansas State Fair, held Sept. 7-16 in Hutchinson. Fifty T-shirts were given away.

Five names were drawn each night of the fair. Winners received their bright blue KU T-shirts by mail.

In addition to the T-shirts, KU offered state fair visitors a collage magnet designed with 25 separate take-apart KU images, face stickers, bookmarks, sun screen packets from the KU Medical Center, athletic event schedules and football posters, from Kansas Athletics Inc. and plastic KU Bookstore bags.
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— The All Scholarship Hall Council comprises representatives from Douthart, Margaret Amini, Miller, Dennis E. Rieger, Sellards and Watkins scholarship halls for women and Battenfeld, Grace Pearson, K.K. Amini, Pearson and Stephenson scholarship halls for men.

— Jayhawker Towers Tenants Association includes representatives from KU's four single-student apartment buildings.

— The Stouffer Neighborhood Association represents residents Stouffer Place Apartments, which are designed to house students who are married and/or have children. Students or nonstudent spouses are eligible to hold office in the association.

The student leaders are listed by Kansas county, state or country, level in school, major and, when available, parents and high school attended at www.news.ku.edu/2007/september/19/housing.shtml.
University: Deficiencies led to release of records

BY JOHN HANNA
Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — A breach of about 600 students' privacy occurred at the University of Kansas last month because its math department didn't follow standard policies for destroying discarded documents, officials have concluded.

But the university said Friday it had corrected the problems and had notified students and staff whose personal information was included in the documents.

The problems in handling documents became known when someone mailed documents anonymously to three newspapers. The packets came with letters saying the papers had come from either the department or the university's recycling center.

It was the second report of such a privacy breach in two months.

The records included what appeared to be graded exams, job applications, change-of-grade forms, class rosters, seating charts and copies of health insurance cards and immigration forms, according to editors at the newspapers. Many contained Social Security or other identifying information, and a few contained credit card numbers, the university said.

"As best as we can tell, there were a variety of things that happened," said spokesman Jack Martin. "It just appeared to be a situation where the policies were not followed with regards to destroying documents."

The university requires documents with personal information to be stored so that only authorized employees have access to them or shredded when the papers are no longer needed.

The university said it placed 14 secure bins for collecting material to be destroyed around the math department's offices and that the department has hired a shredding company.

The university also said it has given math department staff information on standard documentation destruction policies.

"Small, seemingly insignificant things can lead to serious breaches of security," Jane Rosenthal, the university's privacy officer, said in a statement.

"Ensuring the privacy of data is something that has to take place every day, and it has to involve every member of the university community."

In July, The University Daily Kansan, the campus newspaper, reported that documents were left in vacant offices in Wescoe Hall, which was being renovated. The documents included graded exams, student essays and schedule-changing forms.

And last month, two weeks before the latest security breach became known, the university announced a new program to improve the protection of private information.

The packets of documents were mailed to The Kansan, The Kansas City Star and the Lawrence Journal-World. The university said it retrieved originals or copies of about 230 pages.

The writers of the letters accompanying the documents claimed to be former math teaching assistants or current employees of the recycling center and were critical of how the math department handled its records.
Saddling students with debt

The higher cost of higher education could come back to haunt us

The cost of higher education is rising sharply and students are borrowing heavily — so heavily that some fear student loans could tap the brakes on the nation's economic growth for years to come.

Tuition has been rising at a far greater pace than overall inflation, a situation university officials attribute to inadequate state funding. As a result, graduating students commonly face years of loan payments that skew their budgets away from other purchases such as homes, vehicles, furnishings and travel.

Scholarships and grants offer students some relief but the growth of federally subsidized loans and, increasingly, private students loans are raising concern. A recent Associated Press report noted that $17 billion in private loans were written last year, up from $4 billion in 2001.

Barmak Nassirian, associate executive director of the American Associate of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, likened debt-heavy students to indentured servants.

Although the Kansas Board of Regents likes to crow that the cost of higher education is cheaper here than in other states, tuition has been rising sharply. This year, tuition for Kansas residents was raised by as much as 9.5 percent (at Emporia State University). That's about three times the inflation rate. Other increases included 8.5 percent at Kansas State University at Salina, 7.9 percent at K-State's Manhattan campus, 7.3 percent at the University of Kansas, 7.1 percent at Pittsburg State University and 6.4 percent at Wichita State University. Even at Fort Hays State University, which has promoted itself as offering "affordable" education, tuition was hiked by 5 percent.

Nationally, the College Board reports that tuition, fees and room and board costs rose by 79 percent over the past decade. In comparison, consumer prices rose by less than 29 percent.
We are fortunate that Kansas universities enrolled a record number of students this fall. Higher education is essential to the state’s growth. It makes our workforce more valuable.

We risk that with higher costs to students. Some might be priced out of higher education. Others, facing huge debts, might be forced to pursue their careers in urban areas, perhaps far from Kansas, where pay is higher.

The Legislature and Kansas Board of Regents are on a tightrope. The state’s universities must have the resources to offer quality education, and that requires money — from both students and the state. But we also need education to be affordable for students, and the rising debt levels indicate that we are putting that in jeopardy.

It’s time to look harder at the level of state funding.

— Scott Seirer
Executive Editor
ART WALK

Openings include ‘Journey of Tea’ at Sabatini Gallery

First Friday also is tea time

By Bill Blankenship
THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

One path on tonight’s First Friday Art Walk leads to “The Journey of Tea.”

This month’s informal walking tour of Topeka’s art galleries and museums includes an opening reception from 6 to 8:45 p.m. of “The Journey of Tea: Teapots, Tea Bowls & Tea Vessels” in the Alice C. Sabatini Gallery of the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 S.W. 10th.

“The Journey of Tea” is a look at the development of the teapot from its traditional role in the tea ceremony to its expressive form in art, while following the evolution of tea,” writes the gallery’s Zan Popp, curator of the show.

Drawn mostly from the library’s permanent collection, the exhibit features ceramic forms but also includes some in metal. Those who want to immerse themselves in the history of tea can spend 50 minutes in the gallery’s Wilder Jewel Box watching an episode of the History Channel’s “Modern Marvels” devoted to tea.

Washburn University

One nation closely associated with tea is China, and the Mulvane Art Museum offers a look at that nation through the eyes of Kansas students.

In the summer of 2006, two dozen University of Kansas students, who were amateur photographers, spent a month touring China and taking digital images to chronicle what they saw.

The resulting exhibit organized by KU’s Spencer Museum of Art, “Made in China: A Kansas Initiative,” opens with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. today in the Mulvane, where another exhibit, “Painting the Essence: Theater Images by Barbara Waterman-Peters,” closes Sunday.

There are also two other art opportunities on the Washburn campus. As part of the 12th annual Washburn University Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, seven new works can be seen in various spots on the campus. Walking tour brochures are available in the Mulvane or at www.washburn.edu/sculptures.

Then, at 7 p.m. today in the Art Building on the south side of campus, five student artists — Jillian Hager, Jennifer Kimble, Hannah McGurk, Cassandra Pope and Amanda Whitaker — will show their works in “A Collaboration of Women Photographers” in the building’s gallery space.

Westboro

Westboro Mart, in the 3100 block of S.W. Huntoon, where the First Friday Art Walk got its first solid foothold, includes two show openings.

New in the Collective Art Gallery is “Phil Stevens: Our World Through My Eye,” while Westboro Fine Arts will open a show of paint-

FIRST FRIDAY

What: An informal walking tour of Topeka art galleries and museums, with many of them offering refreshments and entertainment

Where: Most galleries are open from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. today

Learn more: Go to www.artstoenntopeco.com

ings by Johnson County artists Sun Bauer and Jack Hettrich.

Westboro visitors also can take a look at “Kansas Realism Comes Home” at Beauchamp's, an exhibit of realistic paintings by Aaron Morgan Brown, Dean Byerley, Randall Exxon, John Kuhn and Brian Slawson.

Glass Expressions also will be open to show its inventory of art glass, including bowls and vases from the Alex Brand Studio in Corning, NY.

Missing from this month's art walk will be Freda and Maudie’s, which is closed for business and is selling off its inventory on weekends.

Brookwood

Debra Clemente, a contemporary impressionist painter from Lawrence, will open her “Painted Memoirs” exhibit from 4 to 9 p.m. in the Phoenix Gallery, 2900-F S.W. Oakley.

North across the street at SouthWind Gallery at Frameworks of Topeka, 3074 S.W. 29th, a major exhibition, “The Oil Painters of America Central Regional Juried Exhibition,” continues to be shown.

It features 100 paintings selected from the show entries plus nine canvases painted by OPA Signature Members, a coveted designation in the art world.

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"The Journey of Tea: Teapots, Tea Bowls & Tea Vessels," an exhibit in the Alice C. Sebatini Gallery of the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, is one of the stops tonight on the First Friday Art Walk.

"Beach House Kitchen," a photo-realistic painting by Washburn University alumnus Randall Exon, is on display in Beauchamp's as part of its "Kansas Realism Comes Home" exhibit.
Friday: Plenty to look at for art lovers

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Downtown

In conjunction with Mental Illness Awareness Week, Creative Art Photography & Gallery, 307 S. Kansas Ave., will be the host of “Creations of Hope,” a juried exhibit for artists experiencing mental illness, sponsored by the C.A.R.E. program at Valeo Behavioral Health Care.

Warehouse 414, 414 S.E. 2nd, will feature photography by Kansas City area photographer Jen Melland.

Meanwhile, the Upstage Gallery in the lobby of Jayhawk State Theatre, 720 S.W. Jackson, will open an exhibit of images by master photographer John Gladman, of Lawrence. The gallery also will be showing cut-paper montages by Phil Beadles and paintings by Betty Fox, as well as offering “haunted performance art” from 6 to 8 p.m. today and every Friday in October plus on Halloween.

Fleming Place

Art Gallery & Classroom, on the north side of Fleming Place, S.W. 10th and Gage Boulevard, will continue its group show, “Fall on Parade,” while Art Gallery & Classroom will be open to show its extensive inventory of limited and open edition prints and other works of art.

West Topeka

Tonight marks the grand opening of the Stan Metzger Gallery, 1920 S.W. Westport Drive, in which a local real estate agent will show and sell his paintings.

“Kansans Paint Kansas,” a group show of Topeka Art Guild members, continues at the gallery's entry in Fairlawn Plaza, 5331 S.W. 22nd Place, where Betty Fox will be the featured individual artist in October.

At Ault’s Academy of Art, 923 S.W. Fairlawn Road, Robert Ault will demonstrate various watercolor techniques, as well as stage a “Show and Sell,” at which he will offer several paintings and drawings at discounted prices during the art walk.

Finally, Colorfields Fine Art Glass Gallery & Hotshop, 5353 S.W. Wannemaker Road, will be open from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. to offer hot glass demonstrations and glass art by Brett Ebberts and paintings and other works by Roxanne Ebberts.