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Our team of employees, trustees and volunteers guides our present and shapes our future. We seek to attract and develop the best talent, value each individual’s unique contributions and celebrate diversity as a strength.

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From loss, a life of giving

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Their genuine, soft-spoken nature boosted the students’ confidence. They let students know that someone was pulling for them, not just financially, but emotionally and mentally. Out of their personal tragedy, they formed an extended family at KU.

After Norris died in 1999, Helena couldn’t make the trip, but we kept having the dinners. I shared with the students my recollections of Norris and sent Helena videotapes of our gatherings.

I tried to recreate the family atmosphere, even forcing students to endure Norris’ favorite jokes!

More than 140 Wooldridge scholars have graduated from the journalism school. The scholarships have entered a new era, as Helena died earlier this year.

Godspeed, Helena and Norris. Your generosity showed us how to live a life of purpose.
Volunteer firefighters aren’t paid to fight fires. Nor are they paid for the time they spend learning to fight fires. An estimated 85 percent of the 17,000 firefighters in Kansas are volunteers. “They do a tremendous community service for virtually nothing,” said Glenn Pribbenow, director of the Kansas Fire and Rescue Training Institute, a unit of KU’s Continuing Education.

A recent $50,000 gift to KU Endowment from IMA of Kansas and Fireman’s Fund Insurance Co. will help take training to volunteer firefighters throughout the state. The gift will pay for 1,100 firefighters to train in the institute’s mobile firefighting simulator, a semi-truck trailer designed for use in training firefighters.

“It exposes them to the environment of real firefighting through a reasonably safe and controlled process,” Pribbenow said.

The institute purchased the trailer four years ago. In 2006, the institute used the trailer for about 110 training sessions throughout Kansas.

They don’t play with fire

At a time when far fewer women went to college, Irene Nunemaker studied journalism at KU. After graduating in 1922, she forged a decades-long career that led her to New York and finally back to her alma mater. Today, her gifts for KU’s Honors Program help inspire minds as original as hers.

Thanks in part to Nunemaker, the program celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. In 1971, she funded the $350,000 construction of Nunemaker Center, which eventually became home for the Honors Program. In 1992, she created a $1 million endowed fund for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A portion of that fund benefits the Honors Program each year, said Stan Lombardo, director.

Nunemaker worked for Capper Publications in Topeka and later as a journalist and consultant in New York. “My business aim has been two-fold,” she told an Associated Press reporter in 1993, three years before her death. “First, use whatever talent you have to always earn the money you receive. And second, if you prosper, give some of it back to humanity.”

A fresh slice of art

At KU’s Natural History Museum, young sleuths set out to solve the mystery of the kidnapped Madagascar hissing cockroaches. Using modern forensic technology, like they’ve seen on TV, the young detectives solve the “Bugtown” theft.

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Kids study water wildlife and plants at aquatic biology camp at Baker Wetlands.

Kid science: Bugs, stars and fossils

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Private support helps defer costs for participants, whether individual children who can’t afford to take part in a camp or a school district that needs financial assistance to bring a group to the museum. Gifts from the Kauffman Foundation and others make it possible.

Teresa MacDonald, the museum’s director of education, said the programs help kids develop critical thinking skills as they begin to understand scientific principles. And it’s fun, she said, noting the popularity of the summer aquatic biology camp session, where kids get waist-deep in water to study critters.

“There is something about getting wet and muddy that appeals,” MacDonald said. Give to the museum’s children’s programs at kuendowment.org/kidscience.
When we all pitch in

Donors’ combined gifts build a new scholarship fund

Kristin Shore, a 2007 graduate of KU’s health information management program, knows the challenge of attending college full time while caring for children and balancing a family budget.

The Dr. Robert Ord Christian Memorial Scholarship for KU women helped Shore, who lives in Lawrence, complete the last two years of the program. “It helped a lot,” she said. “Though it was used for tuition, it freed up money for us to pay for transportation and child care.”

“Despite our need,” said Shore, “it was used for tuition.”

Through a collective effort, the department, part of KU’s School of Allied Health, is about to reach its $25,000 goal for ending its first scholarship fund at KU Endowment. The fund is expected to yield $1,000 in annual assistance.

The new fund is unusual in that multiple donors have made gifts of many sizes. Alice Junghans, a faculty member from 1980 to 1999 and former department chair, initiated the fund in 2002 as part of KU Endowment. The fund is expected to yield $1,000 in annual assistance.

The new fund is in support of the Health Information Management Scholarship.

“Donors’ combined gifts build a new scholarship fund,” said Karl Koob, department chair since 2002 and a donor, said most gifts have ranged from $50 to $500. In some cases, interested faculty members have made their contributions gradually, through payroll deductions.

Junghans said scholarship support is crucial to helping students complete their education, especially those who are coming back to school. Noting the financial challenge of attending school and raising a family, she said, “I felt their need.”

—Lisa Scheller  

33 consecutive years of giving

Donors: Dr. H.W. Collier, comparative biochemistry and physiology ’67 and medicine ’71, and Rebecca Herold Collier, language arts education ’70, Wichita. Bill Collier is a clinical associate professor of anesthesiology at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita, where he has been a faculty member since 1980.

Gift: Steady donors since 1975

Purpose: The Colliers have supported a number of KU programs over the years. Their gifts include more than $10,000 each for three key areas: the School of Education, the School of Medicine-Wichita and the Greater KU Fund.

Why I Gave: “We gave out of strong affection for KU and a sense of obligation to its future success. We gave as we were able which, in the beginning, was quite limited. Regardless of the amount, though, KU Endowment always made us feel that our gifts were genuinely appreciated. It has been our privilege to give back to our alma mater!”

—Bill and Becky Collier

$25,000 AND BEYOND

More contributions to the Health Information Management Scholarship will mean greater student support. To give online, visit kuendowment.org/alliedhealth or contact Christine Adams at KU Endowment’s office at KU Medical Center, 1-888-588-5249.

Speech and hearing research

Donors: Richard L. Schiefelbusch, master’s in speech pathology and audiology ’47, and Ruth Schiefelbusch. Lawrence. Dick Schiefelbusch earned his Ph.D. in 1951 at Northwestern University. He is a distinguished professor emeritus of speech, language and hearing at KU, where he has been a faculty member since 1949. A World War II prisoner of war, Schiefelbusch’s two-year confinement inspired him to devote his career to helping people.

Gift: $50,000

Purpose: Half of the gift will go to KU’s speech and hearing clinic. The remainder will create an endowed fund for the Friends of the Life Span Institute to facilitate research by institute faculty or investigators who plan to apply for federal or private grants.

Why I Gave: “I think we underestimate or maybe misinterpret what wealth is. We assume that it is having money. But real wealth is exercising the opportunity of giving.”

—Ruth Schiefelbusch

KU’s Marching Band

Donors: Tom Lipscomb, fine arts ’82 and master of music ’84, and Kari Larson Lipscomb, chemistry ’86, Overland Park.

Gift: $33,000

Purpose: Sponsor 23 members of KU’s Marching Band as part of a KU initiative to provide $1,400 in scholarship support for every band member during four years of undergraduate study.

Why I Gave: “My first sense of community as a KU freshman was in the marching band. I realize today how special my band experience was. I want others to experience the thrill of being a part of something extraordinary. I know that many students would benefit from a bit of a financial boost, which may allow them the opportunity to choose to participate in this great organization. Kari and I appreciate the chance to play a small role in impacting their lives.”

—Tom Lipscomb
Journalism scholarships

Donor: Lee Young, KU professor emeritus of journalism, Lawrence. As a faculty member from 1964 through 1989, Young developed the classes that became the magazine journalism sequence in the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Gift: $47,000

Purpose: Create the Lee Young Scholarship, which will support juniors or seniors in journalism, with preference given to students interested in magazine journalism.

Why I Gave: “Partly it’s the desire to be remembered, but the more real motive was gratitude. My 25 years of working with students and colleagues were very invigorating: the happiest, most productive of my career. I wanted to say ‘Thank you’ in a tangible way.

“One of my early responsibilities was coordinating scholarships. We had just $6,000 then. That grew as people donated. That exposure to our need made me think this would be a good thing to do.” — Lee Young

Danforth Chapel renovation

Donors: Thomas and Dru Stewart Fritzel, both personnel administration ’80, and Tim Fritzel, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ’80, and Cindy Fritzel, personnel administration ’80. The Fritzels are principals of Gene Fritzel Construction, Lawrence.

Gift: $125,000

Purpose: Support for the renovation and expansion of KU’s historic Danforth Chapel.

Why I Gave: “Our family is honored to support Danforth. It’s an important campus landmark, and we wanted to contribute to a project that will have a lasting impression at KU.” — Tim Fritzel

Great teachers

Donors: R. Dean Wolfe, business administration ’66 and juris doctorate ’69, and Cheryl L. Wolfe, Spanish education ’69, Clayton, Mo., through the Wolfe Family Foundation.

Gift: $250,000

Purpose: Create the Wolfe Family Teaching Awards to recognize extraordinary secondary school teachers from anywhere in the United States or the world. The teachers are nominated via essay competition by KU seniors, and the award recipients are selected by a faculty and student committee. Four teachers were honored in 2007.

Why I Gave: “We wanted to recognize educators with a passion for teaching. The best way to achieve this was through nominations from those who were most benefited by their teachers — the students. By bestowing these awards, KU will gain the attention of high schools as a leader in higher education for superior students.” — Dean Wolfe

The Gaineses’ gift will help support the KU School of Medicine-Wichita develop a Phase I Clinical Trials program in collaboration with the University of Kansas Cancer Center. Instrumental to the program’s success will be (left to right) community physician Dr. Shaker Dakhil, Dr. Thomas Schulz, chair of internal medicine in Wichita, and Dr. Jon Schrage, chair of internal medicine in Wichita.

A boost for cancer research

$1 million gift will support professorship, drug development

When Franklin Gaines received a diagnosis of esophageal cancer in January 2006, he had many questions. Now, after completing chemotherapy and radiation therapy, and recovering from surgery, Gaines is a cancer survivor. And he wants to help other cancer victims become survivors, too.

Gaines and his wife, Beverly, nursing ’70, have given $1 million to foster cancer research. Their gift to KU Endowment, made through the Kansas Masonic Foundation’s Partnership for Life fundraising campaign, benefits the University of Kansas Kansas Cancer Center.

The Franklin D. and Beverly J. Gaines Professorship will support the medical director of the KU Cancer Center’s oncology outpatient unit, based at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita. This physician will be responsible for developing the research program that will enroll patients in Phase I clinical trials, which test a new drug or treatment in a small group of people, in Wichita. The physician also will be an integral member of the KU Cancer Center Phase I drug program as well as the drug discovery and experimental therapeutics program for the Midwest Cancer Alliance.

Franklin Gaines is a former state representative, state senator and member of the Kansas Board of Regents. He is CEO and chairman of the First National Bank in Fredonia, Kan., where Beverly Gaines is vice president. She is a longtime member of the KU School of Nursing’s advisory committee.

The Gaineses’ gift put the Kansas Masonic Foundation more than two-thirds of the way toward the $15 million goal of its Partnership for Life fundraising campaign to support the Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute, the research arm of the KU Cancer Center.

The gift brings KU closer to its goal of achieving Comprehensive Cancer Center designation by the National Cancer Institute. To find out more about this effort, visit http://kmcri.kumc.edu.

Why I Gave: “When I received my diagnosis, I traveled to Mayo Clinic for my care and treatment, but not everyone can afford to do that. I heard Chancellor Hemenway speak to the Board of Regents about how having an NCI-designated cancer center would benefit our entire state. This is an extremely important endeavor that will allow people in Kansas to receive their care without traveling for away, and so I am very happy to help get KU closer to their goal.” — Franklin Gaines

ONLINE GIFTS

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Total giving: $52,666
Average monthly giving: $13,167
Average number of donors/month: 40
Average gift amount: $1,316
Largest gift: $5,500*  

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Why I GAVE
Welcome home

Alumni couple’s gifts rejuvenate two KU houses

Two California alumni, Tom and Jann Crawford Rudkin, of Los Gatos, have given a fresh start to two Lawrence houses and enriched the KU community.

Jann, chemistry and anthropology ’73, and Tom, mathematics ’73, are former scholarship hall residents who met as students at KU. So when they learned KU planned to create a common place for scholarship hall residents to meet, they wanted to help.

In 2004, the Rudkins gave $300,000 to renovate and refurbish the former Pinet house, below right, awaits renovation as a home for visiting international scholars. The Wilna Crawford Community Center opened this summer as a gathering place for scholarship hall residents. The former Pinet house, below right, awaits renovation as a home for visiting international scholars.

Why I Gave: “We have always loved old houses — we have owned two ourselves — and want to do whatever we can to preserve them and keep them in use, and not tear them down. And of course we love KU and the scholarship halls and strongly support KU’s determination to be an international university. So the Strait and Pinet house rehabilitation projects were a natural fit for us.”

— Tom and Jann Rudkin

Paying it forward

Alumnus funds scholarship for social welfare students

As a KU student, Dr. R. Wayne Woodruff got in on the excitement of KU athletics in the 1950s and went on to KU’s School of Medicine. Yet, without scholarship assistance, he might never have gone to college.

Woodruff, chemistry and German ’59 and medicine ’63, Cortland, Ohio, earned the prestigious Summerfield Scholarship as an undergraduate. As KU’s first merit-based scholarship, it required a recommendation from one’s high school principal and two rounds of exams. The payoff: high honors — and financial support according to each recipient’s need.

Now Woodruff is giving back to the university by naming KU Endowment as the beneficiary of an IRA valued at more than $1 million.

Woodruff, who grew up in Cedar Vale, Kan., kept his remaining costs down at KU by living in Foster Scholarship Hall, where residents shared household duties. He also had to meet rigorous academic standards every year to keep his scholarship, but he found time for fun.

“My memories of my years at KU are filled with watching Wilt Chamberlain and John Hadl, among many others, carry on KU levels of excellence,” he said.

His gift will create the Diana M. Woodruff Memorial Scholarship to honor his late wife, a longtime social worker. The scholarship will cover tuition and fees for three junior or senior students in the School of Social Welfare who demonstrate academic merit and financial need.

Woodruff practiced urology until he retired to spend more time caring for his wife of 43 years during her battle with Lou Gehrig’s disease.

Diana Woodruff graduated from the University of Oregon and earned a master’s degree in social work from the University of California-Berkeley.

“She loved and practiced family counseling for most of our married life,” Woodruff said. “She was a wonderful, vivacious lady.”

Social Welfare undergraduates like Kimberly Keith and Angela Walsh-Fisher, both scholarship recipients, will benefit from the Woodruff Scholarship.

Why I Gave: “The monetary help I received from KU enabled me to continue in school when, as a poor Kansas farm boy from a small high school, I might not have succeeded. The purpose of this scholarship is to repay the university for its help, to enable other needy students to have the opportunities I had and to help the School of Social Welfare.”

— Dr. R. Wayne Woodruff
Sharon Butler Payne exercised with a personal trainer three days a week, jogged on alternate days and watched her diet. The fit 62-year-old appeared to be in perfect health.

But recently she awoke with blurred vision. Within days she landed in the emergency room, nearly blind, with a severe headache and high blood sugar levels. The diagnosis: type 1 diabetes — the autoimmune disease commonly known as juvenile diabetes, which cannot be prevented. It results when the pancreas loses its ability to produce insulin.

Since then, with the help of physicians and staff at the University of Kansas Medical Center, she’s been learning to live with diabetes. “Probably the most overwhelming issue with diabetes is that it really is very high-maintenance,” Butler Payne said. “It is like a part-time job — you are monitoring it constantly.”

Fortunately, scientists are monitoring the disease as well. Diabetes researchers at the new Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center are learning more about the complications associated with diabetes, as well as looking for a cure.

“This research is vital to my quality of life,” Butler Payne said, noting she still has some functioning insulin-producing cells in her pancreas that allow her to go without taking insulin. She hopes the progression of her diabetes can be stopped.

It may be possible. Dr. David Robbins, director of the Diabetes Institute at KU Medical Center, said new research shows the pancreas continues to make insulin-producing cells throughout a lifetime. Diabetes researchers at KU are seeking ways to ensure those cells thrive.

In another approach, Lisa Stehno-Bittel, scientific director of the Diabetes Institute, learned that small islet cells could be implanted from a donor pancreas into a liver. The cells take over the function of the pancreas and produce insulin. Some diabetic patients who undergo this procedure can go for up to a year without taking insulin.

As good as it sounds, it’s a stopgap, Stehno-Bittel said. And in the meantime, researchers are working to find a cure for diabetes. Every year in the United States, 13,000 children are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, and more than 1.7 million American children and adults live with the disease.

“I’m really very hopeful that we’re going to be seeing major changes in the outcome and treatment of diabetes,” Robbins said. “And we are determined to make KU be part of that process.”

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At KU’s new Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center, researchers break down barriers to seek cures.

By Lisa Scheller Photos by Dan White

Hope for Sharon

Sharon Butler Payne works out in the Georgia Holland Research Laboratory, where scientists examine the effects of a comprehensive health promotion program, including endurance exercise, on improving blood sugar control in people with chronic diabetes.
“Just running into each other in the hall, you share ideas. You have a problem, and you get it fixed in the hallway at the water cooler.”

LISA STEHNO-BITTEL on the collaborative working environment at the Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center

Synergy at work

Fourth floor: Yvonne Wan leads researchers who study factors that control liver functions. Their work will lead to treatment and prevention of diseases such as alcoholic hepatitis, gallstones, liver cancer and diabetes.

Third floor: Investigators led by Paul Terranova study male and female reproductive function as well as pregnancy. They also search for causes and treatments for diseases that cause infertility and ovarian cancer.

Second floor: In the neuroscience center, directed by Peter Smith, researchers study the nervous system. Research is aimed at areas such as diabetes, disorders affecting hearing and balance, and female pain syndromes associated with estrogen (including migraine and fibromyalgia).

First floor: Investigators in the proteomics program, led by Gerald Carlson, study proteins that make up the body and regulate cell function. Their work relates to various diseases including cancer and Alzheimer’s.

Ground floor: Dr. David Robbins directs the Diabetes Institute, where outpatients learn about nutrition and exercise in preventing and managing diabetes.

Research cores: Twelve specialized laboratories provide the latest technology to all Medical Center researchers and other area research institutions.

To understand how diseases and the environment affect reproductive success, Michael Wolfe studies functions at the cellular and molecular levels. His laboratory is designed for many types of research — so scientists with related goals can work together easily.

To support any area of research at the Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center, give online at kuendowment.org/medcenter or contact Stephanie Grinage at KU Endowment’s office at KU Medical Center, 1-888-588-5249.

Better lives

This research eventually will make a difference in the lives of those diagnosed with many diseases, including diabetes. “Research today has already led me to a new drug that allows me to be free from insulin completely,” Butler Payne said. “I feel great and, with exercise, can manage my diabetes easily; think how far research can lead us in the future.”

Stehno-Bittel appreciates how the life sciences center’s design helps researchers work together. “There is so much more collaboration among the groups here,” she said. “Just running into each other in the hall, you share ideas. You have a problem, and you get it fixed in the hallway at the water cooler.”

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HELP FIND A CURE

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After World War II ended, KU alumni, faculty and students determined to create a memorial to the members of the KU family who had died in service. The committee charged with choosing a memorial project received 17 proposals and adopted two — a tower with a carillon and a winding memorial roadway. They set four criteria for the project: it should serve as a memorial; it should be something unlikely to be provided otherwise; it should serve a majority of students; and it should endure.

"It should serve as a memorial"

Moving numbers
The campanile, first and foremost, is a memorial, a cry of anguish and relief uttered to honor fallen members of the KU family. In the earliest fundraising literature, the number of dead was approximated at "more than 200." The KU Alumni Association compiled the list, relying largely on reports from families and friends because service records did not link soldiers to their colleges. One later pamphlet listed the number as 257 and 259 on different pages.

Chancellor Deane Malott wrote to the families of fallen students, recognizing their Gold Star status. The opening paragraph of his letter read: "The days of the war are receding, and with the passing months is coming a clearer realization of the meaning and importance of the great sacrifices made by the young men and women who lost their lives in the service of the United States."

In June 1947, the number was 261; by March 1948, it was 271.

As Edward R. Schaffler wrote in the Dec. 28, 1947, issue of The Kansas City Star, when the count stood at 269: "It is a number that grows from month to month and year to year. The shadows of the Battle of the Bulge, of Normandy, of Iwo Jima reach a long way."

Ultimately 276 names were cut into the Virginia greenstone panels on the east and west walls of the Memorial Room.

In June 2004, the university heard from the family of Second Lt. Raleigh Chase Bowlby Jr., who left KU in 1941, a semester from graduating, enlisted in the U.S. Army and was killed in Cassino, Italy, in 1944. His name wasn’t listed. After confirming that it should have been, the university engaged Midland Marble & Granite, Independence, Mo., to make the addition.

In February 2005, Bowlby joined his comrades, his name carved into a black granite bar fastened low on the east wall.

"What a demonstration of recognition of, and gratitude for, service to the cause of human freedom this family and its friends have made!"

Kansas Supreme Court Justice Hugo Wedell, a member of the campanile fundraising committee, at the dedication, May 27, 1951
Gifts that came from the heart

The World War II Memorial Campanile and Memorial Drive were built almost entirely with private donations. Starting in December 1945, the committee charged with raising money to build these memorials met frequently, planned meticulously and often fretted over lack of progress. Fundraising dragged at times; it was not so quick and effortless as some later public pronouncements implied. Alumni in each county had quotas to meet. Repeated appeals went to students for nickels and dimes. Eventually more than 8,000 people gave a total of almost $350,000. About 1,200, dubbed “Bellringers,” gave $100 to $25,000. KU Endowment contributed $25,000 from the Greater KU Fund to buy the largest bell in the carillon. It is inscribed in honor of Olin Templin, a former executive secretary (president) of KU Endowment, who had promoted the idea of building a bell tower in the 1930s. The sole contribution of the state of Kansas was a $56,000 allocation to finish Memorial Drive, which was seen as part of the campus road system.

Kansas Supreme Court Justice Hugo Wedell, a member of the fundraising committee, said: “What a demonstration of recognition of, and gratitude for, service to the cause of human freedom this family and its friends have made! The grandeur of it all lies in the fact they made it free from coercion of high-pressure methods. They made it with the full understanding only gifts were desired that came from the heart, and what a heart they displayed!”

Inscriptions carved onto the interior frieze of the campanile, written by Allen Crafton, KU professor of speech and drama

Free government does not bestow repose upon its citizens, but sets them in the vanguard of battle to defend the liberty of every man.

“IT SHOULD BENEFIT MOST STUDENTS”

Soundly built

The campanile is a landmark both visual and aural, its image and sound indelible in the memories of Lawrence campus students for more than a half-century. For many, perhaps most, it is the foremost icon of KU. Even where the tower isn’t visible, the sound of the carillon pervades the campus. Carillon bells don’t swing. They hang stationary and are struck by metal clappers. Mechanical linkages connect to the keys of the clavier, or player’s keyboard, and move the clappers. The keys resemble wooden batons, and the player strikes them with a closed hand, fingers or feet. The player may strike as many as eight notes at once. Bells have five distinct tones, the fundamental or “strike” note and four overtones. The complex interaction of the fundamentals and overtones of multiple bells, played in quick sequence or in harmony, makes the sound of any single carillon unique. Since it was installed, the KU carillon has been judged one of the four or five best in the country.

The foundry of John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, England, cast the bells. Frank C. Godfrey, Taylor’s foundry foreman, traveled with them and stayed in Lawrence to supervise the installation. Graduating students from all of KU’s campuses pass two sets of doors that bear bronze plaques created by sculptor Bernard “Poco” Frazier (fine arts ’29). At the dedication of the doors, Frazier said of them, “From this day on, their silent voices must contain the anguish of parents and widows and orphans — and must utter forever that last cry of a life, which by battle, was not allowed to complete itself.”

Students who look up might read an inscription on the interior frieze written by Allen Crafton, professor of speech and drama: “Free government does not bestow repose upon its citizens, but sets them in the vanguard of battle to defend the liberty of every man.”

To play the carillon, players strike these keys resembling wooden batons.
“IT SHOULD ENDURE”

“A reminder … and a challenge”

Like any human creation, the campanile has suffered wear and tear, natural and otherwise. Two of the bronze door plaques were damaged, one stolen outright, in 1972. Elden Tefft, KU professor of design, had assisted in the original casting of the plaques and was uniquely qualified to create replacements, which were mounted in 1978.

In 1971, carillonneur Albert Gerken realized that the carillon’s mechanism could be improved. Not long after, he realized that it also was wearing out. In 1985, he requested $220,000 to repair and update the instrument, saying it would cost at least $75,000 simply to keep it from falling apart. The bell clappers were hardening and flattening; linkages were getting loose; deteriorating playability limited his repertoire.

In 1991, Keith and Joan Bunnel, of Upper St. Clair, Pa., donated $425,000 to restore the instrument. Keith was president of the class of 1946 and had served on the original memorial planning committee. Their gift created a restoration fund at

KU Endowment that provided two new keyboards, new clappers and an improved mechanism. The carillon was rededicated April 26, 1996, in better shape than ever. Weather and sun have pounded the tower for 56 years now. Its terminal spires get a coat of white paint about every ten years. Some of the exterior limestone has discolored. But the structure remains rock-solid. It endures.

Chancellor Malott said at the dedication: “Nor can a memorial be merely a reminder of the past. It is a challenge to the future, to those generations of students who will come in succeeding classes, through scores of years, connecting always the ancient past with the distant future.”

Facts & Figures

Campanile

Groundbreaking: Jan. 10, 1950
Dedication: May 27, 1951
Architects: Homer F. Neville and Edward B. Delk, Kansas City, Mo.

Structure:
Reinforced concrete
Exterior walls: Mixed, rough-hewn Silverdale, Cottonwood and Junction City limestone
Diameter at base: 22 feet, 9 inches
Height: 120 feet
Levels: Memorial Room, practice clavier room, performance clavier room, 32-foot bell chamber

Carillon

Dedicated: June 6, 1955; rededicated following renovation, April 26, 1996
Bells: 53, in six tiers, weighing from 10 pounds to almost seven tons; copper/tin alloy; covering almost four and a half octaves
Total weight of bells: About 117,000 pounds

Want more campanile history?
To listen to carillon recordings, see more photographs or learn more details (such as projects that weren’t chosen), visit kuendowment.org/campanile. To contribute to the Campanile Carillon Endowment for perpetual maintenance of the carillon, give online or call us at 1-800-444-4201.

“Nor can a memorial be merely a reminder of the past. It is a challenge to the future …”

Chancellor Deane Malott at the dedication, May 27, 1951

Officials have resisted suggestions to paint the spires atop the campanile crimson and blue.

The Olin Templin bell, the largest of the carillon, has tolled the hour about 1.9 million times.

Under a BigSky

On the annual Wheat State Whirlwind Tour, KU faculty and staff get to know our state and its people.

By Kirsten Bosnak
Photos by Mike Krings

Everyone please stay in the truck:
On day two of the five-day trip, the group visits Duff’s Buffalo Ranch near Oakley.

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What do you get when you load 45 curious KU minds onto a bus and whisk them 1,200 miles through 35 Kansas counties in just five days? Endless conversation, beef dinners, salsa, vast prairie views and, for many of the travelers, a newfound sense of place.

The Wheat State Whirlwind Tour, based on an idea Chancellor Robert Hemenway brought from his previous employer, the University of Kentucky, has been going 10 years now. As soon as the spring semester ends, jeans- and T-shirt-clad academics, who applied for the trip months before, begin their adventure. KU Endowment funds cover about two-thirds of tour costs, primarily fuel, meals and lodging.

Word about the annual tour has spread among the KU community. “The first year, we couldn’t get enough people to apply,” said tour director and native Kansan Don Steeples, vice provost and McGee Distinguished Professor of Geophysics. Now there’s a waiting list.

From itineraries, a map of this year’s route, a list of participants, photo galleries, articles and interviews, visit wheatstate.ku.edu. Support the tour by giving to the Greater KU Fund at kuendowment.org/GreaterKU.

On the bus, learning continues: travelers hear en-route presentations about historic ethnic settlements, water issues, the livestock industry and more.

Kansas State University art professor Patricia Gauert, for example, takes in historic ethnic settlements and the livestock industry in Rooks and Gove counties. She brings to mind the Flint Hills and prairie views and, for many of the travelers, a newfound sense of place.

“Kansas prairies remind me of the state where I grew up,” she said. “We talk a lot about our roots, and this trip allows you to connect with the history and people who live there.”

For tour participants like Bill Myers, the experience is a journey where I encountered a newfound sense of place.

“My parents were both born in Kansas,” said Myers, director of information services for KU libraries. “It also enhanced my appreciation for rural communities. They are discovering what I have been taught my whole life.”

“In my mind, the Flint Hills and prairie views are what Kansas is all about,” Myers said. “This trip allows me to see where they came from.”

“Also, my grandmothers were originally from Kansas (they both moved to Idaho in the 1920s and 1930s), so it was a chance to see where they came from. Tour highlights: As an engineer, I tended to find the engineering things the most interesting — such as the Landoll manufacturing plant and the salt mine. Towards the end of a week on a bus with so many people, I really started appreciating the quiet places where one could be alone with nature, such as the Flint Hills. Favorite meal: There seemed to be a lot of tasty pies.”

Get on the bus

Sara Wilson
Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering
Years at KU: Six

Why I went: I told myself I’d go when I got tenure and knew I would be staying in Kansas. As a state employee, it’s good to know the state you serve. Also, both of my grandmothers were originally from Kansas (they both moved to Idaho in the 1920s and 1930s), so it was a chance to see where they came from. Tour highlights: As an engineer, I tended to find the engineering things the most interesting — such as the Landoll manufacturing plant and the salt mine. Towards the end of a week on a bus with so many people, I really started appreciating the quiet places where one could be alone with nature, such as the Flint Hills. Favorite meal: There seemed to be a lot of tasty pies.

Kirby Randolph
Assistant Professor, History and Philosophy of Medicine
Director, Office of Cultural Enhancement and Diversity, KU Medical Center
Years at KU: Three

Why I went: I had not been any further west in Kansas than Topeka since I arrived two years ago. I wanted to see the rest of the state firsthand. In addition, I was curious about the demographic shifts happening in western Kansas and health-care challenges in rural areas. Tour highlights: The Grassroots Art Center in Lucas, a sudden hail storm in Dodge City, scenic byways. Monument Rocks, the Ritchie Ranch, and meeting other faculty and staff. Favorite meal: Lunch in Palco. We had bratwurst, potato salad and buttery green beans — wonderful! It reminded me of my mother’s cooking. And the people were so friendly; that’s what makes a meal.

Jorge Pérez
Assistant Professor, Spanish and Portuguese
Years at KU: Three

Why I went: Some of my colleagues had gone in previous years and told me it was interesting. Also, it is a way of learning more about the environment where a good portion of my students grew up. I have always lived in urban areas, so this was a journey where I encountered new things. Tour highlight: Lucas, where they had amazing arts and crafts and also the Garden of Eden. Favorite meal: A very healthy lunch in Barnes (Our Daily Bread Bakeshop and Bistro): a nice pasta dish with a salad.

Read more participant responses at kuendowment.org/wheatstate.
Finding her voice

A doctoral student forges a career as a dramatic mezzo-soprano thanks to KU scholarships

Ten years ago, at age 23, Christin-Marie Hill went to Paris to work toward a Ph.D. in French literature. But her rich singing voice redefined her life.

“I started hanging out in jazz clubs every night after class,” Hill said. “I would get up and sing a couple of numbers with whatever band was playing.”

In the middle of her second semester, Hill quit her degree program to join a jazz band. But about a year later, her voice changed. Worried her singing career was over, she went home to Evanston, Ill. She told her professor she needed voice lessons.

“I sang for her, and she said, ‘There’s nothing wrong with you — you’re an opera singer with a very large voice, and you need to be trained,’” Hill said. Hill’s voice had matured into a dramatic mezzo-soprano, a special form of mezzo-soprano ideal for opera because it can be heard over an orchestra.

Hill’s training led to a master’s degree in vocal performance in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her operatic career has included two seasons at Tanglewood, summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, in Lenox, Mass. During a two-year apprenticeship with the Lyric Opera in Kansas City, she worked with accompanist Mark Ferrell, who heads KU’s voice and opera program. When she learned that Joyce Castle, an internationally known mezzo-soprano, taught at KU, Hill decided to pursue a doctorate here in vocal performance.

During the 2006-2007 academic year, Hill received assistance from several KU Endowment scholarships, including the Post-baccalaureate Scholarship and the First-year Graduate Scholarship, both supported through the Chancellors Club.

Starting this fall, she’ll take a break from her studies for a nine-month residency with the Minnesota Opera. After graduating from KU, Hill plans to continue singing professionally and, later, to teach.

“I was delighted to receive the scholarships,” she said. “I think they reflect KU’s commitment to and understanding of the value of the arts.”

— Lisa Scheller
A researcher is born

Undergrad sheds light on childhood poverty

This past spring, Laura Dague, ‘07, presented her honors thesis, “Impact of Four Labor Market Measures on Child Poverty Rates in the United States,” at KU’s annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, where her project won one of three top awards. During Dague’s KU years, she received support from eight different KU Endowment scholarship funds, primarily the Farel R. Lobough Memorial Scholarship Fund, created in 1976.

I knew that if I decided to go to graduate school, I had to be sure about it. My adviser told me to think about completing an honors thesis as a way to get an idea of what grad school would be like.

I worked on my thesis with Donna Ginther, an associate professor of economics. She was great; it has been a big help to have someone around who is knowledgeable about the subject matter. She was able to offer advice dealing not only with my specific research, but also with my future plans.

I was interested in figuring out why poverty rates change and what makes them decrease or increase. For my research project, I wanted to focus on child poverty specifically because child poverty rates in the United States are significantly higher than the poverty rates for any other age group. It is sad because poverty is out of a child’s control.

Some of the data I used, from the U.S. Census Bureau, were already constructed; some I constructed from a raw set. I took a close look at unemployment rates, female labor force participation rates and wage rates. I loved conducting the research and compiling the information.

Among my findings were that recent economic growth has not provided relief for children in poverty. Higher overall unemployment rates cause child poverty to increase. Also, the more women in the workforce and the higher their salaries, the lower the child poverty rate.

My KU Endowment scholarships enabled me to devote a lot of time to my education and to this research thesis. I wouldn’t be at KU if I hadn’t gotten all of the scholarships that I did — I just can’t imagine that.

This fall, I begin graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where I will start my Ph.D. in economics. Right now, I think I would like to be a research professor.

— Megan Lewis

Spring and summer 2007 events

1. Krista Smith, left, and Gloria and Lester Blue greet an old friend at KU Endowment’s annual Elizabeth M. Watkins Society luncheon at KU’s Burge Union in May. The event honors donors who have provided for KU through their estate plans or other deferred gifts.

2. Among the graduating KU seniors honored at the Multicultural Scholars Banquet in May were (left to right): Tyrone Brown, Zachary Turner, Elin Regina Ford, Julian Portillo, Cynthia Hernandez, Severiano Palacios, Keena Powell, Zachary Coby, Callie Jo Strahn and Mary Johnson. Donors help support the program, which provides mentoring for undergraduates.

3. Trent Green, right, former Kansas City Chiefs quarterback, and his wife, Julie, with Dr. Brian Williams, host of Crush Paralysis, in June. The annual gourmet dinner and silent auction in Kansas City, Mo., benefits KU Endowment’s Palermo Fund for spinal cord research.

4. Dr. Jim Bredfeldt, left, meets with former KU Chancellor Del Shankel at the Seattle gathering of area Chancellors Club members and friends in June. The Chancellors Club recognizes supporters of the Greater KU Fund, as well as major donors to all areas of KU.

5. At the April meeting of Women Philanthropists for KU, Dr. David Robbins, director of the Diabetes Institute at KU Medical Center, visits with WP4KU Advisory Board members Beverly Billings (a KU Endowment Trustee), Annette Rieger and Sally Hoglund. The group met at the new Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center. WP4KU encourages women to support KU through philanthropy and leadership.
Tag a butterfly, protect nature’s bounty

In September, when goldenrod, asters and other late-summer flowers are at peak bloom, waves of monarch butterflies will pass through Kansas on their way to wintering locations in central Mexico. More than 15,000 people across North America will help KU’s Monarch Watch obtain data on this spectacular fall migration. Here in Lawrence and throughout the United States, volunteers will catch monarchs, place a small coded tag on one wing, and release them. In Mexico, residents near monarch colonies will recover tagged butterflies and save the tags for our research team.

At Monarch Watch, we have studied the migration and used the monarch’s story to create materials for hands-on science education in primary and secondary schools since 1992. But I now see the monarch as a symbol for environmental issues. The public needs to know that we relinquish 6,000 acres of wildlife habitat to development each day. That adds up to 2.2 million acres a year and 34 million acres — an area about the size of the state of Illinois — since Monarch Watch began. The widespread use of herbicides takes additional habitat. Such losses have a significant impact on wildlife.

Pollinators, key species that maintain the integrity of the system, are literally losing ground. Without pollinators — bees, butterflies, beetles, bats and birds — we lose the fruits, nuts, berries and plant life that support other species. By encouraging the public to create habitats for monarchs through our Monarch Waystation program, we contribute to the conservation of many species.

People love monarchs; they’re a charismatic species and, like whales and pandas, they attract publicity. Monarch Watch gets more national publicity than any other KU program (this past year, The New York Times, the San Francisco Chronicle and “The Today Show,” among others). But that doesn’t necessarily bring the financial support we need in order to grow. With your help, we can do more. We need support to promote our programs to the public and to hire educators to write new curriculum. We need staff to manage our database of monarchs, tagged and recovered, which now includes more than a million records. Our website (MonarchWatch.org), though extensive, needs an upgrade to keep people coming back. I hope you’ll help us protect monarchs and, with them, many other pollinators that provide nature’s bounty.

Orley R. “Chip” Taylor Jr.
Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Director, Monarch Watch

Because she loved books

During five short months in 1901, KU student May Sexton Agnew graduated with an English degree, traveled to the Philippines and died of undocumented causes. Her grieving sorority sisters and other friends gathered $500 to create a memorial. In 1903 they established KU’s first endowed fund. The young women specified that income from the Kappa Alpha Theta May Sexton Agnew Memorial Book Fund be used to purchase literary works. The Theta Book Fund, still a living fund, has added hundreds of books to KU’s library.

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