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Local students are from Argonia: Brett Michael McNeil, son of Mike and Susan McNeil, pharmacy professional; Conway Springs: Carl Joe Amerine, son of Clyde and Janet Amerine, engineering undergraduate, senior; Carissa Lynn Osner, daughter of George and Donna Osner, liberal arts, undergraduate, junior.

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From Kingman: Holli Ann Bemis, junior, Liberal Arts Undergraduate; Ashley Clark, junior, daughter of Max Clark, Education Undergraduate; Mark Allen Heatherman, senior, son of Harry and Loretta Heatherman, Education Undergraduate; Shayne Alexander Henry, junior, son of Rick and Jaymi Henry, Liberal Arts Undergraduate; Kelsie Jo Langley, sophomore, daughter of Dean and Linda Langley, Liberal Arts Undergraduate; Kara Nicole Williams, senior, daughter of Cindy Frisbie and Brad Williams, Education Undergraduate.

From Pratt: Tyson Ray Eisenhauer, senior, son of Rob and Cindy Eisenhauer, Liberal Arts Undergraduate; Amanda Fea, senior, daughter of Andrea Fea, Liberal Arts Undergraduate; Jessie Trece Garrett, junior, daughter of Michael and Kimberly Garrett, Engineering Undergraduate; William Reid Gunnerson, senior, son of Charles and Mary Ann Gunnerson, Liberal Arts Undergraduate; Kristen Kaye Kuhn, senior, daughter of Tim and Faye Kuhn, Business Undergraduate; Kelli Lynn Martin, senior, daughter of Denise and Kris Dover, Allied Health Undergraduate; Megan Diane Jarmer Olson, Pharmacy Professional Prof 1, daughter of Frank and Trish Jarmer; Kaci Austin, junior, daughter of Kyle and Cindy Austin, Liberal Arts Undergraduate; Amber Dawn Bortz, senior, daughter of Berry and Carla Bortz, Liberal Arts Undergraduate.
The latest exhibit to inhabit the Erman B. White Gallery at Butler Community College names a former Kansas resident, also a sometime Butler student.

Nora Tejada now lives in Brooklyn and has loaned 36 of her 18-by-24 inch photographs to the college for display. Entitled "Picturing Kansas and New York," the exhibit showcases a collection of photos that capture both the Sunflower state and the Empire State.

"We were happy to be able to host Nora’s work and the fact that she is a Butler alum makes it even more special," White Gallery Director Valerie Haring said.

Haring said, "Although we don't have a specific connection to the college, we consider ourselves a part of the community and we like to support our local artists.

After collecting her associate's degree from Butler in the early '90s, Tejada got her bachelor of fine arts in painting from KU.

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She moved to Dallas and began working as an image librarian for leading stock photo company Getty Images. That job took her to New York about seven or eight years ago, Haring said.

While working with the photographers at Getty, Tejada began to miss the creative side of photography.

“She began to play around with the camera and discovered she had a real love for photography,” Haring said.

Along with her husband — who works for the Wall Street Journal — Tejada has traipsed the globe, shooting pictures in Ireland, Spain, Denmark and England.

“She grew up in Kansas, so she takes what she knows about the Kansas landscape everywhere she goes,” Haring said. “Even some of the New York scenes, to me they have a great sense of space and openness. She has this uncanny ability to photograph the big city without people.

“I think all of her pictures at one time look peaceful but a little bit unsettling.”

Shortly after the Greensburg tornado, Tejada made a trip to Kansas to capture images of the wake of destruction, some of which appear in the gallery. Haring commented on the similarities of those photos with the pictures of some of the forgotten areas of New York’s Coney Island.

“I think those two photographs look so much alike,” Haring said, pointing to both the results of the natural disaster and the man-made squalor.

“Nora is a true formalist,” Haring said. “She is always very aware of placement of objects, of space and color and balance and directional line, movement, that sort of thing.”

The exhibit opened Monday and runs through Feb. 25. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. On Feb. 2, Tejada will make the trek to Kansas for an artist reception in the gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. Additionally, each of the photographs can be purchased for $100. Contact Haring for more information, 322-3173.
En chosen for Powwow

Steve Kinder of Peoria and Wea descent, will serve as emcee at the 15th annual Coffeyville Gathering and Indian Art Market slated for April 18-19.

Kinder has been employed since 1988 with the Division of Continuing Education at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. He worked for many years as a project manager and desktop publishing specialist for print publications before becoming a Web developer and managing the KU Continuing Education Web site and other University web projects.

Prior to KU, Kinder taught journalism at Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., for seven years. He also served as the public information officer at Bacone. While at the college he was one of the faculty sponsors for the Bacone Indian Club.

Kinder grew up in Quapaw and attended school there, graduating from Quapaw High School in 1974. He receive an associate’s degree from Northeastern A&M College in Miami in 1976 and holds a bachelor’s in journalism and a master’s in junior college teaching from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

Kinder was one of the original members of the Intertribal Songchiefs, a northeastern Oklahoma drum group. He is a member of the Northeastern Oklahoma Tia Piah Society. Over the years he has served as emcee, head singer and head dancer at a number of powwows.

The Coffeyville Gathering and Indian Art Market begins on Friday, April 18 with a Stomp Dance from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The event continues on Saturday, April 19 with a Gourd Dance and Powwow starting at 3 p.m.

All events are held in the Nellis Gym of Coffeyville Community College at 604 W. 11 in Coffeyville. Vendor space is free with a donation. The gathering is presented by the CCC Native American Leadership Association and the Coffeyville Public Schools Title VIII and JOM Indian Education programs.

For more information about the gathering and to reserve a vendor space call (620) 252-7135 or (620) 252-6426.
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Local and area students named to the honor roll included:

- Barron — Melissa Christine Morris.
- Hesston — Whitney N. Pankratz.
- North Newton — Melissa Ann Paradis.
- Sedgwick — Crystal Lynn Leming.
- Walton — Megan L. O’Brien.
- Hillsboro — Emily Juliana Arnold.
- Marion — Shawna Leigh Johnson, Kari Renea Tachman and Brendan Allen Watson.
- Peabody — Morgan Rene Brickley.

County:
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Area students listed on the honor roll were:

- Mauntell Renee Ford, Cedar Vale, daughter of Howard Ford, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Freshman
- Laura Anne Allison, Sedan, daughter of Everett and Mary Allison, Business Undergraduate, Junior
- Kathryn Elisabeth Presley, Sedan, daughter of James Presley, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore
- Lacey D. Hedges, Grenola, daughter of Rex and Shirley Hedges, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior
- Anne Michal Kelly, Grenola, daughter of Lynn and Kay Kelly, Pharmacy Professional, Junior
- Heather Nicole Simmons, Howard, daughter of Patrick and Debra Simmons, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Sophomore
- Matthew Ryan Taliaferro, Severy, son of Chrystal and Dana Taliaferro, Pharmacy Professional, Senior
- Lacy Marie Imhoff, Elk City, Liberal Arts Undergraduate, Senior
FUNDRAISING EFFORT | Ambitious eight-year campaign ends in 2008

$1 BILLION GOAL IN SIGHT FOR MU

More students receive scholarships, research has increased and endowed faculty positions grow.

By MARÍA ROSE WILLIAMS
The Kansas City Star

The University of Missouri's quest to become a billionaire is tantalizingly close.

Three years ago, MU became one of only 15 public universities in the country to set a fundraising goal of at least $1 billion. It is the first public university in Kansas or Missouri to be a member of the exclusive billion-dollar campaign club.

This month marks the start of the final year of the eight-year campaign, called "For All We Call Mizzou." With $889.4 million raised, the university hopes to reach its goal by December.

"Several of America's premier research institutions have raised $1 billion or are in the process, and we are competing with top universities," said Beth Hammock, a spokeswoman for the University of Missouri Office of Development, the fundraising arm of the university.

Harvard, Johns Hopkins and Columbia universities have long been known for raising tremendous amounts of money in the absence of public money. Stanford University launched the first billion-dollar campaign in 1987. It wants to raise $4.3 billion by 2011.

Five years ago, a $500-million campaign was considered ambitious for a public institution. In 2003, five campaigns at Missouri and Kansas universities together totaled $1.5 billion.

Three years ago, the University of Kansas concluded a $650 million campaign, the largest in its history. KU won't launch a new effort for another five to 10 years — likely with a goal of a billion dollars, said Dale Seuflerling, president of KU Endowment.

MU started out in 2000 seeking $600 million by 2005. By fall 2005 the campaign had surpassed its goal and organizers decided they had the momentum to push the campaign to a billion bucks. The billions raised in public university campaigns are spent keeping tuition increases down, paying for new construction and technology hiring faculty and giving out more scholarships.

Since MU's campaign began in 2000, an additional 700 of its students are receiving scholarships and 83 endowed faculty positions have been estab
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Altogether, $121.33 million has been raised for facilities; $311.36 has been raised for programs such as the Thompson Center for Autism and Nerve Developmental Disorders; $68.7 million to hire and retain faculty; $185.9 million for student scholarships and grants; and $202.2 million for research.

"The bottom line is these public institutions need the money because of waning levels of state support and reluctance by the institutions to increase tuition to levels," said Rob Moore, president of Lipman Hearne Inc., a Chicago-based marketing firm that works with public colleges and universities on major fundraising projects.
Colleges: Time to Share

It's more than two and a half times the budget of the state of Kansas, and it's all for one school.

According to news reports this week, Harvard's endowment has ballooned to an astonishing $34.6 billion. Maybe "astonishing" is the wrong word. Other schools are in the general neighborhood of Harvard's bank account, including Yale ($22.5 billion), Stanford ($17.2 billion), Princeton ($15.8 billion) and the University of Texas system ($15.6 billion).

Those numbers are eye-popping, but a smaller one from the same reports is interesting, too.

According to the National Association of College and University Business Officers, there are now 76 colleges and universities with endowments of $1 billion. So let's see: Dozens of colleges are collecting billions upon billions of dollars, and tuition keeps going up? Something seems wrong with that formula.

Members of the Kansas Board of Regents also think something's amiss with tuition.

Earlier this month, several members of the board expressed concern that college costs have gone up too fast in recent years. One member, Gary Sherrer, said the group decided it would hold discussions next month over whether to cap future tuition increases.

Undoubtedly, those words come as a relief to college students and their parents.

Tuition and fees have more than doubled since 2002 at The University of Kansas and Kansas State University. At the state's other schools, tuition increases have averaged at least 8 percent per year.

KU, which is among the members of the $1 billion club, adopted a new "guaranteed tuition" plan this year that locks in a tuition rate for incoming freshmen. While the plan sounds good on the surface, it comes with a pricey front-end increase of 16.1 percent, and the guaranteed rate is good for only four years.

Could KU and other wealthy universities do more to help students afford higher education?

National lawmakers are asking that question in light of a report released this week by NACUBO showing that institutions with endowments of at least $1 billion spent less than 4.6 percent of their assets last year.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, is proposing that colleges with endowments of $500 million or more be required to spend at least 5 percent per year.

"I don't begrudge them their financial success," Grassley said in a statement. "I just want to remind them that their money is tax-exempt. They're supposed to offer public benefit in return for (that) exemption."

Given the size of many universities' savings accounts — and the wallop that the accounts of students and their parents are taking every year — Grassley may be on to something.
Scholarship sending student to London

By BRIAN WILLIAMS
Herald Staff Writer

Jennifer Harness will take a little side trip to London before beginning medical school.

Richard W. Lariviere, University of Kansas executive chancellor and provost, announced at the Ottawa Rotary Club meeting Tuesday that Harness, a junior genetics major from Ottawa, has received the James E. Seaver, Ph.D. Study Abroad Fund in Western Civilization scholarship.

Harness is the first recipient of the scholarship which supports a student each spring semester who is enrolled in a special section of western civilization. It includes a spring break study trip to London, Lariviere said.

“This scholarship will help Jennifer and other students gain the benefits of studying abroad, which will help them when it is time to enter the job market back here at home,” he said.

“There are no scientific study abroad programs,” Harness said in a university press release. “I have so many interests in the arts, humanities, history. I’m not going to get that in a science curriculum or medical school. Travel is one way to bring those other interests to life.”

Harness’ selection will be announced formally Feb. 7 in conjunction with the 21st annual James E. Seaver Lecture on Continuing Issues in Western Civilization.

Lariviere also said that the University of Kansas has 161 students from Franklin County and a total of 130 KU students have attended Ottawa University.

“They’re a talented bunch, because combined they’ve earned $291,000 in scholarships and grants,” he said.

Three Ottawa students were named Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholars for the 2007-2008 academic year. The $1,000 scholarships are renewable for three years and are available to high school seniors who volunteered in community and public service in their communities while maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

“In exchange for the scholarship, the students commit to performing 100 hours of civic activities each year, which we hope will lead to careers in public service,” Lariviere said.

The Ottawa students were Ashley Geist, who is attending Kansas State University, Cassandra Hopkins, who is at Wichita State University, and Tiffany Morrow, who is at Emporia State University.

“I told you we work for the entire state — Wildcats, Shockers and Hornets included,” he said.
Richard Lariviere, executive vice chancellor and provost at the University of Kansas, speaks Tuesday afternoon to the Ottawa Rotary Club at Ottawa University's Mowbray Union, 1001 S. Cedar St. Lariviere announced Jennifer Harness, Ottawa, is the winner of the James E. Seaver, Ph.D. Study Award Fund in Western Civilization scholarship.