Russell student pledges sorority

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KU to honor 79 high school seniors from three counties

LAWRENCE — Students from 15 Kansas high schools will be honored Wednesday, Sept. 19, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment.

A total of 79 seniors from high schools in Marion, McPherson and Rice counties will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 6:30 p.m. dinner program in the Holiday Manor Convention Center, 2211 E. Kansas Ave., McPherson.

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 Sarah Blaney, assistant director of Kansas programs for the KU Alumni Association.

Honored students will be guests of the alumni association and KU Endowment; parents and area alumni are welcome to attend at a cost of $13 each.

Community volunteers collect reservations, coordinate details and serve as local contacts for the event. Mary Kornhaus, McPherson, will be the site coordinator and Lawrence Chaney, McPherson, will be county coordinator for McPherson County.

Other county coordinators are Jim Christensen and Martin Tice, both of Marion, for Marion County, and Audrey Kratzer of Lyons for Rice County.

The Kansas Honors Program is made possible through KU Endowment and proceeds from the Jayhawk license plate program.

Area honorees are:

Chase High School
Chelsee Poskey

Little River High School
Hannah Galyon
Apryl Schmucker
Lynae Wright

Lyons High School
Jordan Cline
Amelia Fortmayer
Keenan Hogan
Melody Nichols

Sterling High School
Nick Reed
Corey Childs
Anna-Lara Cook
Ashley Stout
Joseph Stromberg
Kansas Bar Foundation announces officers, trustees

The following individuals have been elected to serve as officers and trustees on the Kansas Bar Foundation (KBF) Board of Trustees.

Officers

Bruce W. Kent, Manhattan, has been elected to serve as the president of the Kansas Bar Foundation for 2007-2008 and will serve a one-year term. Kent is the Counsel for Gift Planning for the Kansas State University Foundation. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2002, serving as the district six trustee, secretary-treasurer, as well as president-elect. Kent received his Bachelor of Science degree in education from Kansas State University, his J.D. from Washburn University School of Law, and a L.L.M. in taxation from the University of Miami.

Sarah (Sally) Bootes Shattuck has been elected to serve as president-elect of the Kansas Bar Foundation. Shattuck is a sole practitioner in Ashland and practices in the areas of real estate and probate law. In addition to her practice, Shattuck also is the city attorney for the cities of Ashland and Englewood. She received her J.D. from the Washburn University School of Law and served as an at-large member of the KBF Board of Trustees from 2001-2007 and as secretary-treasurer from 2006-2007.

John David Jurcyk, Roeland Park, practices with the firm of McNaney, Van Cleave and Phillips PA, in the areas of workers compensation and insurance defense law and has been elected to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Kansas Bar Foundation. Jurcyk received his J.D. from the Washburn University School of Law. He has been a member of the Board since 2003 and also serves as the district eleven trustee until 2009.

Trustees

Joni J. Franklin, Wichita, was elected to serve another three-year term as an at-large trustee of the Kansas Bar Foundation, ending in 2010. Franklin is a sole practitioner in Wichita and practices in the area of worker’s compensation law. Franklin received her J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law.

Robert M. Collins, Wichita, was elected to the District 7 Representative seat on the KBF Board of Trustees for another three-year term ending in 2010. A member of the Board of Trustees since 2004, Collins is an elder law attorney and a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law.

Vaughn L. Burkholder, Overland Park, is a partner with the firm of Foulston Siefkin LLP, and was elected to serve a three-year term as the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel Representative on the KBF Board. Burkholder received his J.D. from the Creighton University School of Law and specializes in employment law.

Hon. Ronnie L. Svaty, Ellsworth, was elected to serve as an at-large trustee on the KBF Board of Trustees for a three-year term ending in 2010. Judge Svaty is a District Court Judge for Ellsworth County and a graduate of Kansas State University and the Stanford Law School.

Edward J. Nazar, Wichita, is a partner in the law firm Redmond & Nazar, LLP, and has been elected to serve a three-year term as a representative of the Kansas Bar Association (KBA) on the KBF Board. A graduate of the Washburn University School of Law, Nazar specializes in creditor’s rights and bankruptcy law.

Eric G. Kraft, Overland Park, practices with the firm of Duggan, Shadwick, Doerr and Kurlbaum, P.C. with a concentration in real estate and general litigation. Kraft was elected to a one-year term as the KBA Young Lawyers Section Representative for 2007-08. He received his J.D. from Washburn University School of Law.
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Margaret Caylan Hackney, a freshman pre-medicine major and graduate of Bonner Springs High School, pledged Alpha Gamma Delta. Marissa Fern Smith, a freshman biology major and graduate of Piper High School, pledged Alpha Chi Omega. Andrea R. Sutter, a freshman biology major and Piper graduate, pledged Kappa Delta. Chelsea Elizabeth Theno, a freshman English major and another Piper graduate, pledged Delta Gamma.

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KU sororities add 567 new members

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New members include the following local women:

Andover: Courtney Blake, Delta Delta Delta; Shante' Hill and Julia Matthias, Alpha Chi Omega; and Lauren Hoffhines, Kappa Delta.

Towanda: Amanda Unruh, Sigma Kappa.

Wichita: Lynn Bammel, Kappa Alpha Theta; Emily Glenn, Pi Beta Phi; Stephanie Graham, Delta Delta Delta; Cassandra Hatt, Gamma Phi Beta; and Mallory Ralston, Sigma Kappa.
Students in the News

LAWRENCE—Sororities at the University of Kansas pledged 567 women, including Sara Jean Sommer of Fredonia, a freshman in pre-medicine, during fall formal recruitment, the KU Panhellenic Association has announced. She pledged Alpha Delta Pi and is the daughter of Joe and Susan Sommer of Fredonia.

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Kansas Web site runs behind

Alan Cobb, the state director of Americans for Prosperity, says he would like to see Kansans be able to “google” information about state spending on the Internet sooner, rather than later.

The Kansas Legislature passed a law this past session calling for the creation of a new searchable Web site by March 1, 2008, as well as a new board to oversee it. However, as of this week, most spots on the 15-member panel remained open.

In the meantime, Missouri officials have launched their own spending site, the Missouri Accountability Portal, through an executive order by Gov. Matt Blunt.

Kansas officials said the Department of Administration is working to develop a Web site and that the amount of time it’s taking to form the board isn’t unusual.

But Cobb, appointed to the Web site’s board earlier this year by House Speaker Melvin Neufeld, R-Ingalls, said he’s disappointed Kansas efforts aren’t moving at a similar speed.

“Of course, the fact that (Missouri) is up and running already is an indication that we can be moving much faster,” Cobb said.

Stopping school violence

Kansas Attorney General Paul Morrison joined calls for reforms to increase school and college campus safety this past week.

The request comes as the state’s schools continue to make changes in response to a mass shooting at Virginia Tech University earlier this year that was the deadliest in U.S. history.

A member of a task force on school and campus safety with the National Association of Attorneys General, Morrison is asking federal and state leaders to address deficiencies in laws and policies that could leave students vulnerable to violence.

A 14-page report from the group includes a call for schools to establish a system for reporting disturbing behavior. It also suggests an examination of privacy laws to remove barriers to sharing information, including mental health records.

A copy of the report, which will be shared with the Governor’s Commission on Health and Prepared Schools, can be found at www.ksag.org.

“This report is not designed to comprehensively address all of the issues related to school and campus security, but to identify some of the legislative and policy weaknesses that impact the safety of our educational institutions,” Morrison said.

Moving the meds

Kansas’ readiness to dispense drugs and medical supplies from a federal stockpile drew kudos from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Thursday.

Officials rated the state 93 percent prepared to distribute from the Strategic National Stockpile. The reasons cited: good cooperation among agencies and states, strong security plans and good public information, distribution and dispensing capability.

A review of Kansas was conducted earlier this summer.

“A public health emergency will stretch the capabilities of numerous agencies, and that is why we will keep on striving to improve through training, drills and exercises,” said Mindee Reece, director of Kansas Department of Health and Environment’s Center for Public Health Preparedness.

The state is responsible for receiving, repackaging and distributing stockpile supplies such as antibiotics, chemical antidotes, medications and supplies in case of a national emergency.

Local health agencies then are expected to dispense the aid to the public.

Energy and economy

How does Kansas meet competing demands of energy and environmental needs while growing and maintaining its economy?

That question will be up for grabs at the 2007 Kansas Economic Policy Conference Oct. 11 at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

The conference again plans to offer an interactive video link with a site in Ulysses.


An afternoon panel discussion, “Kansas Energy and Environmental Policy Realities,” is to include participants at the Ulysses site. Panelists will be Richard Brewer, BP America; Clare Gustin, Sunflower Electric Power Cooperative; and Nick Hatcher, Conestoga Energy Partners, LLC.

Registration is available online (http://www.ipsr.ku.edu/conferen/kepc07/).

Road trip

Kansas Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson and state Commerce Secretary David Kerr set out with a delegation of business and policy leaders to an annual trade meeting in Tokyo this weekend through Tuesday.
Representatives from TSW Products of Hutchinson and Trans Pacific Oil of Wichita, state trade officials and Wichita economic development leaders were among those planning to attend the 39th annual Midwest U.S.-Japan Association.

"This is a great opportunity to continue building trade and investment relationships between Kansas and our friends in Japan," Parkinson said in a media release a day before today's departure.

Japan was Kansas' fifth-largest trade partner in 2006, with nearly $370 million in Kansas goods purchased. Overall, Kansas exporters sold a record $8.63 billion in 2006, a second year of record totals.

The association includes 10 member states in the Midwest. The group seeks to promote understanding of Japan's markets and resources and to develop awareness in Japan of investment opportunities in the central United States.
Exhibit to honor native artist

By BILL BLADENSHIP
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Spencer Museum displaying works of Aaron Douglas

As the first nationally touring retrospective of Aaron Douglas’ art opens this weekend at the University of Kansas’ Spencer Museum of Art, the Topeka-born artist will be remembered Saturday in his hometown at an art fair in a park that bears his name.

From Friday through Dec. 2, Spencer Museum visitors will be able to see “Aaron Douglas: African American Modernist,” which then will tour to Nashville, Tenn.; Washington, D.C.; and New York City.

The exhibit of nearly 100 works by Douglas, who has been called “the father of African-American art” and the “tastemaker” of the Harlem Renaissance, includes his 1934 mural-sized painting, “Aspects of Negro Life: From Slavery Through Reconstruction.”

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From left, David Lowenstein, Madison Davis Lacy and Bill Woodard check out art that will be featured in the Aaron Douglas exhibit, which begins Friday at the Spencer Museum of Art in Lawrence.

AARON DOUGLAS

The contributions of Topeka-born artist Aaron Douglas will be celebrated two ways this weekend:

In Topeka: The Aaron Douglas Art Fair will be staged from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Aaron Douglas Art Park, which is located on the south side of S.W. 12th Street between Lane Street and Washburn Avenue. Admission is free. For more information, go to www.turnaroundteam.org/art.

In Lawrence: “Aaron Douglas: African American Modernist” opens Friday at the Spencer Art Museum on the campus of The University of Kansas. Admission is free. For more information, go to www.aarondouglas.ku.edu.
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painted outdoors, twice the size of the original, is the center piece of Topeka’s Aaron Douglas Art Park. That is where the second annual Aaron Douglas Art Fair will be staged from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The park, which is on the south side of S.W. 12th Street between Lane Street and Washburn Avenue, and the fair, admission to which is free, are both projects of the Central Topeka Turnaround Team.

Fair-goers can see and buy works by 18 artists in the juried show. A full list of exhibitors can be found at www.turnaroundteam.org/art.

Judges’ awards in various categories will be given at 12:30 p.m., while patrons will have an opportunity to vote on a “people’s choice” award, which will be presented at 2:30 p.m.

The fair, the theme of which is “A Celebration of Community,” also will include musical entertainment with Glass Coffee Table performing from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Big Woody featuring James Gilbert from 1 to 2:15 p.m. and the Irving Curtis Quartet from 3 to 4:15 p.m.

The event also includes children’s art activities and food and beverage concessionaires.

Planning for the exhibit at KU’s Spencer Museum of Art has been in the works since the centenary of Douglas’ birth in 1999. Organized by Dr. Susan Earle, the Spencer’s curator of European and American art, the exhibit is believed to be the largest exhibit of Douglas’ work and the first to tour the country. Earle said Wednesday at a media preview of the show.

The exhibit was suggested by KU chancellor Robert Hemenway.

“He felt Douglas was an important native son of Kansas,” said Earle, who said the scope of the exhibit and related programs has grown to major proportions.

Book discussions, film series, lectures, a family day, a gospel concert and a mural in downtown Lawrence are among the other activities planned as part of the exhibit.

A full list of programs, museum hours and more information about Douglas and his art can be found at a Web site dedicated to the exhibit: www.aarondouglas.ku.edu.

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**AREA EVENTS**

**Two University** of Kansas organizations will mark the sixth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., by sponsoring a panel discussion from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday at 104 Green Hall. "9/11, the United States and the World — What Path Forward?" will feature panelists from across campus, including law students and political science professors. Sponsors are the KU chapter of Phi Beta Delta, an honorary society, and the Dwight D. Eisenhower International Law Society. The event is open to the public.
EDITORIALS

CAMPUS MAINTENANCE

Smart move

KU takes overdue step by getting funding for upkeep along with gift of new building

For Kansas taxpayers who cringed earlier this year when the state Legislature approved more than $300 million in funding to repair buildings on college campuses, some encouraging news emerged recently from The University of Kansas.

Jayhawk alum Carl C. Krehbiel has provided a gift that will keep on giving, not only for KU students but for taxpayers.

The university announced in January that Krehbiel, a former state legislator, had given $4 million to the school to build a residential building known as a scholarship hall.

But Krehbiel and KU didn’t stop there.

The university is preparing to formally announce that Krehbiel also has agreed to donate $400,000 to maintain the building.

That’s a responsible arrangement.

And it’s one that all public universities should adopt for future construction. In fact, the Kansas Board of Regents has adopted a policy requiring state university to fund maintenance for new buildings with donor gifts or existing resources.

For too long, KU and other universities were reluctant to seek money from donors for upkeep. The rationalization was that it would be bad form to make additional demands on donors who were showing generosity by providing millions for building construction.

So instead, the bill for maintenance went to the state.

But that mindset seems to be undergoing a long-overdue change.

KU Chancellor Robert Hemenway has been quoted as saying that when the university accepts money for a building, it also should ask for money earmarked for maintenance.

We couldn’t agree more.

Had college administrators adopted this attitude years ago, Kansas taxpayers might have been spared a case of sticker shock this year when the Board of Regents gave lawmakers the bill for sprucing up the state’s campuses.

The board initially requested more than $726.4 million from the Legislature to reduce a backlog of repair projects and meet ongoing maintenance needs.

Lawmakers stopped well short of footing the entire bill, but the funding package that emerged from the Statehouse did include:

■ About $90 million in state tax revenue for repairs at state universities in the Board of Regents system
■ $100 million in state-issued bonds to pay for projects at Washburn University, community colleges and technical schools
■ More than $82 million in state tax credits to attract investment in projects at Washburn, state universities, community colleges and technical schools

Some legislators said the package was just one step toward fixing the problems on the state’s college campuses.

With that disturbing thought in mind, the agreement between KU and Krehbiel looks all the better.

Upkeep should be provided, at least partly, by those whose names are being immortalized on buildings — as opposed to being funded 100 percent by generations of taxpayers who won’t get any glory for their money.