Steinmetz named CLAS dean

New administrator comes to KU from Indiana University

Joseph Steinmetz, executive associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University, Bloomington, has been named the new dean of KU’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He will start July 1.

“I’m delighted that Joseph Steinmetz has agreed to lead KU’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and I’m very confident he will be an outstanding leader for the university,” said Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor David Shidenburger. “Dr. Steinmetz generated a remarkable degree of enthusiasm among the KU faculty within the college. His colleagues at Indiana spoke with great adulation for his talents and vision.

Chancellor Robert Hemenway said other universities actively recruited Steinmetz. “Other universities wanted Joe Steinmetz, but KU was his choice,” Hemenway said. “We are delighted that he will assume a key leadership position within the KU community.”

Steinmetz said he felt the position at KU was the best that was open among universities this year. “The College of liberal arts and sciences are very excited that Dr. Steinmetz chose us as a site for his leadership,” he said.

Governor calls for $23 million increase for higher education

Sebelius proposes pay raises, does not address deferred maintenance

On Kathleen Sebelius’ proposed budget calls for a $23.3 million increase in funding for higher education, including $33 million for a 2.5 percent pay raise for state employees. The requested increase does not address the $584 million deferred maintenance backlog at the six regents universities in Kansas.

The $23.3 million increase would be in addition to the $578.6 million base for higher education. The increase for fiscal year 2007 would be a 4.43 percent increase, about 2 percent less than what the Kansas State Board of Regents requested, $38.3 million.

“There is a $23.3 million increase in higher education services in my budget proposal to address the higher education deferred maintenance backlog,” Sebelius said in a statement about Sebelius budget.

“During her State of the State speech, the governor noted the Kansas economy is improving. Her decision to increase the state’s investment in higher education will extend this positive economic trend by offering Kansas competitive salaries for a highly educated workforce that’s prepared to do business in a global economy,” said Chancellor Robert Hemenway. While no legislative action has been taken on the proposed funding increase, Keith Yehle, director of government relations, said his office’s goal is to see the increased funding go through.

“We will work to ensure the governor’s budget recommendations are enacted by the legislature,” he said.

The regents have voiced their support for the budget as well. Sebelius also called for a $5 million annual commitment to help secure NICI cancer center designation for the KU Cancer Center.

University mourns loss of prominent faculty members

Snyder, Ashe were both active, well-known

KU is mourning the loss of two current faculty members.

C. Richard “Rick” Snyder, the M. E. Kirk Wright distinguished professor in clinical psychology, 61, died Jan. 18 of cancer.

Steve Ashe, senior curator with the Natural History Museum and Biodiversity Center and professor of ecology and evolutionary biology died Dec. 27 at St. Luke’s Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., from a stroke.

“Rick Snyder was a living advertisement for his psychology of hope, always engaged and positive. I loved to hear him talk about teaching as he regarded it as an honor to be in the classroom and was always looking for the novel approach to his subject. We will all miss him and feel a tremendous loss,” he said. “As with the MBG, the new project will be financed entirely through bonds issued by the Kansas Development Finance Authority and funded by the KU Center for Research, a nonprofit foundation designed to facilitate and increase research on the Lawrence campus.

“Step by step, we’re continuing to build a strong, modern infrastructure,” he said.

The SBC Phase III addition will be on the west side of the SBC building, right, near the Multidisciplinary Research Building, left, on West Campus.
Fully about Ashe.

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science) is a big part of the institution, and the appropriate officer, sitting on all the dean positions that were open this year, was by far the best.

He was unanimously supported by the KU posi-
tion because of the mix of humanities with liberal arts, social science and other science disciplines within CLAS, which is a strong academic formula, he added.

Steinmetz began his academic career at IU in 1987, when he joined the Department of Psychology as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor, tenured in 1995 and promoted to full profes-
sor in 1996.

In 1990, IU recognized his research and teaching contributions by awarding him the Eunice Con Riggles professorship in psychol-
y. He is also a core faculty member of two interdisciplinary programs at IU, in cogni-
tive science program and in neural science, as well as a member of the University Honors Faculty.

From 1995 to 2005, Steinmetz was chair-
man of IU’s Department of Psychology. During his last year as senior leader to the dean of the of the entire university family I extend our deepest sympathies to the Snyder family and his many friends and colleagues on this very sad day.

Snyder was internationally known for his work at the inter-
face of clinical, social, personality and health psychology. His theo-
ries have pervaded how people view their personal lives, the human need for uniqueness, the obligation to help others, the pres-
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The evening will end in Woodruff Auditorium at Kansas Union with a performance by the Inspirational Gospel Voices and a speech by Cleaver, who lives in Kansas City. The Multicultural Center and the Office of Multicultural Affairs are present-

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A new book on Kansas history, ‘John Brown to Bob Dole: Movers and Shakers’ in Kansas History’ is a collection of 27 people whose work helped shape the state’s character. Nearly half the contributing authors are KU faculty, including the authors pestling John Brown and Bob Dole.

Available for release on Kansas Day, Jan. 29, the University Press of Kansas book focuses on 150 years of state history with profiles of movers and shakers — some not as well known as Brown and Dole.

A public pre-Kansas Day event is scheduled in Lawrence featuring KU (or co-con- tributing) authors discussing the book and the Kansas whose lives they have researched.

A public book signing with editor Virgil Dean and many of the contributing authors is planned from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at the Dole Institute of Politics. KU’s Spencer Research Library is co-sponsoring the event.

John Brown, the abolitionist, is featured both in the book and the event. (See accompanying picture)

‘Kansas’ movers and shakers’

By Debra Fuhrman, The University of Kansas

Kansas University has a long list of famous figures who have helped shape its history.

Some have been known for their impact on the state, such as William Allen White, who created the Kansas City Star in 1901 and earned his law degree at the University of Kansas.

Others have been known for their contributions to the state’s culture, such as the late Kansas City Kansas Star columnist Cliff Clark, who wrote about Kansas history for more than 50 years.

Still others have been known for their impact on the state’s politics, such as Bob Dole, who served as a U.S. senator from Kansas from 1977 to 1996.

In the book, ‘John Brown to Bob Dole: Kansas ‘movers and shakers’’ published in January, the University Press of Kansas, the book profiles agitators such as Brown, William H. Russell, Leavenworth cattle trader who settled in Abilene, as well as contemporary visionaries such as Wes Loomis, professor of political science, and Mary Elizabeth Leach, Wichita Populist attorney for the Democratic Party in 1890.

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Government Relations tells KU story, keeps campus informed

Office provides bridge between elected officials, Kansas’ flagship university

With the opening of the legislative session, government is fresh in the minds of many in the KU community. Some may not realize, however, that an office at KU is working full-time to represent the best interests of the university and its individuals, as well as tell the institution’s story to elected officials in Topeka and Washington, D.C.

Part of the Office of External Affairs, the Office of Government Relations works “to facilitate a flow of information from the university to the state and federal government, to provide fund raising for new faculty,” said Director Keith Yehle.

Paul Curtin, executive vice chancellor for external affairs, said the flow of information travels two ways, serving the KU community and elected officials.

“Elected officials at both the state and federal level are important constituents of the university, whose support for KU is essential if we are to meet our shared goals of advancing the interests of the state,” Curtin said.

This requires systematic efforts to build relationships that result in understanding their needs and for them to understand our capabilities.”

The office maintains its dual purpose by relating important topics, such as the KU Cancer Center and the deferred maintenance backlog, to elected officials. That role is balanced by assisting the KU community in working with the state and federal representatives and keeping abreast of important legislative issues.

An example of the office’s role is encouraging the legislature to provide funding for the KU Cancer Center and to adopt the Kansas State Board of Regents’ proposed plan to address the $584 million deferred maintenance backlog at campuses across the state.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius recently called for an annual commitment of $5 million to the KU Cancer Center.

The regents’ plan, which calls for a one-mil property tax and $150 million in bonds was not mentioned in the governor’s budget, and the legislature has not acted on it yet.

Government Relations also works with elected officials who visit campuses to highlight the university’s expertise and increase their understanding of KU’s mission.

To assist KU faculty, staff, students and alumni, the office provides several services, such as assistance in preparing for meetings with state or federal representatives. When meeting with a state or federal representative, Yehle said there is often only time to get across a few points. His office can assist individuals who have scheduled meetings make the most of their time.

“We can help coordinate a message that is concise and easily understood by legislators and staff,” he said.

The office recently launched its Web site, www.govrelations.ku.edu. The site features important legislation facing KU, including sections on state and federal relations, and follows legislative bills that are important to KU.

The status of the bills is regularly updated as the legislature moves through the legislative process.

The office has been active for years, but Yehle is new, entirely new.

He has been on the job for several years; he served seven years as a senior staff member for Sen. Pat Roberts, he was a staff member of Congresswoman Jan Meyers. A KU graduate and native Kansan, he was drawn to work on Capitol Hill.

“I’d worked with the university for several years through Sen. Roberts’ office and developed a close relationship with several people here,” he said. “I really wanted to work with KU faculty and staff, and help them as part of the KU team.”

Workshops to help developers with new Web site

With the launch of the new KU Web site and template, the KU Web Strategy team has coordinated two workshops to help developers better understand the new look and feel.

“Understanding the KU Web site and template is offered for interested campus Web developers to provide an overview of what’s new on the KU Web site, the KU Web Standards Guide, and other tools and resources for implementing the Web template. The KU Web Standards Guide is available at www.ku.edu/identity/web.

Attendees of the workshops will learn about the template/workshop. Provides a practical “how-to” format for template adoption and includes a technical prerequisite. Instructions for implementing the template are available online at www.ku.edu/site/how.

Campus Web developers and communicators who create online content are encouraged to attend the workshops. Complete descriptions, dates, and online registration is available at www.lib.ku.edu/instruc tion/workshops.
Jeanne Shaheen, New Hampshire's first woman governor in 1996, and was the first Democrat chosen by her state to run for the office. She was re-elected in 1998 and 2000, becoming only the fourth governor in New Hampshire history to be elected to three consecutive terms.

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Swift was acting governor of Massachusetts from 2001 to 2003 and the first woman to serve as governor of that state.

In May 2001, she became the first governor of any state to give women's rights, including the right to vote to women's register, her mother's birthday, March 8, 2006.

Prior to her service in the U.S. Senate, she served as a “Master Teacher” at the nation's congressional office in D.C. and took a significant role in women's political action. She is now the director of the Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.
In Memory

James Stephen Ashe

James Stephen “Steve” Ashe, 58, died Dec. 27. He was chief curator in the division of entomology at the Museum of Natural History and Biodiversity Research Center and professor of ecology and evolutionary biology. Survivors include his wife, Amy; a son, Thomas; and his mother and stepfather, Leah G. Ashe Buckett and Gene Buckett. The family suggests memorials to the Steve Ashe Scholarship Fund to be designated through the KU Endowment Association, sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 1003 John L. Williams Dr., Eudora, KS 66025.

Mildred Clodfelter

Mildred Clodfelter, 86, died Jan. 9. She worked for the KU Alumni Association for 42 years. Survivors include two nieces, a nephew, and 15 grandnephews and grandnieces. The family suggests memorials to support the Mildred Clodfelter Award, sent in care of the KU Endowment Association, Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 1003 John L. Williams Dr., Eudora, KS 66025.

James Clement Canole

James Clement Canole, 80, died Jan. 7. He was a former state architect and director of Facilities Planning at KU and was an architect who co-designed Fraser Hall. Survivors include his wife, L’Vonne Julian; a daughter, Susan Canole Cross; a brother; and two granddaughters. The family suggests memorials to the American Legion Dorse-Yerby Post 14, 5408 W. 5th St. Lawrence, KS 66049; or Midland Hospice Care, 3408 W. Sixth St. Lawrence, KS 66049.

Mary J. Crouse

Mary Jane Crouse, 73, died Dec. 14. She was a housemother for Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity at KU. Survivors include a daughter, Julie; a son, Kenneth; four grandchildren, a brother, and three sisters. The family suggests memorials to the Sadie Boy Scouts Award, sent in care of the KU Alumni Association, Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 1003 John L. Williams Drive, Eudora, KS 66025.

Francis M. Orzulak

Francis M. Orzulak, 57, died Dec. 4. He was program manager with KU Continuing Education. Survivors include his wife, Marian Aloks; two sons; two daughters; a brother; and four granddaughters. The family suggests memorials to Midwest (O) Bank, sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 1003 John L. Williams Dr., Eudora, KS 66025.

Arnold Janousek

Arnold Janousek, 75, died Dec. 1. He was a computer scientist in the math department and an assistant director of the computational center at KU. Survivors include a daughter; Karrie Botello; three brothers; fire sisters; and four grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to the Sadie May Educational Fund, sent in care of Warren-McElwain Mortuary, 1003 John L. Williams Drive, Eudora, KS 66025.

Minnie Pearl Thomas

Minnie Pearl Thomas, 84, died Dec. 11. She worked for several years in the University’s residence halls. Survivors include a son; a grandson; and a step-granddaughter.

Carla Ray Simmons

Carla Ray Simmons, 62, died Dec. 12. She worked as a readmission adviser at KU. Survivors include three sisters.
December employees of the month named

Sandra Drake
University Support Staff

Name and job title: Jane Rosenthal, administrative specialist, Department of Communications Studies.

Job duties: I work directly for the dean of the KU-Lawrence campus and attend workshops and seminars to keep abreast of changing policies and procedures.

Jennifer Wamelink
Unclassified employee

Name and job title: Jennifer Wamelink, unclassified employee.

Job duties: In my current position, I work to coordinate records among units and to assist them to maintain the privacy of individually identifiable health information. I work to coordinate records among and between units and to assist them to maintain the privacy of all types of records on campus — medical, financial, student related. I also serve as the custodian of records responding to various inquiries that come to the KU-Lawrence campus.

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