Lo Voted a “Distinctive Woman”

Teresa Lo, the daughter of Victor and Susan Lo of Coffeyville and a graduate of Field Kindley High School, is now a summer 2007 Bachelor’s Degree candidate in history at the University of Kansas. Miss Lo has had the honor of being added to the Fifth edition of University of Kansas’ “Women of Distinction” calendar. Along with her picture the calendar states that she has taken part in the beginning MFA program at University of Southern California—School of Cinematic Arts and is majoring in Writing for Screen and Television. She has worked as a Research Intern for “The Late Show” with David Letterman during the Spring of 2007 and Miss Lo is also a Watkins-Berger Scholar.

The KU “Women of Distinction” poster-calendar recognizes the accomplishments of female faculty, staff, alumni and students. The 2007-08 edition will be available August 13th at the start of Hawk Week activities at KU.

Brief biographies of 22 “Women of Distinction” are included in the calendar, which is issued by the Emily Taylor Women’s Resource Center. Said Katherine Rose-Mockry, program director for the Center, “We are pleased to have established a tradition of publicly acknowledging the importance of women’s contributions to KU and the community at large. 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.”

Calendars, which are free although donations are accepted, will be available at several campus locations, including the KU Bookstores and the Student Involvement and Leadership Center in the Kansas Union in Lawrence; the KU Medical Center in Kansas City, Ks; and the Edwards Campus in Overland Park. For more detailed information on each calendar participant, including additional activities and personal commentary, go to www.etwrc.ku.edu.

Teresa Lo
KU caller to appear in Shawnee

Naomi’s Hallmark, 12128 Shawnee Mission Pkwy., will host a book signing with Max Falkenstien, voice of Kansas University athletics, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Falkenstien, author of “A Good Place to Stop,” spent more than 60 years behind the microphone calling KU games. From 1964 to 2006, he called roughly 650 KU football games and 1,750 KU basketball games. At the end of the 2005-2006 basketball season, his mythical jersey, No. 60, was retired in Allen Fieldhouse next to all the great KU athletes who have been so honored.

For more information about this event, contact Naomi’s at (913) 268-3940.
Grant to certify firefighters as code inspectors

BY ANNA FRY
PARSONS SUN

The Parsons Fire Department will receive almost $260,000 in a federal fire safety grant.

Parsons Fire Chief Tim Hay said the grant money will be used to allow all 19 firefighters in the department and the city's code enforcement officer to attend training at the University of Kansas, tentatively set for January. Hay said a three-day class followed by a practical and written exam will certify participants nationally as an inspector one.

The fire department inspects about 400 commercial properties every year. Hay said the certification will not significantly change the procedure.

This certification will allow everyone in the department to learn uniformly, Hay said.

"What we were going for is consistency," Hay said. "It will help the department make sure they're uniform in their inspections."

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said. "Everything's going to come from the same person so we're all in the same boat."

KU is offering the course free of charge. Hay said the grant money will pay overtime for the firefighters to attend.

Hay said the department also plans to buy mobile computer equipment to do field inspections. The equipment would allow inspectors to refer to the fire code, look up past violations and immediately print reports.

Additionally, some grant money will be used to buy 2006 International Fire Code books. The department is using 1997 code books, Hay said.

The grant is part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program that are encompassed by the National Preparedness Directorate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency, according to a city statement.

Hay said a previous approved grant proposal allowed the department to buy smoke detectors for hearing-impaired people.

This is the third project in six years that the department has received grant funding for, according to the city's statement.

Hay said the grant will allow the department to keep up with architects and builders.

"Basically, we could not enhance our inspection program without this grant because we just don't have the money in our budget," Hay said. "This is the only way we can keep up with the technology and progress."
KU School of Education Honors Teachers

The School of Education at the University of Kansas recognized more than 880 Kansas teachers with certificates honoring the for 25 years or more of service in education. Two teachers had 40 years of service.

Teachers honored from Ingalls were Mark Fisher 27 years, teaching technology; and Wylene Kliewer, 30 years, reading specialist.

From Montezuma: Mark Applegate, 25 years, Assistant Principal; Gayle Tuxhorn, 25 years, teacher.
Rock Chalk Road Show to visit high schools

For the fifth year, University of Kansas staff will take the Rock Chalk Road Show to 60 high schools and community colleges in central and western Kansas Aug. 19-24. Staff will meet with counselors, students and parents to help with admission and scholarship application process.

The Road Show will visit Cimarron and Ingalls High School on Wednesday, Aug. 22.
Bruning is member of Sigma Alpha Lambda

Sigma Alpha Lambda is proud to announce that Kara Ann Bruning of Sabetha was recently recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, National Leadership and Honors Organization at the University of Kansas.

Sigma Alpha Lambda is dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and providing members with opportunities for community service, personal development and lifelong professional fulfillment.
Mt. Oread Scholars Take Traditional Walk Up Hill

The 11th annual walk up the hill for Mount Oread Scholars took place Monday.
Kathryn Nemeth Tuttle, associate vice provost for Student Success, led the walk and provided commentary about campus history and Mount Oread, pointing out landmarks along the way.

Local students who are enrolled in the program are Kelsey Jo Simpson of Spring Hill, Joseph Thomas Nagle of Osawatomie and Lauren Nicole Winchester of Paola. All are freshmen.

The walk signifies the beginning of a higher education journey for the 189 Mount Oread Scholars whose ultimate goal is to walk down the hill upon graduation. Two scholars carried the 2007 KU graduation banner to further mark this important beginning, and scholars were encouraged to wear their Mount Oread Scholars T-shirts that state, “What Goes Up, Must Come Down.”

Established in 1996, the Mount Oread Scholars Program is designed to facilitate academic connections on campus and is part of KU’s University Advising Center. New first-year students are invited to become Mount Oread Scholars during their first year 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.

Mount Oread Scholars work individually with an adviser in their fields of interest, share class schedules to form study or discussion groups, attend scholar-
Speech-Language pathologist wins KU teaching award

The students at the University of Kansas School of Allied Health have spoken.

Jeffrey Searl, PhD, a speech-language pathologist at the KU Medical Center, was selected for the Stata Norton Distinguished Teaching Award at the School's annual recognition ceremony.

The award is in honor of Dr. Stata Norton who served as Dean of the School of Allied Health from 1980-1984. It is given each year to a professor, nominated by the students, who has demonstrated excellence in teaching and made an important contribution to the profession. Searl is an associate professor in the Department of Hearing and Speech.

"Dr. Searl provides us with a prime example of what it means to be a speech-language pathologist," graduate student Jennifer Vallier said. "He is committed to educating the SLPs of tomorrow while pioneering research to improve treatment."

Searl is a graduate of the PhD program at KU and after teaching at Bowling Green State University for five years, he returned to KU to teach and conduct his research.

He is consistently described as being approachable, encouraging, genuine and respectful.

He won several teaching awards during his time at Bowling Green and is considered a model instructor at KU, according to his faculty colleagues.

"It is a true pleasure to collaborate with Jeff on issues related to clinical instruction and management. His insights on training reflect his desire to facilitate strong student performance," added Debora Daniels, PhD.

Searl earned an undergraduate degree in psychology from Santa Clara University and a Master's and subsequent PhD in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Kansas.

His research is focused in two areas. The first deals with obtaining a better understanding of how individuals move the lips and tongue to produce speech sounds.

The goal is to evaluate the movements and to assess the sounds of these contacts during normal and disordered speech.

Ultimately this work could lead to innovative ways to evaluate speech and aid in the development of therapeutic interventions for individuals with speech disorders.
Dole Institute names director

LAWRENCE — 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.
Counselor’s Corner

by SCHS Counselor

Ben Horyna

The 2007-08 school year is off to a good start. The students are now in the classes they be in for the rest of the semester.

There is no changing classes after the first five days of school. We have passed that deadline.

If you are interested in attending Kansas State University and applying for an academic scholarship, you need to meet the Nov. 1 application deadline. KSU assigns a personal financial aid advisor for every student admitted. You can go to k-state.edu/sfa/ for financial aid information for KSU.

The representative for South Central High School this year is Trisha Gott. You can contact her at tegott@ksu.edu. She will be glad to give you help. Sept. 18, the Trisha will be at SCHS to visit with interested seniors.

The University of Kansas Office of Admissions and Scholarship’s priority deadline to apply for freshman scholarships is Nov. 1. High School seniors with a 3.25 unweighted GPA and a 26 ACT or higher, who submit a complete application by this priority date, will automatically receive, at a minimum, a $1,000 non-renewable scholarship. This amount could increase after the application is sent to the scholarship committee. Dec. 1 is the final scholarship deadline to submit all materials for consideration.

Wichita State University again will be hosting its Distinguished Scholarship Invitational. To be considered for an invitation to this competition, students must complete the following by Oct. 1. (1) Submit, to the Office of Admissions, an official high school transcript with a minimum 3.50 GPA. (2) Have a minimum ACT composite score of 24 on-file with WSU. And (3) be admitted to WSU.

For your information — Dodge City Community College will be an ACT test site, even though they were left off the registration form. The first ACT test date is Saturday, Oct. 27, and we will have a test site at South Central High School on that date. The registration deadline for this test date is Sept. 21.