KU plays role in film about sea creatures

It’s well known that dinosaurs ruled the land many millions of years ago. But many people are acquainted with the enormous reptiles, toothy fish and sharks that dominated the inland seas that covered what now is Kansas.

At KU and across the nation, these fierce underwater creatures are reemerging as popular film and television characters thanks to the National Geographic Society film with ties to KU and Kansas.

"Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure" weaves together a marine fossil mystery with breathtakingly animated sequences that bring Kansas’ ancient marine animals to life. The 3-D film premiered at IMAX, REAL-D and other specialist theaters nationwide Oct. 5.

Larry Martin, professor and curator of vertebrate paleontology at the Natural History Museum, consulted with filmmakers on aspects of the animation.

"Kansas is the ideal place to base a film about the prehistoric creatures that lived in the inland seas during the time of dinosaurs," Martin said. "The state has one of the richest fossil records from the Cretaceous era, which spanned from about 140 million to 65 million years ago."

The film follows a family of Dicichthyostega, known informally as "Dollars," as they encounter marine animals such as Platypteryx, which swallowed their prey whole like sauries; the long-necked pleurodon, Styracosaurus; and the enormous Tylotosaurus.

The film also spotlights the discovery of Hesperornis, a prehistoric swimming bird with teeth.

Martin studied early versions of the animated sequences of Hesperornis and lent the film’s producers his expertise to make the sequences true to the way the creature likely moved. He has also served as a consultant for the Sea Monsters series.

Programs bring in millions to expand education to Kansans

$91.5 million—that’s how much external funding KU’s Educational Opportunity Programs have brought in from the federal government since 1983. And more importantly, the programs have spread out to serve thousands of people in northeast Kansas.

An additional $65 million was recently awarded to six programs: Upward Bound, GEAR UP, Upward Bound Math/Science, Veterans Upward Bound, Educational Opportunity Centers and McNair Scholars. The funding for some of the programs extends into 2013. This will make a total of $96 million received since 1983.

KU’s Educational Opportunity Programs help disadvantaged students begin and complete post-secondary education, are federally funded and are part of the School of See EQUAL, Page 6

Pharmchem inks deals with KU:
The new KU/Pharmchem Research Center has inked a new agreement with traditional partners like Boehringer Ingelheim—a new partnership that will help the center make such deals with other companies.

"We’re excited to be working with KU, which offers a variety of programs that complement our own," said Michael W. Poole, general manager of Boehringer Ingelheim’s Neustadt facility. "We’ll continue to work with KU in the future as well.

"It’s important for us to have a strong presence in this region, and KU is a great partner for that."
SICKENING SLAVERY: In his new book, "Epidemics and Enslave ment," Paul Kelton, associate professor of history, examines the relationship between the Indian slave trade and the spread of old world diseases in the United States. Kelton concludes that natives had their most significant experience with diseases years long after initial contacts and attributes the first region-wide epidemic of smallpox to the Indian slave trade.

LEVEL WORKS

LINING UP, KU Media Productions, part of KU Memorial Unions, helps the university beyond campus by producing audio and video programs, video conferencing and Web streaming. The unit’s Web site: www.union.ku.edu/ mp.shtml, has samples of productions made for various KU offices and information on video conferencing and other services.

HEADLINERS

SPECIAL READING ASSIGNMENT: Donald Oshler, professor of special education and director of the Center for Research on Learning, was quoted recently in a through Post-Gazette article about addressing reading poorly. "We have some kids who are reading reasonably well in the younger grades — kindergarten, 1, 2, 3 and 4," he said. "I know through well-designed, high-quality instruction, the vast majority of kids can be very good learners and good readers."

NATURAL FAITH: The work of Daniel Bates, professor of psychology, is featured in a new Science article about the origins of faith in humans. He studied two categories of religiously intrinsic and extrinsic. "He found a broad correlation between intrinsic religious beliefs and compassion or reduced prejudice. By contrast, extrinsic religiosity is linked to increased prejudice — people in this group tend to be less helpful to others, and when they do act help, it is only for people they see as the "right sort," the article states.

CAMPUS ROUNDUP

EDWARDS CAMPUS: The Edwards Campus launched a new recruitment campaign this month in partnership with Johnson County Community College. StartFinish specifically targets adult students in Johnson County, promoting that degree seekers can earn an associate degree at JCCC and then transition to Edwards Campus for a bachelor's degree.

KU HOSPITAL: The KU Hospital will offer free flu shots during its 15th annual Drive-Thru Flu Shot event from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 10 at 38th and Rainbow Boulevard in Kansas City, Kan. No appointment is necessary. KU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE-WICHITA: Doren Frodickson, interim chair and professor of preventive medicine, received the Excellence in Public Health Teaching "Gold Apple" award for achievements and contributions to public health and the department. Elizabeth Alshah, assistant professor of preventive medicine received the Kansas Health Foundation Excellence in Public Health Teaching Award for her work as an instructor and mentor.

GOVERNANCE MATTERS

PROMOTION AND TENURE: Chancellor Robert Hemenway recently approved new promotion and tenure standards and procedures. The provisions, which were developed by a faculty Senate Task Force and passed by the faculty Senate last May, incorporate many significant changes designed to improve the process. Many of the changes can and will be implemented this year, while the implementation of others will be deferred until next year. Among the changes to be implemented this year are several that will increase the transparency of the process for candidates. First, at each level of review, candidates will receive a summary evaluation of their record, including the recommendations of the committee and chair or dean; the ratings of teaching, scholarship, and service; and the reasons for the recommendation and ratings. Second, candidates will have an opportunity to submit a written response to negative recommendations and low evaluations that will be included in the record evaluated at the next level of review. Third, candidates will have an opportunity to see and participate in and respond to any request for information or "check back" from a school or college committee or from the University Committee on Promotion and Tenure.

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BOOKSHELF

CAMPUS CLOSEUP

Maurice L. Bryan Jr.
Associate vice provost for diversity and equity

Job duties: I am responsible for the coordination, communication and clarification of the University of Kansas’ commitment to diversity and equity in its faculty, staff, students and educational programs.

What have you found to be effective ways of recruiting a diverse faculty and staff?
I have found the recruitment of nontraditional sources of candidates (e.g., visiting lecturers, persons in industry or government, relationships with institutions with populations that could positively impact our profile of under-represented faculty and staff).

What is your most recent professional accomplishment?
I developed a practice of proactive shaping of the pool rather than a passive reception of who comes into the pool.

How would you rate the effectiveness of the pool?
Broad position descriptions that would allow and facilitate a creative shaping of the pool.

Recruiting a diverse workforce is very much about "job and retention is another. How do you keep under-represented faculty and staff here once they’re started?"
People want to be valued as persons not just as a category. Retention is a product of genuine openness to voices that ring differently than our own, to ideas and perspectives that challenge the status quo, to an environment that appreciates, supports and rewards individuals who bring something new and different to the table. When we do this well and build an engaged community that values, values, values in all its practices as well as its rhetoric, people will want to stay and continue to be a part of that project...

You have a long history with KU, having previously served eight years as the director of equal opportunity. What prompted you to come back to KU?
The primary reason I left KU was to be provost at my alma mater, Ottawa University. I felt called to give back to an institution that had given me so much in my life. Leaving Ottawa University enabled me to work on a project that was extremely important to me — the completion of my doctorate in American studies. It did not take long after I began my doctorate in 1989 to 1990s for me to develop a deep affection for the people, the place and the potential of KU. I felt privileged to be associated with such a place, and wanted to make my small contribution to facilitate KU’s journey from an organization with pockets of excellence to a fully stitched, organizational quilt of excellence.

SNAPSHOTs

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

1. Sherry Eek University Relations KU faculty and staff from various departments are among the artists featured in the KPR "Inner Art" show. The exhibit is on display at the University Union's author through December. Featuring student's art, the show is presented in Kansas City, Mo.

2. Students at Fort Scott Community College were among the winners in the 1999 Kansas State High School Art Festival. The students were honored at the State Capitol in Topeka.

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Gift secures natural classroom for KU

Land to be used for research, teaching

When developments spread into nearby rural areas, human influence can have a negative impact on nearby wildlife and plant habitats. A Lawrence couple, Robert McColl and Suzanne Ecke McColl, and other donors are enacting that one parcel of land—a 10-acre plot that is located west of the existing Lawrence campus—will be protected from further development.

This land forms a natural barrier between the 10-acre Rockstedt farm, which is part of the KU Field Station & Ecological Reserve, and possible future development.

The McColls gave $170,000 to KU, which will help purchase 160 acres of rural land, which will be known as the Susanne Ecke McColl Nature Reserve, for KU. Robert McColl retired as chair of the city’s ecology department in 2002. He noted his wife’s interest in nature’s preservation, as well as in the Lawrence and KU communities.

“She has a strong commitment to Lawrence and I thought this would be a good way to do our thing and leave a lasting mark for all the things she’s done for Lawrence,” McColl said. “The basic idea was that we would leave something that would be a park from both our children and us to the community.”

Berry Clemens, communications coordinator for the Kansas Biological Survey, said the buffer ground is important in preserving the species diversity in the area, which is home to a variety of prairie, which never has been preserved.

“It’s the same kind of prairie that was here 150 years ago,” Clemens said, noting that more than 200 plant species exist, including two locally rare species that are protected on the grow in the prairie.

The nature reserve also protects KU’s 940-acre Flint National Natural History Reservation, which has been designated the past 60 years KU uses the area for research and teaching.

“The McColls’ generous gift has paved the way for establishment of a new area to support exploring ecological research and teaching programs,” Clemens said.

Suzanne Ecke McColl stands among the native grass in a parcel of land she helped purchase and donate to KU Endowment. The Suzanne Ecke McColl Nature Reserve will be part of the university’s already protected and preserved from potential development.

KUDOS

Charles L. Tanselle, professor emeritus of Latin American history, participated in a lecture series Sept. 7-26 on contemporary Latin American politics during the U.S.-led invasion of South America sponsored by the partners of the Americas of Washington, D.C.

Jane Zhao, assistant professor of management, gave a presentation titled “From Wenchuan to China to Design: A Case Study.” Innovative Capability Development in the Chinese Auto Industry” in the Department of Fashion at Xi’an Jiaotong-Liverpool University in Suzhou, China.


Jim Bazendale, director of technology transfer and intellectual property development and research, and graduate students, will co-chair the symposium on the recent 2008 Central Region Meeting of the Association of University Technology Managers July 14-16 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. More than 360 universities, research associations, teaching hospitals and government agencies are members of the association, along with organizations managing and licensing developments based on academic research.

Les Mitccher, University Distinguished Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy received the National Farmorsash University Research Achievement Award of the American Society of Pharmacognosy during its 4th annual meeting July 14-16 in Portland, Maine. Mitccher was given the award for his continued contributions and achievements in pharmacognosy. He also was inducted into the American Chemical Society Division of Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy.

Toms Pirinssinoz, associate professor of medicinal chemistry, received the 2006 JAK L. Bliss Award. The award recognizes outstanding papers published in the Journal of Natural Products. This is the 5th annual meeting of the American Society of Pharmacogony July 14-16 in Portland, Maine.
22 Monday  
Public event, 2012 Spring Student Registration. 8:15 a.m. Kansas Union. Sponsored by Office of Admissions and Scholarships.  Call 864-4566.
British Seminar, Jamestown Revival. 5 p.m. Pollak Theatre. Partial admission. 11:30 a.m. Weesock Hall. Free. Sponsored by Center for Music and Dance.  Call 864-4791.
23 Tuesday  
Security Awareness Workshop, 12:30 p.m. Burge Union. Sponsor for the Humanities. Call 864-9003.
Ohsawa Institute, Recovering a Lost Kansas Landscape. Lucinda Benitez, Eliezer Benitez, Richard Regnier, Kansas Union. 9:30 a.m. Kansas State Historical Society Park. Sponsored by Continuing Education.  Call 864-4648.
president, Public event, Politics from the Inside study group with Julie Wisniewski. 4 p.m. Dole Institute of Politics. Free. Sponsored by Dole Institute of Politics. Call 864-4904.
Lecture, Asian Perspectives on Global Warming and Climate Change: Confucius, Confucianism, and Western Gore. 8:30 p.m. Dole Institute of Politics. Free. Sponsored by Dole Institute of Politics. Call 864-4904.
Other Institute Seminar, University of Kansas Alumni Association: Encountering Extraterrestrials. Michael Mishack, Continuing Education, 1515 St. Andrews Center for Continuing Education.  Call 864-4648.
Kansa City Symphony. 7 p.m. Regnier Hall auditorium, Edwards Campus. 5600 Delano Road, Overland Park. Free. Sponsored by Kansas African Studies Center. Call 864-3476.
Lecture, Bright Eyes, 7:30 p.m. McCook Auditorium, Kansas Union.  Free, sponsored by Student Union Activities. Call 864-3476.
Music, Jazz Combo, 7:30 p.m. McCook Auditorium, Kansas Union.  Free, sponsored by Department of Music and Dance. Call 864-3430.
Film, Ingledew (Days of Glory). Dole Institute of Politics. 1:15 p.m. Dole Institute of Politics. Free. Sponsored by Dole Institute of Politics. Call 864-3430.
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Other Institute Seminar, Partners for Indo-European/India? The Politics of English, David Dinneen. 2 p.m. Continuing Education, 1515 St. Andrews Dr. Sponsored by Continuing Education. Call 864-3430.
Workshop, Dole Institute of Politics. 3 p.m. Dole Institute of Politics. Free. Sponsored by Dole Institute of Politics. Call 864-3430.
Other event, Urban Planning and Urban Sustainability. 3 p.m. Kansas Union. Free. Sponsored by Continuing Education. Call 864-5169.
Other event, 3 p.m. Lobby, Kansas Union. Free. Sponsored by Continuing Education. Call 864-5169.
Government, Faculty Senate meeting. 3:30 p.m. 203 Green Hall. Free. Sponsored by University Communications. Call 864-5169.
Lecture, Sociology Colloquium Series. Free. Sponsored by Center for Seawater and Precipitation of 100, 4 p.m. 103 Lindsey Hall. Free. Sponsored by Department of Geography. Call 864-4974.
Public event, Harlem Calling. 5 p.m. Altman Auditorium, Kansas Union. Free. Sponsored by Department of Art History and Fine Art. Call 864-3430.
24 Wednesday  
Workshop, Blackboard Strategies and Tools. 9 a.m. 6th Floor, Kansas Union. Free. Sponsored by Instructional Services. Call 864-3430.
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Calendar title: Manager, University Advancement
What that means: Mason is the office liaison for the professional staff of the undergraduate students who are interested in involvement in the arts and humanities and exercise sciences, physics, and humanities.
Notable: Since 1993, Mason has served as a courtesy lecturer in humanities and works with students who receive honors college and honors discussion session.

ShauLon Warren, Library's NOV LTR
Calendar title: Liaison, Department of Humanities
What that means: Warren is the liaison for humanities.
Notable: Warren has been the humanities liaison for the past 20 years.

Michael Warren, Unclassified employee
Calendar title: Typist, Department of Mathematics
What that means: Warren is a typist who provides administrative support.
Notable: Warren has been with the department for more than 20 years.

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Competitive. Only 50 percent of the applications received for the program were funded for 2007.

This year an applicant with a VPI grant had to receive 98 percent of their cooperative grant application to receive funding.

Robert Rodriguez, director of the McNair Scholars program, emphasized that the TRO program is nothing but the impact that the McNair has made on our students.

In the current political climate, federal funding for TRO Programs such as the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is far from secure. I am so pleased that we have an opportunity to continue to serve current and future McNair scholars at the University of Kansas. Since the program's inception at KU in 1992, three McNair Scholars have earned doctorates, while several dozens have earned master's degrees and medical degrees. Our $3,084,000 grant award ensures the continuation of the program over the next four years," he said.

Bailey lauded the staff who made the program possible.

"I continue to stand in awe of the great work that Ngoindi and his colleagues do for kids and families after proposals are funded. And he and the team seem to be without peer in being able to concepualize and write winning proposals," Bailey said.

It is not only Kamutaka's collaboration with his leadership. He was recently elected president of the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel. The association represents professionals from colleges, universities and agencies that host federally funded TRIO educational opportunity programs in 10 states in the Midwest.

"My election is a recognition by my colleagues of the role our TRIO programs play on the national level," said Kamutaka.

Kamutaka has been asked by the University of Kansas to chair the Committee on International Access, working closely with the European Access Network, Francophone Africa Network, and NASIA. The committee promotes international education. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the University of Kansas does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity in its programs and activities. Inquiries may be directed to the University's Title IX coordinator, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, the University of Kansas, 1460 Jayhawk Boulevard, Lawrence, KS 66045-7564, 785-864-3956, fax 785-864-3950, or the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202-4600, 1-800-411-9222 (TDD), 1-800-514-0293 (English), or 1-800-514-3808 (Spanish).
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Sittapalam joins Cancer Center

Stella Sittapalam has been appointed deputy director of the University of Kansas Cancer Center’s Office of Translational Development. As deputy director, Sittapalam will direct the Center’s drive to secure designation as a Comprehensive Cancer Center from the National Cancer Institute. He will also assist with drug discovery, develop strategic plans and implement projects, and work to advance drug candidates from discovery to development.

Sittapalam has more than 24 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry. In 1984, he joined Eli Lilly and Company, a leading international pharmaceutical manufacturer, where he became the head of its Lead Optimization Biology Laboratory and established a new cell technology group.

Rockhill awarded named professorship

Dan Rockhill, professor of architecture and urban planning, has been appointed the E.L. Constant Distinguished Professor of Architecture. The endowed professorship was created by the late E.L. “Tommy” Constant, who owned Constant Construction Co. and Kansas Construction Co. His companies built the Memorial Coliseum and Blake Hall. He was a member of the Board of Trustees from 1957 until his death in 1973.

Rockhill has garnered international acclaim for his work with Studio 804 and Rockhill and Associates. Studio 804 is a design studio in KU’s School of Architecture and Urban Planning, in which students design and build innovative modular housing. Rockhill and Associates is the partnership between Rockhill and Lawrence architect David Sain.

Hallways elected to international board

Nancy Rutherford Hawkins, media supervisor for the Thomas Corbin Music and Dance Library, was elected chair of the board for the Foundations of Music Philanthropy International Professional Music Fraternity during its annual meeting in August in Sacramento, Calif. Hawkins was initiated as a member during her undergraduate years and served as her college’s chapter president and district director and has been two-elected president of the Lawrence Alumni Chapter. Hawkins will serve as chair of the board during the organization’s international convention next summer in Jacksonville, Fla., and through 2009.

Hawkins received a bachelor’s in music education and performed with the Kansas State University and continued graduate study in organ with James Mooser at KU. She earned a master’s degree in journalism from KU with an emphasis on music criticism.

Sethi, Hardy, KJHK make ‘best of’ list

KU was mentioned several times on the Pitch’s “Best of Kansas City” list released in early October.

Facilities Operations adds one to staff

Roger Morgan has joined Facilities Operations as assistant director for human resources. He brings more than 20 years of experience in human resource management, most recently as the human resource manager for Hydro Aluminum-Reddick near Orlando, Fla.

Sailor wins award for family work

Wayne Sailor, associate director for Adult and Family Programs in the Center for Disability and Professor of special education, has won an award for his work to improve quality of life for children with intellectual disabilities and their families.

The Arc of the United States presented Sailor with its 2007 Distinguished Research Award at its 56th annual convention, held Oct. 11-13 in Dallas. The Arc of the United States is the world’s largest community-based organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In memory

James Arley Cover

James Arley Cover, 79, died Sept. 8. Cover was director of alumni relations at the KU Medical Center. He is survived by his son, daughter; brother and companion, Sally Beard.

Tureilda H. Hoffer

Tureilda H. Hoffer, 82, died Sept. 29. Hoffer was head nurse in the obstetrics and gynecology inpatient services at KU Medical Center. Survivors include her husband, John G. Hoffer; two children; and six grandchildren.

Hortense Oldfather

Hortense Oldfather, 88, died Oct. 2. Oldfather was the wife of Charles Oldfather Jr., a former faculty member at the School of Law. The Oldfathers donated millions of dollars to KU, helping, among other things, to establish Oldfather Studies, where the film department is located. Survivors include six children, 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The family requests memorial donations to the Douglas County Community Foundation or to the charity of your choice.

Mildred Jolly

Mildred Jolly, 87, died Oct. 5. Jolly was an office manager at the Bureau of Child Research Services. Survivors include two daughters, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Jolly was a long-time member of First Christian Church, in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 942, Parsons, KS 67357.