Maintenance needs exceed $200 million

By Mike Kring

When a 33-year-old transformer at Weoxie Hall malfunctioned in the early morning hours of Sept. 15, it created not only an inconvenience power outage, but also a microcosm for a growing problem at KU.

The transformer, which had been in use since the building’s construction, cost several thousand dollars to replace. But because it failed before it could be replaced, a generator was needed to provide power to the building. The cost of running the diesel-powered generator and replacing the transformer will reach an estimated $200,000.

The Weoxie incident is just the most recent problem. In August, an electrical line on west campus failed, causing a power loss to Nichols Hall. The cost of repair and rental of a generator to supply temporary power was $18,000. Earlier this month, a chiller in Green Hall failed. It has been rebuilt four times but would cost about $180,000 to replace.

WHAT IS IT?

The transformer is just one example of KU’s multi-million dollar deferred maintenance problem. Deferred maintenance is needed repair and rehabilitation of buildings and infrastructure that is delayed because of a lack of funding. At the Lawrence and KU Medical Center campuses, the building is estimated at $220 million. Across Kansas Regents universities, the estimate is nearly $600 million.

For fiscal year 2007, KU received $4.4 million to use for building and infrastructure repair. Each year, the price tag for deferred maintenance increases an estimated $4 million.

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Thanksgiving Homestay seeks volunteers

Families sought to host international students for holiday

KU’s International Student and Scholar Services office is seeking interested families to participate in the Betty Grimmwood Thanksgiving Homestay Program. Area families are needed to host one or more international students from Tuesday evening, Nov. 21, to Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26. Families are also needed Thursday only to provide Thanksgiving dinner to one or more international students. The program provides the students an opportunity to experience the Thanksgiving holiday with an American family. This marks the 52nd year Kansas and Kansas City-area families will celebrate Thanksgiving with international student guests from KU. The homestay program was named in honor of the late Betty Grimmwood, a Burns resident who helped to organize Homestay visits in Burns, about 65 miles northeast of Wichita, from 1954 through 1998. Following her death in May 1999, friends and relatives of Grimmwood continued the Burns Thanksgiving community tradition of inviting See HOMESTAY, Page 6

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MUSIC ON FILM: John Tibbetts, associate professor of theatre and film, explores the lives of composers chronicled in film in his book Composers in the Movies. The book explores classical and popular music, composers and biographical films, or “bloops,” from Europe and the United States. Tibbetts explains how historically accurate such films are and examines what types of strategies have been used to visually represent the creative process.

CAMPUS CLOSEUP

Stacy Leeds
Professor of law, Cherokee Nation supreme court justice

Years at current job: Four.
Job duties: I am a professor of law and I have directed the Tribal Law and Government Center since Fall 2003. This year I am also the interim director of the Indigenous Nations Studies master’s degree program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

I teach property in the first year law school curriculum and then several courses in our Tribal Lawyer Certificate Program at the law school.

You are the first female justice to serve on the Judicial Appeals Tribunal, the highest court of the Cherokee Nation. How does one become a member of the Cherokee Nation body, and how long is your term?

Since August of 2002, I have served as a justice on the Cherokee Nation’s highest court. We are transitioning to a new constitution at Cherokee Nation, and my role has changed. I was originally appointed to the Judicial Appeals Tribunal as a Justice. Then the Judicial Appeals Tribunal became the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court under the new constitution. My term expires December 31. On the JAT, I was one of 12 justices of three. On the Supreme Court, I am one of five justices.

What is your service with the tribunal changed your perspective or the way you teach?

On the Court has certainly changed my perspective and the way I teach. It grounds me in a way that no amount of reading and interaction with others as a lawyer, in a way that no amount of reading and interaction with others can.

What is the biggest difference between tribal law and state and federal law?

Tribal, state, and federal laws differ based on the laws to be applied. For instance, if a litigant seeks relief in Cherokee courts for some wrongful conduct, they will argue Cherokee law based on the Cherokee Constitution and Cherokee legislation.

Dole Institute announces fall lineup

The Dole Institute of Politics has announced four new programs for the fall semester featuring three Pulitzer Prize winners, the former president of NBC News and two highly regarded conservative scholars.

The Dole Institute’s lineup of new programs for the fall semester is:

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24
The Murray Barton and Politics Lecture with Neal Shapiro, former president of NBC News. Shapiro joined NBC News in 1993 after 13 years as a producer and executive at ABC News. At NBC, he was director of news operations of MSNBC, where he helped to shape its cable programming and innovative Web site. He was named president of NBC News in 2001, a post he held until September 2005. The lecture series has been endowed by Martha E. “Betsy” Muncy, the retired owner, publisher and editor of the Dodge City Daily Globe.

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1
Richard Ben Cramer, author of What It Takes.

Cramer is an award-winning journalist and author of numerous books, including What It Takes, about the 1988 presidential election. Cramer’s coverage of Sen. Dole’s campaign during that election is considered among the most insightful and comprehensive. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1979 for coverage on the Middle East.

7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9
Edward Humes, author of Over Here, The GI Bill: Two days before Veterans Day, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Humes will discuss the ongoing impact of the GI bill. Humes is the Dole Institute’s third Pulitzer Prize winner of the semester, following Leonard Pitts Jr. and Richard Ben Cramer.

7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16
Darryl Hart on “The Lost Dancer: Why the Romance Between the Religious Right and American Conservatism May Be Over.” Hart is director of Partnerships at the Intercollegiate Studies Institute. Previously, he was dean of academic affairs and professor of church history at Westminster Theological Seminary in California, where he remains an adjunct professor. Hart is the author of many books, including ISIS: A Student’s Guide to Religious Studies.
TOPONYMYS: Alumna Carrie M. Watson (1858-1943) was KU's head librarian from 1887 to 1921 and oversaw the first expansion of the library from a single room in Old Francis to a new Annex across KU's Central Hall in 1894. After retirement, she went often to the new library, named in her honor in 1934, to work on local history projects.

KU ranks ninth in world for rate of new patents

Parsons, Smith, win chancellor's awards

Edulators noted for work in debate, research

A longtime former debate coach and a pioneering nervous system researcher have been selected as the 2006 recipients of an annual $5,000 award for their teaching and research at KU.

Recipients of this year's Chancellors Club Awards are professors Don W. Parsons of the Lawrence campus and Peter G. Smith of the KU Medical Center. Parsons, professor of communication studies for 42 years, received the 2006 Chancellors Club Career Teacher who exemplifies the year the award honors a senior KU faculty member who exemplifies the university's commitment to outstanding teaching.

Parsons taught argumentation to KU debate students and graduate students during the 24 years he served as director of forensics at KU. He is one of the most successful debate coaches in the country, guiding three KU teams to win the National Debate Tournament. He has been recognized for his commitment to mentoring students, who consistently praise his courses in evaluations.

He has received numerous teaching awards throughout his career, including the Teacher's Award for Excellence in 1983 and the William T. Kemper Award for Teaching Excellence in 1997. Smith, professor of molecular and integrative physiology and director of the K.U. Smith Mental Retardation Research Center, received the 2006 Chancellors Club Research Award. The award honors a medical center researcher whose work has led to significant scientific discoveries.

During the 19 years Smith has been a KU researcher, his work has spanned neuroscience, pharmacology, physiology and cardiovascular research. He has focused extensively on the nervous system and its plasticity, or ability to change; his research shows that adult nervous systems are not static.

That work has led to important findings on nerve regeneration after injury, the effects of hormones on the nervous system and the relationships between hormones, the nervous system and pain.

Ground was broken on the Anderson Family Football Complex earlier this month, which will include two full-scale practice fields where a large parking lot is now located. Nearly 400 new parking spaces will be constructed before any of the current structures are razed. Construction of the fields is expected to begin next spring. KU plans a completion of the new lot east of the stadium.

The practice fields will be completed, construction will begin on the Anderson Family Football Complex.

KUDOS

Whitney Baker, conservator for the Libraries, was invited to participate in a workshop titled "The Future in Preservation for ARL Libraries" Sept. 27-29 during the Association of Research Libraries Conference in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Shawna Irwin, senior telecommunications engineer for Networking and Telecommunications Services, presented a paper titled "Understanding DSR." The paper was part of a panel at the conference in Las Vegas.

Erich Ellis, social sciences librarian, presented "Doing the MINI (Meaningful, Immediate, Needed Instruction) Thinking Outdoors: A Dynamic Instruction Session" as part of a poster session during the College and University Libraries Section (Kansas Library Association) Conference on Oct. 6 in Salina.

Jill Glasser, library web services coordinator for Information Technology; Bill Myers, director of assessment for Information Services; Ryan Papash, customer services manager for Networking and Telecommunications Services; and John Straton, head of outreach services for the libraries, presented "Developing an Integrated Approach to Library and Information Technology Services" as part of a panel presentation during the Association of Research Libraries' Library Assessment held Sept. 25 in Charlottesville, Va.

Dorice Williams Elliott, chair and associate professor of the English department, represented "Class Act: Servants and Mistresses in the Works of Elizabeth Gaskell" at the Conference on the Life and Works of Elizabeth Gaskell held Sept. 22 and 23 at the University of Manchester, England.


The book Doing Go and Getting Through to: Coarse Halls and Houses 1919-1946, by Fred Ehrlichman is an associate director of student housing, has been published in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Region I West Publication Research and Literature-Based Awards. McElrehe will receive the award at the WA West Conference on Nov. 2 in Breckenridge, Colo.

Lori Messinger, assistant professor of educational psychology, received the Distinguished Contributions to Baccalaureate Social Work Education award from peer

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Expanded parking for a graphic of where the new Anderson Family Football Complex and parking facility will be located, visit www.oread.ku.edu/Dews06/May/15Football.html

Football Complex. Work is set to begin this winter, and should be completed before the beginning of the 2008 football season.

Corman said any disruptions in the area or disruptions in the area or said that out during the last academic year, lot 94 was frequently full. But this year, with the opening of the 1,200 space Park and Ride lot on west campus, lot 94 is no longer overflowing with vehicles.

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KU Endowment hits $1 billion milestone

Majority of funds restricted

KU Endowment recently reached the milestone of a time when another, unwanted milestone is still being set. While KU endowment recently reported the market value of endowed funds reached the $1 billion level, the deferred maintenance problem at KU is climbing into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Despite the large sums, the former cannot erase the latter. The majority of KU Endowment’s funds are restricted, designated by a donor to be used for a certain purpose.

Most of the donors will specify ‘no waste or excess funds to be placed for perpetuity for this cause’,” said Dale Seifert, KU Endowment president.

The thousands of accounts help fund such things as named professorships and scholarship, to lectures, performing arts, research equipment, textbook awards and art acquisitions to name just a few.

Nearly 80 percent of KU Endowment’s funds are unrestricted, or are not designated to pay for a specific project or item. This leaves the Endowment’s executive committee to decide what those funds are used for.

This year, $1 million has been made available for university improvement projects and the deferred maintenance problem alone has been estimated at more than $200 million.

The $1.7 million is used to fund scholarships and academic and student support, real estate acquisition and construction projects, program support for administration, KU Alumni Association, Graduate School and International Programs; student recruiting and international visitors and faculty and staff development and support.

While there are not many funds given to a specific purpose, it is possible for donors to give funds for just such needs.

Snyder Book Collecting Contest marks 50 years

Half a century ago, Elizabeth Morrison Snyder wanted to encourage students to collect books. The idea caught on, and the Snyder Book Collecting Contest is still going strong for the 50th time this year.

The contest was created to encourage students to submit book collections on a specific topic, and must include a bibliography of the collection and an essay on the collection’s intentions. Finalists will be judged Nov. 10 at Oread Books. First, second and honorable mention winners will be rewarded with cash prizes and Oread Books gift cards. Entries judged by the judges will also be considered as test winners.

A cook-off judging ceremony will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 10, in which the winners will be announced. Chancellor Robert H. Blatnik will be in attendance and present the awards.

To mark the anniversary, past judges and winners, the Snyder family and various KU and com-
munity members will be asked to an anniversary dinner at the Lawrence Country Club.

A section of wall and an electrical outlet in the basement of Lindley Hall show the effects of water damage. The water leaks from a nearby area wall.

Develop a legal system to be presented to lawmakers, after mid-term elections, but before the next legislative session in January.

To provide lawmakers with a firsthand look at the problem, Regent's are holding a series of "working lunches" across the state. Yehle said legislators at the event would be shown several examples of deferred maintenance issues that are being held today at the KU Medical Center and will come to the Lawrence campus Nov. 2.
A pair of high-ranking diplomats have paid recent visits to KU.

A major player in negotiating the Kyoto Protocol and a sea-soned diplomat, Egyptian diplomat Shabita is the chancellor's lecturer for the academic year.

China's ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Zhong Wei, and his wife, Consul General Xu Jirong, toured the university's teaching and office facilities.

Shabita helped negotiate the Kyoto Protocol, a treaty between major industrialized nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. He has served as ambassador to Japan, in addition to his diplomatic roles in Zimbabwe and Nigeria. He was also consul general of Japan in Kansas City.

Shabita gives lectures, visits classes and answers students' questions. He was staying at the chancellor's guest house until that began the next day. He will return for another visit from January through March.

Shabita's stay is sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies, and the Center for International Business Education and Research.

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**KU works to increase number of minorities practicing science**

In the subtropical temperatures of Antioch, a robotic robot box on wheels sits at the base of a computer printer makes its way along the surface of a glacier. Once it stops, its wheels open and the robot projects a selfie a foot below the surface. That spike is a sensor that records vibration. As a part of KU's efforts to increase the number of minorities practicing science, Chemist Arthur C. Young, one of three students chosen from the historically African-American universities studying computer science, and global warming in the process, at the Center for Remote Sensing and GIS, was sent to KU's west campus.

"It's kind of like creating a video game, but it's not as ani-mated," Arthur said. "The instance, with a square and then you can transform that square into a cube, then you add wheels on it, and you add the sys-tems and different components that a robot would consist of." Arthur and Elizabeth City State student Cameron Hail and junior Uniqua Wade are helping researchers design a robot for use during expeditions to the polar regions.

Archer is now experience checking on how many of these scientists and graduate students, and they are part of a larger e-mail group: African-American scientists.

"When I came here, I learned there's a conference during spring break, they gave us a realist view," Wade said. "I said only because African-Americans get their master's degree in any type of science from KU (that year)."

African-Americans accounted for 2.9 percent of scientists and engineers with doctoral degrees in 2003. Hispanics made up 2.5 percent, and Asians made up 3.8 percent, according to a National Science Foundation report released in June. The American Geophysical Union says that African-Americans and Hispanics represent only 5 percent of the ranks of research scientists grades in the United States.

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Congratulations to Dr. Oni Wong, who was named one of the 2007 Emerging Scholars by the National Organization for the Study of Black Women and Their Educators.

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News of this ratification has been announced in advance of next week's conference.

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Kansas star state economic development conference, scheduled for Oct. 26-27 at the Kansas State Polytechnic Institute for Policy and Social Research, House Speaker Doug Macy, will give a keynote address during lunch.

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When Rick Gibbs, dean of the School of Education, traveled the Kansas countryside on the Wheat State Who's Who tour in May, he was so impressed he couldn't wait to do it again.

On Oct. 11, Gibbs, who was gathering experience again as he and 50 other faculty staff and students from the School of Education took a "Tour of the Heartland," reported that the tour was a success.

Gibbs and his colleagues took a one-day trip to tour the state's sites, meet local residents and learn about issues important to public education in Cottonwood Falls and Council Grove. Along the way, they stopped at the Brown's Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, visited a national pre-serve and toured the historic downtown areas in Cottonwood Falls and Council Grove.

The first stop was in Topeka at Brown Moore School, the Board of Education National Historic Site. Dr. Beth Densinger, field archivist for the African-American collections in KU's Spencer Research Library Kansas Collection, addressed the group.

From there, the bus took the educators to Cottonwood Falls. Then, the group toured the downtown area and the community's history, including the school. They had lunch at the Grand Central Hotel, where Rick West, Chase County Board of Education superintendent, will speak.

Following lunch, the bus traveled to the Z-Bar Ranch and Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. The group then travelled to Council Grove, where tour participants visited the downtown area, met with local residents and had dinner at Tree Millers' restaurant.
Rosenblum new associate vice provost for research

Joshua Rosenblum, professor of economics and director of the Center for Economic and Business Analysis at KU's School of Business, has been named associate vice provost for research. He succeeds Mary Lee Henmon, who was appointed vice provost for faculty development in August.

Rosenblum came to KU in 1998. He is a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research in Cambridge, Mass. He has a bachelor's degree in economics and a doctoral degree from Stanford University.

Ervin joins KUSM-W media relations staff

Fred Ervin is the new media relations coordinator for the Division of University Relations at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita.

Ervin succeeds John Gedraitis, who retired in August after 17 years with KUSM-W. Ervin began his position Sept. 5. Previously he was an editor with The Wichita Eagle and freelance writer, providing communication and media-related services. Prior to owning his own firm, Ervin was a public relations director for Soddy County for more than 10 years. Ervin is also editor for Monitor, KUSM-W's newsletter.

KU Medical Center names new public affairs director

Amy Jordan Woodson has been named senior director for public affairs at the KU Medical Center. Jordan Woodson oversees all government relations and coordination with the state legislature. Jordan Woodson has spent much of her career working for elected officials in Missouri, most notably for the Carnahan family. She was a longtime aide to the late Gov. Mel Carnahan and served as state director for Sen. Jean Carnahan. Most recently, Jordan Woodson was a strategic adviser on federal election policy to Secretary of State Robin Carnahan.

The position of state director for the past three years, Jordan Woodson has managed her own consulting business, which provided strategic support for political and public outreach efforts for a broad range of clients.

Draper brings home advising award

Lawrence Draper, professor in the Department of Molecular Biosciences and faculty advisor in the Freshman-Sophomore Advising Center, received the Supportive Adviser Award during the Kansas Academic Advising Network Annual Conference, Sept. 19. The KAAAs are designed to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to academic advising. The Supportive Adviser Award goes to an individual who exemplifies a commitment to advising and is a true advocate for students and advisers.

Officials discuss Canadian exchange

Officers in Texas branches of the Canadian Consulate General visited KU on Oct. 10 to explore the possibilities of academic exchanges with Canadian universities.

Ashley Johnson, academic relations officer in the Canadian Consulate in Houston and David Dix, consul and trade commissioner in the sciences and technology area of the Canadian Consulate General in Dallas, met with Engineering Dean Stuart Bell, Graduate School and International Programs Dean Dana Carlin, Interim Director of Indigenous Nations Studies Stacy Leech, and French and Italian Department faculty, among others.

Phone directory copies available

Additional copies of the 2006-07 telephone directory are available at University Relations in the Union 1114, Jayhawk Blvd., 300 Union, and behind Smith Hall.

Laurierie named to technology board

To help guide the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corp., Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has appointed Katie Laurierie, executive vice chancellor for the University's board of directors.

The organization promotes technology-based economic growth and job creation by partnering with businesses and entrepreneurs to connect them to financing, facilities, equipment and expertise.

Brown joins J-school dean's office staff

Diana Brown has joined the staff of the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications to assist the business manager, the dean's administrative assistant and the student advising center as needed.

Earnhart to present Shutz Award lecture

Dietrich Earnhart, associate professor of economics and recipient of the 2008 Shutz Award for Distinguished Scholarship, will present the Shutz Award lecture, "The Effective Ownership Structure on Corporate Performance," at 5:30 p.m. today in Alderson Auditorium in the Kansas Union.

Earnhart has a bachelor's from Yale University and holds doctoral degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Programs recently hosted a pair of events.

The Midwest Association of Universities International had its seminannual meeting at KU on Oct. 10 to learn about international career possibilities in Kansas. Karyn Pegg, president and CEO of the Kansas World Trade Center, provided the keynote address.

IN MEMORY

John Wayne Read

John Wayne Read, 75, died Oct. 2. He worked at Printing Services. Survivors include his wife, Dolores; two sons, a sister; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Hirsch memorial services

Memorial services for professor Bernard A. "Bud" Hirsch, 61, Lawrence, will be at 4 p.m. today at Woodland Audubon in the Kansas Union.

Hirsch died Sept. 5 at his home. The family suggests contributions to the KU Center for Indigenous Nations Studies or the American Cancer Society, in care of Romans-Yost Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1260, Lawrence, KS 66044.