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Matthew Scott Achenbach, a senior in Social Welfare and son of Scott and Susan Achenbach; Anastasia Rose Nuss, daughter of Lawton Nuss and Jo Montgomery, undergraduate in Allied Health; Amber Nicole Pihl, Pharmacy Professional and daughter of Ron and Sue Pihl; and Chantz Palmer Thomas, son of Greg and Lorye Thomas, undergraduate in Liberal Arts, were all named to the Fall Honor Roll.

Chantz and Amber are Smoky Valley High School graduates; Anastasia Nuss graduated from Salina High School Central; and Matthew is a home-school graduate.
Proposed Lawrence hotel stirs concern for city's skyline

LAWRENCE (AP) — A proposal to build an upscale hotel on Mount Oread has stirred up concern about the city’s skyline and the preservation of a historic neighborhood at the center of the University of Kansas campus.

The seven-story Oread Inn would be close to the student union and would replace a few rundown buildings and already-closed businesses. The proposal also includes retail businesses.

Some architects and historic preservationists say the hotel’s design doesn’t fit with the historic neighborhood. They worry that a hotel atop the hill will alter the view of the city.

“People don’t understand how big and massive this building is going to be,” said Dennis Brown, president of the Lawrence Preservation Alliance. “It is going to change the skyline.”

A landmark for settlers traveling west, Mount Oread was a staging area for marauders before the Civil War and it was later the site chosen for the university.

Developers say the Oread Inn would fill an upscale niche that’s now unfilled at the campus.
Kohman named to KU honor roll

Kelsey N Kohman, the daughter of George and Teresa Kohman of Kendall, was named to the honor roll at the University of Kansas for the fall semester 2007. Kelsey is in the school of Pharmacy. She is a 2002 graduate of Syracuse High School.
Text business and education

At the Flint Hills Center for Public Policy, we think that we could all benefit from making K-12 schools act more like businesses in one important way—having to compete for students. Many people in the public school industry disagree, saying that business and learning are in conflict. Yet take a closer look and you’ll find that business and learning can go hand-in-hand.

Most universities are not-for-profit organizations. The largest ones, such as KU, are run by a unit of government. Others, such as Friends University, are run by private, non-profit organizations.

Even so, people are warming up to universities-as-businesses. Three leading companies in higher education are the Apollo Group, DeVry Inc., and the Capella Education Company. They all offer undergraduate and graduate degrees. They’re also businesses, and you can buy stock in each of them.

DeVry, which traces its roots back to the 1930s, includes DeVry University and the Keller Graduate School of Management. All told, 57,000 students are enrolled in one of its programs. These include information technology, health care, and criminal justice.

Apollo was started 30 years ago by John Sperling, an economist with a doctorate and a vision for helping working adults earn a college degree. Today it enrolls well over 300,000 adults who seek a degree or other training through its Western International University (WIU), the University of Phoenix, and other divisions.

Capella is an even younger company. Launched in 1993, it has about 20,000 students in academic programs that include education, public health, and business. Unlike DeVry or Phoenix, its programs are entirely online.

What do these companies have in common? Each one depends on customers who are willing to pay tuition to a for-profit organization because they trust its educational value. They demonstrate, in short, that the profit motive is compatible with learning.

You could even say that for-profit universities benefit students at conventional universities. In recent years, government-run and non-profit
colleges and universities have added online learning. (Fort Hays State University is a national leader.) Even small colleges are now offering professional development programs for business professionals. These and other adaptations have been spurred in part by competition from profit-seeking universities.

The combination of profit and knowledge isn't limited to colleges and universities. Tutoring has been around for thousands of years, and in 2005, an estimated $4 billion in private funds was spent on tutoring services. Many of those services were offered by commercial enterprises. Under the federal law known as No Child Left Behind, $2 billion in public funds also is spent each year on tutoring.

Kumon Math & Reading Centers began 50 years ago in Japan by a father seeking to help his child learn. Today it operates in 43 countries. Kumon has 1,400 centers in North America, helping 135,000 students with math and reading. You can't buy stock in the company, but you might be able to buy a franchise. Earn a living for yourself, and help students learn.

Educate Services, Inc. operates Sylvan Learning Centers, which has 1,100 locations in North America. Sylvan, founded in 1979, offers tutoring in homes, online, and at its own facilities. Students can get help in math, reading, writing and study skills. They can also prepare for the ACT and earn high school credit.

Huntington Learning Centers, also started in 1979, has 400 locations across the country. As with Sylvan and Kumon, it charges fees to willing families and sells franchises to would-be business owners.

Kumon, Sylvan and Huntington are just a few of the companies that offer tutoring. Together, they have multiple locations in the Kansas City metro area. They also operate in Hutchinson, Lawrence, Manhattan, Topeka and Wichita. The Education Industry Association, a trade group that includes tutoring companies, claims over 800 members.

Is a DeVry University education for everyone? No more than a KU one is. Likewise, Sylvan Learning Centers are an appropriate tutoring option for some children, but other children will benefit from a program conducted by a different company, a non-profit community organization, or a school district.

At a fundamental level, people have the same needs, including food and shelter. In today's world, you can add education to that list. Different people meet their needs for food and shelter in different ways. That's also true in education, which means that business and learning can indeed be compatible – perhaps even mutually beneficial.

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Harper Ardery of Harper is among 4540 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas who has earned honor roll distinction for the fall 2007 semester.

Heather is the daughter of Bob and Janet Ardery and a Senior business major student at KU.
Area residents who earned honor roll recognition at the University of Kansas for the fall 2007 semester were: Peter Meier and Melanie Weilert of Humboldt, student Brad Witherspoon, who is majoring in Health and Physical Education BSE, Senior Men's Basketball.
Instead of being in the stands at Allen Fieldhouse cheering on her University of Kansas women's basketball team, Abby Buie is spending part of the current basketball season getting water for officials, sweeping the floor and scopes out her favorite players to get their autographs.

This fall, Abby, a fourth-grader at Gardner Elementary School, got the news that she had been accepted as a Ball Hawk for the team. The daughter of G.A. and Cinnamon Buie, Abby is one of 16 girls from across Kansas who are serving as ball girls this season. She will help out at six of the Jayhawks' 16 home games. Along with their other responsibilities, the Ball Hawks sweep the bench area during timeouts and keep balls on the court when the women are warming up. The ball girls also have a chance to talk to team members after games, go through the tunnels when the team comes onto the court and stand with the players during the singing of the national anthem.

Abby said she learned about the Ball Hawks program at a girls basketball camp at KU this summer. At the end of the week, campers received information about the program, and applications were distributed. After submitting her paperwork in August, Abby was notified in September that she had made the Ball Hawk squad.

"I was really excited," she said. Abby and her fellow ball girls got a taste of the basics of their job during a closed scrimmage in October.

"It's really fun," she said of her experience as a Ball Hawk. "You can be down on the court. Usually when I go to a basketball game, I'm really high up in the stands."

She said she has also enjoyed meeting and becoming friends with the other Ball Hawks.

A basketball player herself since second grade, Abby said she now plays for a Gardner Edgerton little girls team on Fridays. Her favorite activity when she is not on the court is being on the computer.

About being a Ball Hawk, Abby said, "I think it's more fun than I thought it was going to be."

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Local business people can prepare for business exchanges with Chinese counterparts with a short course in Chinese business culture and survival language skills being offered in Overland Park beginning on Jan. 29.

The Confucius Institute at the University of Kansas is partnering with the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce to offer the five-week course, "Chinese for Professionals." Participants will learn basic phrases to use while traveling in China and learn etiquette and communication strategies to set the right tone for business interactions.

Classes will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 29 through Feb. 26, at the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, 9001 W. 110th St., Building 29 in Corporate Woods.

The fee is $120.

To register, send an e-mail to ciku@ku.edu.
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Those students named to the KU Honor Roll from Edwards County include Adam Nicholas Keehbauch, son of Mark Keehbauch and Kathy Keehbauch, Kinsley. Adam is a Senior and is a Liberal Arts Undergraduate. He graduated from Kinsley High School.

Sarah Marie Stegman is the daughter of Rean and Jerre Stegman, Offerle, and is also a Liberal Arts Undergraduate and a Junior at KU. Sarah is a Spearville High School graduate.
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Students on the Honor Roll from the Tribune include the following.

Bradford Lee Cardonell, son of Randy and Tracey Cardonell, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior, 2007 Fall Honor Roll.

Jentri Kae Dixon, daughter of Chris and Kellee Dixon, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior, 2007 Fall Honor Roll.

Elijah C Tuttle, son of Linden and Genia Tuttle, Business Undergraduate, Senior, 2007 Fall Honor Roll.