FB facility location announced

Practice fields to be southeast; neither will adjoin Memorial Stadium.

The new football facility on the KU campus will be sited southwest of Memorial Stadium, and two new practice fields will be southeast of the stadium, according to a site map released today.

"Locating the facility southwest of the stadium will protect views of Campanile Hill from the stadium and will not interfere with the KU graduation tradition of walking down the hill to Memorial Stadium," said Chancellor Robert Hemenway.

The standalone, 80,000 square-foot football facility is the state-of-the-art centerpiece of a $31 million football complex project, which also includes construction of the two practice fields and additional parking.

The football facility will consist of two levels, with only the upper level above ground. The building will not connect to or abut the stadium. The underground level will house the football training area, locker rooms and related facilities.

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KU WELCOMES CONFUCIUS

New administrator will succeed Stella Bentley

Lorraine Haricombe, dean of libraries at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, has been named the new dean of libraries at KU.

Haricombe will oversee KU's extensive library system, which serves more than 25,000 students and 1,300 faculty members.

"Lorraine understands the challenges and opportunities of research libraries everywhere, as well as how critical collaboration and partnership will be to libraries' ongoing work of transformation as they prepare for the future," said Denise Stephens, vice provost for information services. "She is equally mindful of the central historical place of libraries in the culture of research universities."

Noted for her strong leadership and communication skills as well as her talents in building collaborative relationships, Haricombe has been dean of Bowling Green's libraries since 2001. At Bowling Green, a university with 20,000 students, Haricombe oversaw a library system that is a campus leader in providing access to technology, digitizing information and promoting cultural diversity through its programs, services and exhibits.

She previously served in administrative positions in the libraries at

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Arguetas make commencement a family affair

As the old saying goes, the fruit doesn't fall far from the tree.

That's true for a mother-daughter duo graduating from KU this semester, even though they took drastically different approaches to vary their walk down the hill.

Pat Argueta, an accountant in the office of the University Registrar for more than 20 years, labored for nearly a dozen years through the tuition assistance program to earn her bachelor's degree. Her daughter, Toni Argueta, took the traditional route and enrolled at KU right out of high school and is earning her pharmacy degree. As luck would have it, they're graduating in the same semester, and plan to take the traditional walk down the hill together.

"I am walking with the pharmacy students. I might go buy a green tassel if I have to," Pat Argueta said, referring to pharmacy students' traditional graduation garb.

As an employee of the university, Pat was eligible for the program that provided tuition assistance to employees who take classes. She took her first class in 1998 and has been enrolled steadily since 1998.

Though commencement is this month, the academic end has not arrived yet. Toni will take her board exams next month to become a certified pharmacist, and Pat has applied for the MPA program.

"She loves school. I don't think she'll ever stop," Toni said of her mother with

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FOOTBALL

The upper level will house athletic administrative offices and support services.

The two 100-yard practice fields will be located southeast of the stadium, between it and the Kansas Union, on a site that is currently part of existing asphalt parking lots (yellow-permit lots Nos. 92, 93, and 94).

Because practice fields will displace parking spaces, the first stage of the project will be to build replacement parking.

“We cannot diminish parking availability during the semester or after completion of this project,” said Hemmenway. “We will replace every parking space displaced by the new practice fields.

To recover the displaced parking spaces, plans call for expanding an existing surface parking lot immediately west of the stadium. The layout of the expanded lot will be determined once survey and initial design work are completed.

Design work on the parking expansion is scheduled for completion on later than December 2006, and construction will begin in spring 2007. Work on the practice fields should begin in summer 2007 and be completed by fall 2007. Football facility construction should begin no later than spring 2007 and be completed by summer 2008.

The university is notifying the City of Lawrence that it will appoint an Ad Hoc Community Advisory Committee to advise the university on the practice field and parking lot expansion projects, both of which are within 150 feet of the university’s perimeter. The committee will be appointed once the site survey determines a feasible location for the replacement parking.

Because the practice fields fall within 500 feet of the historic envisions of the Hockaday District and Snow residence, the practice fields project will be reviewed by the university’s Campus Historic Preservation Board and then by the Lawrence Historic Resources Commission, consistent with the university’s historic preservation agreement with the city.

A KU building committee is working with HNTB Architecture of Kansas City, Mo., on the football facility building design.

Members of the football facility building committee are Warren Corman, university architect; Jim Modig, director, KU Design Construction and Management; Mark Reiske, associate director, Design Construction and Management; and Sean Lester, associate athletics director; Brad Nachtigal, assistant athletics director for facilities planning. Dick Billicker, assistant athletics director for operations and events; George Matusik, director, Football Operations; and archi-tects from HNTB, led by KU alumni Marty Haynes and Gerardo Prado.

ARGUETAS

A laugh.

Though it took Pat Argueta more than 20 semesters and almost 20 years to earn her bachelor’s in psychology with a minor in sociology, she was determined to finish.

“I figured if I could do that, I could do it. So I just pushed myself. And (the tuition assistance program) was a great opportunity,” Pat said.

Having a family member enrolled at the same university helped both through their academic careers. They took classes together, and held plenty of late night study sessions both at the library and at home, where Toni has lived throughout. Other students enjoyed the family atmosphere as well.

“She was like a second mother to a lot of my friends,” Toni said of her mother. “My family has taken care of a lot of kids who were homesick.”

Put and Toni Argueta make up only half of the family’s history at KU. Pat’s husband went to KU, and their son, Bio, is a sophomore and was recently accepted to the architecture program.

“We were joking that I might graduate with him with my master’s,” Pat said.

The elder Argueta was quick to thank Cindy DeVrecht, university registrar and Rich Murrell, the former registrar, and sing the praises of the tuition assistance program for her success.

“I think it’s a great program, and anyone who has an interest in learning should do it.”

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RICHARD LARIVIERE, KU’s incom-ing provost, also praised Haricombe.

“I am delighted that Lorraine Haricombe will be joining KU,” Lariviere said. “The libraries are the life-blood of great universities, and KU’s library system, under Lorraine Haricombe brings to the job a sophisticated understanding of the complexities and challenges of the digital age, coupled with a great respect for the staggering amounts of new knowl-edge at our fingertips.”

April employees honored

Carole Seager

Unclassified employee

Started at KU: 1999. 
Current title: Director of Student Health Services at Watkins Memorial Health Center. 
What means: Seager is responsible for planning, directing and assessing the effectiveness of the program and for monitoring and ensuring compliance with accreditation standards and federal regulations. She also administers a substantial budget. 
Notable: Seager oversees a diverse workforce of about 85 full-time employees in positions, from physicians, pharmacists and nurses to a wide range of support staff roles in the role of ‘health officer for KU.’

Susan McGee

University Support Staff

Current title: Administrative assistant to the office manager, CLAS Studies and Academic Services Office. 
What means: McGee supports two full-time staff members and three students. She oversees all aspects of front office operations including inventory, budget and travel. 
Notable: McGee reported to her arrival, the role of the office changed. Staff continued to provide services, serve as a resource to faculty advisers and graduate students, but no longer were directly involved in academic advising. McGee managed the change well and has played a key role in positively changing the advising culture in CLAS.

Retiring faculty, staff to be honored at dinner

Chancellor to recognize retirees

KU will honor retiring faculty and unclassified staff members with a dinner at 6 p.m. May 25 in the Kansas Union Ballroom.

Chancellor Bernadette Healy and Senior Vice Provost Kathleen McCluskey-Fawcett will recognize the employees during the annual dinner.

Retirees may bring one guest. Cost for additional guests is $15. For reservations, send a check payable to KU to Debra Bia, Provost’s Office, 225 Strong Hall. Reservation deadline is May 19.

Honorees, their departments and years of service are: Tom J. Bays, continuing education, 26; Sharon Bass, journalism, 23; Stella Bentley, University Libraries, 4; Virginia Blazak, biology, 19; Laron R. Capps, teaching and leadership, 44; Don Coppedge, physics and astronomy, 27; Leslie Dienes, geology, 19; John D. Dillard, information services, 17; Darwin Edkins, life span studies, 15; Ellen Gold, communication studies, 33; Nancy Harper, Institute for Educational Research and Public Service, 14; Lawrence Hathaway, Kansas Geological Survey, 31; Joan Hesholt, Student Health Services, 18; R. N. Hires, teaching and leadership, 39; Charles Hitt, continuing education, 15; Joan Jorgensen, life span studies, 4; Jill Gieling, business, 17; Diane Lampe, journalism, 37; Jow Lee, civil, environmental and architectural engineering, 55; George Lethco, health, sport and exercise science, 17; Kenneth Mackenna, business, 21; Roger Martin, KU Center for Research, 31; Carmen Meyer, life span studies, 21; Carol Penrice, Office of the Provost, 20; H. Joseph Reitz, business, 18; Alice Roberts, Kansas Memorial Unions, 4; Jon Roth, Center for Research on Learning, 17; Joan Stone, music and dance, 19; Kenneth Stones, student activities, 22; Charlie Scholl, law, 15; Jan Rosen, geoscience, 6; Jill Risk, biology, 14; Linda Schuler, physics, 15; Sally Evans, chemistry, 15; Steve Forquer, social work, 14; Carol von Touss, student housing, 23; Donald K. Watkins, linguistics, 37; Ann Weick, social welfare, 26; Lee Wimsatt, engineering, 16; Eric Wood, anthropology, 13; William Yerkes, sociology, 46; Marie Zeigler, health, sport and exercise science, 32.
Grant to help prof study how kids learn words

Project could change diagnosis, treatment of vocabulary impairments

H ughly Storkel, assistant professor of speech-language-hearing, has won a $1.75 million grant to develop one of the first comprehensive models of how children learn words that will ultimately be used to improve the diagnosis and treatment of language deficits.

The National Institutes of Health grant will allow Storkel to do the kind of basic research that is needed to advance clinical practices in speech-language pathology.

"A lot of what we believe about how to teach kids vocabulary hasn’t been systematically tested or tied to theories of how they actually learn words," said Storkel.

Many children with language impairments have difficulty learning new words, yet the cause is poorly understood, Storkel said.

"Children who enter elementary school with vocabulary deficits have difficulty closing the gap with their peers, so early effective word-learning instruction is critical in preventing reading and academic failure," Storkel said.

Storkel will conduct a series of studies of children with and without impairments and adults to build a framework for practitioners based on what she discovers about how individual sounds, words and word meanings contribute to learning spoken language.

Storkel describes the relationship of words to each other as sound, word and meaning neighbors. She will be exploring how these neighborhoods affect learning to determine what words or word combinations are learned more easily if they have many or few neighbors of each type.

"Children learn which sound combinations are more or less common in their language by the time they are about nine months of age," Storkel said. "We want to know if more common or rarer sound sequences help you learn new words."

Storkel said that an earlier adult study showed that if a word has a unique sound pattern, it triggers word learning; immediately leading to more rapid learning. However, with whole words and meaning, it is better to have many neighbors because the neighbors help reinforce what has been learned.

The project could fundamentally change the way children are assessed and treated for vocabulary impairments.

"Current assessments tell you that a child doesn’t know enough words but why? An assessment was based on knowledge of what factors influence word learning, you would have a better idea of why the child had trouble learning words, giving you a clear direction for treatment," Storkel said.

Wood’s studies defy tradition, show ancient people farmed area

Research by a KU professor and his colleagues showing that ancient Amazonia may have supported large-scale agriculture is challenging conventional thinking and providing ideas for more efficient and environmentally friendly land use in the future.

William Woods, professor of geography, has researched patches of dark, fertile soil interspersed among the largely unproductive, poor soil the region is known for. He’s concluded the soil was enriched by ancient inhabitants to support the growth of crops such as maize to feed settlements of up to hundreds of thousands of people.

He recently shared his findings at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in St. Louis.

For years, the conventional thinking was that Amazonia never could, and never did, support agriculture. The many dark patches of fertile soil have provided clues that inhabitants deliberately enriched it for crop growing. Most of the patches are small, some much larger, about the size of Lawrence, Woods said.

"They definitely could have produced large amounts of food," Woods said.

His thanks enriched inhabitants the soil by adding household waste and using a method called slash and char.

Slash and char differs from the more established practice of slash and burn. Slash and burn was a high temperature fire that emitted a lot of gas and didn’t add much to the soil.

Slash and char was a much lower temperature, smoldering method that added more carbon and organic material to the soil. Practitioners likely burned vegetation while it was still green, resulting in a slow burning fire, then added more wet, green vegetation to keep it that way.

KU to seek approval of fifth year of tuition plan

U will seek approval of the final five-year tuition plan at this month’s meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents. The first four years of the plan have yielded outstanding results, including millions of dollars for need-based tuition grants, new funding for high-priority academic programs and increased student retention.

In the news

PHARMACY UP FRONT: KU had a strong presence in the March/April issue of American Pharmacist. Students Kaylene Mick and Corey McLean were featured in a section introducing members of standing committees for the student organization. Resident graduates Christina Martin Barnett was featured in an article about compounds drugs, and alumna Sally Arif contributed a piece about her experiences studying pharmacy abroad. The magazine closed with an article by Joan Bassett, "the Spanish cowboy." She was featured in an article by Joan Basset "the Spanish cowboy." She was featured in an article about pro-immigration rallies.

WEIGHING IN ON IMMIGRATION: A "site of the week," teachers new ideas and perspectives. Teachers could even use the site to design a floor plan for their classrooms.

ONLINE ART: More than 8,000 digital images depicting more than 7,000 objects from the permanent collection at the Spencer Museum of Art are now available to anyone with Internet access. The digital collection will continue to grow over the next year, and information on objects will be regularly updated as new scholarly research is generated. The online digital images can be accessed worldwide with unprecedented access to the museum’s collection. The collection is available online through the KU Libraries’ Image Gateway at www.lib.ku.edu/imagegateway.
Andrew Townsend Peterson, senior curator and associate professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, has been selected as the 2005-06 Byron A. Alexander CLAS Graduate Mentor Award recipient.

Richard Fyffe, assistant dean of libraries, presented “Copyright, Contracts, and Fair Use” at the University’s Faculty-Librarians Retreat in a session on April 29. Fyffe is a 2002-03 Library Instructional Fellow for the State University of New York-Columbia and Christine E. Bose of the State University of New York-Syracuse’s sociology department was the LSD (Lansdowne Visiting Lecturer) for the national conference held April 25 at the Dance Department’s Charles H. Wright Auditorium.

Denise Stephens, vice provost for information services, has been selected to serve a three-year term as the University Library’s Deposition Library Council chairman.

Steve Lauer, assistant professor of trumpet, was featured as a guest artist at the International Trumpet Week and Conference held April 2-7 at the Main Conservatory of Music in Beijing, China. After the conference, Lauer was also a guest at the Sichuan Conservatory of Music in Chengdu, China.

H. George Frederickson, distinguished professor of public administration, gave a series of lectures on ethics in government at the School of Public Administration at Fudan University in Shanghai, China.

May 15 - June 7

15 Monday
Academic day. Final exams. Through May 19.

17 Wednesday

18 Thursday

21 Sunday
Ceremony, Commencement. 2:30 p.m.

22 Monday

23 Tuesday

24 Wednesday
Workshop, STEP (Day 6 of 7). 9 a.m.

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1651 Nae/firebase Drive. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. Also open an hour before and half hour before men’s and women’s basketball games. Call 864-3450. Exhibits: A towering, 7.5-foot-tall American flag; a World Trade Center memorial and a memory wall honoring World War II veterans from Kansas.

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Wheat State Whirlwind Tour to breathe through Kansas

The six-day, 1,500-mile Wheat State Whirlwind Tour will introduce KU faculty and staff, including the new provost and two new deans, to the history, economy and landscape of Kansas this month.

Among the nearly 50 participants this year are incoming Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Richard Lariviere, School of Law Dean Gaul Agarwal and School of Education Dean Rick Ginsberg. Lariviere said he jumped at the opportunity: “I am keen to visit other parts of Kansas and to learn from the folks more about what makes Kansas tick. I have a great deal to learn about the state, the economy and how KU meets their expectations.”

He is looking forward to this with enthusiasm,” Lariviere said.

Highlights of this year’s tour will include stops at the Brown v. Board of Education Historic Site in Topeka, the National Orphan Tract Fairgrounds, the State Historical Society, the wheat state office building at the State Historical Building, the State Library, and the State Capitol.

The tour will begin Friday, May 19, with a trip to the Kansas Speedway, the Macys of the Midwest, and Battle of Mine Creek state historic sites in Linn County in rural areas. The tour will continue to the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. Faculty will also meet on the Dodge County Community College campus with President Richard Burg. In addition, participants will meet with the Central Kansas KU Alumni Chapter for dinner and a barbeque at the State Fairgrounds.

In Memory

Leroy Edward Morgison

Leroy Edward Morgison, 79, died April 14. He worked at the medical center. Survivors include his wife, Letha; three daughters; three sons; a sister; two brothers; 11 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Hospice Care of Douglas County or St. John the Evangelistic Catholic Church sent to Warren McElvain Mortuary.

Mary E. Townsend

Mary E. Townsend, 86, died April 22. She began her career as an instructor of psychology in 1965 and earned tenure in 1971. From 1968 to 1974, she was the chief social worker for the department’s psychological clinic. She was also director of the Office of Minority Affairs from 1974 to 1982. She retired in 1987. Survivors include a brother and a sister. The family suggests memorial contributions to St. Luke AME Church, sent to Warren McElvain Mortuary.

Richard Hall Colyer

Richard Hall Colyer, 74, died April 20. He was a professor emeritus of English from 1997 to 2001. Survivors include two daughters, a brother and five grandchildren. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Wheatum Museum of History and Art, 715 North Street, Bellingham, WA 98225.

William O. Rieke

William O. Rieke, 74, died recently. He was the vice chancellor for health affairs for the medical center in 1971.

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For KU med center listings, visit jobs.kumc.edu

Credits

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Joseph Huppert, chair of the chemistry department, testified May 3 before the House Committee on Science in Washington, D.C. He urged the committee to work with the National Science Foundation to address the growing shortage of students in the math and science fields.

Victor Bailey, director of the Hall Center for the Humanities and professor of modern British history, has been elected for a five-year term to the advisory board of the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes.

Teaching Assistant Awards.
Honored.
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Supper at 7:30 p.m. May 19 in the

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Distinguished Service Citation dur-

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Three other teachers noted for excel-
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Faculty members to receive distinguished teaching awards

Two other teachers noted for excelling in classroom

Milton Wendland in American studies

won the $5,000 Distinguished Service Award.

Santiago Bonetti in civil engineering,

Stephanie Decory in sociology, Yvonne Lai in

linguistics, Anne Rahbe in classics and Jin

Zhu in linguistics won $500 Outstanding

Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards.

Thomas E. Mulinazzi, professor and chair

of civil, environmental and architectural

engineering, and Michael Mosser, assistant

dean of the Graduate School and International Programs, each received a

award, established in 1978 to

honor distinguished teaching in

Graduate School Dean’s Award, a certificate

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City of London, chairman of the

Fitzwilliam Society, a trustee of the

Magnolia Trust and a governor of

the Ditchley Foundation.

Teaching assistants were nominated from departments and programs through-

out the university. A selection committee

chose winners based on their commitment to teaching, departmental and student

comments and level of responsibility.

Carlin sponsors the Carlin Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, which was first

presented in 1993. The KU Graduate School sponsors the Outstanding Graduate

Teaching Award, which was started in 1990, and the Distinguished Service Award, which has

been awarded for more than 25 years.
Graduates to walk down hill May 21

Thousands expected to continue tradition

More than 4,000 members of the KU Class of 2006 are expected to make the traditional walk down Campanile Hill during KU’s 134th commencement exercises May 21.

The graduates will make the long-awaited march Monday, May 21, from Mount Oread and into Memorial Stadium at 2:30 p.m. Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway will offer remarks and confer degrees beginning at about 2:30 p.m. Graduates will assemble along Memorial Drive at 2 p.m.

About 7,000 candidates are candidates for degrees. The class includes about 4,255 candidates for degrees in the spring, more than 1,100 who graduated at the end of the fall 2005 semester and more than 1,100 who completed coursework during summer 2005.

An April 25 hail storm damaged the stadium videoboard so there will be no video presentation in the stadium this year as part of warmup exercises.

However, the commencement ceremony will be shown live in Woodruff Auditorium on the second level of the Kansas Union.

The broadcast is provided specifically for more than 1,165 who completed classes of 10 graduat- 1ing commencement activities May 21.

The students’ names, major in school and schools they represent are listed below:

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Drahozal earns distinguished law professorship

Christopher Drahozal has been named the John M. Rounds Distinguished Professor of Law.

Drahozal joined the law school faculty in 2004 and is an internationally known expert on the law and economics of dispute resolution, particularly arbitration. He has published numerous books and articles on commercial arbitration and has made presentations on arbitration law and practice throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

The Rounds professorship was established by John M. Rounds in 1896. Rounds was a 1970 graduate of the KU School of Law.

Butler named distinguished lecturer

James J. Butler Jr., a senior scientist at the Kansas Geological Survey, has been chosen as the 2007 Henry Darcy Distinguished Lecturer by the National Ground Water Association. The National Ground Water Association is the country’s largest professional society for water scientists.

As part of the lecturership, Butler will describe his work to colleagues at academic institutions in the United States and around the world.

He has been at the Survey since 1986. He is an associate of the Center for East Asian Studies at KU and a courtesy professor in the Department of Geology.

Shimomura tapped as noted alumna at Washington

Roger Shimomura, distinguished professor emeritus of art, will be honored May 18 at the Celebration of Distinction Award Dinner at the University of Washington as one of this year’s recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The award, first bestowed in 1938, is the highest honor the University of Washington bestows upon any graduate and honors a former student in the College of Arts & Sciences whose achievements have earned him or her national or international prominence.

Shimomura retired from teaching at KU in the spring of 2004 and continues to lecture at art schools and museums and exhibit his work internationally.

Opitz interim director of KW Writing Center

Moira Opitz, assistant director of the KW Writing Center, will serve as interim director while a search for a new director is in progress. Opitz has been the assistant director since January 2004 and previously served as a graduate student-writing consultant in the center. She has a master’s in English from KU.

Michèle Eodicé, director of the KW Writing Center, is leaving to pursue a position at the University of Oklahoma. Eodicé is the founding director of a student writing consultant service.

Fernando joins University Press of Kansas

Kalyani Fernando has joined the University Press of Kansas as acquisitions editor. She will acquire books in American studies including the Culture America series, western history, Native American studies and environmental and natural history.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, she was most recently associate editor for the History Book Club in New York City.

Employees of the year at ceremony

Paul Diedrich, associate director of project development at the Life Span Institute, was named unclassified employee of the year, and

Haufler receives award

Christopher Haufler, professor of law, received the annual employee recognition dinner.

Earle to be visiting professor at Occidental College

Jonathan Earle, associate professor of history, will be the Ray Billington professor of history at Occidental College next year. He will return as associate director of programming at the Dole Institute of Politics in fall 2007.

Guernsey named chair of art department

Jamie Guernsey has been named chair of the Department of Art. Guernsey joins the art faculty as a professor and will begin her duties in August.

Guernsey has been a member of the painting and drawing program at Washington University in St. Louis since 1985. She has also held full-time teaching appointments at the University of Oregon and the University of Florida and has conducted workshops at many campuses across the country.

She completed her graduate work at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and her bachelor’s degree is from Tufts University in Massachusetts.

Guernsey’s paintings, prints and drawings have been exhibited in commercial and museum venues nationwide, including Chicago and New York City.

University Relations hires research writer

Branda Griffith will join University Relations June 5 as its research writer and media relations specialist, succeeding Dan Lara who left earlier this year to join the J. Wiltzcsic Kidney Foundation in Kansas City.

Griffith, currently a television news reporter in Arkansas, has a bachelor’s degree from Dillard University in New Orleans and a master’s degree from Columbia University in New York City. She previously worked for a public relations firm in New Orleans.

Campus Q&A

Bill Myers

Director of library development and assessment coordinator for information services

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Feedback directly from our users that we can use to assess the effectiveness of our services and resources. Lorraine Haricombe will begin as dean of libraries on Aug. 1. The LibQUAL+ results will inform her of some of the pertinent issues from the perspective of our users.

What are some of those issues?

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