The future of transportation is ALL SHOOK UP

Research institute off to fast start

By Mike Klings

How to solve some of the most pressing problems in transportation has been the $14.5 million question at KU.

In 2005, Sen. Pat Roberts and Rep. Jerry Moran obtained $14.5 million in federal funds to establish the Transportation Research Institute at KU. In June, Bob Hance, a former director of the National Transportation Research Center at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, became the first director, and the institute has hit the ground running.

"Right now we're funding about 13 or 16 projects," Hance said.

The institute has already awarded about $1.5 million to fund research on everything from electric buses and dieselpowered aircraft to hydrogen-powered vehicles, alternative fuels and back strain of truck drivers.

Back injuries are common among truckers. After sitting for hours in a seat and being shaken with every bump in the road, a driver at one of the institute's Projects.

Taking a new

Buses

KU engineers are helping the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority test a hybrid bus. They will test emissions from the new bus, unveiled Nov. 1. The Transportation Research Institute and other sources at KU are providing $200,000 for the test. (See TRU, Page 6)

Grant to help

preserve campus beauty

Buildings, landscapes, history all evaluated

By Mike Klings

When someone who has spent any amount of time on Mount Oread is asked what they remember most fondly about their time at KU, it is not uncommon for the first thing they mention to be the campus' physical beauty.

"You don't get that at every university. This connection has helped tie thousands of people to KU," said Jeff Weinberg, assistant to the chancellor.

Thanks to a $320,000 grant from the Getty Foundation, a plan is being formulated to help preserve the memory-making and historical appearance of the campus. A steering committee is working with three noted consulting firms with experts in the fields of historic preservation and master planning to produce a report that will help chronicle the significance of not only KU's buildings, but also the spaces throughout the campus, including the landscape and architectural influences within them.

Frank Martin, a cultural historian, Jeffrey L. Bruce and Company and Trinor Architects are the three

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Graduate student Timothy Craig sits on the "skater table," a device that simulates the bumps of a truck driver's seat or work such as nursing a sick handler or graduate student Jon Waters monitors the research. The research is one of many innovative projects under way at the Transportation Research Institute. The students work with Sara Wilson, assistant professor of mechanical engineering.

Provost begins research tour at Field Station

By Mike Klings

When Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Richard Lariviere gazed out over a hose-drenched pond on a recent crisp autumn day, he wasn't peeking out of his office for some end of the season recreation. He was paying a visit to one of KU's "best kept secrets." Lariviere visited the Kansas Biological Survey's Field Station and Ecological Reserves on Oct. 23. The trip was the first in a series to familiarize the new provost and some of KU's many research stations.

The visit began with a stop at the biological survey's office in Hodgih Hall, where Ed See FIELD STATION, Page 6

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CAMPUS CLOSUP

Andi Witczak
Lecturer, interim director, Center for Service Learning

Years at current job: I have been the interim director of CSL since June 2006, and a lecturer in design since fall 2005. However, this is my 14th year at KU. I was a lecturer in the field from fall 1996 to spring 1998 and assistant professor, non-tenure track in design from fall 1998 to spring 2005.

Job duties: At the CSL, I direct an incredible team of three AmeriCorps VISTA and an assistant director. I am responsible for developing the strategic direction for the center. We assist faculty members in developing service learning courses and provide general support for faculty who are already using service learning in their classroom. In the design department, I teach all levels of graphic design but focus on branding strategy and visual identity design. I also participate in all service aspects of the department and university.

What has the first year-plus of the CSL given? The center was started last year by two dedicated AmeriCorps VISTA's and Linda Luckey, assistant to the provost. They laid the groundwork and built an excellent foundation for us to continue this year. Our focus this year is developing a strategic plan for the center and undertaking a campus-wide awareness initiative aimed at faculty and administration. Almost all courses now include a service learning component and we are working to challenge faculty to go beyond the traditional lecture method of teaching.

What makes service learning important?

Honoring those who serve

KU has been named in the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The Center for Service Learning reported 6,937 KU students participated in community service projects in the past academic year. More than half of those students contributed 20 hours or more to their service projects.

In important to a university such as KU? Service learning is important in general because it helps both students and faculty become engaged, civic participants who can make a difference in a local community or a global community.

What does the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll mean to KU?

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recognizes institutions that are leaders in community service and that have shown exemplary commitment to increasing student and faculty volunteerism.

CAMPUS ROUNDUP

KU Medical Center: Candidates for governor, the state house of Representatives and all state senate seats were invited to the medical center campus Oct. 23 to get a look at the campus' deferred maintenance needs and learn about the role universities play in the success of the state. The visit was part of a series of working lunches arranged by the Kansas Board of Regents.

School of Medicine-Wichita: The 12th annual Sweet Harvest was held recently. George and Donna Swanson, professors of internal medicine, opened their home to raise funds and awareness to help patients with HIV and AIDS. This year’s event raised more than $50,000 from the Sweet Emergency Fund, which helps patients pay for critically needed medical and dental services.

Edwards Campus: The campus is hosting a variety of events in celebration of Nontraditional Student Week through Nov. 11. Student Success events will include the introduction of on-site career services from the University Career Center. For more information visit Edwards campus.

SNAPSHOTS

Mark Zuza, star of the film "Hammerhead," spoke to a crowd at the Kansas Union. Zuza spoke between screenings of the film, a documentary about paragraph rugby players.

Clinton aide, political news director added to Dole lineup

Taking the White House in 2008, Halperin will discuss the challenges and issues facing presidential candidates as they position themselves to run in the most open presidential election in more than 50 years.

"The opportunity to schedule Atkins and Halperin at this late time in the semester was just too good to pass up. Both bring a unique perspective on compelling issues that are extremely important to KU students and faculty," said Bill Lacy, director of the institute.
China comes to Confucius

Mortar Board honors 5

Rosenberg to investigate Europe's lead in use of alternative energy

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TOPONYMS: The original Green Hall, now Lippincott Hall, was dedicated Nov. 3, 1906, and named at the insistence of ancestors for KU's first law professor, James Green. He fought with the Kansas Legislature for decades over money to fund the new economy, expanding the faculty and the building. "Uncle Jimmy" Green saved the school for 41 years.

Mortar Board honors 5 KU faculty members to receive Outstanding Educator Awards. The recipients will be announced at the Nov. 7 men's basketball game against Auburn State University in Allen Fieldhouse. An Outstanding Educator Ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m., Nov. 12 in the Malott Room at the Kansas Union. Mortar Board Outstanding Educators are:

- Ann Everman, assistant vice president/Student Affairs
- Kenneth McClure, senior vice provost and professor of clinical child psychology
- Parker Lessig, professor of business
- Terry Nyhan, lecturer in English
- Bob Frederick, chair and associate professor of health, sport and exercise sciences.

If, as the cliché says, a reporter’s knowledge is a mile wide and an inch deep, then Mortar Board Rosenberg is a research minute. Rosenberg, a lecturer in the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, is earning a "phenomenal ability of alternative energy sources and why the United States could take notes from Europe," Rosenberg said. The program will allow him to spend three to four days in Europe researching why those nations are ahead of the United States in harnessing alternative energy. "If you take a plane across Europe these days, you’ll find a concentration of wind power turbines all over the landscape," Rosenberg said. The British, for example, are exploring putting a system of dams and turbines into the ocean to generate electricity. Those countries are preparing to roll out and put to use their new technologies, but the United States is still in the research stage at best.

What’s more, he said, the United States’ energy problems don’t stop with gas prices and foreign oil dependence.

"The energy crisis is immediate," he said. "People are not as aware of it as we’re facing a power shortage that might be equally profound with not enough electricity to keep our societies going."

"Facing that power shortage," he said, "many states are left to take a lot of actions. He notes that California, for example, is planning to make existing energy plants more efficient instead of building new ones.

"But in Texas, the main utility company is planning to build 11 coal-burning plants at a cost of approximately $1 billion. "To a certain extent it’s a failure of national policy that we don’t have a national solution," Rosenberg said. "So every state is out there trying to figure out what it needs to do."

"If the United States can invest in making the whole energy system more efficient instead of investing in the coal-fired power plants, then our strategic economic and environmental concerns are dealt with," Rosenberg said.

Through his research and writings, Rosenberg will tell lawmakers and the energy industry what he learned about Europe’s efforts.

He plans to travel in November to Europe.

Researchers dress up mass extinction on ‘Naked Science’

Because of their unique research into what caused one of the five major mass extinctions in Earth’s history, three KU researchers were featured on a recent National Geographic television series “Naked Science.”

These shows, hosted by Brian “Extinctions,” aired Nov. 2 on the National Geographic Channel (channel 83 on Sunflower Cable Television in Lawrence). It was re-broadcast on Nov. 4.

One of the three biggest mass extinctions of life on Earth occurred about 440 million years ago, at the end of the Ordovician era, when most of the Earth was under water.

The research team, composed of University of Kansas professor of physics and astronomy Bruce Lieberman, associate professor of paleontology; and Mikhail Medvedev, associate professor of physics and astronomy, is working to develop a theory that a gamma-ray burst caused the mass extinction at the end of that period.

The team discovered that the gamma-ray burst “energy released when a very large star, spinning very fast, collapses into a black hole. In this case, you have a big explosion. However, the energy is being directed in a single direction, energy goes out in bunches. Those beams traveled 600 light years to the Earth, Medvedev said, in this rare event that happens about every 1 million years in the galaxy.”

Lieberman said the explosion delivered a one-two punch to the Earth. It depleted the ozone layer and caused a sudden cooling of the Earth’s temperature. The increased radiation and cooler temperatures increased extinction rates, he said.

Trilobites were among the dominant species on earth during the Ordovician era. Lieberman said that, if it weren’t for the gamma-ray burst, the trilobites would have survived longer, and many more species would have thrived.

Medvedev said the current migration of the trilobites into the sea occurred during the Ordovician era.

"After the mass extinction, they came back but not at the same place," Medvedev said. "Eventually there was another event, which affected them somewhat, but they never reach the same numbers and diversity they had before."

Medvedev and MeEdelevich studied the coincidence of mass extinctions occurring when the sun oscillates to the north side of the galaxy.

"At the north end, the solar system is more exposed to cosmic rays, like being exposed to a nuclear reactor," Medvedev said. "That’s why they cause extinctions." The cosmic rays cause DNA damage, which can lead to extinction. It also affects cloud cover, sea level and the temperature on the planet. At the south pole of the solor system it is shielded from these cosmic rays.

Medvedev said this movement occurs every 43 million years or every 63 million years.
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6 Monday
Public event, Engineering Seminar Series. Details are not provided. (1:30 p.m., Seminar Room, Park Center. Fee: sponsored by the College of Engineering. Call 864-1011.

Concert. Crecent Jazz quartet performs at Kansas City Jazz. 7:00 p.m., Central Court. Fee: sponsored by Spencer Museum. Call 864-3823.

Seminar. Juan Bruno, KSU, associate professor of philosophy. 10:00 a.m., Hauser Hall. Fee: sponsored by the Center for the Humanities. Call 864-3411.

Philosophy and Literature Seminar. Thomas MacDade, associate professor of philosophy. 3:00 p.m., Seminar Room, Hall Center. Fee: sponsored by the Center for the Humanities. Call 864-3411.

6 Wednesday
Workshop, MBA Essentials. 6:00 p.m., Kansas City Edwards Campus, 12800 Quivira Road, Olathe. Fee: sponsored by Department of Continuing Education. Call 864-2014.

Workshop. Media Design. 7:30 p.m., Kansas City Edwards Campus, 12800 Quivira Road, Olathe. Fee: sponsored by School of Business.

6 Thursday
Workshop, Streaming: Quick Fixes, 8:30 a.m., Busch Park Lab. Fee: sponsored by Information Services. Call 864-0410.

Workshop, Printmaking and Book Arts, 1:30 p.m., Goppert Hall. Fee: sponsored by the Department of Fine and Applied Arts. Call 864-4200.

Workshop. Yoga Flow. 10:00 a.m., Kansas City Edwards Campus, 12800 Quivira Road, Olathe. Fee: sponsored by Kansas City Community College. Call 864-4550.

Workshop, Faculty Studio. 4:00 p.m., Kansas City Edwards Campus, 12800 Quivira Road, Olathe. Fee: sponsored by the Department of Fine and Applied Arts. Call 864-4200.

6 Saturday
Workshop. Fall Pottery. 9:30 a.m., Kansas City Edwards Campus, 12800 Quivira Road, Olathe. Fee: sponsored by Kansas City Community College. Call 864-4550.

6 Sunday
Workshop, Yoga Flow. 10:00 a.m., Kansas City Edwards Campus, 12800 Quivira Road, Olathe. Fee: sponsored by Kansas City Community College. Call 864-4550.

7 Tuesday
Workshop, STEPP (Day 3 of 7). 7:30 a.m., Park Center. Fee: sponsored by Kansas City Community College. Call 864-4550.

Workshop, PDF: Power Hour: 11 a.m., Kansas City Edwards Campus, 12800 Quivira Road, Olathe. Fee: sponsored by Instructional Services.

7 Wednesday
Workshop, Design in Three Dimensions. 12:30 p.m., Kansas City Edwards Campus, 12800 Quivira Road, Olathe. Fee: sponsored by the Department of Fine and Applied Arts. Call 864-4550.

8 Saturday
Workshop, Mountaineering: Fundamentals of Mountaineering. 9:00 a.m., Kansas City Edwards Campus, 12800 Quivira Road, Olathe. Fee: sponsored by Kansas City Community College. Call 864-4550.

8 Sunday
Workshop, Yoga Flow. 10:00 a.m., Kansas City Edwards Campus, 12800 Quivira Road, Olathe. Fee: sponsored by Kansas City Community College. Call 864-4550.
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393 Art and Design Building
9:30 a.m.–4:20 p.m., Mon.–Wed.,
3:30–4:20 p.m., Fri.; 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Fri.
The Last Supper. Through Nov. 17

Board of Regents Art and Artifacts Exhibit
1616 Arts and Architecture Center
9:30 a.m.–4:20 p.m., Mon.–Wed.,
3:30–4:20 p.m., Fri.; 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Fri.

Dole Institute of Politics
3930 Peabody Drive
9:50 a.m.–5 p.m. Mon.–Sat., noon–5 p.m. Sun.

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Art and European and Eurasian studies, 9:30 a.m.–4:20 p.m., Mon.–Wed.,
3:30–4:20 p.m., Fri.; 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Fri.
"Exhibits, a soaring stained-glass American flag, a World Trade Center memorial and a map of the world honoring World War II veterans."

Lied Center Lobby
1600 Stewart Drive, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Mon.–Fri. "Exploring India and the Galleries: From Benares to Fez." Through Nov.

National History Museum
3930 Westwood Blvd., 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Mon.–Sat., noon–5 p.m. Sun.
"National History Museum: From the Civil War to the Present." Through Nov.

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The North Gallery offers a selection of Kansas' great rare book collections and a view of the museum's Special Collections, looking north from the crest of Mount Oread.

Unification Gallery
Fourth floor, Kansas Union. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–4:20 p.m., Sat. "JFK: The Final Days." Through Nov.


Writers: 1425 Jayhawk Blvd.
Anschutz: 1301 Koch Auditorium Drive, south of B球 Hall. 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Mon.–Fri. 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Mon.–Fri. For other library hours, call 864–1980.

Classics
101 Lipps/scott Hall. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Mon.–Fri. 9 a.m.–4:20 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun. small sculptures, lamps and furniture. Permanent display of full-size replicas of well-known works of Greek and Roman sculpture.

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KU HISTORY: Comanche, a horse thought to be the only U.S. Army survivor of the battle of Little Big Horn, has been on display in Lawrence for more than 100 years. When Comanche was injured in the battle, he was nursed back to health and lived until Nov. 7, 1891. KU naturalist Louise Dyche, a well-known taxidermist, was hired to preserve the horse’s remains. He agreed to waive his $400 fee if the Army would let KU keep Comanche. For more, visit www.kushistory.com.

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KU 1904 campus master plan by George Kessler and Co. architects shows the plans for campus from more than a century ago. The document is just one factor being consid- ered in planning for the Getsy Green, which will provide a historical presentation plan for the Getsy Green.

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main consulting groups working with

Jan Long, vice provost for faculty and student management, said the groups are also working with the officers of the Kansas University Endowment and area neighborhood associations. As the university campus is a com- munity, state and even national asset, their input on historical development and significance is being sought.

The report will help guide future development of the cam- pus. By noting the significance of the landscape, both historically and visually, it will provide a ref- erence for decision makers who plan future uses of campus space, including West Campus. It will be used in conjunction with the 1997 Campus Master Plan and the 2002 Campus Landscape Master Plan.

The report will chronicle con- tributions to campus develop- ment throughout various periods of the university’s history.

“If in the end, it’s a cultural inventory of the campus as a whole, as a cultural resource,” said Jan Long, director of Design and

Construction Management.

The report will represent the impacts of campus planning and development over the time includ- ing significant master planning during 1946-47 and 1972-73. Research and articles on landscape architecture and educational sites will also be included in the prepara- tion.

The steering committee and project team are evaluating the campus and providing an inventory of spaces that are historically significant. The final report will be drafted early next year and is scheduled to be finished by August 2009.

Digital Initiative, a campus organization, is also part of the project, helping to create a digital archive of the materials inventory and an electronic version of the final report.

Weinberg said the final report will be a “living, organic” docu- ment that can be revised and updated in the future.

“It’s the foundation upon which the university can grow and improve,” he said.

KU is one of 13 universities nationwide to even such a great extent from the Getty Foundation this year. KU Endowment helped fund the project for research. The National Endow- ment, Mount Oread Fund is also helping fund the effort.

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Martinsko, director, and Jerry de Noyelles, professor of horticulture and plant sciences and head of the director of the survey, gave Lariviere an overview of the survey’s purpose. The survey is one of the largest efforts to map water, wind, soil and information technology.

As part of the survey’s major projects is research along the Kansas River basin. The survey works closely with other KU units and Kansas State University as part of a 9 million annual research initiative funded by the national Science Foundation. The survey also works extensively on several surface water issues, including combating silting of reservoirs in Kansas and studying water levels.

After the presentation, Lariviere traveled to the Field Station with Martinsko, de Noyelles and Jan Roberts, director of the Survey. The Field Station, established in 1947, sits on nearly 1,800 acres a few miles northwest of Lawrence.

Researchers sweeten the pot of honeybee knowledge

Deborah Smith, associate profes- sor of ecology and evolutionary biology, has studied the genetics and biogeography of honeybees for more than 20 years.

Now her research is part of a team effort to learn how honey- bees have achieved their far-flung dis- tribution, how Africanized bees spread in the Americas and how a queen bee produces offspring.

Recently, the Honeybee Genome Sequencing Consortium, a swarm of researchers from around the world, provided the complete DNA sequence of the genome of Apis mellifera, the honeybee. Multiple research papers describe and discuss release of the genome sequence.

One of those papers, “Thrice out of Africa: Ancient and modern mod- ern expansions of the honey bee, Apis mellifera,” was published in the journal Science.

For more than 100 years, sci- entists and bee keepers have studied honeybees and noticed geographic variation in how they forage, what flowers they use, and what diseases they are suscep- tible to or how gentle they are,” Smith said.

Smith says until now, researchers didn’t have the tools to determine if these regional populations were genetically dis- tinct and how the honey bee’s populations were related to each other. The project, funded by the National Human Genome Research Institute and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives thousands of bees a better chance of survival.

Smith and Orley “Clay” Taylor, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, collected bees from Europe, Asia, the Middle East and South Africa. Comparing parts of the chromo- somes of European and African bees revealed places where the bees are better suited to be pollinated by one bee type. Those sequences are called single nucleotide polymorphisms or SNPs.

The SNPs showed that there are four main genetic lineages of honeybees: west European, eastern European, Middle Eastern, or Oriental, and African. They also suggested that the bees originated in Africa and spread from there into Europe. The Middle East and Asia Minor.

Smith and the HBOC consortium also investigated the genetic com- position of Africanized bees and European bees in the Americas.

“North American beekeepers love to have pedigree bees,” she said. “But when we looked at the background of European bees of North America, they all showed mixed ancestry, from eastern and western Europe and from the Middle East.”

Another project investigated sex determination in Asian honey- bees.

The paper, “Evolution of the Complementary Sex Determination Genes of Honey Bee Balancing Selection and Transposable Elements” was published in a special honey- bee issue of Genes, Chromosomes & Cancer Research.

United Way campaign aims for 100 percent participation

You may not think $5 can buy much these days, but it can go a long way to help the community. With just $5 from a two-week special in the United Way can help provide training for one Court Appointed Special Advocate to protect a child in need from abuse or neglect.

The CASA example is just one illustration of what donations to the United Way can do. The examples are on the back of “Fighting for Kids,” a brochure that gives an idea of the annual campaign United Way campaign.

The idea of the “Honey bee flies” was to show that a large donation is not necessary to help. “I think sometimes people feel ‘I can’t help the community. I don’t have a lot of money to make a differ- ence,’ ” said Marlene Rice, vice provost for Student Success and campus United Way chair. “The reality is that every donation matters. Whether the size, makes a significant difference.”

The campus United Way cam- paign will accept donations through Thanksgiving. Reney said the goal is to have full par- ticipation and accountability.

Anyone wishing to take part in the campaign can contact Christina Toldeo in the channel- lor’s office at 864-3033 or chaired.ku.edu.

United Way “honey bees” have been distributed to increase awareness of the campaign.

Talking travel
John Long, vice provost for faculty and student President Dixon, will deliver the first lecture in the TRU’s Distinguished Challenges in Transportation lecture series at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28, in the Spahr Classroom in Eaton Hall. The pub- lic is invited.

Even efficient and alternative fuel-powered vehicles need stable roads and bridges to travel on. The institute has several projects focusing on research on such infrastructure.

For more information, see the director of civil, environmental and architec- tural engineering’s website, researches into geosynthetics, geogrids and geosynthetics, or plastic- lined soil stabilization, which are key to a transportation system.

The TRU is an institute of the School of Engineering that consists of nine departments.

TRU is also a part of the chancellor’s program to build a new arts building and shorten its life.
University Support Staff retirees honored at annual dinner

Nearly 35 retirees were honored at the 28th annual university support staff retirees dinner on Oct. 17 at Adams Alumni Center.

This year’s group has a combined 625 years of service to KU, and nearly 20 have worked 35 years or more.

The retirees are listed below, with their department, years of service and years of service.

Andrea Amado, administrative office supervisor, KU Memorial Unions; 15; Waudith M. Berger, senior administrative assistant, Kansas Geological Survey – Wichita; 20; Rebecca Chippelet, gift and clothing supervisor, KU Memorial Unions; 15; Nancy Cluecy, accountant, Bureau of Child Research; 17; Patricia Eitelhuis, equipment coordinator, Facilities Operations; 15; Edith Felton, maintenance/service worker – food service, Student Housing – R Elegant Dining Services; 10; Barbara Gehman, administrative associate senior, Libraries; 14; J. Holmes, technology support consultant, Aerospace Engineering; 15; Margaret S. Hulvey, maintenance/service supervisor – custodial, Facilities Operations – Custodial Services; 12; Sidney Bicucci Hay Jr., skilled trade supervisor, Facilities Operations – Preventive Maintenance; 22; Kevin C. Hmiltier, facilities specialist, Facilities Operations – Carpentry; 15; Gordon D. Holland, media/audio technician, Design, Art, Media, and Technology; 11; Annette Doryani joins a corgo to retiree Lois Topp as an accountant at the Kansas Geological Survey at the annual University Support Staff retirees dinner on Oct. 17.

Schenck, administrative assistant, Student Health Services; 17; Allan O. Schwartz, skilled trade worker senior – carpenter, Facilities Operations – Carpentry; 15; Linda K. Shotts, accounting specialist, Spanish and Portuguese; 12; Carmen Y. Sibla, administrative specialist, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; 15; Phil A. Herbert-Shore, facilities specialist, Facilities Operations – Central Housing; 15; Lois Jane Taylor, accountant, Kansas Geological Survey; 19; Raymond A. Teichman, custodial specialist, Facilities Operations – Custodial Services; 5; Milton C. Whiffen, skilled trade supervisor – mechanical service worker, Animal Care Unit; 15; Ron Peterson, skilled trade worker – general maintenance, Health, Sport and Exercise Science; 3; Mary Frith, manager, Lied Center, Full Time; 24; POOL: Post Doctoral Researcher Chemistry; 1 Full Time, 00001769; Medical Chemistry, Full Time, 00001770; Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Full Time, 00001775.

POOL: Research Aide Associate for Remote Sensing of Leaf Sheets, Full Time, 00006765.


Program Assistant Social Welfare, Full Time, 00203146.

Project Coordinator Social Welfare, Full Time, 00203144.

Research Assistant Institute for Life Span Studies, Full Time, 00203124.

Research Associate Chemistry, Full Time, 00002718.

Technical Assistance Officer Institute for Life Span Studies, Full Time, 00001187.

University Police Officer Public Safety Office, Full Time, 00006267.

A winning group

The 2004 ICT Kidney Fellowship winners gathered for a photo recently as a respons- e to their host. Pictured are, from left, Judy M. Koster, professor of physics and astronomy; San Wolfson, assistant professor of mechanical engineering; Jeff Seim, assistant professor of linguistics; second row, Bob Moore; assistant professor of communication studies; J. Christopher Brown, assistant professor of geography; Michel Engel, assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology; third row, David Frazee, professor of anthropology; Lisa Winkler, professor of higher education; Chris Week, associate professor of education and adolescence; William W. Kornetski, associate professor of physiology and embryology; Ethan W. Bader, associate professor of mechanical engineering; Jeanette Lopes, associate professor of psychology and research in education; fifth row, Matthew Burchette, assistant professor of molecular biology; Ben Lerner, associate chair of English Department; William Picking, associate professor of molecular biophysics; and James Milde, professor of anthropology.

Retreat, vigil, tribute to highlight Veterans Day recognition

A Veterans Day ceremony featuring a candlelight vigil and retreat will be held Nov. 10. The Air Force ROTC, Navy/Marine Reserve Officer Training Corps programs are working together to observe Veterans Day.

The ceremony will begin with a formal retreat at the Strong Hall flag pole at 4 p.m. Following the retreat, Lt. Col. (ret.) Dorothy Kendrick, U.S. Marine Corps, will speak in 130 Bading Hall. After the speaker, there will be a large lighting ceremony before a candle-light vigil, which begins at 7 p.m. Four Cadet Battalion members of the KU ROTC will be posted at the Vietnam Memorial and the Korean War Memorial representing the various ROTC branches. This will be a 24-hour vigil with marching, depending on weather, and rotations every hour.

All of the Veterans Day ceremonies are open to the public. ROTC cadets will join the University of Kansas Police Department, 11th Street. November 29, 2006

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Novak named first director of business relations, development

Gary Novak knows he has a big job ahead of him: be the "front door" to KU for potential industry- and government-sponsors helping to explore business opportunities for their research. That will be his role as KU’s first director of business relations and development. Novak will be the liaison with the Lawrence-Douglas County Bicentennial Authority to generate local industry partnerships. The authority is helping to fund the position as well as travel and marketing perks.

"KU and the community have common interests when it comes to enhancing research, employment and local economic development," said Lawrence Mayor Fred Oakes, President of the authority board. "This alliance will benefit students and faculty, as well as potential business partners, throughout the region.

Novak has held a similar position at Iowa State University since 1994. Before that, he directed two regional economic development agencies in KU's five-year plan. In 1995, he was a senior analyst with the Iowa Legislative Council. He also started a company called Technocronics. His work in Clinton, Iowa, and was president for three years. Novak will begin at KU in early December. He will report to Jim Robinson, vice president for Law and work closely with Jim Boarddale, executive director of technology transfer and intellectual property, and Beth Johnson, vice president for economic development with the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce.

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NOTING ALUMNS:

James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, is KU’s only basketball coach with a losing career record, but two alumni more than made up for it on Dec. 15. Dennis Smith, a member of the 1952 national championship team, holds the record for most NCAA coaching wins, and Adolph Rupp comes in a close second. Rupp was coached by Naismith.

MESSINGER feted for baccalaureate work

Lori Messinger, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, is among the winners of the Institute For Safe Medication Practices’ 9th Annual Cheers Awards.

The annual awards dinner and reception will be Dec. 5 at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, Calif.

The Cheers Awards honor individuals, organizations and communities that have set a superlative standard of excellence for others to follow in the prevention of medication errors and adverse drug events.

Four years ago, General began creating the first complete list of Black Box Warnings. Her list, which is continuously updated and free to the public, encompasses every warning from the Physician's Desk Reference. General thoroughly cross-checks the information with other references and has incorporated material from Federal Drug Administration’s MedWatch program to ensure the list reflects current recommendations.

December graduation schedules announced

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Below is a list of schools that have planned December ceremonies and the time, date and location.

School of Business — 4 p.m. Dec. 16, McCook Center

William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications — 1:15 p.m. Dec. 16, Woodruff Auditorium, Kansas Union

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences — 2 p.m. Dec. 10, Lied Center

School of Engineering — 9 a.m. Dec. 9, Woodruff Auditorium

School of Law (provisional ceremony) — Dec. 15, Woodruff Auditorium

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De George to give ethics lecture

Richard De George, professor emeritus of philosophy, will present "Ethics Without Religion in Scientific Research" at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Kansas Room in the Kansas Union.

The presentation is part of the Ethics and Responsible Conduct of Research in Graduate Education Fall Workshop. It is sponsored by the Graduate School, Office of the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School.

MRC hosting social justice conference

The Multicultural Resource Center is hosting Tools for Social Justice, a national conference, Nov. 9-11 at the Embassy Suites

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