Smith takes a walk up the hill

Sumeere Marie Smith, daughter of Mary and John Smith of Independence, participated in the Kansas University's 11th annual Mount Oread Scholars' "walk up the hill" which took place at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 13th.

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First year students are invited to become Mt. Oread Scholars during their first years at KU if they graduated in the top 20 percent of their high school classes and received an ACT composite score of at least 28 or a minimum SAT score of 1,240.

After the walk up the hill, there will be a continental breakfast reception at the Spencer Research Library. Library staff will greet the students and invite them to learn more about all of KU's libraries as they enjoy a commanding view of the Kaw River Valley from the gallery.

During the breakfast the students will be addressed by members of the Spencer Library team, and by Ava Dinges, a Mt. Oread Scholars Program Alumna.
Dole Institute gets interim director

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Jonathan Earle, an American history scholar, was named today as interim director of the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas.

Earle, associate director for programming at the institute, steps in for director Bill Lacy, who has taken a leave of absence to manage former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson’s exploratory presidential campaign committee, Chancellor Robert Hemenway said.

"In Jonathan, the Dole Institute is in exceptionally capable hands," Hemenway said. "He is fulfilling Sen. Dole’s mission to attract young people to become involved in civic affairs."

Earle, an associate professor of history who joined the Dole Institute staff in 2003 on a part-time basis, recently returned to the University of Kansas after a year as a visiting chair in U.S. history at Occidental College in Los Angeles.

Earle, who joined the University of Kansas faculty in 1997, is an expert on the early American republic and the period leading up to the Civil War and recently was named one of eight top young historians by the History News Network.
Lawrence Journal-World on tuition cost:

Are tuition premiums placed on some areas of study at Kansas University and other U.S. colleges pushing low-income students into majors with less career potential?

According to comments by KU Provost Richard Lariviere in a recent New York Times article, the answer to that question appears to be "yes." ...

KU began charging "differential tuition" (now referred to on the KU Web site as "course fees") in the early 1990s.

The fees were justified as a way to insure students in certain majors have the up-to-date equipment and top-notch faculty necessary to succeed in their careers.

However, the tie between higher course fees and majors that lead to higher paying jobs is undeniable. ...

It's worth noting that even this year's entering freshmen, who will pay the much-touted four-year "guaranteed" tuition, must pay course fees. ...

The evidence that low-income students are avoiding majors with additional course fees may be anecdotal, but it is nonetheless disturbing. ...

Acquiring a well-paying job may be one goal of a university education, but universities shouldn't be in the business of placing a relative dollar value on various fields of study.

It's also unsettling for university officials to point to scholarship programs that are funded by the additional fees. That amounts to having students who pay full tuition and fees actually subsidizing the education of some of their classmates. ...

Too many students already are being left behind because of the rising costs of higher education.

There's nothing wrong with being a history major, but it doesn't serve the state of Kansas and its economic future to push people into liberal arts majors rather than encouraging those who are interested to pursue professional degrees.

If even anecdotal evidence that course fees are having that effect doesn't worry KU officials, it should.
College News

K-State students earn semester, graduation honors

Kansas State University has awarded more than 1,700 students semester honors for their academic performance during the spring semester. Students receiving semester honors rank in the top 10 percent of their class within their respective colleges and were enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of graded course work. Derby students included in the spring semester honors were: Jenny Lynn Bartholomew, Jamie Lynn Carlson, Allison Lauren Fogle, Paul Douglas Folger, Christopher Forbes French, Laurie Lee Gumm, Andrew Lloyd Haworth, Candace Marie Hufford, Christopher Warren Jones, Allison Jo Leastman, Crystal L. Malchose, Christopher Charles Mullen, Mark Donald Nihlbing, Kacey Helena Provenzano, Amanda Brooke Richards, Michael James Rohr.

More than 400 students have earned May 2007 graduation honors in recognition of their outstanding academic performance as undergraduates. Derby student included in the spring graduation honors was: Amanda Brooke Richards, cum laude with a bachelor of science.

Stansfield named to HCC spring honor roll

Derby student, Chuck Stansfield, was one of 470 students being honored with selection to the Hutchinson Community College Spring 2007 semester President’s Honor Roll, with a 4.0 gpa for the semester.

George Named to President’s Honor Roll

Grant George, of Derby, has been named to the President’s Honor Roll at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. George, a 2004 graduate of Derby High School, is the son of David and Diana George. He is a junior majoring in Major Business Accounting.

KU Announces Spring Honor Roll


Kirbe Elizabeth Riedel, daughter of James and Valor Riedel, senior liberal arts major. Tanner Jeffrey Rinke, son of Tracy Henseler, senior engineering major. Trace Ryan Rodgers, son of Glenda Rodgers, senior business major. Riley Dean Rothe, son of Ronald Rothe, senior business major. Morgan Rae Smizer, daughter of David and Carla Smizer and Steve Pitcher, senior nursing major.

Gavin J. Snider, son of Timothy and Rita Snider, senior architecture major. Grant R. Snider, son of Timothy and Rita Snider, senior architecture/engineering major. Matthew L. Spencer, son of Timothy and Barbara Spencer, senior business major. Natasha Lauren Starbird, daughter of Cliff Starbird, senior liberal arts major. Kelli J. Stout, daughter of Wayne and Debbie Stout, senior liberal arts major.

Jennifer Lynne Torline, daughter of Lori and John Torline, soph. journalism major. Margaret Ann Tran, daughter of Chinh and Lan Tran, soph. liberal arts major. Michelle Thi Tran, daughter of Chinh and Lan Tran, senior liberal arts major. Brian Mathew Wells, son of Gary and Eileen Wells, senior fine arts major. Benjamin Matthew Westerman, son of James and Sandra Westermat, junior liberal arts major. Kristin Carmela Tirabassi, daughter of Caroline Tirabassi, senior education major.

Abrams Receives Cowley Scholarship

Cowley College has awarded Richard Abrams the Tom and Sheila Richard Scholarship for the 2007 fall semester. Richard is the son of Dennis
and Elizabeth Abrams. At Derby, he participated in band, soccer, marching band and district band. His plans are to major in music.

**Wise named KWU scholarship recipient**

*Kansas Wesleyan University* named scholarship recipients for the 2007-2008 academic year. Brandon Wise, of Derby, was named the recipient of a KWU Award for Football.

**Local students complete degrees at WSU**

About 1,300 students completed degrees at *Wichita State University* in spring 2007. Undergraduates who have attained a GPA of 3.9 received the summa cum laude award; those with an average of 3.55 received the magna cum laude award; and those with an average of 3.25 received the cum laude award.

Derby students included: Joel S. Addis, magna cum laude, bachelor of arts in education; Candice M. Anderson, specialist in education; Ryan G. Azimi, associate of arts; Jennifer C. Bailey, master of business administration; Kara M. Bell, magna cum laude, bachelor of arts in education; Tracie L. Birks, master of education.

Karlisa R. Brewer-Jordan, master of education; Carla M. Campbell, summa cum laude, bachelor of business administration; Minh Q. Cao, master of science; Deanna N. Carrithers, master of public administration; Raquel L. Charbonneau, master of education; Amanda N. Cless, bachelor of business administration; Sarah J. Cribbs, bachelor of science in nursing; Suzanna S. Dayton, master of music education; Perry W. Desbien, cum laude, bachelor of science in nursing; Heidi S. Diller, master of music education; James R. Dorsch, bachelor of science in aerospace engineering; Michael T. Dzatko, magna cum laude, bachelor of arts; Jennifer E. Emmons, bachelor of science in nursing; Jana M. Garrels, master of arts; Jennifer J. Gluszek, master of public administration and graduate certificate in city and county management; Valerie A. Gonzalez, associate of science; Rebecca L. Herington, bachelor of business administration; Courtney R. Hilbrands, bachelor of arts in education; Katerina L. Hill, bachelor of science in nursing; Robert F. Johnson, bachelor of business administration.

Thomas P. Johnson, bachelor of business administration; Cheston L. Jones, cum laude, bachelor of science

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in electrical engineering; Traci M.
Kallhoff, bachelor of arts in education;
Francis A. Knipfer, master of arts;
David C. Krenzer, magna cum laude,
bachelor of arts; Jennifer L. Larma,
cum laude, bachelor of science; Cindy
S. Long, master of education;
Kathleen Madsen, bachelor of general
studies; Abby L. Manahan, magna
cum laude, bachelor of arts.

Jonathan E. McNeil, bachelor of
arts; Jennifer M. Merrell, cum laude,
bachelor of arts; Catherine D. Michael,
master of social work; Tasha A.
Oakley, bachelor of business
administration; Kathleen A. O’Brien,
master of education; Laura D. Parker,
bachelor of arts; Sandra H. Prevost,
master of education; Stacia L.
Robinson-Shrestha, bachelor of
business administration; Christy L.
Roebuck, bachelor of arts; Jeremy W.
Rollman, bachelor of business
administration.

Yvonne Z. Rothe, master of
education; Audrey D. Shaikh, doctor
of philosophy; Tony J. Small, magna
cum laude, bachelor of science in
mechanical engineering; Allison L.
Smith, master of social work; Tanner
P. Smith, bachelor of arts in exercise
science; Kimberly R. Swenson,
bachelor of arts; Anja K. Talley, magna
cum laude, bachelor of arts in exercise
science; Trisha A. Thomison, summa
cum laude, bachelor of arts in
education.

Bruno D. Trindade, bachelor of
business administration; Phillip C.
Veach, bachelor of general studies;
Samuel S. Vigil, bachelor of business
administration; Kenny R. Waddell,
magna cum laude, bachelor of arts in
sports administration; Michael W.
Wagoner, bachelor of arts; Lynnette
J. Walker, bachelor of science in
nursing; Deana M. Waltrip, master of
education; Lynne Warren, bachelor of
arts; Reesa R. Wilse, bachelor of
business administration; Haither N.
Zaragoza, bachelor of science.

Hartman, Welte awarded
military scholarships

Rachel Welte and Ashley
Hartman, both of Derby, were awarded
$1,500 college scholarships at
McConnell Air Force Base through
the annual Scholarships for Military
Children Program. Nearly 5,000
students applied for the scholarships
at commissary locations worldwide
and 566 were awarded scholarships.
Applicants were required to maintain
a minimum 3.0 gpa, participate in
voluntary school and community
activities, demonstrate leadership
qualities, and write an essay on “If
you had the power to change the
outcome of any event in history, what
would you change and why?”

Gluszczk awarded
foundation fellowship

Ashley Ann Gluszczk, an alumna
member of Gamma Upsilon chapter of
Delta Gamma Fraternity at Wichita
State University, was awarded a Delta
Gamma Foundation Fellowship. The
daughter of Thomas and Jane Gluszczk,
Ashley is studying for a master of arts
degree. The fellowship is given based
on scholastic achievement, campus
and community involvement, and
chapter leadership. The award for the
2007-08 academic year is $2,500.

Judd named FHSU grad

Fort Hays State University
recently released the names of more
than 1,150 students who completed
requirements for bachelors and
associates degrees during the spring
semester. Derby student, Robert E.
Judd, received a bachelor of general
studies.

Local students named
Student Ambassador
Society members

The Student Ambassador Society,
a prestigious student organization at
Wichita State University, recently
announced its newest members. SAS
is an organization of students who
promote the university to prospective
students and the community. The
following Derby students were named
members:

Brooke Gluszczk, daughter of Tom
and Jane Gluszczk, a freshman majoring
in business administration.

April Reed, daughter of Chip and
Sherry Reed, a sophomore majoring in
business.

Friends University names
2007 graduates

The following Derby students
were named candidates for graduation
from Friends University’s class of 2007:
Kendra D. Barger, bachelor of arts in
liberal studies; Steven J. Carns, master
of service/production management;
Faith De’Nise Emrich, bachelor of
science in computer technology; James
D. Gagne, bachelor of science in
organizational management and
leadership.
Dr. Shawn and Kathleen Pomeroy, standing, have long ties to the Derby community and are extending his chiropractic clinic locally. Seated is Lori Linehan, Pomeroy Chiropractic office manager.

Chiropractor opens local branch

By Linda Stinnett

Dr. Shawn Pomeroy has opened a one-day-a-week branch in Derby in Suite 204 of the Valley State Bank building at 330 E. Madison in Derby.

Pomeroy has had Pomeroy Chiropractic Wellness near Bel Aire at 37th North and Woodlawn for the past three years. However, he has ties to the Derby community through church membership, extended family and his former job so he has chosen to open the local branch to better serve his local customers.

The branch is open 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Patients need to call the Wichita office at 686-2020 to schedule appointments.

Pomeroy is a graduate of Cleveland Chiropractic College, after receiving his associate's degree at Cloud County Community College and attending Kansas University. He began his career at Derby Chiropractic in 1998 and opened his own office in Bel Aire in 2004.

Pomeroy and his wife, Kathleen, are the parents of three children. The family attends Derby First Presbyterian Church.
Coffeyville student on KU calendar

LAWRENCE — A Montgomery County student attending the University of Kansas might be considered a pin-up calendar girl . . . but strictly in the academic sense.

Teresa Lo of Coffeyville, a summer 2007 graduate with a bachelor’s degree candidate in history, is among 22 female KU students, alumni and faculty who are recognized for their achievements in the Fifth Annual KU Women of Distinction Calendar.

The 2007-08 edition of the poster-calendar, which recognizes the accomplishments of female faculty, staff, alumni and students, are being made available to KU students this week, which is the first week of the 2007-08 school year.

Katherine Rose-Mockry, program director for the center, assembled a committee of faculty, staff and students to evaluate nominations and make the selections for this year’s calendar.

“In the fifth year of the calendar, we are pleased to have established a tradition of publicly acknowledging the importance of women’s contributions to KU and the community at large,” Rose-Mockry said. “The women who have been featured have achieved in areas that once had been off limits at levels once considered unattainable. Their accomplishments challenge limiting stereotypes and pave the way for women beginning their careers and rising up the ranks to follow their dreams and make a difference in the world.”

Lo will soon begin a postgraduate program at the University of Southern California, where she plans to earn a master’s degree in screen writing.

She has spent the spring 2007 semester serving as an intern for the “Late Show With David Letterman.”

Lo is the daughter of Victor and Susan Lo of Coffeyville and is a graduate of Field Kindley High School.
University of Kansas
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Among the 189 Mount Oread Scholars is Sumere Marie Smith, daughter of John and Mary Smith of Independence. The Independence High School graduate plans to major in pre-pharmacy.
KU announces 155-253 2007 scholarships

The Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas recently announced 128 new Senator Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholars for the 2007-08 academic year.

Included in the 128 were local students: Gwen L. Curtiss, Maize High School, attending Emporia State University, major, education.

Nicholas A. Ward, Andale High School, attending Kansas State University, major, Architectural Engineering.
Vaughn selected a KU peer educator

The University of Kansas’ Learning Communities program has announced its 23 peer educators for fall 2007, including Andale High School graduate Christopher Vaughn, a sophomore in aerospace engineering and son of Mark and Sue Vaughn.

Peer educators are KU students who serve as academic resources and mentors to help first-year KU students adjust to campus life.

Activities for first-time students in Learning Communities are scheduled to begin today at the start of Hawk Week before fall semester classes start Thursday, Aug. 16.

Among the benefits of Learning Communities are key interaction with faculty as well as a supportive network of other students, peer educators and professors and supplemental learning opportunities in the classroom and Lawrence community.

The Learning Communities program began in fall 2003 and is part of the Academic Achievement and Access Center within the Student Success office. Gail James is director of Learning Communities, and Linda Dixon is associate director.

Each Learning Communities group typically consists of about 20 students enrolled in two courses and a seminar that focuses on a particular theme. Each group has its own faculty facilitator with coordination assistance from the peer educator.

Students enroll, then are assigned to specific Learning Communities based on their major, courses they take or experiences related to the overall theme of the communities.

The First National Bank of Southern Kansas introduces Chris Francois to the community. Francois has a bachelor of arts degree from Southern Illinois University and will be located at the branch in Andale.
Area students receive Dole scholarships

LAWRENCE — The Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas recently announced 128 new Sen. Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholars for the 2007-08 academic year.

Two area students among the scholars are Ashley M. Shaff, Cedar Vale, a graduate of Cedar Vale High School, and Jaimie Zellner, Howard, a graduate of West Elk High School. Both are attending Kansas State University, Shaff in biology and Zellner in graphic design. Both were nominated for the scholarships by Rep. Todd Tiahrt of the fourth congressional district.

The recipients, all 2007 Kansas high school graduates, represent the largest class of Dole scholars since the program began in 2005. Funded by NASA, the scholarships are distributed among the state’s four congressional districts to ensure the broadest statewide participation.

“This year, the Dole Institute received a second federal grant, and we are able to offer nearly three times the number of scholarships as in each of the previous two years,” said Bill Lacy, institute director.

The scholarship program began with a federal grant that funded 40 scholarships each in 2005 and in 2006. With the addition of the 128 scholarships awarded this year, the total number of Dole scholars comes to 208.

The new scholars will enroll this fall at one of the six Kansas Board of Regents universities or Washburn University in Topeka. Regents universities are KU, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University and Wichita State University.

Aligned with the primary mission of the Dole Institute, the scholarship program encourages young Kansans to get involved in politics, government and community service.

“Dole scholars represent the best among Kansas high school graduates,” said Barbara Ballard, director of the scholarship program and associate director of the Dole Institute.

“Dole scholars are required to engage in 100 hours of civic activities annually. We hope that their experiences will influence them throughout their lives to become involved citizens.”

Recipients receive a $1,000 scholarship, renewable for three years, and commit to completing 100 hours of civic activities annually. Kansas high school seniors who have volunteered in community and public service in their communities and who have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale are eligible.

The Dole Public Service Scholarship is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a department of Scholarship America, a national nonprofit educational support and student aid service organization that seeks to involve and assist the private sector in expanding educational opportunities and encouraging educational achievement. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, gender, disability or national origin.