KU scholarship fund drive

Bob Roth, chairman of the fund drive for Kansas University-Pawnee County Scholarships announced that local KU alumni, parents, students, and friends of the University are now conducting their 2007-2008 fund-raising campaign.

The Pawnee County Scholarship fund was established within the Greater University Fund to benefit deserving freshman students from this county attending KU. Since this local scholarship program began in 1958, one hundred eleven students have received these scholarships.

Roth praised the several supporters of the Pawnee County program that have provided financial assistance each year since 1958. “Many original donors voluntarily increase their support, which has allowed the scholarship amounts to grow tenfold,” said Roth.
The Kansas Board of Regents is not an organization shy about touting its success. Last week, it proudly boasted that for the first time, enrollment at the state's six universities had exceeded 90,000 students.

The record mark was established because of an overall increase in enrollment of 557 students.

What the Regents didn't point out was how it not been for the student body at Fort Hays State University, there would have been no need for such a press release. FHSU accounted for 466 of the increase, by far the growth leader. In fact, our local university has set the pace for the past five years with its 62.1 percent spike in enrollment.

Fort Hays is even ahead of its own aggressive enrollment goals. With 9,588 students either on campus or in the Virtual College, FHSU is well on its way to hitting the 10,000 target it has set for 2010. This, in turn, should help boost efforts to reach 15,000 students by the year 2020.

That growth will bring its own challenges in the forms of physical space and faculty requirements. We're confident the long-range plan under development adequately will address all such needs.

We're hoping the attractiveness of Fort Hays State University will attract close attention by the Board of Regents. The growth here is helping overcome declines at both the University of Kansas and Emporia State University. Such efforts should be rewarded, whether through additional funding for long-term maintenance or a larger share of scholarship funding.
FIJI run raises $31,000 for leukemia

By Adrienne DeWeese

Thirty men put away any Sunflower Showdown rivalries, picked up a football and handed it off for 70 miles during the 34th-annual Phi Gamma Delta Run for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on Friday.

The run, which started at the Fiji house in Lawrence and finished at the Fiji house in Manhattan, raised about $31,000 in corporate and personal donations between the K-State and the University of Kansas Fiji chapters, said Scott Niebuhr, K-State Fiji Run leader and senior in marketing. The chapters raised about $6,000 more than they raised in 2006.

The philanthropy started in memory of Rod Morgan, a 1972 K-State graduate and Fiji member who died of leukemia on Nov. 2, 1974. Since its creation in 1975, the two Fiji chapters have contributed more than $580,000 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The run takes place each year prior to the K-State vs. KU football game, with the run finishing at the home team’s Fiji residence.

Starting at 8:30 a.m., Niebuhr said each man ran about 200 yards at a time, handed off the football, got into a car and drove to the next point.

“We just want to improve and get it better and do everything we can in the fight against leukemia,” he said.

While K-State and KU have been rivals for more than 100 years, Joey LaFleur, KU Fiji philanthropy chair, said rivalry does not exist among the men.

“There’s never been any issues of rivalry because we all know we’re coming together for a good cause, and it’s set aside,” LaFleur said.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is the world’s largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood-cancer research, education and patient services, according to its Web site, www.leukemia-lymphoma.org.

In his fourth year of participation with the run, John Kuhlmann, K-State Fiji alumni relations chair, said the Fiji chapters are the largest contributors to the Kansas chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

“I’m really proud of it,” he said. “It feels good to get out there and run for someone who has the disease. I figure it’s the least I can do.”
Louisburg High School drum major Katy Smith conducts the conclusion of “Playing with Fire” at the Sept. 28 home football game. The school’s Electric Light Band Show will be presented with fireworks at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wildcat Stadium. Admission is free.

Playing With Fire

LHS band’s annual light show, fireworks on tap Saturday

Instead of gridiron cheers, Wildcat Stadium will be rocking with music and fireworks this Saturday evening.

Louisburg High School’s seventh annual Electric Light Band Show will start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the stadium.

The electric light show is a Louisburg tradition. The LHS band will perform this year’s program, “Playing with Fire,” with the stadium lights turned off.

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Each band member will be illuminated while marching. This year’s show will include more fireworks than ever before, LHS Band Director John Cisetti said.

The show is offered free of charge as the band’s thank you to the community. Everyone is invited.

The Wildcat marching band will compete Oct. 17 at Baker University and Oct. 27 at the University of Kansas.

—Doug Carder
Fall concert to feature trumpet solo by Seifert

St. Marys High School will present its annual fall concert on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

EMILY SEIFERT

The concert will feature Emily Seifert as a trumpet soloist. Emily graduated from St. Marys High in 2004, and is currently a senior in Instrumental Music Education at the University of Kansas.

The concert will also include the St. Marys High School Choir, Blue Notes Jazz Ensemble and concert band. The students are under the direction of Shana Ryan and Warren Sickel.
Academic honors recognized

Superintendent Richard Erickson, in his monthly “Good News Report,” recognized Tonganoxie Elementary and Tonganoxie Middle School students for reaching state Standard of Excellence status in various categories: Third-grade math, third-grade reading, fourth-grade math, fourth-grade reading and TES building achievement.

At the middle school, students reached the standard of excellence in seventh-grade reading.

In addition, the 19th annual Kansas University Honors Program recognized 19 THS seniors on Sept. 19 at the Lied Center on the KU campus. The students were recognized for being in the top 10 percent academically in their class.

The students are: Amanda Albert, Elizabeth Baska, Kayla Beggs, Jake Bontrager, Laurie Chenoweth, Donald Dyster, Arn Erickson, Samantha Franuk, Tyler Gursse, Tracie Hileman, Lindsey Himpel, Ashlee Lohman, Calli Owsley, Kaitlyn Saathoff, Sarah Smith, Breanne Somolik, Kristen Titterington, Christy Weller and Matt Williams.

At least four of the students also have ACT scores of 30 or above, Erickson also pointed out.
Beatty to be on Dole panel

Bob Beatty, a professor of political science at Washburn University, will be on a panel that will examine the history and potential for third-party success in upcoming elections.

The program, sponsored by the Dole Institute of Politics at The University of Kansas, will be Oct. 25.

Beatty will participate in a 3 p.m. discussion in the Simons Media Room. Bill Kurtis, former Washburn University student and CBS newsmen, will moderate a 7 p.m. round-table on the topic in the Simons Media Room.

Both programs are free and open to the public.
JCCC, KU encourage degree completion

ARLEY HOSKIN staff writer

The Edwards Campus offers undergraduate degrees in developmental psychology, literature, language and writing, molecular biosciences, public administration and social work.

"We hope to soon be adding some other programs, particularly business administration," Clark said.

Julie Haas, spokeswoman for the community college, said the program represents a continued partnership.

"The schools are so close, and we both offer a full campus," Hass said.

About 60 percent of Edwards Campus undergraduate students already come from the community college.

Haas said Start2Finish provides information about the opportunities available at the Edwards Campus.

"We hope to build awareness and draw more people into making long-range plans," Haas said.

Clark said he wants working adults to realize they can earn a college degree.

"It's a matter of making the options available to working adults so they can finish their degree," he said.

An information session about Start2Finish will take place Nov. 8 at the Edwards Campus. For more information, visit www.iStart2Finish.org.
Edwards Campus to have information session

An information session for prospective University of Kansas Edwards Campus students will run from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 20 in Room 165 of Regnier Hall at the campus, 12600 Quivira Road in Overland Park. Details about undergraduate and graduate programs available on campus, enrollment and admission and application processes will be included. For more information, call 897-8400 or visit www.lwentback.com.
Storbeck's influence felt in Winfield

By DAVE SEATON
Winfield Publishing

Helen Storbeck was committed to service.
She came to Winfield with her husband,
Bob, in the early 1950s, raised her
family here and devoted herself to activities and organizations for which
she found a passion.

Among them was P. E. O., the
women’s philanthropic and educational
organization. Helen started a Winfield
chapter, served as state president,
edited a 75th anniversary book and initiated
a scholarship program for women renewing their schooling.

Another of Helen’s passions was the
Rotary Club.

She supported her husband as district
governor in 1970. She served for a decade
as executive secretary of the Winfield
club. After Rotary opened to women she
joined it in 1997, remaining active until
nearly the end of her life.

Bob Storbeck died in 1997.
The story of Helen Storbeck is by no
means simply one of a supportive spouse.
Helen was a self-made woman? as The
Rev. Phyllis Kumorowski said at her
funeral last Saturday at the First United
Methodist Church. Helen

Both of Helen’s parents died before
she was 14 years of age.
Still she graduated as valedictorian of
her Peabody high school class and
went on to the Colorado College for
Women and the University of Kansas,
where she received a bachelor’s degree in
1949. She also studied at Southwestern
College and Wichita State University.
Helen had high expectations of herself
and others.

“When her children brought home B’s
or C’s she didn’t say much,” Kumorowski
recalled, “but when they brought home A’s she would say, ‘I
knew you could do it.’

Those who worked with Helen knew
her as reliable and frank.

“She may at times have pushed a sister
harder than was comfortable,” said
Sparla Dick, who followed Helen as state
president of P. E. O. “She may have
ruffled some feathers,” Dick said, but
Helen was about getting things done and
empowering others.

Helen and Bob set up the Todd
Storbeck Scholarship Fund at
Southwestern following the death of their
son, Todd, a student at KU. Todd
Storbeck was shot to death on November
13, 1974, during an attempted robbery in

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Lawrence.
His brother, Scott, recalled embracing his mother soon after. "I never saw a stronger, braver woman...," Scott said.

More recently, Helen, long active in the First United Methodist Church where she was a leader of the women’s group, started a fund for youth to attend camp. A woman of many interests, she encouraged others to pursue theirs.

"She challenged each and every one of us to be the best we can be," said daughter-in-law Kim, Scott’s wife.

Among Helen’s passions were quilting and the pursuit of parliamentary procedure.

She came from several generations of quilters.

She showed her own work extensively, judged at many quilt shows and was active in quilting organizations at the state, national and international levels.

In the 1980s Helen wrote a column on quilting for the Courier. She is the author of a book on the subject, as well as several of genealogical publications projects.

She also contributed to the Peabody Gazette-Bulletin. Helen knew the rules.

She participated at several levels in the National Association of Parliamentarians and on committees to revise bylaws for a host of organizations, including Rotary District 5690, which includes the Winfield club.

Helen and Bob teamed to originate Legacy, the regional community foundation based here.

Inspired by friends in Hutchinson, Helen met often with the small group of Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce members who created Legacy.

“She was definitely in on it from the beginning,” said Warren Andreas, an early collaborator.

Helen served as secretary of the Legacy board from 1997 until her death.

She kept up with friends and acquaintances made on her foreign travels, often to Rotary International conventions or on quilting tours. Helen herself traveled to more than two dozen countries. She also had a passion for higher education.

Helen was elected in 1999 to the Cowley College endowment board and served until her death. She also served on an advisory board for the women’s study division at the University of Denver. At KU, among other mentoring roles she served on the chancellor’s advisory committee.

Helen was an early leader of Project Beauty in Winfield and a long-time member of the Hypatia and Sorosis Study Clubs.

Helen is survived by her son, Chris, a Delta Airlines pilot who sang his original song, "Mama Said," at the funeral, and his wife, Jeri, of Park City, Utah, and her son, Scott, a management consultant, and his wife, Kim, of Atlanta, Georgia. Two sisters Telma L. Warkentine and Marjorie J. Morgan, and a brother, Roy J. Manka, and their families, all of Peabody, also survive.

Two grandchildren survive. Jennifer, daughter of Chris and Jeri, is a graduate student in astrophysics at the University of Georgia, and Chase, 19, son of Scott and Kim, is an undergraduate at the University of Indiana.