KU reacts to deadly Greensburg tornado
How the university is helping

For most people, watching the tornado-ravaged images of Greensburg on the news was devastating. For Guy Lynn Clark, assistant to the chancellor, the experience literally hit home.

Clark grew up in Greensburg. The morning after the storm, she heard through an early phone call from a friend about the tornado that leveled an estimated 95 percent of the town. Though she no longer has family in the community, Clark called relatives who live in nearby Haviland. Her mother and uncle had been up all night helping victims who were brought by the busload to Haviland. They helped feed and care for several Greensburg residents, even taking some into their own home. Her cousin, a registered nurse, had also worked to help Greensburg, page 8

The "Green for Greensburg" drive, sponsored by the KU Alumni Association and Student Alumni Association, is collecting financial donations from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside the Adams Alumni Center. A goal has been set to raise $25,000 by commencement.

Volunteers will accept cash and checks, payable to the American Red Cross, earmarked for Greensburg, until May 20.

Rick Delbert, project manager of the Kansas Fire and Rescue Training, through KU Continuing Education, will take KU's heavy rescue support unit to Greensburg. A truck with a trailer and technical rescue equipment, the unit will help with cleanup and recovery.

Greensburg senior Stephanie White, will graduate this month. Her parents accepted an invitation to stay in Provost Richard Lattimore's guest home while in town for commencement.

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FINDING THE BALANCE

Single mother earns master's while finding time for work, son

Since the dawn of academia, college students have put all studying for the most trivial of reasons. But Megan Hill couldn't procrastinate, even though she had a virtually irresistible distraction.

"There were times when my son would want to play a game, and I'd have to say, 'sorry sweetie, may be tomorrow, mommy has to write a paper,'" Hill said.

Such is the life of a single mother who is employed full time and working toward a master's degree. When she walks down the hill at commencement this month, Hill, assistant director of office operations in the Office of Admissions and Scholarships, can finally put study time behind her and focus on playtime.

Hill earned her master's in higher education administration through KU's Tuition Assistance Program. She took classes for 11 consecutive semesters, including summers, to finish the degree. The tuition assistance program pays for one class per semester for KU employees.

After earning her bachelor's in journalism from KU, Hill worked off campus for a few months before seeing an ad for an admissions counselor at her alma mater. She worked in that role before becoming a student recruiter. She then took her current position.

"It was a blast," Hill said of her years in the job recruiting and working directly with students. "I didn't know before that there was this whole world of student-affairs work."

The experience made her realize she wanted to work with students throughout their career, which provided the impetus for seeking a master's degree. However, there was the financial hurdle of raising her son, Gannon, and paying tuition. Coworkers urged her to try the Tuition Assistance Program.

"Several of our staff had been through the program. I've used it every semester. I've worked on my master's, and I honestly don't think I could've done it without that assistance," Hill said.

With her master's in hand, Hill plans to continue her career at KU. A Goodland native who grew up in Boulder, Colo., she wants to continue working with students in admissions. Possibly in the future she wants to work in career counseling or advising.

"It may be a KU life. I'm very happy to be here, Lawrence is home, and KU is definitely my second home," Hill said.

Now that she can put the books down, Hill said she is thrilled to be able to focus completely on her two full-time jobs: one in admissions and scholarships, the other as an administrative assistant and director of office operations for Admissions and Scholarships, page 9

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Grad School realigns

Acting on the recommendations of a faculty and staff committee, Provost Richard Lattimore announced a new structure for graduate education and research at the Lawrence campus.

Effective July 1, Jim Roberts, vice provost for research, will become vice provost for research and graduate studies. The move combines the existing Graduate School with the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, creating a new unit with a new mission:

"Graduate programs drive research," Lattimore said. "and research drives graduate programs. The two have to be much in commen, it makes good sense to bring them together with a single, high-priority man-
BOOKSHELF
A YEAR’S WORTH OF READING: John Edgar Widtsoe, associate professor of English, wrapped up work on three book projects this year. “Dream of a Summer: The Art and Life of Langston Hughes” is a comprehensive reassessment of Hughes’ works. Widtsoe edited the book and contributed an essay on the theory of criticism of Hughes’ sexual orientation. “Widening the Black Press” covers Davis 30’s work on topics such as the blues, democracy and Hawaiian life and culture. “An African Looks at the South,” Widtsoe edited materials left behind by Sterling A. Brown concerning black life in the South. In a time where segregation was the rule, Brown sought to document the experiences of Southern Blacks.

CAMPUS CLOSERUP
Jim Knight
Research associate, Center for Research on Learning

Years at current job: Ten years this summer — I’m finally getting a blue parking sticker!

Job duties: I direct the Pathways to Success project, which is a partnership between KU and Lawrence Schools District. In my role, I collaborate with my colleagues at CRL to design and implement initial and long-range plans that won the funding. I have developed a model for instructional coaching, which we have implemented in the district, and I’ve coached the directors and others who work on the project. I also write about what we’re learning in articles, in books, and I present to various audiences around the country.

Recently, I was also happy to learn a proposal I submitted with my colleagues was funded by the Institute for Education Sciences. That project will provide funding for qualitative and quantitative research on coaching. Instructional coaching is an approach to school improvement that puts respectful partnerships between change agents and teachers at the heart of school change.

The Research Associate of the Center for Research on Learning presents opportunities for improved education? If so, how does CRL take its findings to students and teachers for application in the classroom? Yes! In fact, I came to CRL from Toronto, Canada because I was a community college teacher who successfully used the CRL materials and I wanted to learn more from the researchers here. CRL has established a network of professional

HEADLINERS
AMAZONIAN GOLD: William Woods, professor of geophysics, is quoted in an article in the April issue of Discover magazine called “Black Gold of the Amazon” that focuses on how fertile, charred areas of soil supported large settlements in the rainforest centuries ago, and how those methods could help solve the Amazon’s current ecological problems. The dark areas of soil were likely originally created by accidents. “At some point they recognize their importance and start to promote them,” Woods is quoted as saying about ancient inhabitants and the charred areas.

CAMPUS ROUNDUP
MEDICAL CENTER/KU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE—WICHITA: The Schools of Medicine in Kansas City, Kan., and Wichita were recently presented with the American Academy of Family Physicians’ Achievement Award as one of the nation’s leading educators of family physicians. For a three-year period ending in October, 27.9 percent of KU School of Medicine graduates entered family medicine residency programs. This makes KU the No. 1 medical school in the country for producing family medicine physicians and the only school with a three-year average greater than 20 percent.

EDWARDS CAMPUS: The campus will host an event celebrating the successful launch of the K-10 Connector at 10 a.m. May 14. The K-10 Connector provides transportation between Lawrence and the Edwards Campus in Overland Park.

Research center marks 40th anniversary

Entity was one of first in U.S. to focus on mental retardation

The Kansas Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center, a bicampus effort on the Lawrence and medical center campuses, celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. Since its establishment as one of the country’s original 12 mental retardation research centers funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the KIDDRC has helped pioneer effective behavioral interventions aimed at the causes, prevention and treatment for mental retardation and related development disabilities.

The center currently is comprised of more than 60 faculty researchers, including those in the communication and cognitive programs at KU’s Lawrence campus and those in the reproductive biology and the neuroscience groups at the KU Medical Center. These researchers have more than 70 research programs funded by the National Institutes of Health and other organizations, focusing on various aspects of mental retardation and development disabilities.

KU: With the end of the spring semester rapidly approaching, the time for submitting grades has arrived. For the fall 2006 semester, grades were due on Dec. 22. By the deadline, 72 percent of the more than 110,000 final grades had been submitted. The full slate was in by late January.

SNAPSHOTs
KU’s Dean Black invites visitors to The Department of Spanish and Portugese received the 2007 Departmental Award for Exceptional Teaching and Learning from the Center for Teaching Excellence. Chancellor Robert Horrigan made the announcement April 27. As part of the award, the department will receive $1,000 and will be honored at the KU Teaching Seminar on Aug. 14. Photographs with Horrigan from left are, John Sansing, spanish, Margaret Franssen, assistant professor, and Margarite Nina-Patillo Pottlitz, spanish, assistant professor, in the department.

Don Kellner, left, Susan Tucker, second, and Jim Nigro, far right, of Audio From Kansas City with KU student Dan Dugan and open house and welcome. April 18. Broadcasting Hall. The event was sponsored by United States.

Li-Ci, Mark Parkersrom and Gion-Kathleen Sopelis, assisted signed the Johnson stand and Stambaugh April 17 at the Edwards Campus. The JLS prepares new research funding at Edwards Campus Kansas State University and the KU Medical Center.

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E-mail photos for snapshots to oread@ku.edu. Be sure to include names of individuals in the photo.

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KU likely to receive $35M over 5 years for maintenance

At the last minute of this year’s state legislative session, Legislature-approved funding to address KU’s top legislative priority—$35 million for facility repairs over five years—was not included in the final bill. The KU Board of Regents will likely receive a total of $25 million over five years, and the KU Medical Center will receive another $5 million.

The Kansas Board of Regents will divide the $25 million equally among the four of the six universities to develop a five-year plan for repairs. Moe said, utility tunnels remain KU’s top priority. The cost of fixing the crumbling tunnels, which carry steam heat to buildings, is estimated at $25 million. Moe also said that KU’s housing project to phase and stage building repairs is expected to begin in the fall because it would facilitate the phasing and staging of existing buildings in the fall before all repairs will be completed. The repair project is expected to continue through fiscal year 2010. The plan will be budgeted in stages. KU will plan repairs with updates to engineering and construction documents to meet regulations and design standards.

TOPONYMS: The Adams Alumni Center is named for K.S. "Boots" Adams, who went to work for Phillips Petroleum to earn money to complete his education and retired as chief executive officer. When the building was completed, executive director Dick Winkler requested that the address be changed from 1224, where it was 1219 for Phillips. Added to the honor of Phillips executives who were alumni and donors to the project.

Events for Kansas University Spring Lindberg Fire Training Institute will provide a diverse range of training for KU faculty members and staff who are responsible for the safety and security of the campus community and visitors. The training will cover topics such as fire prevention, firefighting techniques, and emergency response procedures. Registration is open until May 31, and more information can be found on the KU Safety website.

For more information, please contact the KU Safety Office at (785) 864-4444 or visit www.ku.edu/safety.
Faculty, teaching assistants honored for work in graduate education

Diana Carlin, dean of the Graduate School and International Research Institute, honored eight students and 10 faculty members for their contributions to graduate education in an April 25 ceremony in the Burgee Union. Recipients of $2,250 Carlin Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards are: Tera Lee Hedrick, history of art; Karla Knutson, English, and Joe Sommert, English.

Recipients of 500 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards are: El Beracha, history; Jennifer Dottor, humanities and western civilization; David Eastwood, history; Regina Pesotto, French and Italian; Elizabeth Regensburger, sociology, earned American Studies Graduate Teaching Award and the $1,000 Distinguished Service Award. The Graduate School Dean’s Award recognizes faculty members’ work in graduate education.

The Graduate School has presented the award since 1996. This year’s honorees are: associate professor, chair of the hearing and speech program at the KU Medical Center; Steve Hilgers, executive director of the Graduate and Professional Association; Susan Kemper, a Roy A. Roberts Distinguished Professor of Psychology; Jim Lichtenberg, associate dean of the School of Education; Allen Rawlin, dean of graduate studies at the KU Medical Center; and Susan Tweedie, professor and chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy.

Joseph Steinmetz, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, presented the Roy A. Alexander Graduate Mentor Award to Eugene Koerich, director of a communication studies; Robert Timon, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology; and Robert Rowland, professor and chair of the Department of Communication Studies. Steinmetz presented the John C. Wright Graduate Mentor Award to Craig Lance, professor of chemistry.

KU celebrated the Carlin Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, which was started in 1990, and the Distinguished Service Award, which has been awarded for more than 25 years.

Teaching assistants were nominated by students and department and programs throughout the university. A selection committee reviewed these nominations based on their commitment to teaching, departmental and student comments and level of responsibility.

High-achieving students to carry schools’ banners

KU students who have excelled academically have been selected to carry the school’s 13 school and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences banner during commencement.

As banner carriers, the students will lead their fellow graduates in the traditional march down Mount Oread into Memorial Stadium at 2:30 p.m. May 20 for KU’s 135th commencement.

Banner flaunlers also will join university officials on a platform in the stadium for the orational concurring of degrees.

Banner carriers first became a part of KU’s commencement activities in spring 1908, according to the late Robert Talb, a KU chemist professo from 1922 to 1955 and author of “Access to the Years (KU School of Pharmacy, Houston, Texas; Carla Hermida, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, Corrientes, Ecuador."

Five to earn KU’s highest honor

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Three alumni who have become leaders in their professions and contributed greatly to their communities and a pair of participants in KU’s fight against cancer will receive the University’s highest honor during commencement weekend.

The citation is the highest honor given by KU and the KU Alumni Association. Since 1941, it has been presented to men and women whose lives and careers have helped build humanity.

The citation winners will be honored at the All-University Supper, at 7 p.m. May 18 in the Kansas Union ballroom. This year’s recipients are:

Dana Huddins, Crawford, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 1953

In the 1960s, Denver’s downtown area was slowly deteriorating. Crawford did not sit by. Long before the words “urban renewal” and “downtown revitalization” were common at city council meetings nationwide, she pioneered the concepts, working with a few friends and a few buildings in historic Larimer Square.

From abandoned buildings and neglected streets grew a revived district that bears back to its roots an authentic, vibrant place in which to live, work and play. LoDo, as it is called, serves as a model for communities nationwide, inspiring cities to preserve their historic sites.

In 1975, Jackson founded the Land Institute in Salina using native prairie as a guide, he sought to mimic its two primary features, perennialities and mixtures. Geneticists are at work to turn such mixed meadows—crops, shrubs, wildflowers, and small animals—into perennial species to be planted in mixtures. The service trips also focus on soil fertility and chemical contamination of land and water. Life magazine described Jackson as one of “the most important Americans of the 20th Century.”

and Smithsonian magazine listed among the “10 Who Made a Difference.”

In 2000, Jackson was the International “Right Livelihood Laureate” courtesy of the Swedish Parliament. The award is also known as the “Alternative Nobel Prize.” In 1992, he received the MacArthur Fellowship, often called the “genius grant,” from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Along with his KU degree, he has worked within bureaucratic channels, developing programs to help improve the future safety of the most vulnerable children. While chair of the International Rescue Committee, he gathered more than 180 US-based non-governmental organizations. As the key spokesperson for the Save the Children’s Alliance in the Congress. He has continued to advocate for children’s rights in well respected journals.

She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and received a master’s of international relations from Johns Hopkins University and a degree in modern history from the University of Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV) in addition to her KU degree.

Both cancer survivors, the Steinmetz family,8 of patients and their families.

In 1994, they founded the Institute for Medical Research to find a cure for cancer and a variety of human cancers.

KU is a vital partner in the National Cancer Center, says many of the organization’s scientists, researchers, doctors and nurses.

Also have clinicians joined the KU faculty, assisting in KU’s effort to obtain National Cancer Center designations and the Kansas City area’s life sciences initiative.

The Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Komen Foundation have recognized the couple for their work to meet medical and research challenges. They have received numerous awards and honor through their leadership.

In 1999, John Taylor, director of the KU Lied Center for Performing Arts, received the National Medal of Arts).

KU officials visited the classrooms of nine graduating seniors last month to announce that they were Chancellor’s Scholar Award recipients. The awards recognize the students’ academic, volunteer and leadership during their time at KU.

Minerva Simpson, vice provost for Student Success, and Ann Everette, assistant vice provost for Student Success, made the presentations April 4-6 to the following award winners:

• Melissa Horn of Overland Park, Kansas, biology, earned Chancellor’s Scholar Award.
• Scott Ferguson of Leawood, biology, earned Chancellor’s Scholar Award.
• Hannah Smith of Leawood, Kansas, Smith Student Leader Award.
• Taylor Byer of Overland Park, Kansas, Wright Strickland Award.
• Nathan Laid of Effingham, Kansas, Wright Strickland Award.
• Nina Monassari of Overland Park, Kansas, Donald K. Alderson Memorial Award.
• Andrew Office of Lincoln, Neb., Class of 1913 Award.
• Michelle-Risky of Topeka, Kansas, Class of 1913 Award.
• Rock Steward of Shawnee, Kansas, Smith Student Leader Award.
• Michelle Brown of Topeka, Kansas, Concerned Student Award.

The university also presented a Dillard Student Involvement Award.

As part of the 135th commencement, Chancellor Robert Shatney will host a reception to honor the students May 19 at the Kansas Room in the Kansas Union. The banquet will sit on a platform with the chancellor during commencement May 19 at Memorial Stadium, and their portraits will be in the commemorative program. The ceremony will be part of the Kansas Room, which is the Kansas Union’s official heritage center, with a display of significant Kansas artifacts. The University of Kansas.
Schedule of commencement events

Friday, May 18

- Noon to 1 p.m.: Nontraditional graduation/scholarship reception. Ecumenical Christian Ministries, 1234 Chestnut Ave.
- 4 to 6 p.m.: School of Business recognition for bachelor’s degree candidates and hooding for master’s degree candidates. Lied Center.
- 6 p.m.: Multicultural graduation banquet. Kansas Room, Kansas Union.
- 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.: School of Pharmacy recognition and hooding. Grafton-Pfeifer Theatre, Murphy Hall. Reception follows, Murphy courtyard.
- 7 p.m.: School of Medicine hooding and awards. Lied Center.
- 7 to 9 p.m.: Division of Biological Sciences recognition of honors, awards and graduating seniors ceremony. 120 Joy Hall.

Saturday, May 19

- 8:30 a.m.: School of journalism and mass communication master’s degree hooding ceremony. Lied Center. Reception follows, lawn of Stauter-Flint Hall.
- 10 a.m.: Recognition ceremony for chancellor’s student awards recipients. Kansas Room, Kansas Union.
- 9 a.m.: School of Allied Health recognition ceremony. Memorial Hall, 600 N. 7th St., Kansas City, Kan.
- 1 p.m.: Department of Health Policy and Management and the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health hooding ceremony in Balfour Auditorium. KU Medical Center.
- 3 to 5 p.m.: Program and reception for graduating seniors who have completed the University Honors Program and for the Olin Scholars. Grafton-Pfeifer Theatre, Murphy Hall.
- 5 to 7 p.m.: School of Education convocation. Lied Center. Tickets at www.soc.edu.
- 7 to 9 p.m.: School of Medicine graduation luncheon for graduates and families. Murphy courtyard, KU Medical Center, Kansas City, Kan.
- 4 p.m.: Graduation School doctoral hooding.

Sunday, May 20

- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.: Memorial Drive closed to traffic. Parking ban begins midnight Saturday.
- 8 a.m.: School of Engineering recognition and awards ceremony. Lied Center.
- 9 to 11 a.m.: Environmental Studies Program graduate recognition and honors reception. 220 Snow Hall.
- 9:30 a.m.: Department of Applied Behavioral Science undergraduate recognition. Woodruff Auditorium, Kansas Union.
- 11 a.m.: All-University Hooding and recognition ceremony. Ticket required. Ballrooms, Kansas Union.
- 11 a.m.: School of Architecture and Urban Planning Commencement hooding and recognition ceremony. Ticket required. Ballrooms, Kansas Union.
- 3:30 to 5 p.m.: Department of Math education celebration, Branch and recognition ceremonies. 120 Snow Hall.
- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.: Speech-Language-Hearing/Intercampus Program in Communicative Disorders undergraduate and graduate recognition ceremony. 110 Dole Hall.
- 10 a.m.: School of Law hooding. Lied Center. Tickets required. Reception follows, Wescos Hall patio.
- 10:15 a.m.: Bachelor of Social Welfare recognition, 120 Budig. Reception follows, Kansas Room, Kansas Union.
- 10:15 a.m.: School of Law hooding. Lied Center. Tickets required. Reception follows, Green Hall.
- 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Class of 2007 Commencement lunch. Chancellor’s residence, 1532 Edice Lane. Program begins at 11:30 a.m.
- 11 a.m. to noon: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recognition for students graduating with distinction and highest distinction, Grafton-Pfeifer Theatre, Murphy Hall.
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: KU Visitor Center open at 1502 Iowa St.
- 11:30 a.m.: School of Architecture and Urban Planning Commencement hooding and recognition ceremony. Ticket required. Ballrooms, Kansas Union.
- Noon to 1:15 p.m.: School of Social Welfare hooding for master’s degree recipients. Lied Center.
- 2 p.m.: Commencement participants assemble on Memorial Drive.
- 2:30 p.m.: Commencement procession begins.

Monday, May 21

- 10 a.m. to noon: Joint Service commissioning ceremony. Kansas Union Ballroom. Reception follows.

Faculty to receive distinguished teaching awards

Six KU faculty members will receive distinguished teaching awards for the 2006-07 academic year during commencement ceremonies May 20. Two other awards will also be presented to recognize teaching excellence.

The Chancellor’s Awards for Outstanding Classroom Teaching are given each year to faculty from the KU Medical Center. This year’s recipients are James Calvert, professor of pharmacology and molecular biology; Gregory Allen Reid, professor of pharmacology and toxicology; and Peter Smith, professor of molecular and integrative physiology.

Jennifer Betinn, assistant professor of political science and women’s studies, will be the recipient of the Ned F. Fleming Trust Award for distinguished teaching, scholarship and service.

Kathryn Conrad, associate professor of English, will receive the Byner Shutz Award. The award, established in 1979 to honor distinguished teaching in economics and business, was modified in 1989 to honor outstanding teachers from any discipline in all schools.

On the Lawrence campus, Brian Donovan, assistant professor of sociology, will receive the Silver Anniversary Award, awarded by the 25-year alumni class.

Byron Caminero-Santangelo, director of the English Language Center, will receive the Louise Byrd Graduate Educator Award.

Conferences will be honored during KU’s doctoral hooding ceremony May 19 at the Lied Center. The award honors faculty members who have demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment to graduate students and graduate education, as well as distinguishing themselves as scholars.

Theresa Milik, a professor at Haskell Indian Nations University, will receive the Crystal Eagle Award. Indigenous nations students graduate students give the award to an individual who shows exceptional leadership and dedication toward helping community members or students within indigenous communities.

The award will be presented to Milik on May 14, at the Center for Indigenous Nations’ Crystal Eagle Banquet. The event is not open to the public.

4,000-plus to take traditional walk down the hill

More than 4,000 members of KU’s Class of 2007 are expected to make the traditional walk down Main Street during KU’s 135th commencement May 20. Graduates will assemble along Memorial Drive at 2 p.m. They will then proceed to the Memorial Stadium at 2:30 p.m.

Chancellor Robert Hemenway will speak during Ernest Schott degrees at 3:30 p.m. Graduates will proceed to Missouri Street and cereal malt beverages on university property is strictly prohibited.

About 6,400 students are candidates for degrees this year. The class includes about 1,280 students who graduate in spring, more than 1,500 who graduate in summer, and more than 800 who completed coursework over summer 2006.

The tradition of a commencement procession began in 1907 when faculty and graduates walked from older Fraser Hall to the then-new Robinson Building, where Woodruff Hall is now located. The commencement procession moved in 1924 when Memorial Stadium opened in honor of World War I veterans, who were invited to take part.

The commencement ceremony will be shown live in Woodruff Auditorium on the fifth floor of the Kansas Union. The broadcast is provided to give everyone who cannot be present the physical conditions in Memorial Stadium with a barrier to their attendance at commencement. Coverage also will be broadcast on campus television station KUJI TV-14 (Channel 21 on Lawrence’s Sunflower Cable).

Sign language interpreters will be available in the bowl of the stadium. Banner information, if available, will be available for people who need special assistance, including people in wheelchairs.

Because of ongoing construction at the football stadium, the spectator area for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Graduate School procession will be smaller than in past years. Commencement information and an up-to-date schedule of events are available online at www.com.

The ceremony will begin at 4:30 p.m. Graduates will assemble on Memorial Drive at 4 p.m. If the weather does not begin to clear in time for a 4:30 p.m. ceremony, a second attempt will be made at 6:30 p.m. Graduates will assemble on Memorial Drive at 6 p.m. If it’s still raining, the ceremony will be postponed until May 21, with the first call set for 1 p.m. and last call for 5:45 p.m. for a 7:30 a.m. for a 4 p.m. procession.

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date. That mandate is growth of research and growth in the size, scope and quality of doctoral pro-
grams at the Lawrence campus.
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time more.
Hill knows how financially, physically and emotionally daunting the thought of going back to school can be, but urged anyone considering enrolling in the Tuition Assistance Program to do it. She even offered a bit of advice:
I would say that persistence is absolutely key. There are days when you won-
der what the heck am I doing? But it’s definitely all worth it.

Engineering to offer new bioscience degrees
In conjunction with the expansion of the biosciences industry near Lawrence and Kansas City, the School of Engineering this fall will offer students the chance to pursue graduate degrees in the cutting-edge field of bioengineering.
These degree programs are something that we’ve been working toward for some time, said Stuart B. Bell, dean of the School of Engineering. We’ve been assembling a strong faculty with expertise in a variety of bioengineering disciplines and developing solid ties with researchers at the KU Medical Center, as well as elsewhere on the Lawrence campus.
Bioengineering is a collaborative approach to engineering, biology and medicine, encompassing research fields such as tissue engineering, nanotechnology, bioinstrumentation and device development. Application programs include diagnosis of cancer, tissue repair and development of devices to help people with spinal cord injuries.
The launch of the doctoral and master of science degree programs in bioengineering, which the Kansas Board of Regents approved in March, will cement the status of KU as a leader in the study of life sciences. In all, nearly 30 faculty members from KU’s Lawrence campus and the KU Medical Center will contribute to bioengineering instruction and research.
Patoule Spencer will join KU as a distinguished professor this fall to direct bioengineering research. A curator’s professor at the University of Turin, University of Kansas City and director of the UMCK Center for Research on Structural and Functional Properties, she is renowned for developing biomaterials to replace lost skeletal or oral tissues. Spencer was the first woman to hold a distinguished professorship at the School of Engineering, and will lead the bioengineering Research Center.

HIGHLIGHTS
KU History: Graduates will walk down the hill past Potter Lake at commencement this month but may not realize it has been home to commencement ceremonies in 1917. Assistant director James Nallsamith organized canoe races and swimming events that became a tradition for decades. For more, visit www.kuhistory.com.

KU Students: The KU Libraries offer a host of services on the Hill Campus, but the most widely used may be the services and materials that are available on library shelves. The Baker Library at the School of Business is one of the most crowded, according to library officials.

KU Financial Aid: The National Alumni Association has raised more than $2 million for scholarships in the last three years. The fund-raising effort is part of a larger campaign to increase philanthropy to the university.

KU Online: The KU Online degree program is one of the university’s most popular and fastest-growing programs. The program offers more than 150 courses and 24 degree programs, as well as specialized certificates.

KU Athletics: The KU men’s soccer team won the Big 12 Conference championship last fall, and the women’s basketball team won the Big 12 Conference title this spring.

KU Community Service: KU has a strong history of community service, with more than 100,000 volunteer hours reported each year. The university’s Community Service Center coordinates volunteer opportunities and supports community organizations.

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Scurto, Baryein receive DuPont grants

Aaron Scurto, assistant professor of petroleum and chemical engineering, and Mishu Baryein, assistant professor of chemistry, have been awarded DuPont Young Professor Grants. Both are researchers at the Center for Environmentally Beneficial Catalysis.

Each recipient will receive $25,000 per year for three years from DuPont. They can also increase the amount of the grants by seeking matching funds from governmental agencies.

Scurto’s research covers topics such as chemo-enzymatic catalysis, nano-scale materials production and processing in supercritical fluids and green/sustainable chemistry.

Baryein’s research areas include molecular dynamics simulations, statistical mechanics, quantum chemistry, biochemical molecules and solutions.

Victor Bailey named distinguished prof

Victor Bailey has been named the Charles W. Bailey Distinguished Professor in Modern British History. The professorship was funded by a $600,000 gift to KU from journalism and education schools.

Stella included on list of ‘Big Thinkers’

Kansadco has named seven industry and policy leaders, including a KU professor, as “Big Thinkers,” individuals whose groundbreaking leadership in bioscience innovation has contributed to bioscience research, commercialization, policy, industry growth and expansion in the state. Big Thinkers are part of the Kansadco strategy to showcase its historical strengths and new innovation in biosciences during the upcoming BIO 2007 in Boston, the world’s largest bioscience convention.

Frederickson earns Budig Professorship

Ted Frederickson, professor of journalism, is the first recipient of the Budig Teaching Professorship of Writing, established by former KU Chancellor Gene Budig.

Frederickson has been a faculty member at KU for 27 years. He teaches in newspapers, reporting, media ethics and First Amendment law.

The professorship, which includes a $5,000 stipend, will rotate every two years between KU

McAllister appointed solicitor general

Stephen McAllister, professor of law, has been appointed to serve as the solicitor general for the state. The solicitor general helps the state’s appellate work and assists local county and district attorneys.

McAllister was dean of the KU law school from 2000 to 2005. He also worked in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Staples, Donovan to edit official journal

Bill Staples, professor and chair of the Department of Sociology, and Brian Donovan, associate professor of sociology, have been named the next editors of the Sociological Quarterly, the official organ of the Midwest Sociological Society. They will begin their four-year term as co-editors in spring 2008. Since 1960, the Sociological Quarterly has been one of the leading general journals in the field and is currently ranked in the top 25 in academic citations.

Page receives ‘Voice of Inclusion’ award

Robert Page Jr., director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, recently received the Voice of Inclusion Medal from College Student Educators International. The award recognizes individuals and exemplary campus-based programs in the field of higher education and student affairs who have contributed to making their campus communities a welcoming environment for all.

Correction to employee honors

In the April 23 Oread, the following employees were inadvertently listed as being recognized for 40 years of service, instead of 45: Beverly Boyd, English; Lelan Capps, curriculum and teaching, and Fred McElhiney, student housing.

Payroll deduction for parking now available

Payroll deduction for 2007-08 faculty/staff parking permits is now available through the Kpsy portal. Regular faculty and staff members with a 50 or greater appointment are eligible to participate in payroll deduction for parking permits. Employees of affiliated corporations should contact their payroll office with questions.

In addition, there is no limit at this time for participation in payroll deduction for parking permits in person beginning July 23.

Faculty required to do student evaluations

Mary Lee Hammont, vice provost for faculty support, has sent a reminder to faculty that university policy requires that teaching faculty be rated each semester by students in all courses with more than 5 students.

University policy also requires that the forms be administered and collected under controlled conditions that ensure students’ anonymity.

University departments are being asked to update their entries in the administrative offices section, or “white pages,” of the 2007-08 KU directory by June 1. Department representatives should review relevant sections of the 2006-07 directory and note all references to their department.

Representatives should photocopy all relevant pages and mark updates in red ink. As necessary, add names, office numbers and extension numbers of staff members and chief administrative assistant.

Name, phone number and e-mail of the department representative should be included on the pages and sent by campus mail to Rapport at University Relations by 5 p.m. June 1. For more information, contact Rapport at 864-8065 or support@ku.edu.

IN MEMORY

Douglas Luther Miller

Douglas Luther Miller, 58, died April 18. He worked for the KU computer center until he retired in 2003. Survivors include his wife and a daughter. The family suggests memorials to the KU Medical Center Foundation, 1219 Wescoe Bldg., Lawrence, KS 66045.

Robert O. Lewis

Robert O. Lewis, 84, died April 22. He retired from KU’s Office of University Relations in 1998 after nine years as a video producer. He is survived by his wife, 10 children, 24 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to the KU Medical Center Foundation, 1219 Wescoe Bldg., Lawrence 66049, or Endota nursing center, 1415 Maple, Elders 66074.

Robert L. Warters

Robert L. Warters, 59, died March 29. He worked for KU for more than 34 years. He was manager of research facilities for the KU Center for Research before he retired. Survivors include his wife and three sons. The family suggests memorials to the KU Athletics Center, 1415 Maple, Lawrence 66045.

Robert M. Brooks

Robert M. Brooks, 77, died April 28. He was an advocate for computer KU for five years. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, and three grandchildren. The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Legion Disabled Veterans Pool 34, in care of the KU Medical Center.

Maureen Kaye Miller

Maureen Kaye Miller, 65, died May 1. Miller was a production designer for the KU English Theatre from 1989 to 2007. Survivors include a daughter, and two grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to the Maureen Kaye Miller Trust, for care of her daughter, in care of Robert Bierande, trustees, 33419 W. 260th, Terrace, Paola 66088.

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