Hip-hop group promotes diversity on campus

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Their faces displayed looks of confusion as their dance routine came to a screeching halt.

The group members lost their place, and the music stopped. However, their determination would not allow this technical difficulty stop the performance routine they had worked so hard to learn. The song restarted and the group continued dancing with more energy than before.

The dance group Poize is the only hip-hop dance group at K-State. Its primary focus is to promote diversity through dance, and the group reflects this, involving members of all races. The group wants to grow and eventually represent all ethnic groups, said Kyana Lee, president of Poize and junior in speech pathology.

Poize strives to provide an outlet for students to get involved and feel welcomed on campus, said Britta Brittafly Foster, vice president of Poize and sophomore in apparel and textile design.

The group, which started two years ago, has gained popularity on campus as they perform at most multicultural events and receive invitations to perform off campus.

Monday, the group performed in Multicultural Pride Day, a chance for multicultural high school juniors and seniors to visit the K-State campus. During their performance, the group's CD skipped, but they continued with their routine. The crowd apparently appreciated the group's will to keep going and they received a large applause.

"The purpose of the group was to have a group in which students who love to dance – regardless of race – can express their talent," Lee said.

The organization, co-founded by Lee, was formed to bring people with an interest in hip-hop dance together.

Poize has 10 members and is seeking to recruit more. Lee said she takes advantage of every opportunity to promote the group.

Many of the members have training in dance and are versatile in many styles.

"We are really diverse in our group," Foster said. "It's not just hip hop – we fit in modern, ballet and southern-style dancing into our routines."

With more recognition and popularity, the group has received phone calls from schools like the University of Kansas and Emporia State University to perform. Because of a lack of funds, the organization has been fundraising to get uniforms for the team, Lee said.

This semester, many students and faculty have seen the group in the K-State Student Union asking for donations on numerous occasions.

The profits from donations and fundraising events will go toward traveling costs to perform at schools who extend invitations to the group, Foster said.
KU to honor famed actor

By Jan Biles
THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

LAWRENCE — Adam Burnett was amazed when he started unpacking the 20 or so boxes of Moses Gunn memorabilia that was delivered in late January to The University of Kansas Department of Theatre and Film.

Burnett, a Topeka senior majoring in theater, said he had seen Gunn in movies but didn’t realize he was a KU alumnus or the extent of his career until he started taking awards and Broadway and movie posters from the boxes.

“It was like going through a treasure chest,” he said. “You never knew what you’d find next.”

Burnett, a student assistant for the theater and film department, is in charge of cataloging and storage of the materials. An exhibit of the memorabilia is being planned for February 2009 at the Spencer Museum of Art, as part of Black History Month.

“Moses Gunn was an important African-American actor who did ground-breaking work in all genres — theater, film and television,” John Staniunas, chair of the theater and film department, said.

“It is important for our students — and especially the African-American students — to see the success of someone who worked very hard in the theatrical field. Not only does the collection celebrate Moses’ life and career, but it also up opens possibilities for theatrical scholars to visit and use the collection.”

Gunn, an Obie Award-winning stage actor, attended KU as a graduate student in theater from 1959 to 1961. He acted in productions of “Tartuffe” and “Auntie Mame” and directed an original production, “The Trial of Captain John Brown,” while at KU.

He co-founded the Negro Ensemble Company in the 1960s in New York City and made his Broadway debut in 1962 in Jean Genet’s “The Blacks.” He went on to appear in “Titus Andronicus” and “The First Breeze of Summer,” among other shows.

He was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Actor in 1976 for his performance in “The Poison Tree.” He received an NAACP Image Award in 1985 for best supporting actor for his performance in Sam Shepard’s “Fool for Love.”

Staniunas credits KU film faculty member Kevin Willmott with arranging for the donation of the collection. Willmott met Gunn’s widow, Gwen, and learned the actor who died in 1993, had intended to donate his memorabilia to KU. Staniunas eventually arranged for the collection to be shipped to the university.

Burnett said the names of Gunn’s colleagues inscribed on the movie and Broadway posters are proof of how highly regarded he was in the theater and film world.

Among the many items in the collection are a bronze sculpture of the Ivory Tower from “The Neverending Story,” a “Heartbreak Ridge” poster signed by Clint Eastwood, a wallet with Gunn’s Screen Actor’s Guild card, the NAACP Image Awards, an Emmy Award for “Homicide: Life on the Street,” a sculpture of Gunn’s head for creating the elongated head in “The Neverending Story” and a mask from his role as Aaron in “Titus Andronicus.”

WHO IS MOSES GUNN?

Moses Gunn, one of the nation’s leading African-American actors, attended The University of Kansas as a graduate student in theater from 1959-61. He left KU to teach at Grambling College in Louisiana, but soon moved to New York City to pursue an acting career.

Gunn co-founded the Negro Ensemble Company and made his Broadway debut in 1962. He starred in many Broadway productions, won an Obie Award, was nominated for the Tony Award for Best Actor in 1976 for “The Poison Tree” and received NAACP Image Awards for his performances in “Ragtime” in 1981 and Sam Shepard’s “Fool for Love” in 1985.

In 1989, Gunn returned to KU to complete his master’s degree. Gunn also appeared in many TV shows and movies. His film credits include “The Great White Hope,” “Shaft (I and II),” “Ragtime” and “Heartbreak Ridge.” His TV credits include “Little House on the Prairie,” “Father Murphy,” “Good Times,” “The Cosby Show” and “A Man Called Hawk.”

He received Emmy Award nominations for his portrayal of African chief Kintango in the “Roots” miniseries and for his role in “Of Mice and Men.”

Gunn died at his home in Guilford, Conn., in December 1993 from complications of asthma.
Collections assistant and KU senior Adam Burnett and Charla Jenkins, director of public relations with KU's Department of Theatre and Film, stand with various articles from the collection of actor Moses Gunn at The University of Kansas in Lawrence.

The guide divides birds into 18 groups based on similarity in appearance, habitat or behavior. The entry for each bird gives its size, identifying features and where and when it can be found.


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Former Kansas great
Schnellbacher passes

By Tully Corcoran
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LAWRENCE — Don Fambrough knew time was running out for his friend Otto Schnellbacher.

Fambrough first learned it in January, when he, Gale Sayers, John Riggins and a bunch of other football players from Kansas’ past gathered in Miami before the Orange Bowl.

Fambrough played alongside Schnellbacher, one of the greatest athletes in Kansas history, on Kansas’ first Orange Bowl team in 1948. The two lived through the crushing defeat to Penn State in 1969 and, as KU’s third major bowl appearance in 60 years approached, there was a real sense that, for the oldest timers, this could be their last chance to see KU win one.

“We were hoping the third time would be a charm,” Fambrough said.

So there was Fambrough, chumming with all the other KU greats, when he realized someone was missing. Someone who, when it came to Kansas athletics, was never missing.

“I knew if he was able in any way, he’d be there,” Fambrough said. “I began to ask people, ‘Where’s Schnellbacher?’”

He’s sick, they told him.

“He must be real sick or else he’d be here,” Fambrough remembers saying.

He was. Schnellbacher, “The Double Threat from Sublette,” had cancer. He died Monday at 84.

“I’ve lost a great friend,” Fambrough said.

Born in 1923 in Sublette, Schnellbacher starred at KU in football and basketball. He and Ray Evans became KU’s first football All-Americans in 1947, when Schnellbacher was integral in making the Topeka Jayhawk Club.

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served as captain of both the football and basketball teams, one of three players in KU history to do so.

On the hardwood he was a four-time all-conference pick. Only Charlie Black and Darnell Valentine can match that.

On the gridiron, he caught 58 career passes for 1,069 yards, numbers which stood as school records for 22 years. He went on to play in the NFL, where he was a two-time All-Pro. He intercepted 34 passes in four seasons.

In 1948-49, he played for both the New York Yankees of the All-American Football Conference and the NFL’s St. Louis Bombers and Providence Steamrollers.

His name is on the ring of honor at Memorial Stadium, and he’s been inducted into the Kansas Hall of Fame and the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame. In the list of KU’s great names — Chamberlain, Sayers, Riggins, Oerter — Fambrough puts Schnellbacher there, too.

“He ranks right there at the top,” Fambrough said.

Schnellbacher didn’t stray from his alma mater for long. He quit professional sports after just four years because, in those days, playing professional sports wasn’t all that great of a job.

He wanted to better support his family, so he moved to Topeka where he worked in the insurance business in the rare moments he wasn’t doing something for KU.

He offered advice to football coaches. He spoke to recruits. He was integral in making the Topeka Jayhawk Club what it now is, in getting coaches to speak at TJC functions and to participate in the annual golf tournament.

“He was priceless,” said the Topeka Jayhawk Club president Kathleen Hickert. “You can’t measure how much help he was. He didn’t let it go to his head. He would visit with people. I’m kind of speechless. I can’t say exactly what I feel. You just can’t measure what he meant to the Topeka Jayhawk Club. He will be missed.”

The TJC has renamed that golf tournament the Otto Schnellbacher Classic. Fitting that would happen posthumously. Schnellbacher never was big on titles.

“He didn’t want to receive any credit, he just wanted to get the job done,” Fambrough said. “He was never looking for any glory or anything like that.”

Yet he was everywhere.

“Everybody knows Otto if you work at KU,” said KU basketball coach Bill Self. “He’ll be missed. He did so much for KU in so many ways that didn’t garner recognition. He was just a Jayhawk through and through. He’ll be missed very much.”

That sentiment extends beyond Kansas athletics.

“There isn’t anybody you could point to that demonstrated the values of being a Jayhawk more than Otto,” KU Chancellor Bob Hemenway told The Associated Press. “He was extremely athletic, but he was a great human being. People like to be around him because he was one of the best cheerleaders that KU ever had.”
Schnellbacher is survived by his wife, Jane Schnellbacher, three children, four stepchildren, five grandchildren, one great-grandson and 15 step-grandchildren. Funeral services for Schnellbacher are 2 p.m. Friday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

He was active in the Topeka community, serving as chairman of the Topeka Recreation Commission, president of the Topeka Council of Churches and president of the Cosmopolitan Club.

Fambrough knew time was quickly working against his friend, so he and KU football coach Mark Mangino planned to visit Schnellbacher in the hospital Monday afternoon. Monday morning, Fambrough got the call. Schnellbacher's time had run out.

"Some people you don't expect ever to leave," Fambrough said, "and he was one of them. It's hard for me to realize he won't be around anymore. I'll tell you, he left his mark."

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Senate panel hears debate on confidential sources legislation

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THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

Reporters would be protected from revealing confidential sources under a bill heard Monday in a Senate committee.

"(This bill) would provide protection to journalists in a way that would enable them to contribute to public understanding of government," said Mike Kautsch, a professor of media law at The University of Kansas.

At least 33 states have shield laws that say journalists can't be compelled to reveal their sources and can't be held in contempt of court for failing to do so.

The proposal already has the support of one prominent legislator.

Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, R-Independence, sponsored the bill and said journalists must be able to establish relationships with sources who have access to information. These relationships allow reporters to ferret out that information for the public, he said.

"If a journalist cannot give a reasonable assurance of confidentiality to a source, that source's willingness to provide information is likely to be chilled," Schmidt said.

The Kansas legislation being considered is similar to other states' laws. Under the proposed language, journalists still would be required to hand over information on confidential sources if certain criteria is met.

Those standards are that the material sought is relevant to the court case, can't be obtained through alternative means and is of a "compelling and overriding interest" for the party seeking disclosure.

That last line drew questions from one committee member.

"What is a compelling and overriding interest?" asked Sen. Terry Bruce, R-Hutchinson.

Kautsch responded the courts often are on the side of the First Amendment protection of freedom of the press.

"It simply sends a message to the trial judge that this is important," he said. "It cannot be taken lightly. There must be a strong showing by the requesting party."

Doug Anstaett, executive director of the Kansas Press Association, said the group supported the bill not to make reporters' lives easier but to ensure information important to public discussion is disseminated.

"It's to protect those that have something to tell us," Anstaett said.

Chairman John Vratil, R-Leawood, said he didn't know when the committee would vote on the bill, but Schmidt said he would ask Vratil to bring it up for action.
Study guide

Colleges consider community’s, businesses’ needs when planning for future

BY TAMMY WORTH | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Higher education in Johnson County will be full of possibilities in coming years, local education leaders said. Growth in the region; increasing partnerships between secondary education, universities and local businesses; and potential financing mechanisms, such as a proposed Johnson County Education & Research Triangle tax, will contribute to the educational landscape.

“I think it is right to be thinking about the next 25 years because decisions we make today are going to have the most impact on coming years,” said Robert Clark, vice chancellor of the University of Kansas Edwards Campus.

THE JOHNSON COUNTY EDUCATION & RESEARCH TRIANGLE

Bob Regnier, president of the Bank of Blue Valley and a longtime education booster, said he considers the Johnson County Education & Research Triangle initiative to be the single act that would change the face of higher education in Johnson County in coming years.

“I believe in my heart and soul that passage of this idea is the equivalent of when we started Johnson County Community College,” Regnier said.

The research triangle will include a 50-acre Kansas Bioscience Park to be developed by the Kansas Bioscience Authority and a 40-acre Kansas State University campus. A proposed tax would help finance the K-State Olathe Innovation Campus; expand KU Edwards Campus; and create a clinical trials center in the county to be used by the University of Kansas Medical Center, KU Cancer Center and the Midwest Cancer Alliance.

Clark said that the project will give the Edwards Campus the opportunity to grow and to focus on the area’s bread and butter until the life sciences become marketable. His vision for the Edwards Campus is to use research to drive telecommunications, information technology and business engineering.

“These are the things we are relying on until life science gets traction and gives value to the economy,” he said. “The life sciences will probably take 20 years to have the kind of impact an economic cluster should.”

Johnson County Community College President Terry Calaway said that the increase in biosciences and the growth that the triangle project could provide will help more than the universities taking part.

“The tide raises all ships,” Calaway said. “As the economy of the region becomes more focused on that kind of research triangle dynamic, we will see more growth in the math and science fields … and in programs that may be collaborative ventures between the universities and us.”

LINKING BUSINESS AND EDUCATION

Local universities also are planning to increase their interaction and partnerships with area businesses, increasing their importance in the area’s economic development.

Calaway said that JCCC worked with 480 companies last year, customizing and delivering curriculum. He said that in the next five years, he expects that number to grow to between 600 and 700 organizations.

“That really is what our job is,” Calaway said. “Community colleges are the economic development engine in the region. The role of preparing our work force not only is part of our strategic agenda as an institution but is something we have done well and will continue to build.”

The college will focus on entrepreneurship, small business development and becoming a small business incubator. It also will increase programs like the one with BNSF Railway Co., which has its training facility on the campus.

“Unlike a four-year college, which is difficult to turn, Johnson County Community College is so nimble,” Regnier said. “If Garmin came to them and said, ‘We need this particular program,’ they
Robert Clark, vice chancellor of the University of Kansas Edwards Campus, says education decisions made today "are going to have the most impact on coming years."
would have a class in place the next semester. They've got to be really nimble, and they are really good at that.”

Clark said the Edwards Campus will implement an undergraduate business degree completion program. He estimates this would double the campus’s undergraduate student enrollment. Another likely new degree program is geographic information science. This would train individuals to layer multiple databases to glean information. For example, an individual could plot where household fires occur and demographics to find out whether fires correlate to low-income areas where homeowners cannot afford fire detectors.

CREATING AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM

Although the Edwards Campus may have a reputation locally for being focused on teaching business, Clark said the university offers much more to the local economy.

“We have covered the gamut of what a social and economic system needs to remain healthy,” he said. “We want to strengthen that component so we can reach out more to our community that looks to a university like KU to solve its problems.”

Clark said the campus is looking at offering a group of new doctoral programs, including information technology, public policy and education administration.

“Access to that level of higher education is important for growing school districts,” he said. “And it would be nice to see a doctoral program providing public policymakers here the benefit of academic research.”

JCCC also plans to expand in the field of education. Calaway said the college is considering programs to assist experts in fields such as engineering or bioscience who want to teach. The college would provide training in areas such as teaching methodology for these individuals.

JCCC also is planning to focus on sustainability. Calaway said the school will help businesses implement environmentally friendly programs such as recycling while improving corporate productivity and profitability. He said there are also “huge opportunities” for the college to provide programs for preparing technicians in the use of alternative fuels and other sustainable efforts.

And in the area of allied health, Calaway said JCCC is talking with local hospitals to find out how the school might assist in educating the work force in careers such as nursing, and physical and occupational therapy.

EDUCATIONAL EXPANSION

Although JCCC is essentially landlocked at its home at College Boulevard and Quivira Road, Calaway said that the college is far from stopping its growth.

Because so much of the county’s growth is toward the south and west, Calaway said the college plans to move with its student population.

“We have research around how far students will travel to get to college,” he said. “The answer is about 20 minutes.”

He said school leaders are “very seriously” look-
Johnson County Community College is essentially landlocked at its campus at College Boulevard and Quivira Road, but school leaders are looking at satellite centers or building another campus in the next 20 years.

“I think Johnson County Community College has so much momentum,” Regnier said. “It will continue to grow, and it has the ability to expand to meet the needs of the county.

“Higher education is such a tremendous economic boost to our community. We talk about what young people look for when leaving college, and they look for educational opportunities. They see education as a way to ratchet themselves up in their careers.”

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Area Students Named To KU Honor Roll

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.

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.

The following is a list of area students named to the honor roll:


**Benton** - Bailey C. Patton.

**Towanda** - Chelsea M. Delay, Preston L. Alltizer, Lynn E. Bammel, Martha A. Bryant, Emily K. Glenn, Stephanie M. Graham, Lauren C. Hodge, Maggie M. Murphy, Allyson M. Nye, Brandon S. Pope, Alyssa M. Rainbolt, Katherine E. Schreiber, and Sarah K. Thompson.
LAWRENCE — A former Pulitzer Prize juror and current managing editor of The Indianapolis Star has been named Knight Chair at the University of Kansas School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Pam Fine, whose last day at The Star will be April 4, will be Knight Chair on News, Leadership and Community, a tenured professorship established in 1990.

"For me, it’s a terrific opportunity to blend my years of experience with my interest in exploring what’s new and working with students,”Fine said Thursday.

Ann Brill, dean of the journalism school, said Fine starts at Kansas in August when the fall semester begins. In addition to teaching, Fine will work on local journalism initiatives and programs.

“We’re just very excited we have such a respected and innovative journalist coming to work with us,” Brill said.

Two others have held the position, most recently Peggy Kuhr, who left to become dean of journalism at the University of Montana.

Fine joined The Indianapolis Star, a Gannett newspaper, in 2003. Before that, she was vice president and managing editor of the Star Tribune of Minneapolis.

The University of Kansas Area Health Education Center-Northwest will present two upcoming continuing education courses.

“Give a Gift Through Donation” will be March 25 in Hays. This program will also be available via ITV per request. The speaker for this program will be Sylvia Reinhardt, registered nurse.

This program is approved for two hours of continuing education credit and is designed for RNs, licensed practical nurses and social workers.

A mental health symposium, “Autism, Ethics, Anxiety” will be April 3 in Hays. Visiting faculty for this program will be Carla Hattan, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor; Glenn Veenstra, Ph.D.; and Maura Wendland, Ph.D.

This program is approved for eight hours of continuing education credit and is designed for advanced registered nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, social workers, counselors and clergy.

For more information or to register for either program, contact the Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center, 217 E. 32nd, Hays, KS 67601; (785) 628-6319 or e-mail mstouffer@kumc.edu.
Two Chapman instructors who have been teaching 25 years in the State of Kansas will receive University of Kansas 25-year teaching certificates Monday night during the Chapman USD 473 Board of Education meeting at 7 p.m. in the Educational Center, 822 N. Marshall.

Board members also will hear from music teacher Sheila Markley regarding activities for "Music in Our Schools Month" and will see the work completed by sixth-grade social studies students under the direction of instructor Mary Rickley, as part of the Student Published Authors Grant.

The grant allowed students the opportunity to visit with a published author to help them write about U.S. history. The articles were then published.

Also on the agenda is republishing of the budget to account for six additional military dependent students, according to board clerk Beverly Sutter.

Other agenda items include updates on Parents as Teachers, PEP grant, technology and Klump; personnel items; board policies; a preliminary capital outlay list; in-district transfer; setting the auction date for the construction tech house; surplus bus bids; commencement and graduation activities; radio show; and setting a date for board visitations at Blue Ridge and Rural Center elementaries; and public communications.