It’s not uncommon for today’s college student to graduate with a diploma in one hand and a tab for enormous debt in the other. To help students avoid starting their professional lives behind the financial eight ball, KU has formed a financial literacy task force that will help students become more savvy with money, from managing debt to balancing a checkbook.

The task force, which was formed by the Office of Student Financial Aid but will include representatives from across the university, held its first meeting last month. Its top goal: increase the financial literacy of KU students so they not only can avoid unmanageable debt but learn vital life skills as well.

The task force will continue to meet throughout the academic year and in the spring will present a set of proposals on how it wants to achieve its goals.

Reena Maigard, director of Student Financial Aid, said her office is often the first stop for students who are struggling financially. That alone was enough impetus to form the task force. She said the task force will conduct research throughout the year on the best ways to reach students with vital financial lessons. They will also work to connect students with existing KU and community resources that can help.

The group will help students understand how to finance their education, manage and repay loans, supplement income through methods such as work study; the importance of saving and responsible use of credit cards, basic financial skills such as shopping for insurance and making car payments; and more-long-term topics such as investing and planning for retirement will all be part of the offerings.

Several resources already exist to help students financially. The School of Business offers personal finance classes and some student groups, such as the KU Finance Club, help educate students every year. The Financial Literacy Task Force will explore ways to work with all departments on campus to help make students aware of such resources. The task force will also work with

David Biller, Paula graduate student, reads a copy of the Wall Street Journal. An accounting major, Biller keeps an eye on the financial world. An e-mail task force has been formed at KU to help improve students’ financial literacy from balancing a checkbook to using credit responsibly and planning their education.

Susan Twombly, professor of educational leadership and policy studies, to assess what the average student knows and needs to know about finances to help tailor the offerings.

Although students stand to gain from the task force’s work, KU will also potentially see dividends. Stephanie Covington, associate director of Student Financial Aid, said scores of students drop out every year because of financial problems. Through financial literacy, students can learn to use credit wisely and avoid financial trouble, enhancing their success at KU.

The task force will also explore the best ways to reach students, including an expansive online tool for students. The Office of Student Financial Aid has a head start, offering a financial literacy link complete with budget worksheets, financial counseling information and more on its Web site, www.financialaid.ku.edu.

**$20M grant to fight disease puts KU on leading edge**

Thanks to a new six-year, $20.2 million research award from the National Institutes of Health, KU is joining a high-level network of institutions in the search for molecules that can fight disease and advance human health.

The grant is the largest federal research award ever made in Kansas. It will establish a Specialized Chemistry Center on KU’s west campus in Lawrence for a research team led by Jeff Aube, professor of medicinal chemistry.

“Why make me excited about this is it puts KU right in the middle of some of the most forward-thinking biomedical research in the country,” Aube said.

The award to KU is part of a new NIH Molecular Libraries Program. See CHEMISTRY, page 6.

**Law lands in ‘hands on’ top 10**

KU’s School of Law ranks 18th in the nation for the number of hands-on educational opportunities available to its students, according to the September issue of National Jurist Magazine.

Using data from the 2008 edition of the “Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools,” the magazine ranked law schools offering the most clinical opportunities.

KU’s School of Law offers spots in clinical courses to 35.7 percent of its full-time students each year. However, with 11 clinics and externships to choose from, all law students who wish to enroll in one of the school’s programs are able to do so at least once.

“The ranking recognizes the diversity of clinical offerings available at KU,” said David Gottlieb, associate dean for clinical programs and professor of law.
HEADLINES

RAINBOW ON THE AIR: Kansas Public Radio’s “Morning Edition” aired a feature on “Under the Rainbow: Oral Histories of GLBTIQ People in Kansas” on Aug. 21. The project, led by Tami Albin, undergraduate instruction and outreach librarian at the University Libraries, explores the experiences of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer Kansans. Albin said she started the project because she realized there was a gap of GLBTIQ people outside of Kansas referring to the Midwest as an isolated and lonely location for GLBTIQ people.

RUNNING OF THE LIZARDS: Joseph Collins, adjunct herpetologist for the Kansas Biological Survey, was quoted in a Christian Science Monitor article about the “Running of the Lizards.” The Topeka event collects and counts Italian wall lizards. “Those who have done it before know what has to be done to catch these lizards,” Collins said. “Those who haven’t learned just how fast little lizards can be. They really take to hide under the air conditioners at Kentucky Fried Chicken. It’s their natural habitat.”

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

SNAPSHOTS

KU was featured in a pair of national news stories recently: Forbes’ “100 ‘Most Powerful Women,’” list, which featured KU grad Shilpa Rani No. 2; Centre for Wellness No. 5; and Lindsy Z. Cook, No. 43. The latest issue of WVFW magazine featured several student-veterans on the cover and an article about process of the new GBIEP and promoting student-veteran rights.

KU Student Union Activities is hosting its second carnival for KU students, staff and faculty from 4 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 27 in the parking lot of the Ambler Student Recreation Fitness Center. Rides, games and carnival food will be available to anyone with a KUDS. Scenes of people turned out for last year’s carnival, above.

Tim Van Leer is an executive director of the Lied Center of Kansas. The center brings in eclectic mix of performers to campus and explores innovative ways to reach new audiences and enhance the educational mission of KU. He also provided a vision statement that guides our initiatives, “to make the arts accessible to the people of Kansas.” In our community, we offer a broad range of educational activities for K-12 students, for arts and nonarts students at KU and for the community.

We offer free, school-only performances for students in USD 497, workshops for USD 497 teachers to develop methods that integrate the arts in their classroom curriculum, workshop training for local artists to develop their abilities to teach their craft to students, a number of engagement opportunities for direct conversation between KU students and visiting artists; master classes with KU music and dance students; and pre-performance and post-performance discussions to help audiences gain a better understanding of artists. We also provide more than 3,000 free tickets each year to schools and civic organizations in Douglas County and throughout the state to make it possible for students and adults to attend performances at the Lied Center. These opportunities allow individual to enjoy artists and events to which they might not otherwise be exposed.

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Two professors from KU and two from Kansas State University have received the Higuchi-KU Endowment Research Achievement Awards for 2008. The awards, established in 2006, honor outstanding accomplishments in research and education by KU and K-State and other Kansas Board of Regents institutions.

The prestigious recognition program was established by Takeki Higuchi, a distinguished professor at KU from 1967 to 1985, and his late widow, Aya.

Four individual awards are given annually. They are named for former leaders of KU Endowment who played key roles in recruiting Higuchi to KU. The income from the endowment helps enhance university research throughout the state.

Each award includes a plaque and a $10,000 grant for on-going research.

KU and affiliate employees are now eligible to purchase long-term care insurance. A series of upcoming seminars will help individuals learn more about the various policies and how they can help them and their families.

In other news, KU has announced the Kansas Partnership for Long-Term Care. The partnership seeks to qualify privately purchased long-term care policies for the Federal asset protection if individuals need to apply for Medicaid. Long-term care policies that are inadequate or non-existent if an individual requires medical or personal assistance during the covered period of time, whether it is assistance to stay in the home or care in a hospital or nursing facility.

The insurance, which differs from life insurance, is available to KU employees through the KU Teachers and Educators Association. Shari Mohr, annual giving special programs coordinator with KU Endowment and KU T.E.A. president, said the insurance is open to employees up to age 84.

“A whole new way of thinking about providing care when people are no longer able to care for themselves,” Mohr said. “At the rate the population is aging, Medicaid and state budgets aren’t going to be able to keep up, this is a way for people to plan ahead.”

KU T.E.A. members interested in learning more about the insurance. Presenters will include Cindy Gerber, vice president for Bioscience and Public Affairs Division of the Kansas City Life Insurance Company, Winnieks, CEO of Legacy Insurance, and Bret Boeger of the Robert E. Miller Insurance Agency. The sessions are set for 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Oct. 21 at the McCook Room, Kansas Union; and 11 a.m. to noon and 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at the McCook Room, Bierce Library. Anyone who wants to attend should RSVP by calling Legacy Insurance at 1-866-386-3988 ext. 101 by Oct. 19. Winnieks will be available for individual sessions on Oct. 22 and 23. Call the above number to schedule an appointment. For more information, visit www.katea.org.

Marking a significant milestone, the regional collabora- tion and meeting criteria set forth in the Time To Get It Right report, regional hospitals and research institutions joined recently to form a char- ter creating the Midwest Cancer Alliance Partners Advisory Board.

Initial board members are: Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City; Medical College of Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo.; Kansas University’s Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research, Saint Luke’s Health System, Kansas City; Regions HealthCare; Stowers Institute for Medical Research, KU Medical Center; Truman Medical Center; KU Medical Center; and YWCHS Health System.

The alliance, known as MCA Partnership Board, advances the pursuit of National Cancer Institute designee. It aims to ensure the greater demonstration of a collaborative model that will move us closer to our goal of achieving NCI designation for this region and improve the health of our community.

In addition to signing the charter, the MCA Partners Advisory Board held an open meeting following the signing cer- emony and passed a resolution in support of the Johnson County Health and Research Institute, Research Triangle. In addition to expanding programs on K- State’s Olathe Innovation campus and KU’s Edwards campus, the initiative would also create a clinical and trans- lational research center, allow- ing the region to expand its Phase I clinical trials program.

The MCA Partners Advisory Board will help with strategic planning toward achieving NCI designation. It will also provide input on research programs to leverage unique regional strengths toward cancer discovery and development.

A major goal of this research and research institutions play an important role and are signifi- cant elements in the region’s life sciences and cancer effort,” said former Lt. Gov. Gary Shriver, chair of the MCA Partners Advisory Board. “As members of the National Cancer Institute, we should be commended for recognizing the importance of collaboration and we should continue to think of ways to do for people battling cancer in this region.”

The board will file in an advisory capacity to the governor. The group’s ability to provide information to the public will be the basis for the group’s relationship with the public.

Elaine Gerbert, associate pro- fessor of Japanese literature, presented a paper, “The Humorous, the Bizarre and the Grotesque in Shinseinen Magazine.” At the 2007 Annual Meeting of the International Society for Humor Studies held in July at the Universidad de Alcalá in Alcalá de Henares.

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Profs earn Higuchi research awards

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Sergi Shandarin, professor of physics at the University of Georgia, attended an international conference held in Spain in July in 15-Aug. 4. There, he worked on a research project related to the structure of matter, which was presented as a discussion session titled “Reality of Matter Caustics.” Additionally, Shandarin visited the Institut d’Astrophysique de Paris, July 15-Aug. 4. There, he worked on a research project related to the structure of matter, which was presented as a discussion session titled “Reality of Matter Caustics.”

Maria Velasco, assistant profes- sor of art, is presenting her edible mixture called “ItIsn’tYou” at the Four Corners Projects from Sculpture Space exhibit. An opening reception for the exhibit will be held in Project Art Space at Project Space in New York City. The exhibit is presented by the organization for the Arts and Science Sculpture.

The artwork shown is in the form of edible poems served on trays. Velasco was selected along with seven other artists from across the United States to be part of the exhibition’s fall.

Nikhil Ghose, social sciences librarian for Chemistry, global indigenous nations, studies and religious studies, presented her poster titled “If Your Library Too: Reach Out to Diverse Populations” at the American Library Association’s annual conference June 30 in Anaheim, Calif.

Frances Devin, director for reference services, and John Stratton, director for digital acquisitions, presented a session, “No Two Directions Are Ever the Same: Transforming Reference Services,” at the Library Association of Washington, Aug. 4-7 at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Bill Faris, assistant director of information technology, pre- sented “Cellular VoIP and WiFi - Is it For You?” at the Association for Information Communications Technology Professionals in Higher Education annual conference July 14 in Las Vegas. The presentation is available from www.acuta.org/home.flm.

Lissa Lord, reference librarian at the Regents Center Library on the Edwards campus, presented “The Tao of Scholarly Research on the Internet; Presented Paper: ‘Find Common Ground: Various Approaches to Building Digital Literacy’ from the Summer Institute of Distance Learning and Instructional Technology held July 31 at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park.

Regents Center Library Director Lyn Wolz’s “Bibliophile” column was recently published in the “The Storytelling Encyclopaedia.”

Brian Rosenbaum, scholarly digital collections librarian, pre- sented “Developing New Skills and Expertise to Support Digital Scholarship and Scholarly Communication” at the 74th International Federation of Library Associations World Library and Information Congress held at 13 in Quebec City, Canada.

Deborah Ludwig, assistant dean of KU Libraries, and Stephanie Williams, assistant professor of Kenneth Spencer Research Library, presented “Find Common Ground: Various Approaches to Building Digital Literacy” from the Summer Institute of Distance Learning and Instructional Technology held July 31 at Johnstown County Community College in Overland Park.

Vann Kelly, associate professor and chair of the Department of French and Italian, participated in the “Summer Research Workshop: Vichy and Holocaust in France Since 1980” at the United States Holocaust Memorial, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, held July 7-19 in Washington, D.C. Kelly presented a paper titled “Jorge Semprun’s Writings of Buchenwald: Social Text, Freudian Text, Kantian Text?” and co-presented the synopsis of the workshop’s conclusions to the participants in the colloquium.


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The following faculty and staff members volunteered to staff the university booth at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Volunteers presented visitors with KU goodie bags and answered questions about KU’s mission and service to Kansas. Now this year was a fair blog at http://statefairblogs.ku.edu/. Phil Wolfe, director, was on duty at Kansas Public Radio, coordinated this year’s volunteer efforts.

Anita Abel, Research and Graduate Studies Librarian, Olathe, Kansas State Library, Student Health Services; Nici Bamann, KANU Radio; Kevin Boatright, Research and Graduate Studies; Douglass Bradham, KU School of Medicine-Wichita; pregraduate medicine; Maurice Bryan, associate assistant professor, Research and Graduate Studies; Allison Cartagena-Borga, psychology; LaVonda Caib, KU School of Medicine-Wichita; pregraduate medicine; Betty Childers, University Registrar’s Office; Usha Chisam, KU School of Medicine-Wichita, pregraduate medicine; Susan Clark, KU School of Medicine-Wichita, Farha Library; Stephanie Covington, KU School of Medicine-Financial Aid; Dealy, Kansas Geological Survey; Shirley Dunn, KU School of Medicine-Wichita, administrative and financial services; Jeanne DuBose, KU School of Medicine; The Erasmus, School of Medicine; Adalyn Eyreken, KU Alumni Association; Fred Ervin, KU School of Medicine-Wichita; University Relations; Kristie Eubanks, KU/School of Medicine- Wichita, University Relations and cliff; Clinton Everhart, Student Financial Aid; Patricia Farley, admissions and scholarships; Heidi Garcia, Student Health Services; Jodi Groves, KU Radio; Samantha Hardy, journal- ism; Jennifer Hazel, Kansas Medicine; Alman, Music and dance; Nancy Hawkins, KU Libraries; Megan Hill, KU Alumni Association, Jill Hofmester, University Advising Center, Bob Hohn, Continuing Education Development; Wendy Huggins, KANU Radio; Suzanne Jackson, Garden City outreach, Chris Keary, public safety; Linda Kerr, KU Events, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Diana Kosloowsky, public administration; Fanta Kuhlman, School of Medicine, Leonard trim, parking and transit; Jeanne Lorig, College of Pharmacy; Frances Lyons, University Advising Center; Victoria Lytle, Center for Remote Sensing of Image Sheets; Kathleen McCluskey, School of Medicine-Wichita, Arts and Sciences; Ronda Morgan, University Registrar’s Office; Rick Morgan, School of Medicine-Wichita, and petroleum engineering; Heather Morgan, School of Medicine-Wichita; academic and student affairs; Sandy Patchen, KU School of Medicine-Wichita, admissions; Karen Persinger, University Communications; Allen Pierson, School of Medicine, Vice Chancellor for academic affairs and student affairs; Pam Sampson, Audio Reader, Kristin Scott, Academic Art and two tickets to Nov. 20 basketball game against Temple. Dec. 5: On Twitter, tweet #KUfair with a photo and signed by coach Mark Mangino, one group backstage tour of the Golden Dragon Acrobats performance at the Lied Center on Dec. 8. For more on the United Way campaign, visit http://uw.ku.edu. United Way set to kick off 2008 campaign, reward donors

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Lecture, Russian Experimental Artist Alexander Rodchenko, early 1900s. Er. David Besson, professor of physics, Carbondale. 5 - p.m. 318 Bailey Hall. Free. Sponsored by Center for Russian, Eastern Europe and Eurasian Studies.

Play, The King stag, 1 p.m. William Inge Memorial Theatre, Murphysboro. $5. $10. Sponsored by University Theatre. Call 864-3892.

Other Institute Seminar, Reading Hegel’s Phenomenology, Carothers, professor of English, 2 p.m. 213 Alder Hall, Murphysboro. 215 St. Andrews Dr. Sponsored by University Education. Call 864-5823.

24 Wednesday 
Workshop, Conducting Faculty the network, chemistry, networking, Call 864-8782. 

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Lecture, SAMA, An Honored Pioneer Woman for the Novel, Historical Fiction, Marianne Benedict, Columbia, Missouri. 2 p.m. Lawrence Senior Center, 746 Vermont St. Sponsored by Continuing Education. Call 864-4738.

Workshop, Research, Writing a Guide to the Administration of Profession, Call 864-4738. 6 - p.m. Apollo Room, Nichols Hall. Free, Sponsored by the Department of the Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies. Call 864-4738.

Health and Humanities Seminar, A Perspective on Candidate Health Reform Proposals from the 2008 Presidential Election. Mary Emmannan, 3 - p.m. Seminar Room, Hall Center. Sponsored by Hall Center for the Humanities. Call 864-4738.

Lecture, Study groups with Dole Fellow Joe Gayford. 4 p.m. Dole Institute of Politics, Free, Sponsored by Dole Institute of Politics. Call 864-4900.

Other Institute Seminar, The School of Rock: A Short History of Rock and Roll, Freund associate professor of history, Continuing Education, 151 St. Andrews Dr. Sponsored by Continuing Education. Call 864-3823.

Lecture, My Role as Publisher, Designer and Editor at McGraw-Hill, Edw. Horr, 7:30 p.m. Conference Hall Center. Sponsored by Continuing Education. Call 864-4738.

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KPR named station of year for 10th time in 13 years

For the 10th time in the past 13 years, Kansas Public Radio has been named the Station of the Year by the Kansas Association of Broadcasters. KPR took the top prize in the noncommercial station category of the annual awards announced Aug. 28 by Kent Cornelius, president of the broadcasters association.

KPR received five first-place awards, three second-place awards, a third-place award and a fourth-place award. Awards will be presented during the association’s annual convention Oct. 12 in Wichita.


New research award named for former KU prof

The Consortium of College and University Media Centers will honor former KU professor John Wolf at its annual conference this year in Lawrence. In addition, the Research Award will be re-named the John P. Wolf Research Grant. The intent of the annually awarded grant is “to inspire, generate, and coordinate research and scholarship that furthers the mission of the consortium.” Wolf was the consortium’s president, was a member of the board of directors and chaired several committees during his long membership.

Wolf taught philosophy and mathematical logic for 20 years at KU and was assistant dean of continuing education for the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center and Fire Service Training.

Breslow to present Smiassman lecture

Ronald Breslow, former chair of the Department of Chemistry, will present the Edward E. and Clarisse F. Smiassman Lecture Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. in the Lied Center for Performing Arts. Breslow will give a lecture titled “Electrocyclic Chemistry.”

The Office of University Relations has won six American Graphic Design Awards honoring excellence in communication and graphic design across all media, including print and Web. The prestigious national competition attracts more than 10,000 entries, and only 15 percent are honored with awards.

KU’s winning entries were Consider KU, a new admissions publication for high school juniors; Discover, an admissions brochure for prospective honor students, the 2008 commencement program, the 2008-2010 undergraduate catalog; the 2008 National Dinner Dance program; “Remaking Greensburg,” a multimedia Web feature at www.features.ku.edu/greensburg/.

The competition is open to advertising agencies, graphic design firms, corporate, institutional and publishing-in-house departments. Some winning projects will be published in the December edition of Creative. Graphic Design USA magazine, a 30-page print edition with 100-page spreads, and on its Web site at gdusa.com.

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Canda honored for international work

Loomis to take State Department tour

For the second time this year, the U.S. State Department has invited Burdett Loomis, professor of political science, to speak abroad on the U.S. political system.

Loomis, author or editor of more than 25 books on U.S. politics, left Sept. 13 for a two-week speaking tour in five cities in China. In February, he embarked on a similar State Department assignment in Malaysia and Singapore.

He will meet with students, scholars and journalists in Chengdu, Guangzhou and Shanghai. It will be Loomis’ first visit to China.

Freund Schwartz feted for research

Roberta Freund Schwartz, associate professor of musicology, was recognized by the Consortium of College and University Media Centers for the 2008 Award for Excellence in Historical Research. She received the award for best history in the category of Best Research in Recorded Blues, Gospel Blues or Soul Music for her publication, “How Britain Got the Blues: The Transmission and Reception of American Blues Style in the United Kingdom.” Schwartz’s work will appear in the book, “The Blues: African American Music in Europe,” edited by David Waldrep, whom she received a Certificate of Merit in the same category.

Winners are chosen by the association’s awards committee.

Business class noted for unique methods

Accounting 731, a class developed by Raquel Alexander, assistant professor of business, and Andi Wizack, director of the Center for Service Learning, earned the 2008 Deloitte and AT&T awards for professors who developed new teaching methods that stimulate students’ critical thinking skills and enhance the learning experience. Alexander and Wizack’s teaching method formally incorporates service learning and classroom projects in the classroom, motivating students by applying classroom lessons to the outside world.

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