In 1872, the Equal Rights party nominated Victoria Woodhull, 33, Ohio, for President. Her parents were impecunious, her mother a spiritualist. She had an also alluring sister, Tennessee Claflin. Aging financier Cornelius Vanderbuilt, their sugar daddy, made them the first female stockbrokers on Wall St. Victoria was the first woman to address a congressional committee. The sisters promoted progressive causes in their own newspaper. Committed to social and sexual equality she admitted believing in “free love,” demonstrated her critics double standards by naming Rev. Henry Ward Beecher as an adulterer, was arrested for sending the “obscene” newspaper through the mail. She spent election day in jail. Her votes went uncounted. Susan B. Anthony managed to vote (Republican) and was fined for her impertinence. Victoria emigrated to England, married a banker, ended her days as a lady of the manor.

Walter Hoffman was a charter member of the Gamma Omicron chapter of Kappa Sigma social fraternity at KU in 1912, pledged his brothers John and Arthur, Walt Jr., Ted McDonald, and this writer joined a generation later. Bill McDonald and Bud Hoffman joined Phi Gamma Delta. Third generation Kevin McKeeman pledged Sigma Nu at K-State, his sons Trevor and Brent pledged scholarly Beta Theta Pi there. The Kappa Sigs have had their ups and downs, were briefly on probation for rule violations regarding drinking and hazing. Now on March 8, they will honor their national 2007 Man of the Year, Alan Mulally, initiated in 1964, presently CEO of Ford Motor Co., former Man of the Year Bob Eaton, 1959, then CEO of Chrysler Motor Co., and Bob Dole, 1942, candidate for President in 1996, in the Ballroom of the KU Union. Dress for the event is black tie optional, cost per person $100 including dinner and wine. We lack a black tie.

With Pastor Harry Cross down with a cold, Jim Fleagle, on short notice, preached to 45 Methodists moved to their warmer basement by 18 degree temperature, the choir singing Marilyn Whittle’s favorite hymn, The Little Brown Church in the Vale.

The TIMES OF LONDON says the world is impressed and envious of our exciting election campaign. The Democrat debates have been great spectator sport, will haunt them in November if Hillary is their nominee...Jim Hague on that cold Saturday skipped a half marathon in Topeka...In Disney World, Orlando, Will Sprouse’s soccer team were World Champions...Pastor Ray Cook once played strings in a dance band...Ronald Williams, Manhattan, called Laverna Ernst and this writer for information on the role of the United Bretheren church in the early years of the college here, circa 1888...City officials are talking of wind power on the hill...only 6 of the last 45 days have been suitable for old men to jog outside.
Lawrence Journal-World,

on releasing revenue numbers:

More than three weeks after the Orange Bowl and almost two months after the Kansas-Missouri football game in Arrowhead Stadium, the Kansas University Athletic Department still has not provided details about revenue and expenses connected to the two games.

The public is interested in how much KU made on the two games, and the delay in releasing that information is unreasonable.

Other schools who participated in BCS bowls have long since released financial information, and two months seems more than ample to receive figures on the KU-MU game.

KU officials contend that a "standard contract provision" gives the Kansas City Chiefs organization 60 days (which now has passed) to complete its financial report on the KU-MU game and continue to say data on both games will be available "soon."

It's already too late for that information to be released in a timely fashion. If athletic officials have nothing to hide, the financial details from the Orange Bowl and Arrowhead Stadium should have been released weeks ago.
University of Kansas honor roll listed

LAWRENCE — More than 4,540 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the fall 2007 semester. These students, from KU's Lawrence campus and the schools of allied health and nursing in Kansas City, Kan., represent 96 of 105 Kansas counties, 43 other states and the District of Columbia and 39 other countries.

The honor roll comprises undergraduates who meet requirements in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and in the allied health; architecture and urban design; business; education; engineering; fine arts; journalism; nursing; and social welfare schools.

Honor roll criteria vary among the university’s academic units. Some schools honor the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some establish a minimum grade-point average and others raise the minimum GPA for each year students are in school. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll.

Area students listed include:
Humboldt: Peter William Meier, Melanie Suzanne Weilert.
Chanute; Audrey Renee Kennedy, Benjamin Elliott Kimball, Jessica Leah King, Aaryn Alise McComb, Austin Lea Oder, Marli Ann Smoot, Christian Lesta Marie Watkins, Lindsay Ann Winder.
Erie: Tracy Renee Spielbusch.
Thayer: Garrett Allen Welch.
Yates Center: Brent Daniel Porter, Andrew Stark, Katie Anne Vernon,
Warmth from the heart

Outstanding nominees

After a few days of sunshine and moderating temperatures, a cold front blustered through the area Tuesday morning, scattering snow in its train and plunging the mercury into the teens.

Inside the Edwardsville Community Center on Tuesday night, however, it was oddly warm. The warmth was the sort, though, that came from something other than BTUs. It came from the heart.

The occasion was the Bonner Springs-Edwardsville Chamber of Commerce’s annual dinner and it culminated with Community Service Awards bestowed on two well-liked and respected citizens: Harold “Woody” Berry of Edwardsville and Edna Kloepper of Bonner Springs.

Berry is a longtime resident of Edwardsville and a member of the city planning commission who previously served on that body, the City Council and finally as mayor. (One of his cited accomplishments as mayor was to complete the grant application that resulted in the construction of the community center.)

He is also a charter member of the Edwardsville Kiwanis Club and a member of the Vaughn-Trent Community Services executive board. He also serves on the Vestry Board at St. Martin Episcopal Church. Sadly, ill health prevented his attending the dinner Tuesday to accept the award, which was given to his wife, Elaine.

Edna Kloepper, the Bonner Springs honoree, plans to celebrate her 90th birthday in March. She received bachelor’s master’s and specialist degrees from Pittsburg State University and Kansas University, and taught in the local schools for 40 years before retiring in 1983, and since that time has volunteered at her church and given financial and moral support to local civic clubs, Vaughn-Trent Community Services, the Bonner Springs Senior Center, Bonner Springs Elementary School and many other local worthies. She also was a longtime member of the Bonner Springs Business and Professional Women’s Club.

But it was as a teacher that she was best known. Chamber president Mike Clouse recalled his time as a first-grade student in her classroom. Several others in the room indicated they had been among her 600 pupils as well.

The worth of any community is not just in structure or infrastructure. Tangible assets like buildings and roads and bridges and sewers and water treatment plants are all important, of course, but without people they’re just so many rocks. It is the people of a community that give it its true worth, for without them all the structures and infrastructure...
are meaningless.
As long as Bonner Springs and Edwardsville can continue to nourish people with civic minds and sense of purpose like Woody Berry and Edna Kloepper, we’ll do well enough.
KU announces fall honor roll

Maize High School graduates, Shea Fairchild, daughter of Don and Pam Fairchild, and Meghann D. Curry, daughter of Kenneth and Brenda Curry, were among the more than 4,540 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas to earn honor roll distinction for the fall 2007 semester.
Kansas Wheat and K-State Receive Bioscience Authority Grant

Kansas Wheat and Kansas State University announced today that they have received a $200,000 planning grant from the Kansas Bioscience Authority for the purpose of developing plans for the proposed Kansas Innovation Center for Advanced Plant Design: "Plants for the Heartland."

The Kansas Bioscience Centers of Innovation program is designed to establish centers of excellence that will clearly define Kansas as an international leader in research and commercialization for one or more bioscience platforms that will have a substantial, measurable and sustainable positive impact on the state's economy.

At the end of the six-month planning grant period, the Bioscience Authority will review all submitted proposals and may award contracts for the completion of proposed centers.

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nomenes to create a host of novel products.

"The Center would be a pivotal opportunity for Kansas," said Kansas Wheat chief executive officer Dusti Fritz. "World food security depends on three major (wheat, rice, maize) and several minor (barley, sorghum, millets) cereal crops. Kansas is a major producer of two of these crops (wheat and sorghum). The current global shortage of wheat and sorghum demonstrates the opportunity that exists for Kansas to be in a pivotal position to lead innovation in these crops and continue as the breadbasket of the world. These crops now have the opportunity to meet other energy and industrial needs as we transition from fossil fuels into renewable sources of energy and industrial goods. The genomic sciences offer unprecedented opportunity to identify genetic advantages to redesign plants for target uses. The establishment of this center would be a game-changing opportunity for Kansas to take the premier leadership role in this new economy based on high-tech science."

The Center's Native Plants Innovation Team will be led by Dr. Barbara Timmerman, University Distinguished Professor and Chair of Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Native Plants Team members will include faculty and staff from the University of Kansas, Kansas State University and the KU Medical Center. The Team's efforts will focus on using advanced plant design techniques to produce novel therapeutic drugs derived from Kansas native plants.

"The Kansas Innovation Center for Advanced Plant Design will build a strong new future for exploration, discovery and development of valuable natural product drugs that prevent and cure diseases in humans and animals," KU's Timmerman said. Dr. Fred Cholick, Dean of K-State's College of Agriculture and director of K-State Research and Extension said, "This center will position Kansas as the global leader in plant genetics by translating innovative research into value-added agricultural products delivered to the market place. For Kansas, this would create new jobs and attract the best and brightest minds in plant bioscience to Manhattan, Kansas. Overall, it will enhance the economy of Kansas and the region, particularly in rural areas.

"There is a new era emerging in agriculture. Wheat and sorghum are currently losing ground to corn and soybean production. In spite of their lack of environmental compatibility for much of the state, corn and soybeans currently offer a short-term economic advantage to producers, and are more preferred by end users in the livestock and biofuel sectors," said Kansas Wheat Commissioner Dean Stoskopf. "Because of this approach, profitability for dryland farmers is at risk and ground water resources are being depleted. Advanced plant design affords a sustainable, long-term solution to this challenge by improving the performance of wheat and sorghum, which are better suited for Kansas. Bioscience is the key to unlocking the maximum potential of crops grown for the benefit of the state's economy and the world's consumers."

Kansas Wheat is the cooperative agreement between the Kansas Wheat Commission and the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, joining together as "leaders in the adoption of profitable innovations for wheat."
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Washington County students honored are:
- 66943 WS Greenleaf Tristan Joseph Noelle son of Elaine Noelle Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior 2007 Fall Honor Roll Linn High School Linn KS
- 66944 WS Haddam Clint Duncan Frye son of Donna and Jay Frye Engineering Undergraduate Sophomore 2007 Fall Honor Roll Belleville High School Belleville KS
- 66945 WS Hanover Ashley Anne Doebele daughter of Rick and Becky Doebele Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior 2007 Fall Honor Roll Hanover School Hanover KS
- 66958 WS Morrowville Kristin Lee Grover daughter of Jim and Linda Grover Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior 2007 Fall Honor Roll North Central High School Morrowville KS
- 66968 WS Washington Johnathan Kay Leck son of Mary and John Leck Liberal Arts Undergraduate Senior 2007 Fall Honor Roll Washington High School Washington KS
Schools should be run more like businesses

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.

Companies such as the Apollo Group and the Capella Education Company make money by educating students, offering both graduate and undergraduate degrees in multiple subjects. Apollo enrolls well over 300,000 adults in its University of Phoenix and other programs. Capella enrolls about 20,000 students.

Are these “real” universities? Certainly, their students think they are. Also, both are accredited by the same organization that accredits the University of Kansas.

The combination of profit and knowledge isn’t limited to colleges and universities. Tutoring has been around for thousands of years. In 2005, an estimated $4 billion in private funds was spent on tutoring services, and 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. If you buy one of the company’s franchises, you can earn a living for yourself while educating children.

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 Capella University for everyone? No more than KU 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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Among those listed was: Jonelle Nicole Forshee, daughter of John and Debra Forshee. She is an Education Undergraduate Senior, and graduate of Concordia High School.
KU Chancellor to Honor High School Seniors

LAWRENCE Students from 10 Kansas high schools will be honored Monday, Feb. 11, by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment.

A total of 33 seniors from high schools in Cloud, Jewell, Mitchell and Republic counties will be recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a 6:30 p.m. dinner program at the North Central Kansas Technical School Student Union, 3033 U.S. Highway 24, Beloit.

The Kansas Honors Program began in 1971 and has honored more than 100,000 students. Scholars rank in the top 10 percent of their high school senior classes and are selected regardless of curricula, majors, occupational plans or higher-education goals. Honorees’ names are listed below.

During the ceremony, each student will receive an American Heritage Dictionary in hardback and CD versions, presented by Mike Davis, senior vice president for alumni programs for the KU Alumni Association.

KU Chancellor Robert Hemenway will speak to the students, parents and guests.

Honored students will be guests of the alumni association and KU Endowment; parents and area alumni are welcome to attend at a cost of $12 each.

Community volunteers collect reservations, coordinate details and serve as local contacts for the event. Michele Heidrick of Beloit will be the site coordinator and county coordinator for Mitchell and for Cloud counties. Other county coordinators are Cathy Dauner of Mankato for Jewell County; and Marilyn Haase of Belleville for Republic County.

The Kansas Honors Program is made possible through KU Endowment and proceeds from the Jayhawk license plate program.

Among the Honorees are: