More than 110 students from 30 departments completed the Global Awareness Program at the University of Kansas this spring.

Kathryn L. Hill, of Andover, and Stephanie L. Ferguson, of Wichita, finished the program. Hill, a senior, graduated from Andover Central High School, while, Ferguson - also a senior - earned a diploma at Andover High School.

The program recognized students for studying abroad, taking courses with an international focus, learning foreign languages and being involved in international co-curricular activities. All undergraduates were eligible to participate. To receive certification, students were required to complete two of three requirements. This semester, 10 students completed all three requirements.

"Educating students in the context of an interconnected world gives them a much needed advantage as they set out to work in a global economy," said Jane Irungu, program coordinator.

The newest organization to be affiliated with the Global Awareness Program is Students for Global Awareness, which was formed by program ambassadors to reach out to more students on campus and to allow graduate students and other interested students to participate in related forums and volunteer activities.

Launched by International Programs in fall 2004, the Global Awareness Program has recognized more than 600 students in the past three years. Students earned certification on their KU transcripts and were honored at a luncheon in the spring. More than 1,200 students are currently participating.
Nine File For Republic County Offices

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Commissioner District #3 – Linda Holl

I am announcing my candidacy for 3rd District County Commissioner. In November of 2000, I was elected to this position and am now seeking a third term as Republic County Commissioner on the Republican ticket. In the past 8 years, the Board of County Commissioners has been faced with numerous challenges, including, but not limited to, budget management, roads, and natural disasters such as tornados and flooding. If re-elected as 3rd District County Commissioner, I would continue to serve Republic County with pride, using the knowledge and experience gained during the past two terms in this position.

Thank you for your continued support and confidence.

County Treasurer – Cindy S. Coons

Republic County Treasurer Cindy S. Coons, who has served in that capacity since October of 2001, has filed for re-election. Coons had worked in the Treasurer’s office under former Treasurer Emma Berggren as a Vehicle and Tax clerk for two years prior to running for office.

During her two terms as Treasurer, Coons has added Driver’s license services, on line payments for taxes, credit card services, and an escrow program for taxes.

Coons also serves as Secretary to The Republic County Industrial Development Committee. Prior to working for the county, Coons worked as a medical transcriptionist for The Belleville Family Care Clinic under Dr. Carol Grace M.D. and Charlotte Peake, A.R.N.P.

Coons is a Certified Kansas County Finance Officer and a Certified Kansas County Treasurer through the Docking Institute of Public Affairs at Fort Hays State University and a member of the Kansas County Treasurer’s Association. Coons is a long resident of Republic County and a member of the Scania United Methodist Church. She and her husband Bruce have three children and live in Scania.

County Register of Deeds – Ruth A. Rahe

I was previously employed at the Belleville Public Library and began employment with Republic County in 1993. I was appointed to the position of Register of Deeds in late 1993, when Nadine Stutzman retired, and first elected to the office in 1994.

I am a Certified Kansas Register of Deeds. I previously served as an officer in the Kansas Register of Deeds Association, serving as president in 2005. I currently serve on the Legislative Committee of the Association.

I enjoy the challenge of working in the Register of Deeds office. This office is where property ownership records begin, and we are responsible for the property records from the date that Republic County was organized. Republic County is fortunate to be a cornerstone county of the 6th principal meridian. All documents that affect real estate should be recorded in the Register of Deed office of the county where the real estate is located.

I have filed for re-election to the position of Register of Deeds with the goal of finishing the project of microfilming all Republic County Land Records, and storing the film off-site in case of a natural disaster. This microfilming is being completed with the assistance of a technology fund that was created by the State Legislature to allow counties to preserve records without increasing the tax load to its’ citizens.

In conclusion, I enjoy working with the public, I have a passion for history, and most of all, I hope to preserve the Land Records of Republic County for future generations. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming elections to help me achieve this goal.

County Attorney – Regine L. Thompson

Regine Thompson is an attorney who has spent the last 11 years practicing law in Republic County, Kansas. She has a general practice and spends much of her time practicing criminal law, (handling both felonies and misdemeanors), juvenile law, and child-in-need-of-care proceedings, in Republic County and the other counties in the 12th Judicial District. Regine is married to Jeff Thompson, and they live outside of Courtland. Jeff is a native of Scania and graduated from Pike Valley High School. They have two boys, Jack, soon to be a sixth grader, and Dane, soon to be a second grader, who both attend Pike Valley schools.

Prior to returning to Republic County in July 1997, Jeff and Regine lived in Washington, D.C., area where they both grad-
Regine graduated in 2003 with Dean’s Honors.

During my second and third years of law school, I worked as a law clerk for the Kansas Department of Revenue. I enjoyed my experiences at the Department so much, that I jumped at the chance when I had the opportunity to work there full time after law school. While at the Department, I have had the opportunity to be involved in many different areas of law. As a state attorney, I have had the opportunity to handle my cases from beginning to end, whereas many newer attorneys in private firms spend much of their time doing research for senior partners.

I have participated in many administrative hearings on behalf of the Department and feel that many of my experiences there will translate well to skills necessary to be an effective county attorney.

I am married to John James, who is a high school teacher and coach. John and I are very excited about the opportunity to move back to Republic County and be closer to family and friends. When contemplating job opportunities, I decided to run for county attorney because I feel that serving as the county attorney would be a wonderful opportunity to give back something to a great community that has been extremely supportive of me and my family through the years. John and I are extremely excited about this opportunity and we greatly appreciate all the support we have received.

County Sheriff – Ronald W. Blad

Ronald W. Blad, a Republican, filed for a fifth term as Republic County Sheriff. Blad took office in January of 1993 after Larry Tebow retired from being Sheriff.

During his tenure, Blad has upgraded equipment and started holding out of county prisoners to bring income into the Republic County budget. Blad is a life long resident of Republic County. He is married to his wife, Jana, and has two grown boys, Matt and Sam. Blad is a member of the Central Christian Church in Belleville.

County Clerk – Vickie J. Hall

Republican County Clerk Vickie Hall has filed for re-election. Hall has served as County Clerk since July 2002. She will run as a Republican in the August 5 primary.

Hall, a Certified Kansas County Clerk, was first elected in 2004 and has worked in the Republic County Clerk’s Office since 1974. Hall enjoys her job and feels she has the experience and qualifications needed to serve as County Clerk. She also gave credit for the expertise of her Deputy County Clerk Cheryl Loring, who has worked in the office since 1973 and other staff in her office.

Hall was raised on a farm in the Norway community. She and her husband, Gerold, live on a farm north of Scandia. They have two grown sons, Jason Hall and family of Clay Center, and Greg Hall and family, Scandia.
KU students spend week digging at Kanorado site

By Tom Betz
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A small group of graduate students from the University of Kansas spent this week digging at the oldest archaeological site in the state within sight of the state line and a mile south of Kanorado along Middle Beaver Creek.

Excavation continues on the 14,000-year-old Paleoindian site, and this summer a ground-penetrating radar unit has been brought to try to develop a three-dimensional image of the area south of the creek bank where the dig site is located.

The KU graduate students were staying in the dorms this week at the Northwest Kansas Technical College, and will be back with a larger number for a field school, beginning on Wednesday and lasting until June 27.

Dr. Rolfe D. Mandel, executive director of the Odyssey Archeological Research Program for the Kansas Geological Survey and a professor of anthropology at KU, is directing the work, but is not always at the Kanorado site.

Shannon Ryan, a KU anthropology doctoral student from Salina, is in charge at the site. Ryan, who has been working at the site for four years, said being able to stay in the dorms has been a real blessing.

She said Sunday afternoon the small group has been working on three areas on the western site (known as SN-106), and they are working to find more signs that the area was inhabited more than 12,000 years ago. She said last year some additional evidence was found, and more rock flakes as evidence the area may have been where buffalo hides were worked on with scrapers.

Ryan said the flakes were created when the ancient people chipped at larger rocks to make stone tools or points. She said the flakes turn up as the group digs back into the south bank of the creek. She said this supports the theory that the site was a hide-processing area.

Some of the graduate students have been to the Kanorado site before, and are continuing to work on excavating the archeological area about five feet down from the top of the bank.

Nick Kessler of Lawrence has been at the site for three years, but this is the first year for Kris West of Pennsylvania. Hai Huang, a graduate student from Shanghai, China, is back this year after taking a year off, and this is his third year at Kanorado.

Opening a new unit to the west are Patrick Green of Peoria, Ill., and Adam Heffling of Holstad. This is the first year for Green, but Heffling has been at the Kanorado site before.

At the top of the bank Dan Keat-
Regents approve tuition increases at 6 state universities

TOPEKA (AP) — It will cost more to attend the six state universities in Kansas next year.

The Kansas Board of Regents on Thursday approved tuition increases ranging from 4.9 percent to 6 percent for the universities and extended a program at the University of Kansas that sets a fixed four-year tuition rate for incoming freshmen.

Under the so-called tuition compact, University of Kansas freshmen will pay $229.25 per credit hour this fall, and that rate will not change through the 2011-12 school year. That’s an increase of $244 a semester, or 7.6 percent, more than 2007 freshmen paid.

Juniors, seniors, transfers and graduate students will pay 6 percent more in tuition at Kansas next fall, or an additional $175.50 a semester for a student taking 15 hours. Nonresident juniors, seniors and transfers would pay an additional $460.50 per semester.

The regents also approved a 5.9 percent increase, or $164.55 per credit, for undergraduate students taking 15 hours at Kansas State. In May, Kansas State had proposed imposing most of the increases on juniors and seniors, but that plan was later dropped.

Tuition will not increase for Kansas State students on the university’s Salina campus, which emphasizes technology.
A judge has ruled in favor of a woman who filed a lawsuit against Kansas basketball player Sherron Collins concerning an assault she said took place in an elevator.

Douglas County District Court Judge Jack Murphy signed a journal entry in the case Monday granting judgment for damages in excess of $75,000 to Jessica J. Brown. Murphy ruled in Brown's favor because Collins had failed to file a legal response to the lawsuit since it was filed May 14.

In a news release, Collins said he wasn't "fully aware of what was expected of me in the civil suit and what my responsibilities were in that matter. I will do my best to correct this and to prove that this allegation is not true."

In the lawsuit, Brown accused Collins of exposing himself and rubbing against her on May 18, 2007, in an elevator at a University of Kansas apartment complex. No criminal charges have been filed.

A court hearing is scheduled for July 8 to determine the exact amount of damages to be awarded, a court clerk said.

Collins, a guard, is the top returning player from a national title-winning Kansas team, which lost three underclassmen — Brandon Rush, Mario Chalmers and Darrell Arthur — to the NBA Draft.
Memorial Hospital recently welcomed two new students from the University of Kansas to Memorial's KU Medical Center to study and complete their current practicums. Working alongside the staff, Amanda Jordan and Telematé Sokari will be at Memorial for close to one month.

Sokari is a medical student doing a one-month general surgery rotation. He has been working with General Surgeon Dr. Clayton Fetsch and the rest of the surgical team at Memorial Hospital.

Sokari is originally from Nigeria, but spent his childhood in Scotland, U.K. and for the past 20 years has been in Kansas City. He is a graduate of Sumner Academy of Arts and Science in Kansas City and a graduate of the University of Kansas earning a bachelor's degree in nursing. He is currently attending the University of Kansas School of Medicine and is in his last month of his third year.

"It has been a very rewarding experience to be here at Memorial Hospital. Patients are getting focused and top-notch care at this hospital," Sokari said. "Dr. Fetsch has done an incredible job of teaching in the operating room. The experience and guidance given here goes well beyond what I would have received at the medical center in Kansas City, where I would have been second or third assist to the surgeon, here I have been first assist with Dr. Fetsch on every case. Not only have I been able to assist with surgeries, I have been instilled with the practical knowledge of caring for the surgical patient through the everyday teaching of Dr. Fetsch. He always takes a moment to go over important points."

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"In the meantime, I have been given the wonderful opportunity to experience clinical rotations such as the one here in McPherson. It has been such a wonderful experience. It is great working with such a hard-working, ambitious and intelligent group of Nurse Anesthetists. I plan to incorporate many aspects of this learning experience into my own practice someday," Jordan said.

As far as her future is concerned, she plans on moving out of the Kansas City area to New York City. Once there, she would love to work with children again and do plenty of traveling on the side.
Dean Haddock announced 25 Harbaugh Scholarships have been awarded to Mitchell County students for the 2008-2009 school term. They were awarded in three categories to students enrolled in one or two year institution, to those just entering four year institutions as freshmen and to students beyond the freshman year presently attending four year institutions and who have not obtained their Bachelor degree or its equivalent.

Since first created in 1983, the fund has awarded about $300,000 in total scholarships to 615 applicants. Awards are made to any graduate who lives in Mitchell county or who has attended a school whose district is part of Mitchell County. The scholarship fund is administered by trustees Dean Haddock and Harry Gantenbein. The trust fund continues to be funded by natural gas well revenues out of southwest Kansas and annual interest earned in investments.

The fund is indebted to the public spirited judges who give willingly of their time to help these students with their career pursuits.

Recipients for the 2008-2009 school term are:

- Jessica Wiles, $700, Cloud County Community College, daughter of Jim and Tammy Wiles, Cawker City.
- Karl Dawn Hobbs, $600, Hutchinson Community College, daughter of Dan and Rita Hobbs, Beloit.
- Lesli Clark, $500, Cloud County Community College, daughter of Lori and Wayne Augustine, Glen Elder.
- Ambria Wendell, $700, Kansas State University, daughter of Bill and Marty Wendell, Beloit.
- Kristen Meier, $600, Kansas State University, daughter of Mike and Roberta Meier, Beloit.
- Sasha Tyson, $500, Fort Hays State University, daughter of Stacy Lattin & Scott Tyson, Beloit.
- Brittany Eck, $500, Kansas State University, daughter of Jay and Donna Eck, Beloit.
- Deaira Pförtmiller, $500, Fort Hays State University, daughter of Darcel Rexroat and Dave Pförtmiller, Cawker City.
- Joshua Hoffinger, $500, Kansas State University, son of Loren and Diane Hoffinger, Glen Elder.
- Adam Brown, $500, Pittsburg State University, son of Donald and Joann Brown, Beloit.
- Clint Shoemaker, $500, Fort Hays State University, son of Dennis and Glenda Shoemaker, Glen Elder.
- Anthony Pingel, $500, Hastings College, son of Gary and Audrey Pingel, Beloit.
- Macy Heidrick, $500, Kansas University, daughter of Steve and Anita Heidrick, Beloit.
- James Winkel, $700, Wichita State University, son of Alan and Deanne Winkel, Glen Elder.
- Amber Schmitt, $600, Kansas State University, daughter of Joe and Donna Schmitt, Beloit.
- Mary Seehafer, $500, Bethany College, daughter of Rodney and Janet Seehafer, Hunter.
- Lindsey Pacey, $500, Kansas State University, daughter of Lennie and Janelle Pacey, Beloit.
- Kimberly Brinker, $500, Kansas State University, daughter of Lee and Karen Brinker, Glen Elder.
- Ross Kee, $500, Newman University, son of Allen and Marcie Kee, Beloit.
- Chelsey Winkel, $500, Kansas State University, daughter of Bill and Darnell Winkel, Glen Elder.
- Matthew Wright, $500, Kansas State University, son of Bruce and Karen Wright, Beloit.
- Stephanie Wright, $500, Kansas State University, daughter of Larry and Janice Peters, Beloit.
- Darcel Gronewoller, $500, Kansas State University, daughter of Francis & Nancy Gronewoller, Beloit.
- Jessica Palen, $500, Kansas State University, daughter of Alan and Marlene Palen, Beloit.
- Kathleen Winkel, $500, Wichita State University, daughter of Kenneth & Janet Moeller, Beloit.
Emily Nichole Bobo of Lebo, doctoral graduate student studying English at the University of Kansas, received the KU English Department Victor Contoski Creative Writing Award for poetry. She was recognized at the awards ceremony held in May at the Kansas Union at KU.
KU alums offer picnic for new students

LAWRENCE — Incoming University of Kansas students and their parents from Barber, Harper, Kingman and Pratt counties will be welcomed into the KU family at the Jayhawk Generations Welcome Picnic at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 30, in Pratt.

The KU Alumni Association and its South Central chapter will greet the new Jayhawks at the home of Dan and Marcia Suiter, 207 Lake Road. Area alumni, new students, students interested in learning more about KU and parents are invited to attend and enjoy complimentary food and beverages. Each new Jayhawk will receive a free T-shirt.

The Suiters of Pratt, Debra Meisenheimer of Kingman, Mark and Amy Keeny of Kingman and alumni association representatives Heath Peterson, director of Kansas programs; Jamie Winkelman, assistant director for alumni programs; David Ochoa, coordinator for membership relations; and Megan Hill, coordinator for alumni programs, are coordinating the event. Association staff will arrive with the signature KU trailer full of grills, burgers and brats for the festivities. Current KU students, alumni and university representatives will mix and mingle with students to answer questions and offer advice.

For more information or to make reservations, visit www.kualumni.org, call the KU Alumni Association at (800) 584-2957 or e-mail kualumni@kualumni.org.

The association invited incoming students whose enrollment deposits were received by the Office of Admissions.
Danks joins local hospital system

Roy Danks, D.O., has joined the surgical team at Community HealthCare System (CHCS), but he is far from being new to the area. Danks, 41, grew up in the Royal Valley-Hoyt area and began his medical career as an EMT in Holton.

“I’m so happy to be coming back home,” Danks said. “It’s great to reconnect with old friends again, but it’s even better to be somewhere I can fill a need.”

A board certified general surgeon, Dr. Danks is now available for all your general surgery needs, including emergency appendectomies, colon resections and the healing of wounds from chronic care conditions.

Along with general surgery, his specialties include burn surgery and critical care, and he is happy to be bringing not only his expertise, but his familiarity with the people of this area to his surgical practice.

Danks received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology and chemistry from Washburn University in 1994 and his Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biological Sciences in 1998.

Danks has also served as an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Kansas University School of Medicine and as attending surgeon in the Burn Surgery and Critical Care Center there, as well as being Medical Director of the Burnett-Hurlbut Burn Unit at the University of Kansas Hospital.

Dr. Danks comes to Community HealthCare System from Kansas Surgical Consultants, LLC, in Wichita where he served as a general surgeon.

“We are so happy to welcome Dr. Danks to our health care team and feel fortunate to have someone with his abilities and expertise on our surgical staff. He is truly a hometown doctor and we welcome him home,” Greg Unruh, CEO, Community HealthCare System, said.

In his free time, Danks enjoys competing in triathlons. Danks has also remained involved with EMS care and served as co-medical director for the Burn Disaster Preparedness Program. He still teaches EMS courses and remains involved in the pre-hospital aspect of medical care.

Danks is also a Major in the Army Reserves and serves as consultant to the Army’s Institute of Surgical Research at Fort Sam Houston, in San Antonio, Tex.

Danks, the father of three, Breanna, 15; Carson, 10; and Reid, 1, says he is happy to be back in Northeast Kansas and part of the CHCS team.

Community HealthCare System owns and operates health centers in Onaga, St. Marys, Holton, Centralia and Frankfort.