Area women bring ‘joy’

Barton County Community College will present "Allégresse" in concert, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Dorothy Moses Morison Chapel in the Fine Arts Building on the BCCC campus.

Allégresse, the French word for "joy," aptly depicts the graceful artistry of this inspiring new trio. Allégresse combines the virtuosic talents of three nationally recognized musicians with careers that have taken them throughout North America, South and Central America, Europe, and Asia both as soloists and chamber musicians.

Friend and collaborators for nearly a decade, Annie (Davidson) Gnojek (flute) Margaret Marco, (oboe) and Ellen (Sommer) Bottruff (piano) formed this exciting ensemble to explore the rich and varied repertoire for flute, oboe, and piano. The trio plays a wide range of music, both classical and contemporary music.

Annie Gnojek is a 1999 graduate of Russell High School and the daughter of Dennis and Lori Davidson, Russell and the granddaughter of Joe and Rita Malin, Plainville. She holds both bachelors and masters degrees in flute performance from the University of Kansas. She maintains a full-time flute studio in Lawrence as well as serving as the adjunct flute professor for Ottawa University and principal flutist for the Lawrence Chamber Orchestra. She placed at the national level in the MTNA young artist woodwind competition in 2003, 2004 and 2007.
Margaret Marco has been Associate Professor of Oboe at the University of Kansas since 1998 and has performed and taught widely throughout Europe and the United States. She is currently co-principal of the Kansas City Chamber Orchestra and performs frequently with the Kansas City Symphony, Kansas City Lyric Opera and Kansas City Ballet. She holds degrees from Northwestern University, the University of Iowa and University of Illinois.

Ellen Bottorf also has ties to this area. She is the niece of Dr. Calvin Hair and Jeannete Sommer of Plainville. Currently the interim professor of piano at the University of Kansas, Bottorf is highly sought after as a collaborative artist in the professional community. She has toured extensively throughout the United States and Canada, performing on live radio broadcasts, regional and national conventions and competitions and in many other venues. She holds degrees from UMKC Conservatory of Music and Missouri Western University.

The tickets to the concert are free to the public. Steve Lueth, instrumental music director of BCCC asks that audience members call to reserve tickets at 620-792-9396.
Sanders wins shirt

Austin Sanders, son of Craig and Becky Sanders, Chetopa, was one of two Labette Countians to win a shirt at the Kansas State Fair. Kansans from 27 counties 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. A total of 50 T-shirts were given away.

Seth Emery of Parsons was the other winner from Labette County.

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.
You are invited to enter "Images of Aging" Photo Contest

The Landon Center of Aging at the University of Kansas Medical Center is sponsoring a photo contest, "Images of Aging," which is open to all professional and amateur photographers throughout all Kansas counties and some in Missouri.

There is no fee to enter. Prize money is as follows: $350-first place, $200-second place, $150-third place, $50-Landon Center Aging Staff Pick, $25-Landon Center on Aging Community Pick (new prize started last year), $15-15 Honorable Mentions.

To see previous year's photos or to download the entry form, visit website: http://www2.kumc.edu/coa, click on Images of Aging button. For more information call 913-588-1266 or email jcozza@kumc.edu.
Cancer vs Coaches Tip Off

KU Coaches Bill Self and Bonnie Henrickson Tip Off Fight Against Cancer with Coaches vs. Cancer® Reception

The University of Kansas Basketball Coaches Bill Self and Bonnie Henrickson will tip off this year’s season of the American Cancer Society’s Coaches vs. Cancer program on Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 5-7 p.m. at Maceli’s, 1031 New Hampshire, Lawrence. The Society’s Coaches vs. Cancer Reception includes hors d’oeuvres and cocktails, a silent auction, and remarks by both coaches about the upcoming Jayhawk basketball season.

The auction includes a piece of the Allen Fieldhouse floor, signed basketballs from both the men’s and women’s teams, and autographed photos.

Each attendee will also receive a commemorative gift.

Coach Self hopes he, his players and coaches can help make a difference in the fight against cancer. “When cancer strikes, it affects us all,” says Coach Self. “Similar to an unstoppable offense, no one is immune to its strength. I want to end this suffering and defeat this tyrant. That’s why I’ve volunteered with the American Cancer Society in its Coaches vs. Cancer program. Now I am able to fight back by raising funds for cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services. Together, we can outscore this opponent and win.”

Tickets to the event are $50 per person to benefit the American Cancer Society. Space is limited and reservations must be made by Sept. 28, by calling the American Cancer Society at 800-359-1025 or email stacie.schroeder@cancer.org.

The University of Kansas Basketball Teams will also be scoring points in the fight against cancer with the American Cancer Society’s Coaches vs. Cancer Three-Point Attack, a pledge program for college basketball fans.

Individuals, businesses, and organizations can pledge a certain amount for each three-point basket their teams make during the regular season. Fan contributions assist the programs of the American Cancer Society.

Cancer. The word alone creates anxiety and fear in the minds of many people. It can be devastating to those diagnosed with this disease and their family and friends who suffer along with them. As coaches and volunteers for the Coaches vs. Cancer program, we understand the concept of persistence and teamwork. We believe that’s what it will take to fight and defeat this disease,” says Coach Henrickson.

The Coaches vs. Cancer program has played an important part in promoting the mission of the American Cancer Society for 13 years. Coaches vs. Cancer is a partnership between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. The program leverages the personal experiences, community leadership, and professional excellence of our country’s basketball coaches to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and reduce cancer risk through education programs. Since its inception in 1993, more than 500 coaches have raised more than $30 million through the Coaches vs. Cancer program.

For more information about cancer or the Coaches vs. Cancer program, call the American Cancer Society’s 24-hour help line at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit their Web site at www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.
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Woodruff G. Leel Jr. will give a Department of Geology seminar, “Do dry holes lie? Cusiana and Cupiqua Fields, Colombia, South America,” at 4 p.m. Thursday in Thompson 213.

Washburn University, the University of Kansas Energy Council, Kansas State University Center for Sustainable Energy and ConocoPhillips will have a town hall meeting in Topeka on a "Conversation on Energy" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Kansas History Museum and Library. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. that day, but to register early contact (888) 877-5917 or log on to www.conocophillips.com/energy.

Alpha Xi Delta and Chi's of Manhattan are having a Fiesta Feed from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday at the Alpha Xi Delta residence. Tickets can be purchased prior to the event for $3 at the K-State Student Union. For more information on donations or tickets, contact Aubrey Bamford at aubrey19@ksu.edu.

To place an item in the Campus Bulletin, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail the news editor at collegian@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run.
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Yoonseong Park will give a Department of Entomology seminar "Postgenomics of Tribolium: Targeting the Endocrine.

Regulation of Diuresis," at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Waters 129.

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The K-State Men's Soccer Club will face Southwest Baptist University at 1 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium. Admission is free.

The UFM is having an open house for its UFM Solar House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the UFM Community Learning Center.
Two county natives named as KU student leaders

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LAWRENCE – 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, is eligible for membership in the KU chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary.

Other student housing groups:
• The Association of University Residence Halls includes representatives from Corbin, Gertrude S. Sellards Pearson, Ellsworth, Hashinger, Lewis, McCollum, Oliver and Templin residence halls, which house single male and female students.
• 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.
• Jayhawkers Tenants Association includes representatives from KU’s four single-student apartment buildings.
• The Stouffer Neighborhood Association represents residents of 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.

There were two students from Linn County who were chosen as student leaders.

Katie Nicole Hobson, daughter of Bonnie and Jon Hobson of LaCygne, is a sophomore seeking a B.A. in English. Katie, a graduate of Prairie View High School, was named as Oliver Hall resident assistant.

Bowen Tyler Marshall, son
of George and Frances Marshall of Pleasanton, is a junior majoring in pre-medicine and a graduate of Pleasanton High School. Bowen was named as Hashinger Hall resident assistant.
University of Kansas mascots to marry

BY JONATHAN KEALING

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LAWRENCE, Kan. — Big Jay and Baby Jay are about to get married. No, this is not a marketing promotion from the University of Kansas athletic department.

Jessica Virtue and Chris Veit, a former Baby Jay and Big Jay, respectively, will walk down the aisle in October.

The two met when Virtue was trying out for the mascot squad, of which Veit was already a part.

"Friday night, you start tryouts, and I remember seeing her and thinking, That's a really hot girl," said Veit, from Overland Park. "The second day of tryouts, I tried really hard to be nice to her."

The two quickly became friends and, over time, began to date. But Virtue, who is from Lawrence, said it was important that they never let their characters seem like they were dating.

"I think it would be really weird for the fans if we were a little extra friendly when we were in the suit," she said.

But that didn't mean that the two didn't perform together.

Although several people act as mascots, Veit and Virtue regularly were able to be "in suit" as the mascot community refers to it at the same time.

Veit said it was almost natural that the two found themselves interested in dating.

"You get a core group of mascots who are hardcore," Veit said. "Even before Jessica was in the picture, the other mascot and I would spend whole weekends together."

Virtue said the mascots would perform, then perhaps do an appearance, and then spend evenings or spare time repairing the costumes. It just made sense that they'd become close.

Albert Veit. Chris Veit's dad, said he knew quickly there was something special between the two, perhaps even before his son knew Virtue's name.

"Chris met her in the spring and then all summer long didn't see her. I would hear him mention to his friends all summer this blonde chick," Albert Veit said. "I think at that point he didn't even know her name."

But Albert Veit, who lives in Overland Park, said he could see a twinkle in his son's eyes that hadn't been there before. Albert Veit and his wife both knew this was the one, probably long before Chris Veit did.

"It's very cool. We were very excited," Albert Veit said. "They have a lot of common interests. They both enjoy sporting events and things of that nature. I would say it would probably help their relationship."

Linda Gilstrap, Virtue's mother, was surprised when her daughter told her she wanted to become a mascot. When her daughter started dating a mascot, she was even more surprised.

Little would she know how important the mascot squad would be to her daughter's life.

"They really have a built-in advantage, in that they have so many shared experiences," said Gilstrap, of Lawrence.

"They're both cheering for the same team. They both have the same beliefs."

Gilstrap said Virtue and Veit have a unique relationship. They're lucky they found each other, she said.

"They're a very special couple," Gilstrap said.
Editorial

Finish in four

Students' extra years in college mean wasted time, money

It is getting tougher to earn a college degree in four years. That is showing up in historically high enrollment numbers at the Sunflower State’s regent colleges.

Rising standards, inadequate advising and too much focus on social life contribute to some students’ slow progress toward completing their degrees. Statistics show more than 40 percent of college students haven’t completed their degree after six years. Those numbers are driven by the students who hang in there trying to finish. An expected 20 percent of this year’s freshman class at the University of Kansas and Kansas State University aren’t expected to be back for a second year of college.

How can this situation be avoided? That’s what administrators at the state’s colleges are trying to figure out.

Deciding on a major and sticking with it can help some students who end up having to alter their class schedule, which may include classes that aren’t available every semester, finish in four years. Why worry how quick students finish?

Students who wear out their proverbial welcome cost universities and consequently taxpayers more with each year’s additional tuition and housing. Students also end up losing on their potential first year salary, perhaps averaging $30,000. That’s money they’ll never recoup.

Increased emphasis on programs such as high schools offering dual credit. Ottawa High School does this, and it makes it easier for students to get a head start on their college education so they can graduate in four years.

KU’s plan to “graduate in four” makes good sense. By setting the goal at four years and establishing a set tuition for only four years perhaps more students can actually accomplish it. Of course, with costs ever on the rise, some students may drop out because they simply can’t afford the cost for books and tuition.

Finishing in four is a worthy goal. Now students just have to be accountable and help make it happen.

—Jeanny Sharp
editor and publisher
Area students designated Kansas Honor Scholars

LAWRENCE — The University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment has named 44 seniors from six high schools in Anderson and Franklin counties Kansas Honor Scholars.

The students will be recognized at dinner program 6:30 p.m. Oct. 10 at Ottawa High School, 1120 S. Ash St. During the ceremony, each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary in hardback and CD versions, presented by Megan Hill, coordinator of alumni programs for the KU Alumni Association.

Steven Hedden, dean of the School of Fine Arts, will speak to the students and their parents and guests. Charles and Margy Porter, Ottawa, will be the site coordinators as well as county coordinators for Franklin County. Terry Solander, Garnett, will be the coordinator for Anderson County.

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. Students and their high schools include:

- Anderson County Jr./Sr. High School — Molly Kate Boese, Kirstin Brown, Karra Friedli, Mindy Highberger, Jordan Kruse, Deanna Maley, Tracy Rockers, Roger Shilling, Katie Traul and Jason Wright.
- Central Heights High School — Laurel Brock, Vincent Ouellette, Kyle Rossman, Sara VanZant and Billy Wicks.
- Crest High School — Carolyn Chapman and Brittany Newton.
- Ottawa High School — Russell Anderson, Matthew Ellington, Emily Ferguson, Zane Frings, BreAnne Hendricks, Derek Huddleston, Megan Ketchum, Mallorie Mendell, Lauren Prather, Katherine Reusch, Tyler Sheldon, Laura Snider, Lacey Thayer and Davy Towner.
- Wellsville High School — Alex Bachman, Eva Hedtke, Audrey McTaggart, Meghan Rush, Joey Scalet, Carrie Shirk and Colin Wright.
- West Franklin High School — Charles Bollinger, Cody Campfield, Callie Dunlap, Brianne Roberts, Cassandra Rockhold and Benjamin Yates.