Midwest Energy is offering an all-expense paid educational trip to Washington, D.C., June 12-19. Five students will be chosen. The students must be juniors in high school, and their parents or guardians must receive electric or natural gas service from Midwest Energy. Applications can be attained from me or online at www.mwenergy.com. The deadline for this application is March 14, 2008.

The University of Kansas is offering KU Junior Days. This is a chance for juniors to tour campus, learn about admissions, housing, scholarships, and financial aid. Parents and guests are welcome. To register go to www.admissions.ku.edu/juniordays.

The Kansas Golf Foundation is awarding the Kansas Junior Golf Scholarship to five eligible students. Applicants must be high school seniors and participate in high school golf. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic performance, leadership, and financial need. This scholarship is for $1250 and is renewable. Applications are available at www.kansasgolf.org or call Phil Miller at 785-842-4833 x205.

Tabor College is awarding scholarships to chemistry and biology students. Applicants must be accepted into Tabor, meet with science faculty, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0, and either have a composite ACT of 23 or higher or a science ACT of 23 or higher. Please see me for more information.

Upcoming College Visits:
- Garden City Community College – February 19
- William F. Janssen – March 15
- Ness County Health Care Foundation – March 15
- Ness County Farm Bureau – April 1
The KU Edwards Campus celebrated its 15th anniversary this week. KU established the campus in 1993 as a way to share KU tradition and provide growth and education to the greater Kansas City area.

Total economic impact of the Edwards Campus in Johnson County is nearly $400 million. In addition, more than 5,000 students have graduated.

For more information, visit EdwardsCampus.ku.edu.
Students win journalism awards

Travis Robinett, a University of Kansas senior and Bishop Miege High School graduate, placed third in the editorial/opinion columns category of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation's Journalism Awards Program, often called the College Pulitzers.

Robinett won for a column about the controversy over a Mizzou T-shirt that depicted William Quantrill's raid on Lawrence.

Elizabeth "Betsy" McLeod, Lenexa, University of Kansas junior, placed sixth for her column “The war comes home” about her upcoming marriage to a Marine returning from Iraq.
Eleven members of the student chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association at the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy visited 16 independent pharmacies in central and southwest Kansas during their semester break.

KU Pharmacy Dean Ken Audus and Associate Dean Gene Hotchkiss accompanied the KU-NCPA members on the Jan. 9-11 road trip as part of a KU initiative to enhance student awareness of the career opportunities within Kansas in independent pharmacy.

The KU-NCPA Student Chapter is a professional pharmacy student organization that promotes independent pharmacies as a career pathway option for pharmacy students at KU. Established in 1998, KU’s chapter has been honored as the national Chapter of the Year by the NCPA parent organization at their annual meeting four times in the past 10 years and was first runner-up in 2007.

Hotchkiss noted that KU’s chapter is an innovative organization that has implemented and participated in several professional development programs and community service projects. One such initiative is to organize road trips each academic year to conduct on-site visits with progressive independent pharmacy practitioners throughout the state.

“Our objective is to establish a relationship and network between pharmacy students who have an interest in a career as an independent pharmacy entrepreneur and/or staff pharmacist, and independent pharmacists in Kansas,” Audus said.

KU-NCPA students have participated in more than 100 visits to independent pharmacies from Hiawatha to Hugoton, Atwood to Baxter Springs and destinations in between.

Hotchkiss and Dennis Grauer, assistant professor in pharmacy practice, are the NCPA student chapter co-advisers.

The students and their deans visited Hibbard’s pharmacy and pharmacist John Hagood in Medicine Lodge.

The KU-NCPA students participating the recent road trip are upper-level students in KU’s Doctor of Pharmacy of PharmD program, a six-year professional degree similar to a law or medical degree.
More than 4,540 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the fall 2007 semester.

Among the students named to the Honor Roll was Whitney Alisa Mosier, daughter of Michael and Becky Mosier, Manhattan.
Brass abounds at \textsc{LATEX Trombone Quartet at Washburn}

\textsc{TOPEKA} — If you think a trombone is a trombone, think again.

An array of instruments will provide a wide range of timbres at the performance of the \textsc{LATEX Trombone Quartet} at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at White Concert Hall, Garvey Fine Arts Center, Washburn University. No admission is charged.

The quartet's choice of instruments is designed to fit the style, structure and historical context of the music, such as using the consort approach on some pieces (soprano, alto, tenor and bass trombones). To maintain stylistic integrity and authenticity, they may perform French quartet literature with a small-bore (.500) tenor trombone and a modern large-bore (.547 tenor/.562 bass) instrument on other compositions.

The \textsc{LATEX Trombone Quartet} was originally comprised of university music professors from Louisiana and Texas, with the name derived from the first few letters of the names of the two states. Members today include Michael M. Davidson, University of Kansas; William B. Mathis, Bowling Green (Ohio) State University; William G. Rose, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, La.; and J. Mark Thompson, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Natchitoches.

For information, call 785-670-1511.
KU Hillel students rebuild Gulf Coast

KU students Ellie Dorfman (from left), Elena Hermanson and Haley Becker were among a team of students and staff from KU Hillel who traveled to New Orleans in January to rebuild houses destroyed during Hurricane Katrina. The group worked on houses, spoke with community leaders and celebrated Shabbat with students from 12 other Hillels around the country. This is the third year KU Hillel has taken a group to the Gulf Coast for an alternative break experience.
Hip-hop from the Holy Land: Hadag Nachash to perform in Lawrence

By Beth Lipoff
Staff Writer

University of Kansas students are ready to rock, Israeli style. KU Hillel is bringing hip-hop sensation Hadag Nachash to The Bottleneck in Lawrence Thursday, Feb. 7.

“It gives people a chance to really get a firsthand view of what’s popular music in Israel today,” said Hillel Program Director Matt Lehrman. He arranged the performance after getting an e-mail from the Israeli consulate saying the band would be touring the United States.

With the concert kicking off Hillel’s celebrations of Israel’s 60th anniversary, Lehrman hopes students will “get excited about Israel and excited about the Israeli programming we have on campus.”

Sha’anan Streett, lead singer of Hadag Nachash (it’s Hebrew for “Snake Fish”), said that although the band has toured the United States several times in the last four years, it has never been to Kansas. A large part of its American following is among college students, he said.

“Hillel Houses across the United States have always been very helpful to Hadag Nachash,” Streett said in an e-mail exchange. “Our shows in America go well. People always seem to be very in to it. They dance and get down to the music.”

The band started in 1996, when Streett met keyboardist David Klemes, who was working in a store selling Streett’s recently-released single. “After hearing the single, he contacted me and asked me to come jam with him and a few friends. We’ve been a band ever since,” Streett said.

The band addresses many hot topics in its songs, most notably with “The Sticker Song,” which takes its lyrics from different political slogans one can see on bumper stickers in Israel. “People should know that our tunes and rhymes come from the heart,” Streett said. “Many of our songs deal with life in Israel. Naturally we mention terrorism, the economy and lots of other charged issues. The songs are about our lives.”

KU senior Liz Cohen said she likes that the band’s songs have a message, even if she has to find translations of the Hebrew lyrics to understand them. “It is interesting when you hear the Hebrew and you don’t know what it means, and then you look it up,” she said. “It gives a whole new twist. It’s not just about the music; it’s about the words.”

Streett said English-speaking audiences can enjoy the show even if they don’t understand all the words. “The non-Hebrew speakers, which are the majority of the crowd in all our shows overseas, can easily understand the vibe and get into the music,” he said. “I also do a little explaining here and there.”

Cohen, who discovered the band’s music on a 2005 Birthright Israel trip, said many students are eagerly anticipating the concert, especially those who know something about Israeli culture.

“When you know a little bit about Israeli music, you know Hadag Nachash,” she said.

Soon, the band will get a leg up toward mainstream popularity when its music appears on the soundtrack for Adam Sandler’s forthcoming film “You Don’t Mess with the Zohan,” due in theaters this summer.

“We think it’s incredibly cool that ‘Hine Ani Ba’ made it into an Adam Sandler movie. He’s real funny,” Streett said.

Hadag Nachash will also release a live album and a DVD around Passover, in addition to performing at more U.S. venues in May and recording some new material in the studio.
Hadag Nachash makes its Kansas debut Feb. 7 in Lawrence.
The Traveler has received statewide recognition for its coverage of the Jodi Sanderholm murder case.

The newspaper will receive The Kansas News Enterprise Award Feb. 8 at the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas.

The award honors journalists and newspapers that have done enterprise reporting that 1) Reflects a commitment to serve the public and demonstrates initiative in acting on that commitment 2) Bears the mark of good planning and professional execution 3) Reflects persistence and effectiveness in gathering information, such as the cultivation of knowledgeable sources and examination of public records 4) Is accurate, fair and well written, and 5) Has significance to the newspaper’s readership.

The award is named in honor of Burton W. Marvin, former dean of the journalism school. This is the 35th year of the award. Entries are solicited from papers of all sizes across the state. Two papers receive the award each year. The Topeka-Capitol Journal is the other recipient this year for its investigation into Attorney General Paul Morrison.

Entrants were asked to submit a cover letter explaining the challenges of the story. Traveler Managing Editor James Jordan wrote that the newspaper worked hard at balancing the public’s hunger for knowledge and the desire to be sensitive to the victim’s family, the police investigation, and the community at large.

The newspaper also strived to write stories that gave voice to the family and community as it struggled with shock and loss.

“It’s not a story you want to cover, but you have to report the facts,” Jordan said.

“We felt we were part of the grieving process for the community.”

Those who contributed to the coverage include Traveler staff members Foss Farrar, Donita Clausen, James Jordan and David A. Seaton; former staff member Rhonda Ross; and former correspondents Chansi Long and Matt Mendoza.
The University of Kansas recently released the fall semester honor roll. Several local students were listed. They are: Annett Becker, daughter of John and Ann Becker; Mathew Shepard, son of Paul Shepard; Kayleigh Brooks, daughter of Dennis Brooks and Debbie Graham; Pamela Foley, daughter of Ward and Donna Foley; Maggie Nielsen, daughter of Jeff and Kathy Nielsen; Meredith Preble, daughter of Connie Goldsby; and Darci Jo Goddard, daughter of Jerry Goddard.