Class LTD staff attends emergency preparedness meeting

CLASS LTD staff, Leslie Lackamp of Pittsburg, Phillip Chapprie of Independence, and Mark Newbold of Columbus attended the InterHab Program Leadership Resource Network meeting hosted by Futures Unlimited in Wellington on August 23. The disaster training was “No One Left Behind”, presented by Catherine Rooney, Project Manager for Disability and Disaster Studies at Kansas University. Organizational emergency preparedness plans were shared and discussed following the training.

CLASS LTD is a not-for-profit organization that provides services for persons with developmental and other disabilities in southeast Kansas.
Sculptor reveals the making of a mascot

By January, an 11-foot-tall bronco will stand outside the new high school

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John McCoy pulled up outside of Spring Hill High School on a hot August morning. It was football equipment checkout day, and dozens of high-school boys were milling around the school. Good timing.

McCoy beckoned a few of the players over and asked them to help unload his cargo: an 11-foot tall, skinny-legged and largely featureless pink bronco replica. After a few minutes, the players and McCoy had the replica positioned where the 1,000-pound, bronze bronco the Spring Hill High School Booster Club has commissioned McCoy to sculpt will stand by the end of the year.

"How does it look?" McCoy asked.
"Good," one of the players responded and then, after a short pause, "...but is it going to be pink?"

The 11-foot-tall, rearing bronco, not pink, bronco will be the finishing touch to the new Spring Hill High School.

McCoy, of McCoy Bronze Works in Olathe, and booster club members hope it will be a monument to be admired by students, district patrons and visiting opponents for generations to come. As McCoy works steadily to have the bronco finished and erected at the high school by Jan. 1, 2008, community members have an opportunity to observe and even assist in the creative process. McCoy is inviting anyone interested to stop by the Spring Hill Civic Center and help apply clay to the bronco.

The now wax-covered bronco sits on the Civic Center's stage, a wooden base with metal connections to the four legs keeping the animal upright.

The replica is made up of 13 different pieces, which can be taken apart at any point in the process. This helps McCoy work on different portions and transport the replica.

This ability to disassemble the bronco...

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STATUE: Building bronco for high school requires sculptor to complete an 11-step process

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casted some concern last week. McCoy was applying clay to the head, which he had unscrewed and had sitting in his lap, when a young girls' basketball team entered the gym for practice.
• “The horse's head is gone,” one of the girls yelled, setting off a wave of shrieks until McCoy could show them the head and explain how it came apart.

The wax represented the third stage of an 11-step process McCoy goes through when completing his bronze sculptures, a process he learned from his mentor and longtime University of Kansas instructor Elden Tefft.

McCoy constructed a sort-of skeleton for the bronco out of steel rebar in the first step and then built up the animal's core with two-inch insulation foam in the second step.

The application of approxi-
tely one inch of an oil-based mold is the fourth step and offers a chance for the community to get involved. Community members can also stop by and ask questions about the bronco, the process or just the art of bronze sculpting, McCoy said.

“It's a great way to get community involvement,” McCoy said. “That's what I want. That's why I'm here.”

The bronco will then be taken to Tefft Terra Studios in Lawrence. There, the final steps will be completed, including making a silicone-rubber mold, making a plaster mold over the silicone mold, pouring wax into the mold and building it up through “slushing,” burning out the wax in a process known as lost wax bronze casting, and then pouring molten bronze heated to 2,000 degrees into the mold.

The mold will then be broken off, the 13 pieces will be welded together, and any details lost in casting will be re-added. McCoy will then sandblast the bronco, use a patina for coloring the animal, and seal the sculpture with a spray on lacquer and wax. Finally, the bronze bronco will be mounted outside the high school.

The bronco, which booster club officials say will cost more than $40,000, is being paid for through donations and sales of customized bricks in Bronco Plaza near where the bronze bronco will be mounted. More than $25,000 has already been raised.

For McCoy, who has only been a bronze sculptor for seven years, the bronco is an opportunity to create a work both current and future generations can enjoy.

“This is something that's going to be around for a long time, and community members can come help and be a part of that,” McCoy said.
KU sororities add new members

LAWRENCE — Sororities at the University of Kansas pledged 567 women during fall formal recruitment, the KU Panhellenic Association has announced.

The number represents an increase from 2006 fall recruitment when 550 students affiliated with sororities.

More than 750 women took part in recruitment, and all 13 of KU's Panhellenic Association sororities added new members, said Laura Bauer, program director for fraternity and sorority life. Membership bids were extended to women who completed the recruitment process.

Local students who were recruited, their hometowns and the sorority for which they were recruited are: Hannah Kay Peterson, Spring Hill, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Tara Leigh Truitt, Spring Hill, Delta Gamma; Brittany Carol Barney, Louisburg, Delta Delta Delta; and Lauren Nicole Winchester, Paola, Pi Beta Phi.

Bauer said this year the Panhellenic Association implemented an online recruitment tool, Campus Director, that allowed women to create an account and register online for recruitment. The new system also allowed the recruitment counselors and sorority chapters to perform all of their data entry and new member updates online.

Sororities that are part of KU's Panhellenic Association are Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Delta Tau and Sigma Kappa.

For additional information about KU sororities, go to www.kugreek.org.
TOPEKA child actors take part in movie being filmed in Kansas

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The Topeka Capital-Journal

TOPEKA — The American Indian boys, dressed in woolen trousers and collarless muslin shirts, and the girls, wearing long dresses and boots, repeated the alphabet one letter at a time in a one-room schoolhouse.

The year portrayed was 1905, and the children were forced to attend boarding school at Haskell Institute in Lawrence.

Recently the child actors took part in "The Only Good Indian," a movie being shot in Topeka, Lawrence, Wichita and other sites in Kansas.

“The Only Good Indian” is a fictionalized account detailing the removal of Indian children from their homes and forced attendance at Indian boarding schools. The purpose was to indoctrinate them into a white culture and destroy their Indian heritage.

An Indian child who was removed from his or her home was put in a whole new world, said the film’s director, Kevin Willmott, an assistant professor of film at The University of Kansas.

When sent to a boarding school:

A student's Indian name was replaced with a white name.

The child learned English and was forbidden to speak his native language.

He couldn’t worship his native religion and was assigned a new religion.

He was shipped far from his home to discourage him from fleeing the school and returning home.

In the scene shot on a recent morning, some students were learning the alphabet, but Charlie, 15, a Kickapoo Indian, the movie's main character, doesn’t recite the letters and instead stares at a book. Of the 20 students in the classroom, most were Kickapoo and some were Potawatomi.

The classroom at Stach School on the west grounds of the Kansas State Historical Society doubles for the Haskell Industrial Institute in Lawrence.

Winterfox Frank, of Redding, Calif., portrays Charlie.

Charlie flees the school to return to his family at their reservation home, Willmott said, and Sam Franklin, a Cherokee bounty hunter, pursues him. Actor Wes Studi, who is a Cherokee, portrays Franklin.

Movie viewers will recognize Studi from his roles as the Toughest Pawnee in “Dances with Wolves” and as Magua in “The Last of the Mohicans.” Studi also plays Joe Leaphorn in the PBS productions of three of Tony Hillerman’s Navajo novels. Studi’s niece, Delanna Studi, plays Charlie’s mother in “The Only Good Indian.”

Between takes of the alphabet recitation, a crewman told the 20 child actors, "If you look at the camera, it’ll burn a hole in your eyeball."

Frank grinned, but the other students were silent.

"Just kidding," the crewman said.

Tom Carmody, screenwriter of "The Only Good Indian," said resistance by the Kickapoos to shedding their customs and adopting white customs is the movie’s theme.

Carmody, also a film producer, said the filmmakers are working closely with the Kickapoo tribe in Horton.

“We’re just thrilled they’re allowing us to use their tribal language and customs in the film,” Carmody said. In one scene, Frank and 10-year-old Richard McKinney, who Carmody calls a "natural" actor, speak in Kickapoo.

Willmott is writer and director of “C.S.A.: Confederate States of America,” a 2005 satire of what the United States would be like had the South won the Civil War. Willmott also is writer, director and producer of “Bunker Hill,” another film shot in Kansas. “Bunker Hill” is in post-production work.

In “Bunker Hill,” actor James McDaniel plays a former Wall Street executive and ex-convict who returns home to Bunker Hill, Kan., after he is released from prison.
Area women pledge to KU sororities

The University of Kansas sororities recently pledged Gretchen Berns, Amber Richmond, and Kari Tajchman as part of the fall formal recruitment.

Pledged to Alpha Chi Omega, Berns is a Peabody-Burns High School graduate and is undecided about her major. She also is a freshman and is the daughter of Fred and Lynn Berns and Helen Berns.

Richmond also pledged to Alpha Chi Omega and is a Marion High School graduate. She is a freshman in pre-pharmacy and is the daughter of Rodney and Diane Richmond.

Tajchman pledged to Gamma Phi Beta and also is a MHS graduate. She is a freshman in pre-journalism and is the daughter of Charles and Kay Tajchman of Marion.
Hays Medical Center welcomes five new physicians this summer

The recruiting department at Hays Medical Center had a banner year culminating with the addition of five new physicians to the medical staff this summer.

Dr. Babar Ali, MD, Interventional Cardiologist began seeing patients at the DeBakey Heart Institute in July. He completed medical school at the Dow Medical School in Karachi, Pakistan. He completed his residency in Internal medicine at Newark Beth Israel medical Center in New Jersey. Dr. Ali has also held fellowships in Cardiovascular Diseases and Interventional Cardiology at Beth Israel. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Nuclear Cardiology.

The Dreiling/Schmidt Cancer Center welcomed Dr. Saaid Al Shehadat, MD, FACP, MRCP, DMMD. Dr. Saaid and he likes to be called, is a Medical Oncologist/Hematologist. He earned his medical from Damascus University in Syria and has held membership in the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and London. He was a Diplomat in Hospital Management for Medical Doctors of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, and a Diplomat in Internal Medicine for the American Board of Internal Medicine and is board certified by both organizations. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Lankenau Hospital, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania and served as Chief Medical Resident at the University of North Dakota. He comes to Hays Medical Center from the University of Nebraska where he was a Clinical Fellow in Hematology/Oncology.

Dr. Zurab Tsereteli, MD, Surgeon joined Southwind Surgical in July. Dr. Tsereteli completed medical school at the Tbilisi State Medical University in Tbilisi, Georgia. He completed his residency in general surgery at the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, Oregon as well as the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Georgia. Dr. Tsereteli has also completed a Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Dr. Tsereteli will be the Medical Director for the new Bariatric Surgery program at Hays Medical Center.

The Hays Pediatric Center welcomes Dr. Tarlayn Weiser. Dr. Weiser completed her medical school training at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Her Pediatrics Residency was done at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. A second Pediatrician will also be joining the Pediatric Center later this month.
KU honor roll

University of Kansas spring 2007 honor roll

Cimarron — Sheryl Marie Doubek; Matthew Dylan Monical

Deerfield — Luke Fredrick Johnson

Dighton — Jessa R. Kuhlman; Jenna Marie Timken; Nick Jerome Weiser

Garden City — Alyson Renee Algrim; Derek C. Blau; Whitney N. Blau; Kristin Suzanne Campbell; An Vonhu Cao; Whitney Page Clarke; Amy Jo Conway; John Phillip Duesing; Lacey J. Fisher; Sonny Thanh Hong; Tung Thi Le; Jessica Thuy Vi Luong; Cyndi Mai; Bryn Erin Maughmer; Tyler Scott McMillan; Michael Scott Merz; Megan Nguyen; Ashlea Ann Orrell; Aaron Greg Payne; Hannah Hastings Pickett; Lara Elizabeth Pracht; Adam J. Price; Dusti Nicole Remschner; Kayla Rae Schwarting; Matthew Lynn Selzer; Jessica Ruth Sprott; Allison Jeannette Thayer; Andre Vo; Aimee Ann Zeller

Hollcomb — Matthew R. Cook

Lakin — Betsey Mae Beymer; Trey M. Shipley

Leoti — Robert R. Taylor

Montezuma — Amy Winsor

Scott City — Angela Renee Metzger

Sublette — Dan A. Jucan

Sycamore — Deborah Lee Fitzgerald

Tribune — Bradford Lee Cardoniell; Ryan Thomas Dittmer; Trenton A. Peters

Ulysses — Paola Jasmin Ponce

County: Finney
‘Rachel’s Challenge’ issued to local youth

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You’ve got to “Try a Little Kindness,” says the old Glen Campbell hit song. Amen, say those who present Rachel’s Challenge worldwide.

Bill May, of Lakewood, Colo., presented the program to about 300 people Thursday night in the gym at Great Bend Middle School. His sober, sad-but-uplifting presentation received a standing ovation from the audience of parents, grandparents, students and others.

Rachel Joy Scott, 17, was the first person murdered by the young gunmen on April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., near Denver. She had a premonition of an early death, and felt that somehow, she and her life, like Ann Frank and hers, would have a great and good impact on the world.

The killers, two Columbine students in trenchcoats, murdered 13 people on that terrible day, and injured 27 before killing themselves. Until this April 16’s Virginia Tech mass killings, it was the worst such school tragedy in U.S. history.

Bill May is a close friend of Darrell Scott, Rachel’s father. A graduate of the University of Kansas, he’s written six books, and is himself a publisher, a former coach and talk radio host, and currently a counselor.

Rachel’s sister, Dana, is to be married soon, and saying this nearly brought tears to May’s eyes. Rachel was one of five children — three girls, two boys.

Rachel was having lunch with a friend on the grass outside the school when the shooters, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, came over a hill and made her their first victim. Her lunch partner that day is now a quadriplegic, so the tragedy continues for him.

The program, to provide leadership and encourage compassion while eradicating prejudice, has been presented to

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15 million people in the past eight years, May said.
He presented it at Haviland and Greensburg earlier this week, and it was difficult for him at Greensburg, seeing the devastation that town and its people have endured, he said.
The basics of the challenge — the program — are: Eliminate prejudice, dare to dream, choose (to surround yourself with) positive influences, use only kind words and deeds, and “start a chain reaction” by your acts and words of kindness to all.
Rachel was 17, and never met a celebrity, never traveled outside Colorado. Yet she knew her life somehow was going to have an impact on the world. And it has.
A few weeks after the carnage in Littleton, her father and stepmother found, in her bedroom, an essay Rachel had written for a class. It was called “My Ethics, My Codes of Life.” Among other things, it said that a little kindness can start a chain reaction.
Harris and Klebold were not monsters, at least not earlier in their lives, May said. But they chose to surround and immerse themselves in a culture of violence and death. They admired Adolf Hitler.
The film May showed contained a segment of a videotape made by the shooters. It was gruesome, about violence and death, and depressing. It was not about kindness and compassion.
Documentaries have been made about Rachel Scott and her challenge, and a major motion picture is now “in the works,” May said. The Challenge has been featured on “Oprah” and many other television shows.
Rachel’s funeral, telecast live on CNN, drew the largest CNN viewing audience ever.
Her brother, Craig, also a Columbine student, was nearly killed, too, on that awful day. Two friends flanking him in the library were killed, and just then, the sprinkler system went off, distracting the killers. Ten of the 13 were killed in the library.
One of those two friends who died in the library was an African American named Isaiah, a football player. The killers voiced derogatory, hateful racial slurs before slaying him.
Look for the best in others — don’t pre-judge anyone. Rachel wrote for the sake of her soul, not for fame or money, she said in one of her poems.
May conducted meetings for middle-school students at GBMS in the morning, and a leadership class for 40 selected students in the afternoon at The Front Door, 1615 10th St.
The students are planning to form a “Friends of Rachel” Club, which will meet weekly to “Keep the chain reaction” of kindness and compassion going, to change the culture of life and politics in the U.S. to one of less meanness and violence, May said.
The club can “use” adult volunteers to help it get under way, he said.
**EDITORIAL ROUNDUP**

Success must be factor at Kansas colleges

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.

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Women say philanthropists group helps with leadership, causes

LAWRENCE (AP) — An organization of women philanthropists who are interested in the University of Kansas has provided its members an opportunity to support important causes and expand their own interests.

The group, Women Philanthropists for KU, started four years ago as part of a national trend to get women philanthropically involved.

“It’s not a program or a club,” said the Endowment Association’s Judy Wright, who leads a steering committee of the group. “It’s an initiative. The point is to get women more involved through programming and to offer opportunities for leadership on campus.”

Wright said that the group tries to consider the way women like to interact.

“We know that, generally, women like to get more involved with causes or programs they want to support,” she said. “Men say, ‘It sounds great; here’s some money.’ Women say, ‘It sounds great; how can I be of service?’”

Deannell Reece Tacha of Lawrence, a federal judge and one of the organization’s two co-chairwomen, said women often look for causes that focus more on children’s issues and on health care.

But Tacha and Wright added that women athletics and the sciences, generally popular with men, are also important causes for women philanthropists.

Generally, the group tries to hold programs every year that will connect women who are interested in the University of Kansas with others and the school. The group’s Sept. 7 program will be a luncheon with Margaret May Damen, who leads a group that focuses on the creation of wealth by women.