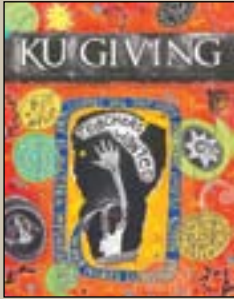


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Our last issue featured stories on the UKanTeach program for future math and science teachers, and on KU's new Campus Heritage Plan, a guideline to help keep Mount Oread at its best through changing times.



You'll find this and other past issues online at kuendowment.org/publications/.

Ready to teach

Thank you, *KU Giving*, for calling attention to the tremendous need for more math and science teachers. The UKanTeach Program now has 86 students participating, and we will have our first graduates in 2009. Our future teachers are teaching science and math lessons in 14 local school buildings. School districts are already hoping to hire these new, well-prepared teachers. If anyone would like to see our students in action, please feel free to contact me at jariviere@ku.edu.

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In mom's footsteps

Teaching is hard work. I should know — I am a biology teacher at Dodge City High School in western Kansas. However, the rewards are, well, priceless. Sometimes all it takes is a moment when a light bulb goes on in a struggling student's mind for a teacher to feel like she's just reached the top of Mount Everest.

There is an alarming need for qualified math and science teachers in Kansas, and the UKanTeach Program



STEVE PUPPE

Hoch Auditorium opened in 1927 as a performance and lecture hall and KU's first basketball court. The façade was saved after the 1991 lightning fire and became integrated into Budig Hall/Hoch Auditoria, an academic building.

is creating a way to fill that need. Providing entry-level “try before you buy” classes, offering unrelenting support and giving university students a chance to experience teaching are by far the most proactive measures taken to address our need for teachers. Thanks to this program, my son, Michael Ralph, a senior at KU, is planning on teaching biology.

Way to go, UKanTeach! The state of Kansas and our students will be better because of your efforts.

SHANNON RALPH
Dodge City, Kan. (via email)

Memories from the Hill

Congratulations on the excellent Mount Oread feature in the fall edition. Probably my best-ever KU job was working for the old Office of School Relations in the 1970s and giving campus tours on the Hill. Excellent photos — and I'm sure they will help inspire many donors to fund projects connected with the Campus Heritage Plan.

One note: KU teaches “giving back,” and so in the summer of 1991 I was in Lawrence on a Habitat for Humanity roof as a sudden thunderstorm set the Hoch Auditorium roof ablaze. We got

to the basement as fast as we could, but not before we saw the flash, heard the thunderclap, and then listened for the sirens — probably all the emergency vehicles in town. (Is it really true that all the parking department's records were lost in the fire, too?)

Great reminder of why we're all committed to giving — and committed to KU!

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