Celebration & Change – ESU’s Lady Hornets bring home NCAA Division II Women’s Basketball National Championship

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Celebrating change and success!

Change is inevitable. Since the Winter issue of Spotlight, the Alumni Association, the ESU Foundation and the University have experienced many changes.

The word change has a variety of definitions: “become different in a particular way without permanently losing former characteristics” — “pass from one phase to another” — “cause a transformation.” Although change can bring a level of discomfort, we believe recent changes have maintained the integrity of the university and will produce a positive transformation that will impact ESU’s future.

Be the change you want to see in the world - Gandhi

Changes – they are reflected in the university’s response to the economic environment; the future-focused plans of the Alumni Association board and ESU Foundation trustees; strides toward increasing information streams; and the physical changes on campus as the Memorial Union renovation project takes shape.

The feature story is a celebration of success – the first ESU National Championship bringing recognition and honor to ESU. Also within these pages you’ll read about ESU partnerships with community colleges and in China – you’ll meet a new Director of Alumni Relations and a new Director of Communications/Spotlight Editor, and the magazine itself may “look” different.

Enjoy this issue and share your ideas with us. Plan on attending Homecoming October 23 and help us celebrate change and success. And always show your Hornet Pride!

Judy Heasley, MS
President/CEO, ESU Foundation, Inc.
Executive Director, University Advancement

Moving ahead, despite challenges

It has been an interesting year at ESU. With our Lady Hornets winning the first D-II National Championship, we are all very proud Hornets! U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan cited ESU’s teacher preparation programs on two occasions as an example of best practices in preparing teachers. Our American Democracy Project won a national award. The ESU debate team concluded its most successful season in many years, and we received the fourth largest gift to the ESU Foundation in history. In many regards it has been a great year!

It has also been a difficult year. State budget reductions at ESU totaled more than $4.2 million. We were able to avoid layoffs and furloughs only by eliminating vacant positions. Our budget is in balance and our faculty and staff have accepted additional responsibilities in order to maintain the high-quality education of our students. Our Foundation was also hurt by the economic downturn, especially in the area of scholarships. I thank all of you who stepped up and funded scholarships for “underwater” endowments. Our students truly appreciate your generosity!

We have made progress on “Engaging Excellence,” our strategic plan. The Memorial Union project has begun and we look forward to the finished results. We have new campus signage, improved wireless access, and we will begin to change our advising and retention programs in the next few months. We will also begin a new marketing campaign for ESU.

We continue to move forward to provide excellent support for our students, giving them one of the best educations you will find anywhere! We appreciate the support of all of our donors as these gifts permit us to continue to make progress. Thank you for your generosity.

Michael R. Lane, Ph.D.
President
Newberg Outstanding Senior looks ahead

As a new chapter of life begins for the graduating class of 2010, we all will continue to realize the importance of the experiences we had while at Emporia State University.

It was here that we all grew and matured into young individuals, ready and willing to take on the world. It was here that we made new friends, studied with professors, and further learned the importance of hard work. It was here that we will leave many cherished memories for years to come.

We are a graduating class that is perhaps unlike any other. We are inheriting a world that is full of problems that we are expected to solve. And we are expected to solve those problems so that future generations will be able to know success again.

ESU has given each of us a unique opportunity. Whatever path life takes us, we must never forget those who helped guide us during those critical years at ESU. I ask that each graduate find a means to help those who will sit in the very classrooms where we gained an invaluable education.

I wish all of you the best of luck in whatever direction your life takes you!

In Hornet Spirit,
Jonathan D. Krueger
Class of 2010
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Award Nominations

They’re all around you, those brilliant people who make everything they touch turn to gold, or those families who bleed black and gold. Honor them with a nomination for an ESU award, or consider serving the University as a member of the Alumni Association or Foundation Board of Directors.

Nomination deadlines are:
Dec. 1 – Alumni Association board
Feb. 28 – Distinguished Alumni

Calendar of events

ESU at the Kansas State Fair
Sept. 10 – 19, Hutchinson

South Central Alumni Trophy Tour
Sept. 16, Pump House, Wichita

Hornet Football vs. Missouri Southern
(Football Traditions)
Sept. 18

Topeka Alumni Chapter meeting
and Trophy Tour
Sept. 23, Henry T’s

Hornet Football vs. Fort Hays State
Flint Hills Chapter Hornet Huddle
post-game event and Trophy Tour
Sept. 25

South Central Alumni Chapter
Golf Tournament
Sept. 26, Hesston

Washington, D.C. Chapter Event
Oct. 6, at CarPool, 4000 Fairfax Drive,
Arlington, Va.

ESU Night at the Boulevard Brewery
and Trophy Tour
Oct. 7, Boulevard Brewing Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Hornet Football vs. Pittsburg State
(Hall of Fame)
Oct. 9

Smoky Valley Chapter After Hours
Oct. 14, O’Malley’s, Salina

Homecoming Week events
Oct. 18-23, ESU campus

Greek Life Centennial
Celebration activities
Oct. 21 - 24

ESU Hornet Football vs. Truman State
(Homecoming)
Oct. 23

South Central Alumni Chapter
Scholarship Fundraiser
Nov. 13, Geringer Barn

For more information on any of these events, contact the alumni office at (620) 341-5440 or alumni@emporia.edu.
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A joyful March night in St. Joseph, Mo.
Need we say more?
Photo by J. R. Garvey

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Remembering Monroe Fordham

I enjoyed reading the article about Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Fordham, “Revolutionary Change” in the Winter 2009 edition of Spotlight. Monroe and I arrived on campus that same autumn of 1957. He was starting his freshman year and I was beginning my junior year as a transfer student from Morehead State in Kentucky. I transferred to run on the cross country and track teams and to finish my undergraduate education.

The article’s picture of Monroe adjusting the high jump bar reminded me of one spring day when Monroe was practicing the high jump. He asked me if I would take a picture with a Polaroid camera of him going over the high jump bar. I was to lie on my back directly under the bar and snap the picture as he was going over the bar. Minutes later the developed picture demonstrated my poor photography skills, because all I got was a sky background and the bar, still perched securely on the high jump standards.

Like Ron Slaymaker, I remember the green and orange jacket Monroe wore and the wonderful person he was. I am so happy for the success Monroe and Freddie Mae Harris Fordham have had as educators and parents.

Until I came to Emporia State, I had never gone to school with African Americans. Learning to relate positively to my black teammates was an important part of my education. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia and to my African American friends.

Paul Whitely (BSE 1960), Louisville, Ky.

Nu Zetas of Chi Omega Cruise the Caribbean

What happens when nine Nu Zetas of Emporia State University’s Chi Omega sorority take to the high seas for a 30-year reunion? Hurricane Alex, for one thing.

But Cheri Terpening Parrish (BSE 1980) reports a little bad weather didn’t spoil the party. Instead of a stormy Cozumel, Mexico, the group landed in sunshine in Nassau, Bahamas.

“When we entered the Chi Omega house some 30-plus years ago, no one could have told us that the sisterly bond we would share during our college years would actually become a lifetime bond,” said Parrish, now principal of Loudon High School in Loudon, Tenn.

“Experiencing college graduation, dating, marriage, children, careers—and, sadly enough, even divorce and death—have all been a part of that Chi Omega sisterly bond that began on Merchant Street.

“One of the highlights of our trip was the 70s dance night that the cruise staff helped arrange, which led to much singing at the top of our lungs and dancing to all our old college favorites,” Parrish reported.

The nine sisters pictured represent four different pledge classes. The group paid tribute to three Nu Zetas of Chi Omega who have died from cancer, Karen Maus Spexarth, Kristy Gosh Weber and Karin Schroeder Jackson.

Nu Zetas cruising the Caribbean include: (seated) Jan Rose Petro, Diane Dwyer Hull, Lori Bray Morrow, and Eileen Mahoney Chaka. (standing) Cheri Terpening Parrish, Vanessa Matzke Hill, Carolyn Lythgoe Hobble, Marsha Danner Johnston and Theresa Piezuch Hatfield, plus three Royal Caribbean dining room wait staff.

Send photos with your Though the Years submissions to alumni@emporia.edu
ESU’s Alumni Association has one question for you:

Are You
GAME?

Friday, October 22

Alumni Celebration Dinner
Memorial Union Ballroom
6 p.m. reception, 6:30 p.m. dinner • $25/person
Celebrate the achievements of the 2010 Distinguished Alumni and Outstanding Recent Graduates.

Saturday, October 23

Athletics Hall of Honor Breakfast
Memorial Union Colonial Ballroom • 8 a.m. • $12/person
ESU recognizes the distinguished careers of student-athletes, coaches, administrators and supporters of Hornet Athletics.

Alumni Coffee (Kaffee Klatch)
Memorial Union Main Street • 9–11 a.m.
Complimentary coffee and pastries. See the Memorial Union renovation progress and check out displays commemorating 100 years of Greek life on campus.

Family Day Visits
Plumb, Beach & Science Halls, Memorial Union • 9–11 a.m.
Visit ESU’s Social Sciences, English, Modern Languages and Journalism, Ethnic and Gender Studies, Music and Physical Sciences departments.

Homecoming Parade
Commercial St. to ESU Campus • 11 a.m. • $10/float entry
Emporia loves parades, and ESU Homecoming is a great reason to have one.

Watering Hole
ESU Milton Tennis Courts
11 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
$14 per person
($17/person after Oct. 15)
It’s not football without a tailgate party. Join the Hornet faithful for food, drinks and good times before the game!

ESU Football
Welch Stadium • 1 p.m.
For tickets, call ESU Ticket Office: (620) 341-6378 or (877) 341-6378
Of course it’s not Homecoming without a football game! Cheer the Hornets to victory over Truman State!

Alumni and Friends Post-game Reception
Sauder Alumni Center • 3:30–6 p.m. • $10/person
After the game, the Sauder Alumni Center is the place to be for food, beverages and music to complete your weekend.

Reunion Banquet/Dinner for Classes of 1960 & earlier
Memorial Union Ballroom
6 p.m. reception, 6:30 p.m. dinner • $20/person
Did you graduate in 1960 or before? Chances are good you’ll see some familiar faces!

100 Year All-Greek Social
Natasha’s Billiards & Lounge, 627 Commercial • 7:30–9:30 p.m.
The Greeks have Natasha’s all to themselves. Free admission; food and drink are on your own. Tons of other activities—visit www.emporia.edu/homecoming for the complete Greek Life Centennial Celebration schedule.

Homecoming Musical
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
Albert Taylor Hall • October 21–23, 7:30 p.m. & October 24, 2 p.m.
For tickets, call the ESU Ticket Office (620) 341-6378

Don’t miss Homecoming 2010! Visit www.emporia.edu/homecoming for more info!
Whether you sat in the bleachers in St. Joseph, Mo., or eagerly watched a television tuned to ESPN2, an amazing display of teamwork was taking place in late March. Emporia State University’s Lady Hornets were in the process of claiming the university’s first NCAA Division II national title, eventually defeating Fort Lewis College, 65-53.

Sportswriters such as C. J. Moore, formerly of the Emporia Gazette, picked up on the development.

“They became a team. They did not care who took the big shot, who was the star player from game to game. Everyone took their turn playing the hero,” Moore observed in a Gazette tabloid celebrating the national championship.

By now, the story of what happened in St. Joe is on its way to Hornet legend status.

Eight days after winning the NCAA Division II South Central Regional Championship March 15, the Lady Hornets advanced to Elite Eight play for the fifth time in school history. Alli Volkens’ career-high 28 points pushed the team to a 91-85 win over Michigan Tech.
Number-one Gannon University was Emporia’s next target. During that memorable Final Four contest March 24, the Lady Hornets rallied from 18 points down to defeat previously-unbeaten Gannon 97-94.

“During the Gannon game when we were coming back, Brandon (Schneider, former Lady Hornets head coach) looked at us, looked into our eyes and said, ‘We’re going to win this game,’ and smiled really, really big. I’ll always remember that,” recalled Jamie Augustyn, senior guard from Burlington.

The Lady Hornets returned to the St. Joseph Civic Arena for a final contest March 26. Their first appearance in a NCAA Division II National Championship game since 1998 matched the Lady Hornets against Fort Lewis College.

And what a match it was. The game tied seven times in the first ten minutes of the second half. But a 13-4 Lady Hornet scoring run began to tip the scales, as Rachel Hanf’s three straight three-pointers built momentum. Strong free throw performances and a lay-up by Cassondra Boston in the final 1:49 secured the first national championship as a Division II school for Emporia State.

“I remember Alli (Volkens) picking me up after the championship game and spinning me in a circle,” recalled Boston. “It was just an extremely happy moment.”

The Emporia community celebrated along with the Lady Hornets. A police escort up Commercial Street as the championship team returned to Emporia from St. Joseph the next morning set the stage for a city-wide “Celebrate the Champions” observance at the Civic Auditorium early the next week.

The team was honored in both houses of the Kansas Legislature in April, and Rep. Jerry Moran introduced a Congressional resolution congratulating the Lady Hornets on their achievement.
Whether you’re headed into Emporia via the Kansas Turnpike or Interstate 35, new highway signs giving Hornet fans something to be proud about are sprouting up along the roadways. The large (13.5 by 20 feet) signs note Emporia State University as home of the 2010 NCAA Division II Women’s Basketball National Champion Lady Hornets.

On the Turnpike, look for the signs approximately a mile north and south of the Emporia exits. Similar signs are being placed near the Merchant Street exit for northbound traffic on I-35, and near the eastern Emporia city limits for southbound I-35 motorists.

The signs were unveiled at the Emporia Service Area of the Kansas Turnpike with help from Dr. Michael R. Lane, ESU president, Kent Weiser, athletic director, Jory Collins, Lady Hornets head coach, and several team members.

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"I love Emporia State University."

Maybe Jory Collins didn’t have to sign an oath to that effect to get the job, but the new head coach of ESU’s Lady Hornets basketball team doesn’t hesitate to say it anyway. In fact, it was the first sentence out of his mouth during the interview for this story.

Collins (BSE 2002, MS 2006) became the sixth head coach of the 2010 NCAA Division II National Championship-winning team in late April, following the departure of former head coach Brandon Schneider.

For Collins, the love affair with ESU began in 1998 as the Holton High School graduate first set foot on the campus. That same year, he met a track and field athlete, Casey Wilson (BSE 2000). “She’s from Hiawatha, which is only 25 miles from Holton,” Collins said. “But we didn’t meet until college.” They married in 2002 and are parents of a son, Jett, who turned two years old in May.

“This is one of the top places in the country to play women’s basketball, period,” Collins declares. The support of the Emporia community, ESU students and alumni rank at the top of the evidence list supporting Collins’ assertion.

“Not very many women get to go to college and play basketball in front of 2,500 people every night.”

That chance to play and win looms large in the eyes of potential recruits. “They have the chance to experience a national tournament and the opportunity to win 25 games a year on average,” Collins added.

While success on the basketball court defines the Lady Hornets, equally important to Collins is the education his players attain. “We’ve had numerous kids come here for our excellent Teachers College, wanting to be teachers and coaches. We’ve had several in the School of Business, including Cassondra Boston, the 2010 MIAA top female student athlete.”

So what should Lady Hornet fans expect from a Collins-coached team this fall?

“We’re going to have a team full of good people, number one,” Collins said. “The nine returners know what to expect from me.” They and the three new recruits will encounter a detail-oriented program, one that revolves around team members who’ve proven themselves as winners in their high school careers.

Assisting Collins will be Brian McIntosh (BSE 2000), returning to ESU after ten years coaching high school basketball. “He brings a tremendous work ethic, unbelievable organization and a passion for the game of basketball,” said Collins.

While the Lady Hornets have been a respected program over the years, Collins admits that this year’s national championship title makes some high school and community college coaches take notice.

“You do something like that [win a national championship] and you get some coaches to call you back a little quicker. Everybody wants what’s good for their kids, and coaches realize they have a chance to send somebody to a place where they’ll have some success.”
Golf tournament benefits KC chapter scholarship fund

The scholarship fund of Emporia State University’s Greater Kansas City Area Alumni chapter is over $8,000 richer following the chapter’s annual golf tournament this spring.

The Midwest Lifetime Roof Systems, Inc./ESU Scholarship Golf Scramble attracted approximately 100 alumni, family and friends to Deer Creek Golf club in Overland Park for the May 8 event.

Plans are underway to repeat the success (along with hopes for another perfect day for golfing) in May, 2011. If you’re interested in participating in the tournament or serving on the committee that plans the event, contact Jan Farwell, Kansas City Alumni Chapter president, at farwellj@gmail.com. Watch the tournament’s website, www.emporia.edu/saf/golf, for updated information as it becomes available.

Tiffany Nickel (BSE 1995) was one of 28 contestants from around the country competing for the title of Ms. Wheelchair America 2011 in early August in Grand Rapids, Mich. Tiffany is an inter-related special education teacher and executive director of the Kansas Disability Coalition, Inc. She visited with fellow alumni at a South Central Kansas chapter meeting at the home of Art and Sue Bloomer.

ESU alums took to Wichita’s Lawrence-Dumont Stadium to watch the Hornets help the Wichita Wingnuts open their 2010 home season. Among those visiting with head coach Bob Fornelli were Don Edwards, Susan Parks and Gary Parks.

Alumni volunteers visit high schools across Kansas for teacher appreciation luncheons, contacting prospective students while providing lunch for teaching staffs and gifts to teachers who are ESU alumni. At Sumner Academy in Kansas City, Kan., George Briedenithal, Harriett Taylor, Maurice Gray, Mim Hiesterman and John McDonald were the lunch servers.

Emporia Connection alumni gathered for their annual reunion in June in Wichita. The group plans another get-together in the spring.

Dinner and a tour of the Great Plains Nature Center in Wichita were the program for South Central Kansas ESU alums in February. Bob Gress (BA 1974, MS 1976), the center’s director, visits with Maryann VanSickle, Barbara and Bailis Bell during the event. Gress will be honored as one of ESU’s Distinguished Alumni at Homecoming 2010.
As they watched the ceremonial shovels slicing into the soil outside the east entrance of the building, most people watching the Memorial Union renovation groundbreaking had their minds on the future.

Specifically, about two years from now.

That’s when the project to renovate and expand what’s known as the living room of Emporia State University will be complete.

Representatives from local, state and federal government and the Kansas Board of Regents joined ESU president Dr. Michael R. Lane on the stage at the Friday, April 16 groundbreaking.

“We’re looking forward to what this will provide our students,” Lane said to the audience. “This will be the place where new generations of students will create the same kinds of memories that many of you have created here.”

Planning for the renovation has been underway since 2007, leading up to a successful referendum in 2009 that saw students voting to increase fees to contribute $18.5 million to the project’s cost.

“They saw the need, and, quite frankly, many of them will no longer be on campus when the renovations are complete,” noted Randy Steinert (BSB 1979), co-chair of the Memorial Union Renovation Campaign.

But they will get to experience the new Union building when they come back as alumni, and Steinert reminded the crowd of the private campaign underway to raise $2.5 million to complete the Union renovation.

“This is our building, too,” Steinert said. “The Memorial Union is the one building on this campus that is shared by all of us—students, faculty, alumni, community and visitors.”

WTW Architects from Pittsburgh, Penn., were responsible for and developed the design of the renovation and construction project in conjunction with Trenor Architects, P.A., of Lawrence.

The renovation should be finished by the start of the fall 2012 semester. Bobbie Agler, Memorial Union Renovation Campaign co-chair.
Jonathan Rivers, incoming Student Government Association president, visits with Randy and Jan Steinert, Memorial Union Renovation Campaign co-chairs, and Dr. Peggy Lane following the Memorial Union groundbreaking.
If you visit the ESU campus this fall, you’ll notice Memorial Union renovation and construction work in full swing. Here’s a snapshot of work in progress:

• Demolition crews got to work the second week of June, gutting the area formerly housing the Bookstore, Webb Lecture Hall and the outside east entrance to the building. As of mid-August, 378.7 tons of debris had been removed from the building. Nearly three-quarters of that material has been recycled or preserved for reuse in the project, including 15,000 interior bricks.

• The Bookstore is now in temporary quarters in the lower level of the Union (former Heritage Room).

• The Information Center is now set up in the Union’s west lobby.

Access into the Union from Market Street has changed to make room for foundation work for the addition to the east side of the building. The sidewalk between the Union and King Hall will lead visitors down the steps and in through the south doors of the Union. Signs direct accessibility-challenged visitors to the sidewalk south of King Hall connecting the Union and Roosevelt Hall.

A significant feature of ESU’s Strategic Plan involves increasing international exchange programs, and some of the most exciting of these will partner ESU with institutions in China.

In March, 2010, ESU was accepted into the Sino-American 1+2+1 Dual Degree Program, a partnership between the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the China Center for International Educational Exchange. It is a relationship among 16 AASCU universities and 35 upper-tier Chinese institutions.

Dr. James Williams, associate provost for enrollment management and vice president for strategic partnerships points to the significance of CCIEE as a government program.

“Successful exchanges with Chinese institutions require having the support of the government,” Williams said.

“As the first AASCU institution to offer a graduate program under this partnership with the National Ministry of Education in China, we are breaking new ground,” said Dr. Michael R. Lane, ESU president.

“We believe this will help ESU establish more graduate programs in an exceptional manner while still increasing the number of undergraduate students on our campus.”

The 1+2+1 program is simple to define. According to Dr. Tes Mehring, provost and vice president for academic affairs, “In the majority of cases, this means that students spend the first year at their home institution, then two years here at ESU. They spend their final year at their home institution. In this process the student completes coursework accepted by both institutions.”

Sino-American Dual Degree Program to promote student, faculty exchanges between ESU and universities in China

By Amy Sage Webb, Associate Professor of English
Beginning with a trip to China this past June, Williams will spend the next year working with Chinese institutions to coordinate ESU’s curriculum. "Being part of the dual-degree program gives us a huge advantage working with students," Williams said.

ESU’s new partnership makes it possible for a variety of disciplines to be involved. “With academic leadership, we have identified programs that match,” Williams said. Programs in the School of Business, programs in Liberal Arts and Sciences such as in Biology, and programs in the Teachers College such as in Psychology are candidates for the exchange. However, teacher certification programs, Williams said, are difficult to match.

An exciting new program in the works will be a dual Master’s degree in Instructional Design Technology. ESU would be the first American institution in this 1+2+1 partnership to offer such a program, and Williams said several top Chinese institutions are very interested in the arrangement.

Dr. Marcus Childress, chair of the Department of Instructional Design Technology, traveled to China with Williams and Harry Imbeau, director of international education, to establish the exchange, which offers an opportunity for ESU students to travel to China as well. “In the summer, ESU faculty will instruct our program in China, enabling our students to travel to China for the same instruction by our faculty abroad,” Williams explained.

Mehring characterized international exchange programs as incredibly positive. “Our students learn a lot about differences in education. There are also eye-opening opportunities for native students,” Mehring said, adding that her office would like to promote and encourage student study abroad and faculty exchanges for research.

While the new agreement strengthens ESU’s goal of achieving a global perspective as an institution, Williams said it means bolstering services the university already provides. “It requires strengthening our infrastructure for faculty and staff, improving curriculum delivery and support networks for students,” he explained.

That work needs to happen before the program expands, said Lane. “We need to develop sufficient support systems before any additional significant growth beyond current levels. We need to ensure effective transcript evaluations, advising, English language competency and support for the more ‘on-the-ground’ needs of international students. This is especially true for 1+2+1 students who will receive an ESU degree,” Lane added.

Lane said, “Eventually we would like to top out at 1,000 international students. The 1+2+1 agreement with China is a promising beginning.”

“The cultural presence the Chinese students have brought here has been eye-opening,” said Mehring. “I have great respect for Chinese students for whom English is not their primary language. They are doing extremely well, and these programs provide a great experience for our students, faculty, and staff.”
Some of Emporia State University’s partnerships are taking place right here in Kansas, in a way that makes a bachelor’s degree possible for people who never dreamed such a goal was possible.

Linkages with several Kansas community colleges are already opening doors for several hundred students. Meanwhile, two new programs set to launch this fall will expand ESU’s offerings for placebound students.

One of those new programs, EBIZ, connects Butler Community College students with ESU. EBIZ students will complete the requirements for either a Business Administration or Information Systems major and earn a Bachelor of Science degree while attending classes on the BCC campus in El Dorado. With classes scheduled during the late afternoon and evening hours, the program is ideal for students who need to balance school and full time employment.

ESU’s other new partnership is with Hutchinson Community College. The Bridge to Bachelors Program provides HCC students a seamless transfer into any ESU bachelor’s degree program.

“A system of collaborative advising and information sharing will benefit both the students and the institutions,” said Dr. Jim Williams, associate provost for enrollment management and vice president for strategic partnerships.

In addition to helping students pursuing baccalaureate degrees after completing their studies at HCC, the Bridge program enables HCC to track educational achievement of its graduates as they complete their degrees at Emporia State.

The new programs complement ESU’s already-impressive list of partnerships, including:

• The BEST (Butler/Emporia Students to Teachers) program, also with Butler Community College. Singled out by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) for a Best Practice award for collaboration with community colleges, the program trains elementary education majors on the Butler campus.

• Kansas City Kansas Community College’s elementary education program provides instruction on the KCKCC campus.

• Johnson County Community College has partnered with ESU for several years. JCCC students move to ESU’s Metro Learning Center in Overland Park to complete a Bachelor of Science in Business degree.

“Putting student success at the front of everything we do is one of the core values of Emporia State University,” said Dr. Michael R. Lane, ESU president. “That’s why we’re excited to partner with these Kansas community colleges and help more students achieve their higher education goals.”
Lattner Family Foundation Challenge supports student teachers

Innovative techniques in teacher education at Emporia State University—and the demands those methods place on student teachers—are getting the nod from a Florida-based philanthropic organization. The Lattner Family Foundation is supporting a $50,000 challenge grant to create a scholarship program for ESU student teachers.

Unlike other education colleges that require one semester of student teaching, ESU requires a full year as a graduation requirement. ESU’s student teachers are required to be at their assigned school for classroom teaching five days a week, which leaves little time to hold a paying job.

The student teachers’ needs caught the attention of the Lattner Foundation. The Lattner challenge and support is called the Student Teacher Education Scholarship Program, supporting students involved in the student teaching segment of their college education.

The Lattner Family Foundation shares the Teachers College’s vision and goals of education sustained through entrepreneurship. The Student Teacher Education Scholarship Program has three primary goals:

• Increase the ability of student teachers to complete the required classroom teaching portion of their program

• Educate and prepare future teachers for placement in schools

• Prepare highly-qualified teachers to enter the workforce

How can you help? The ESU Foundation is asking for donations to help meet this $50,000 challenge by investing in the Student Teacher Education Scholarship Program. To make a gift toward the Lattner challenge grant, contact the ESU Foundation’s Development Office at 620-341-6488.

Gift Planning 101:
Young or old, you make a difference through giving

Sarah Phillips has a passion for Emporia State University—and she wants to share that enthusiasm with future ESU students through philanthropy.

As a younger alumna, Sarah has not yet built those lifetime assets that can provide an outright gift. Through gift planning’s flexibility, though, she is able to meet a personal and philanthropic goal just five years after earning her degree.

“A music scholarship drew Sarah to ESU,” said Roseanne Becker, chief development officer for the ESU Foundation. As the first in her family to go to college, the scholarship figured prominently in her decision to attend ESU.

“She came up with the idea to give back through life insurance,” said Becker. Sarah is making a charitable gift through life insurance proceeds and naming the ESU Foundation as both the owner and the beneficiary of a policy on her life.

Giving through life insurance has created the opportunity for Sarah to give more than she thought possible at this stage of her life. “Think creatively,” she advises. “If you are 27 or 67, you can make a difference.”
Curtis comes home to lead Alumni Association

For Tyler Curtis, Homecoming at Emporia State University came early. June 28, to be exact.

That was the first day on the job for Curtis (BSE 2001, MS 2004), who returned to ESU as director of alumni relations and legislative liaison.

“During my time as an undergraduate, Emporia became home to me,” Curtis said. “This truly feels like my own little homecoming celebration!”

Most recently the principal at Bert Nash Intermediate School in Atchison, Kan., Curtis has also taught language arts at Topeka’s Seaman High School, where he was named Teacher of the Year in 2008.

“Tyler’s leadership qualities, exuberant personality and creative approaches to engage ESU alumni will bring a fresh new set of eyes to the Alumni Association,” said Russ Everhart, Alumni Association Board of Directors president.

In his role as legislative liaison, Curtis will report to Dr. Michael R. Lane, ESU president, and will provide research, support and guidance on educational issues before the Kansas Legislature.
1. **What’s your favorite ESU memory?**

   Homecoming 2000. I happened to be selected Homecoming King that year, and it was a great experience, especially being crowned at the bonfire in Wilson Park. Plus, as a member of Cardinal Key and Xi Phi, I was actively involved with some planning for Homecoming that year. The whole week was just a ton of fun.

2. **Who’s your hero?**

   Hmm, Joan Lauber. [Joan is the Administrative Officer for Alumni Relations. – Ed.]

3. **What do you want to tell ESU alumni about yourself?**

   First and foremost, I’m married to a wonderful woman and fellow ESU alum, Melanie (Ervin, BSE 2001, MS 2004). She is an outstanding elementary teacher, a great mom, and an even better wife. We have two daughters—Allie (3) and Caroline (four months). Among the various hats I wear on any given day, the “Dad hat” is probably my favorite.

   Melanie and I both grew up in Liberal, Kan., attended Seward County Community College, and then transferred and graduated from ESU. We both have bachelor’s and master’s degrees from ESU, so we have a lot of Black and Gold running through our veins. ESU has always felt like home to me, and I’m glad to be back home.

4. **What’s been your biggest challenge in your new job?**

   Figuring out how to either download Joan Lauber’s memory or possibly clone her. [Joan is retiring in December after 26 years of service to ESU, the last 23 of which have been with the ESU Alumni Association and Foundation. – Ed.]

5. **When you have spare time, how do you like to spend it?**

   Enjoying time with family and friends. Eating, listening to music, playing with my kids, fishing, watching movies - all good times in my book.

6. **Last movie you’ve seen?**

   Toy Story 3. Wow, I would never have guessed I would be saying that five years ago, but it was good flick. Very funny!

7. **Next book you want to read?**

   Millennials Rising: The Next Great Generation. Oh, and Joan Lauber’s Memoirs. [Joan may or may not be writing said memoirs! – Ed.]

8. **Steak or sushi?**

   Steak - along with a salad and baked potato on the side.

9. **Any hidden talents?**

   I’m a bass player, but I don’t know how “talented” I am at it. We ate at Wendy’s awhile back and Allie got a Zoozaphone, which is a kazoo shaped like a saxophone, inside her kids’ meal. I can really crank out some mean sounding tunes on that thing. Anything from John Coltrane to “Itsy Bitsy Spider” is game.

10. **What’s playing on your iPod right now?**

    My summer playlists always include The Clash, Bouncing Souls, Reggie and the Full Effect, and Elvis Costello among others. My overall collection is very diverse and includes jazz, country, rock/metal, punk, hip hop and classical genres.
A little about the editor

Continuing the dual themes of change and celebration this issue of *Spotlight* has been expressing, now is a good time to exercise a little editorial privilege while introducing another new face in the Sauder Alumni Center.

*Mine.*

And you can thank Jesse Tuel, former *Spotlight* editor, for instigating this particular change.

Jesse chaired the screening committee that first brought me to Emporia State University in 2007 for a job as media relations coordinator. Then he put the bug in my ear to consider this job as he was leaving to become editor of VT Magazine at Virginia Tech.

So here I am, stepping into the admittedly sizeable shoes Jesse left behind.

Celebrating this new job, I’m also grateful for the support and encouragement of my new Sauder Alumni Center family—which, by extension, includes all of you. I’ll depend on you to keep me clued in on what you’ve been up to in the years since you roamed the campus.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Dave Sparks
Director of Advancement Communications
*Spotlight* editor

*The ESU Foundation and Alumni Association staffs gathered at Camp Wood for their annual spring retreat.*

(Front row, left to right) Donna Breshears, Teddi Davis, Suzanne Walter, Shanna Bassett, Judith Heasley, Sharon Mayers, Lory Cross. (Back row) Tyler Curtis, Matt Rhea, Dave Sparks, Bob Spain, Roseanne Becker, Katrina Werly, Carol Cooper, Angela Fullen, Aileen Miller, Mim Hiesterman, Joan Lauber, Nikki Metz.
When the ESU Alumni Association board of directors met June 12, part of the agenda was to greet Tyler Curtis (BSE 2001, MS 2004) as the new alumni relations director. We also recognized retiring board members Janis DeBoer (BSB 1991), Floyd Hoelting (BA 1968, MS 1968) and Rod Turner (BSE 1971, MS 1974).

We also welcomed a new class of board volunteers—Erika Craghead (BSE 1991, MS 2002), Vicki Emery (BSE 1970), Michael Hatch (BS 1993), Neil Roach (BA 1963, MA 1965), Rebecca Winterscheidt (BS 1980), and Timothy Wright (BSB 1986). Cindy (Webber) Ramsey (BSE 1967) was elected to a second term.

But what emerged from our meeting was a framework to re-energize the Association membership. Along with broadly serving our nearly 58,000 active alumni, the board identified emerging or underserved constituents, including recent (less than ten years), out-of-state, international, online and “remote campus” graduates.

Our actions must reflect the wishes of our alumni and our partners, the ESU Foundation and university leadership. By committing ourselves to structuring an appealing Homecoming experience while growing our alumni communities, we hope you will be motivated to donate your time, talent and resources to Emporia State University.

Fulfilling a near-term objective, Judith Heasley announced an engaging Alumni Association event celebrating the 100-year anniversary of Greek life at ESU. Greeks are invited to gather at Natasha’s Billiards and Lounge, 627 Commercial, for a post-Homecoming All-Greek social starting at 7:30 p.m. This event follows the post-game reception featuring live music, beverages and hors d’oeuvres for alumni and friends at the Sauder Alumni Center.

Watch your mailbox for more information about ESU Homecoming Saturday, October 23, 2010 – “ARE YOU GAME?” Information regarding other Greek life reunions will be updated regularly online at www.emporia.edu/homecoming. Whether you were Greek or not, please plan to join us to celebrate our common bond as proud and accomplished ESU alumni!

Yours for ESU,
Russ Everhart (BSB 1990, MS 1996)
Top 25 Director’s Cup finish for ESU

With six of 16 sports programs finishing the season in the top 25, including a national championship in women’s basketball, Emporia State University placed 25th in the final 2009-10 Learfield Sports Director’s Cup standings.

The Director’s Cup measures the strength of an athletic program based on NCAA play. This is the sixth straight year ESU has finished in the top 40 nationally out of nearly 300 NCAA Division II schools.

MIAA awards

Emporia State University brought home several awards from the summer’s MIAA awards dinner. On top of Cassandra Boston’s Ken B. Jones Award as the top female student-athlete in the conference, ESU was singled out for additional recognition, including:

- MIAA Game Environment Award of Excellence. ESU’s “The Sportsmanship Statement,” presented by a student-athlete prior to the start of home football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, softball and baseball contests, encourages fans to cheer for their team and show respect to other players, fans, coaches and officials.
- MIAA SAAC Mentor of the Year. Dr. John Rich, associate dean of ESU’s School of Business, chairs the Athletic Advisory Board and assists student-athletes in maintaining their eligibility. He helped organize a chapter of the national athletic honor society, Chi Alpha Sigma, at ESU.
- Graduation Rate Differential Award. The MIAA uses information from the Department of Education to compare the graduation rates of student-athletes with those of the general student body. A total of 70 percent of ESU’s 2002-09 freshmen on athletically-related student aid earned a degree within six years, which was 26 percentage points above the general student body rate for the same time period.

ESU Athletics tops 100,000 in attendance again

Great fan support is a hallmark of Emporia State University athletics, and this past season was no different. For the seventh straight year, over 100,000 Hornet and Lady Hornet fans attended ESU home sporting events during the 2009-10 athletic season.

The national champion Lady Hornet basketball team played in front of a total of 27,529 fans in 13 regular season games at White Auditorium. The ESU men’s basketball team was close behind the Lady Hornets in total attendance with 27,341 fans at 14 home games.

Hornet football drew 24,873 fans for six home games at Welch Stadium, while ESU volleyball attracted 7,778 fans in ten matches on the team’s home court in White Auditorium.

National standings for baseball and softball attendance were not available at press time. Tickets for ESU football and volleyball are on sale now. They may be purchased at the ESU Ticket Office in the Memorial Union, by phone at 877-341-6378, or online at www.emporia.edu/athletics.

Academic honors

Anyone needing evidence that ESU’s student-athletes are academic achievers needs to look no further than the numerous scholastic awards that have been handed out this summer. Among them:

- All-Academic Team honors for the ESU men’s and women’s track and field program.
- Team Academic Award honors for the volleyball team from the American Volleyball Coaches Association.
- Conference academic honor awards for 121 ESU student-athletes, including three Academic Excellence Awards noting the 4.0 grade point averages of Paige Ladenburger from Topeka, a softball player majoring in nursing; Siera Lungren from Arkansas City, a member of the women’s tennis team and a communication major; and Megan Lueger of St. Marys, a volleyball team member majoring in chemistry.
- ESU student-athletes earned 41 D-II Athletic Directors Association Academic Achievement Awards presented by WeatherPORT. Among the honorees were the MIAA’s Ken B. Jones Award winner and women’s basketball All-American Cassondra Boston and NFCA/NCAA Division II Softball Player of the Year Miranda Campbell.
Get on board with other Spotlighters by donating $25 or more per year to support the magazine. Make checks payable to the ESU Foundation and send them to 1500 Highland St., Emporia, KS 66801. Or give online at www.emporia.edu/give. Donors are listed annually in the fall edition.

If you like Spotlight and know any of the folks in the list below, give them a pat on the back. As “Spotlighters,” they’re generously supporting the magazine’s production costs through charitable contributions!

Charlcie Black
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Theodore & Kathryn Wischropp
State of Oklahoma and spends her time writing about her teaching experiences and children’s books.

**Terry Parks** (BSE’61, MS’65), East China, Mich., recently retired from his position as the Director of St. Clair Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Mathematics and Science Center. Terry spent 41 years in education.

**Don McChesney** (BS’64), Munden, will be President of the High Banks Hall of Fame and Midget Auto Racing Museum in Belleville, Kan., for the year 2010. Belleville is the site of the world’s fastest, continuously operating ½ mile dirt track and was recently voted one of the 24 finalists for 8 Wonders of Kansas CUSTOMS, a project of the Kansas Sampler Foundation.

**Jon Anderson** (BS’65), Locust Grove, Va., retired in July 2009 from his position as Senior Vice President, ITT Corporation after 23 years.

**Margaret (Roberts) Martinie** (BSE’65), Olathe, retired in 2009 from St. Joseph Medical Center in Kansas City. Previously, Margaret taught elementary school.

**Mike Martinie** (BSE’65, MS’67), Olathe, served as vice-president of sales & marketing from ARA Insurance Services in Kansas City and will now work as a preferred agent with the firm out of his home. He has also served as director of Westminster Choir at First Presbyterian Church in Olathe for over 30 years.

**Linda Bluth** (MS’66), Ellicott City, Md., is currently the president of the National Association for Pupil Transportation. She has 45 years of experience as a Special Educator, including 31 years in special needs transportation.

**Karol (Gatewood) McChesney** (BME’66), Munden, is co-coordinator of the final 2010 Chautauqua in Belleville, Kan., sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council. The theme is “Bright Dreams, Hard Times: America in the Thirties.”

**Leonard Gales** (BSE’68), Great Bend, is the new superintendent of school for USD 328 – Lorraine as well as the principal at Quivira Heights High School.

**Sherryl (Pock) Longhofer** (BSE’68, MS’73, MS’93), Topeka, was elected International South Central Vice-President for Alpha Delta Kappa at the International Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina. Sherryl will be serving as VP for Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, and Mexico. She was a past Kansas Master Teacher and retired from the Auburn-Washburn District after 35 years in education.

**John Smith** (MS’69), Bella Vista, Ark., retired from homebuilding in March 2009 after 32 years in the business.

**Jeanie (Hartshorn) Edwardson** (BSE’67), Aрамons Pass, Texas, wrote a children’s storybook, *Froggy Fun*, which was published and released in March 2010.

**Paul Hufstedler** (BFS’69), San Francisco, Calif., has published his memoir, *Never Felt Better, Looked Worse, Nor Had Less (Growing Up Off Center in the Middle West)*, an anthology of wry stories and character profiles from his early years.

**Ted Bilderback** (BS’70, MS’73), Raleigh, N.C., has been named Interim Director of the J.C. Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State University. Ted was a 1999 ESU Distinguished Alumnus.

**Gloria (Rice) Markuly** (BA’70), Cheney, retired in October 2009 after nearly 38 years with the Kansas Department of S.R.S. Gloria served as the Assistant Regional Director.

**Richard James** (BSB’71, MS’73), Whitewater, Wis., retired in 2007 after teaching for 38 years, beginning at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. After 4 years, Richard began his university teaching career after completing his doctorate at Northern Illinois University. He taught at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for 29 years and 2 years at North Texas State University. Dr. James served as national president of the Marketing Education Association and received honors for his research and publications.
The Honorable Philip Kyle (MS’71), Jetmore, has retired after serving 24 years as district magistrate judge in the district court of Hodgeman County, Kansas.

Charles Livengood (BSB’71), Plainfield, Ind., has retired from the U.S. government. He was an information specialist for more than 32 years.

Phyllis (Larsen) Ericson (BA’72, MS’78), was named the Association of Nonprofit Executives (ANPE) Executive of the Year for 2009 in Lincoln, Neb. Phyllis joined the Nebraska Community Blood Bank in 1989 and became CEO in 1995. She is the president of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society and is also a 10 gallon blood donor.

Marc Gailbraith (MLS’72), Topeka, Deputy Director of the State Library, was recognized for service to Library Personnel at the 2010 Kansas Library Association Presidential Awards Dinner in Wichita. As Deputy State Librarian, he is intimately involved in the library’s daily work; he’s also the point man for legislative issues, budget, state-aid, and advocacy on the state and federal levels.

Irma (Matson) Blaha (BSE’73), Clifton, is a business teacher for Clifton-Clyde high school. She was awarded the Secondary Business Education Award from the Kansas Business Education Association, the Secondary Teacher of the Year Award from the Mountain Plains Business Education Association, and the Kansas Outstanding Local Advisor from Future Business Leaders of America.

Mike Fox (BSE’73, MS’75), Rogers, Ark., was named to the 2009 Arkansas Officials Association Hall of Fame. Mike owns Foxy Ties.

Dwayne “Bill” Miller (BA’73), Goodman, Mo., was awarded the Missouri Water Conservationist of 2009 by the Conservation Federation of Missouri (State Affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation) in February 2010 for his continued work in preserving and enhancing the Aquatic Resources in Missouri.

Lynn Bott (BS’75), Lawrence, director of sports medicine at Baker University, was officially inducted into the National Athletic Trainers Association in June 2010. Lynn served 16 years at the chair of the legislative committee for the Kansas Athletic Trainers Society and served 2 terms as District 5 director.

Kevin Regan (BS’77), Kansas City, Mo., of the Regan Law Firm, LLC, has recently been inducted in the American College of Trial Lawyers, an honor bestowed on fewer than 1% of lawyers in the U.S. and Canada. Kevin specializes in civil and criminal litigation and continues to practice sports law in the Kansas City area as well, and continues to serve as pro bono counsel for the Derrick Thomas/Neil Smith Third and Long Foundation.

1980s

Darla (Hodges) Mallein (BSE’80, MS’94, CF), Emporia, received the 2010 Xi Phi Outstanding Faculty Award at Emporia State University.

Annie Salisbury (MS’81), Ferryville, Wis., has written several books; her latest book, *Everything Turns to Callous*, was recently published.

Julianne Couch (BFA’82, BS’82, MS’84), Laramie, Wyo., published her second book based on the culture of small town Wyoming bars. *Jukeboxes & Jackalopes: A Photographic Companion to Wyoming Bars & Backways* was released in September 2009 by the Wyoming State Historical Society.

Rita Frakes (BSE’83), Wichita, is an art teacher, assistant volleyball coach and head softball coach at Andover Central High School. Her softball team was 5A State Champions and Rita won League Coach of the Year, All-Metro Coach of the Year, and Greater Wichita Sports Commission Female Coach of the Year.

Rick Rojek (BSB’83) and Cheri (Wagner) Rojek (BSE’84), Eureka Springs, Ark., own and operate Heartstone Inn and Cottages, which that was awarded Inn of the Year for 2010 in the U.S. Heartstone is a full-service, luxury bed and breakfast that the Rojeks have operated for over a decade.

Teresa (Lane) McVey (BSE’84, MS’91), Caney, is an Autism Consultant for the Tri-County Special Education Coop. She started a lending library and has a TACT Team (Team Assistance for Classroom Teachers) that works with children on the Autism spectrum.

Tammy Barrett (BS’87), Tulsa, Okla., was promoted to shareholder at GableGotwals.

Tammy graduated with honors from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1990, and joined GableGotwals in 2008. Her practice area includes state and federal litigation.

William “Bill” Patterson (MS’89), Lyndon, marked 25 years with Lyndon High School; he just completed his 1st year as the counselor.

1990s

Phillip Whitaker (BFA’90), Enid, Okla., was awarded volunteer of the year at St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center. Phillip is the Sleep Center Patient Coordinator at St. Mary’s.

Angel (Peavler) Zimmerman (BS’91), Topeka, accepted a partner position with her firm. The firm is now called Valentine, Zimmerman and Zimmerman, PA.

Kertis Keehn (BSE’92), Highland, recently finished his Masters in Education from Northwest Missouri State University. He has been teaching for 16 years.

Amber (Ely) Casement (BSB’93), Wichita, was recently elected to the Board of Education for Maize USD 266. Amber is a controller for J. Enterprises, Inc.

Tiffany Nickel (BSE’95), Bel Aire, was selected as “Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2010.” Her tasks include sharing her platform, “Capabilities of those with Disabilities and Unconditional Access” and raising funds to compete in the national “Ms. Wheelchair 2010” competition in August.

Kerensa Peterson (BFA’96), Chicago, Ill., was recently promoted to the Faculty Manager position with Kaplan Premier, after winning Trainer of the Year for the entire Kaplan Test Prep & Admissions company. She also accepted the Literacy Manager position with Backstage Theatre Company.

Carrie (Waidley) Wyatt (BSB’97), Derby, has been accepted into the College of Health Professions Leadership Academy for the Class of 2011. Carrie is currently a Senior Administrative Specialist for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Wichita State University.

2000s

Jill Gruver (BSE’01, MS’04), Wichita, is currently the District Recruiter for Farmers Insurance and Financial Solutions – District 20 Recruiting and Training Center in Wichita.
Jesse Tuel (BSB’01, MA’08, FS), Christiansburg, Va., was named editor of Virginia Tech Magazine and VT NetLetter. Previously Jesse was the director of advancement communication for ESU.

Julie (Roberts) Rhoads (MS’02), Derby, is teaching at Cowley County Community College. She also coordinates the Education Degree Programs, serves as an advisor, and works with 4-year schools to develop a smooth transition through such partnerships as 2+2s or articulated agreements.

Marek Wensel (MS’04), Cedar Rapids, Ill., participated in the USATF Masters National Track and Field Championships in Oshkosh, Wis., in July 2009. Marek broke the 40-44 age group American Record in the Pentathlon in route to winning the National Championship, and was also a member of the winning 4x400.

Kimberly (Schwenn) DalBello (BA’05), Topeka, is the new Program Instructor for Kansas STARBASE in Topeka. She teaches math and science to 4th-6th graders and this is her 4th year of teaching.

Darcy Seitz (BSE’06), Topeka, is the new Program Instructor for Kansas STARBASE in Topeka. She teaches math and science to 4th-6th graders and this is her 4th year of teaching.

Scott Schoenfeld (BSE’07), Salina, was awarded the Kansas Horizon Award. He is currently teaching 5th grade at Southeast of Saline.

Robert Carr (BSB’08, MBA’09), Andover, has been hired by BKD, LLP in Wichita as a staff accountant in the assurance and tax services departments.

Lorene Booth (BSB’09), Emporia, was recently employed by the Kansas Assistive Technology Co-Operative.

Stephanie Clark (BS’09, BA’09), Paola, is a new residential care specialist for a psychiatric residential treatment facility called TLC for Children and Families in Olathe. She was also accepted into the art therapy program at Southern Illinois University.

Mandy (Figgins) Tally (BSB’09), Madison, started her career at ABZ in February 2010 as the Inside Sales Representative for the Midwest Region of the United States.

Jeffrey Lorenz Bansemer, son, born to Brandon and Kristy (Nunn) Bansemer (BA’00), June 17, 2009.

Braedan Anthony Boggs, son, born to Derick and Dianne (Orth) Boggs (BS’07), March 11, 2009.

Jacob Issac Butler, son, born to Michael and Sarah (Johnson) Butler (BSB’01), Sept. 3, 2009.

Jackson Albert DalBello, son, born to Andrew and Kimberly (Schwenn) DalBello (BS’05), Dec. 29, 2009.

Lily Mae Graber, daughter, born to Jeffrey and Elisabeth (Burks) Graber (BSE’04), Feb. 18, 2010.

Cole David Hinton, son, born to David (BSE’06, MS’09) and Mandy (Cole) Hinton (BSE’09), Oct. 6, 2009.

Carlie Robert Faust, son, born to John and Marcie (Garst) Faust (BSE’94), April 13, 2009.


Traeger Kasodi Garnett, son, born to Royal (BS’05) and Ashley (Schumann) Garnett (BSN’08), Dec. 30, 2008.

Cruz Blaine Gutierrez, son, born to Aaron and Erin (Worrell) Gutierrez (BFA’00), Nov. 6, 2009.


Audrey Marie Larson, daughter, born to Blake (BSB’04) and Angela (Davis) Larson (BSE’04, MS’07), Dec. 16, 2009.

Jude Harrison Myers, son, born to Andrew (BFA’03) and Erin (Langston) Myers (BFA’03), Aug. 12, 2009.

Adyson Ann Parrott, daughter, born to Nick and Heather (Scott) Parrott (BSE’08), July 8, 2009.

Noah Jeffrey Polson, son, born to Jeff and Shelly (Minge) Polson (BFA’05), Oct. 27, 2009.

Nathaniel Allen Seimears, son, born to Jonathan (FR) and Amy (Dowell) Seimears (BSN’05), Sept. 12, 2008.

Gavin Charles Shaw, son, born to Cody Shaw and Jami LeClear (FS), April 15, 2010.


Olivia Ruth Stastny, daughter, born to Lenni and Carrie (Kirk) Stastny (BS’01), May 11, 2009.


Derick Boggs and Dianne Orth (BS’07), Oct. 17, 2009.


Clint Davis (BSB’06) and Tara Freeman (BFA’06, BSE’10), May 30, 2009.


Robert Haskins and Deborah Mattix (BSE’67), Nov. 7, 2009.

Bryan Maher (CS) and Rebecca Sipes (BSE’06), June 27, 2009.

Jeff Polson and Shelly Minge (BFA’05), Sept. 27, 2009.

Kelly Rippel (BA’09) and Sheri Little (CS), July 11, 2009.

Todd Roberts (BSE’08) and Dannielle Tracy (GRAD’10), March 6, 2010.

Kenneth Saddahar (BA’06, MA’08) and Randi Temple (BS’06), Aug. 8, 2009.

Justin Tabares and Kara Hamilton (BA’03, MBA’06), Sept. 19, 2009.

Lance Tally and Mandy Figgins (BSB’09), Feb. 1, 2010.
Jeffrey Hodapp

The powerful low notes gracing many ESU instrumental ensemble concerts in recent years came from the tuba played by Jeff Hodapp. Dr. Hodapp, associate professor of low brass and music theory at Emporia State, died Dec. 30, 2009, in Owatonna, Minn.

He was remembered at a memorial service Feb. 6 in Plumb Hall’s Albert Taylor Hall where ESU music faculty, students and colleagues performed.

John C. Lehman

John Lehman’s friends remembered the more than four decades he taught, coached, mentored and supported Emporia State University students during a memorial service Feb. 26. Lehman, a professor of communication and theatre, died Jan. 29, 2010.

His Kansas Chautauqua portrayals of Teddy Roosevelt fittingly described Lehman’s personality. But underneath a sometimes-gruff exterior, Lehman’s concern for students was legendary.

Lehman had been a member of the ESU Foundation Board of Trustees since 1982. The John C. Lehman Scholarship Fund has been established in his memory at the Foundation.

Galen M. Milsap (BA’48)

The Sauder Alumni Center hosted a memorial service for Galen Milsap after his death June 6, 2010. After a career with the U.S. Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force that spanned assignments in the South Pacific, California, Texas, Arizona, Nebraska and Maryland, Lt. Col. Milsap and his wife, Dorothy, returned to Emporia. Dorothy Milsap died in 2005.

The Milsaps were generous contributors to ESU. The Galen and Dorothy Milsap Athletic Scholarship Fund was created at the ESU Foundation to continue the couple’s legacy of giving.

Judith K. Sherrer (BSE’64)

Friends recalled Judy Sherrer’s spunk, humor and strength as they commented in online condolences following her death March 31, 2010. Married for 44 years to Gary Sherrer (BS 1963), former Lt. Governor of Kansas and current chair of the Kansas Board of Regents, Mrs. Sherrer taught physical education and was an ESL paraprofessional.

Attending ESU as a physical education major, Judy was a cheerleader, a member of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority and was named Miss Emporia State 1963.

Generous with her time and talents, Judy was a member of the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence Advisory Board at ESU. She also served on the board of Kaw Valley Council of Girl Scouts.

In addition to her husband, survivors include two children, Stuart Sherrer and Nancy Beaton, a granddaughter, Anna Beaton, her mother, Ruth Waller, an aunt, Gladys Ingle, and nieces and nephews.

The Sherrer family has established a scholarship in Judy’s memory for women majoring in health and physical education. Contributions to the scholarship may be made to the ESU Foundation, 1500 Highland St., Emporia, KS 66801.
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In Memoriam

1920s/30s

Margaret (Richardson) Wolf (LIF'29), Marion, March 9, 2010.
M. Maxine (Ferris) Locke (BSE'38), Arlington, Jan. 27, 2010.
Marion C. Miller (BA'38, BS'38), Hilton Head, S.C., March 25, 2010.

1940s

Gilbert M. Boone (BS'49, MS'55), Prairie Village, Jan. 4, 2010.
Norris F. Burke (BS'47, EDS'64), Wichita, March 15, 2009.
Laura B. (Bowker) Chappell (BSE'49), Alpine, Texas, April 25, 2010.
Gerald V. Hartman (BA'42), Lenexa, Jan. 4, 2010.
S. George Hopkins (BA'46), Dallas, Texas, Jan. 18, 2010.
Phyllis M. (Grigsby) Jones (BME'42), Lawrence, Nov. 20, 2009.
Elgeva L. (Smith) Kerr (BSE'43), Corpus Christi, Texas, March 7, 2010.
Dorothy A. (Zimmerman) Reed (BSE'40, MS'61), Emporia, Dec. 9, 2009.

1950s

Martha J. Bailey (BS'50, MS'57), Kearney, Neb., Jan. 15, 2010.
Donald E. Blow (BS'57, MS'58), Clare, Mich., Nov. 28, 2009.
Carol B. (Miser) Bruce (BSE'59), Burlington, Jan. 6, 2010.
Hiram B. Dickson (MS'51), Topeka, March 27, 2010.
Kenneth M. Green (BA'51), New Paltz, N.Y., May 7, 2010.
Mary C. (Hefner) Green (BSB'50), Topeka, April 8, 2010.
Charley J. Gowdy (BSE'59, MS'68), Iola, March 25, 2010.
Ethel M. (Munzer) Hooper (BME'51), Wichita, May 19, 2010.
Raymond C. Koch (BSE'57, MA'59), Hillside, Colo., April 27, 2010.
Cecile (Fowler) Luse (BSE'58, MLS'68), Oskaloosa, Jan. 24, 2010.

1960s

Arlyn G. Bahr (BS'62), Overland Park, Nov. 27, 2009.
Jerry E. Bamesberger (MS'62), Derby, May 25, 2010.
Corinne F. (Moran) Barrett (BSE'69), Aurora, Colo., Dec. 8, 2009.
Dale E. Brooks (MS'67), Salina, Nov. 3, 2009.
Nancy J. (Hatfield) Burton (BS'61, MS'68), Overland Park, Feb. 3, 2010.
Jerry L. Collier (MS'68), Kansas City, May 1, 2009.
Robert D. Frankenfeld (MS'69), Bella Vista, Ark., March 30, 2010.
Clara (Femat) Gorham (BSE'67, MS'68), Terra Bella, Calif., Dec. 28, 2009.
Richard M. Hadsell (MLS'61), Scottsbluff, Neb., March 16, 2009.
Harvey L. Harriman (MS'67), Gunnison, Colo., March 22, 2010.
Roland J. Hidde (MS'65), Appleton, Wis., Feb. 11, 2010.
Glenda M. Irwin (BSB'63), Topeka, April 12, 2010.
William J. Jones (BSB'67, MS'74), Topeka, Jan. 6, 2010.
Mary L. (Bruns) Kelley (BSE'66, MS'70), Topeka, May 28, 2010.
Robert H. Neumayer (BA'60), El Dorado, April 28, 2010.
Mary M. (Kitchen) Moffet (MS'68), Topeka, Feb. 18, 2010.
David L. Monson (MS'64), Caldwell, Aug. 4, 2009.
James R. Roth (BSB'63), Wichita, May 19, 2010.
Daniel J. O'Rourke (BSE'60, MS'61), Oceanside, Calif., Nov. 6, 2009.
R. Jean Scully (MS'60), Topeka, May 5, 2010.
Robert C. Sherraden (BSE'66), Madison, Wis., Dec. 9, 2009.
*Judith K. (Waller) Sherrer (BSE'64), Overland Park, March 31, 2010.
Douglas A. Siebert (BS'60), Emporia, Jan. 5, 2010.
Virginia A. Mellenbruch (BSE'51), Topeka, March 4, 2010.
Claude D. Parks (BSE'57), Hutchinson, Feb. 17, 2010.
Delbert “Del” L. Tolbert (BSE'58), Manhattan, Feb. 9, 2010.
William J. White (BSB'50), Topeka, April 2, 2010.

1970s

James J. Rathke, Sr. (BSE'57), Hutchinson, Feb. 17, 2010.
Claude D. Parks (BSE'57), Lawrence, Nov. 20, 2009.
Elgeva L. (Smith) Kerr (BSE'43), Corpus Christi, Texas, March 7, 2010.
Dorothy A. (Zimmerman) Reed (BSE'40, MS'61), Emporia, Dec. 9, 2009.

1980s

Ethel M. (Munzer) Hooper (BME'51), Wichita, May 19, 2010.
Raymond C. Koch (BSE'57, MA'59), Hillside, Colo., April 27, 2010.
Cecile (Fowler) Luse (BSE'58, MLS'68), Oskaloosa, Jan. 24, 2010.

1990s

Ethel M. (Munzer) Hooper (BME'51), Wichita, May 19, 2010.
Raymond C. Koch (BSE'57, MA'59), Hillside, Colo., April 27, 2010.
Cecile (Fowler) Luse (BSE'58, MLS'68), Oskaloosa, Jan. 24, 2010.

2000s

*Fred A. Markowitz (BSE'52, MS'60), Emporia, Jan. 5, 2010.
Virginia A. Mellenbruch (BSE'51), Topeka, March 4, 2010.
Claude D. Parks (BSE'57), Hutchinson, Feb. 17, 2010.
Delbert “Del” L. Tolbert (BSE'58), Manhattan, Feb. 9, 2010.
William J. White (BSB'50), Topeka, April 2, 2010.
1970s
Guy L. Clough (BSE’70), Lawrence, Jan. 25, 2010.
J. Lawrence Fordham (BSE’70), Orlando, Fla., Nov. 1, 2009.
Stephen L. Gish (BSE’70), Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 20, 2010.
Marilyn J. (Haize) Hardy (MS’78), McLouth, Feb. 12, 2010.
Daryl G. Harts (BSB’72), Prairie Village, March 18, 2010.
Richard M. Johnson (BA’72), Abilene, April 13, 2010.
Paul D. Kruger (BA’74, MS’81), Emporia, March 3, 2010.
Rudy A. Pouch (MS’74), Lyndon, Jan. 28, 2010.
Kevin M. Rues (BSE’74), Santa Monica, Calif., May 12, 2010.
Robert K. Shaw (BA’71), Parsons, Nov. 21, 2009.
Katherine S. (Stephens) Wilhide (BSE’70, MS’82), Bonner Springs, Feb. 28, 2010.

1980s
Kimberly R. Berry-Fugair (BS’88), Enid, Okla., Nov. 27, 2009.
Robert G. Haning (MS’81), Grandview, Mo., April 22, 2010.

1990s
Carolyn M. Miller (BSB’98), Shawnee, April 6, 2010.
Eileen M. (Philip) Rice (MLS’95), Highlands Ranch, Colo., Feb. 6, 2010.
Donald E. Roberts (MS’90), Hartford, March 10, 2010.

2000s
Clyde D. Bobbitt (FS’73), Haddam, Jan. 14, 2010.
Iyla M. (Parkman) Carter (FS’49), Emporia, Nov. 28, 2009.
Dorothy (Kimball) Fritz (FS’38), Medicine Lodge, May 25, 2010.

1970s
Guy L. Clough (BSE’70), Lawrence, Jan. 25, 2010.
J. Lawrence Fordham (BSE’70), Orlando, Fla., Nov. 1, 2009.
Stephen L. Gish (BSE’70), Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 20, 2010.
Marilyn J. (Haize) Hardy (MS’78), McLouth, Feb. 12, 2010.
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Katherine S. (Stephens) Wilhide (BSE’70, MS’82), Bonner Springs, Feb. 28, 2010.

FF/CF/FSt

FR
Waldo R. Brugh, Paulina, Iowa, March 14, 2009.
Marion C. Coen, Ottawa, Nov. 24, 2009.
Ernest L. Kratina, Sr., Topeka, April 14, 2009.
*M. Emily (Hughes) Robohn, Emporia, Feb. 10, 2010.
*Frances L. (Smith) Stewart, Auburn, Nov. 21, 2009.
Isabel R. (Hortenstein) McGee (FS’43), San Jose, Calif., Oct. 21, 2009.
Jessica A. Miller (CS), Americus, April 1, 2010.
*Samuel J. “Sam” Williams (CS), Ivory Coast, Africa, Nov. 1, 2009.

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CS – current staff
CS – current student
LC – life certificate
FF – former faculty
FS – former student
FSt – former staff
* – Memorial fund established at ESU
FF/CF/FSt

In Memoriam
EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY 31
This year’s Emporia State University Newberg seniors continue a tradition of involvement in campus life and serving their community while amassing a sizable list of awards and honors during their careers in higher education.

Twelve ESU seniors, each with an impressive list of accomplishments, were nominated for the Dwight & Ida Curry Newberg awards.

Jonathan Krueger, a political science, public affairs and national security major from Bentley, was named the Newberg Outstanding Senior. Jeremy Walter, a crime and delinquency studies major from Overland Park, was named the Newberg Distinguished Senior.

Krueger's campus involvement includes his tenure as president of ESU’s Associated Student Government this year. He has also served leadership roles in Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity, Interfraternity Council, Public Affairs Club, Active Republicans, and was a member of the students’ advisory committee to the Kansas Board of Regents. He is also an ESU Shepherd Scholar, and was the university's homecoming king in 2009. Krueger has also been involved in community projects including Services Offering Safety and the Kansas Corps.

Walter has been president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and ESU’s Interfraternity Council and was vice president of GAMMA, a peer education program that focuses on alcohol abuse prevention and other student health and safety issues. He has participated in Walk for ALS, Relay for Life, Laps for Landon, and has been a volunteer at the Abundant Harvest Soup Kitchen in Emporia. He is a winner of ESU’s Black and Gold Scholarship and Elberta Harris Scholarship, in addition to winning Greek Man of the Year and IFC Excellence Award honors.

The Newberg Senior Awards were established by Dwight (BSE 1933) and Ida Curry Newberg (LC 1932) as one of several scholarships to ESU students.

Dwight Newberg received the Outstanding Senior Award in 1933. The award was later discontinued, but the Newbergs reestablished it in 1988. Dwight Newberg died in 1996, and Ida Curry Newberg died in 2001.

A group of 12 Emporia State University seniors will finish their undergraduate years with the help of one of ESU’s most prestigious academic awards.

The 2010-11 Shepherd Scholars not only have generous scholarships to assist them financially through their upcoming senior year. They also have the respect of ESU faculty members who introduced them at a ceremony attended by family and friends at the Sauder Alumni Center on Wednesday, April 28.

“We look forward to your future accomplishments,” said Dr. Michael R. Lane, ESU president, “and we want to thank a special family who has given us the opportunity to recognize so many young men and women.”

Lane was referring to Augusta Shepherd and her late husband, R. Hershel Shepherd of Emporia, who established the Shepherd Scholars program at ESU in 1994. The scholarship provides substantial support for ESU’s most accomplished upperclassmen in their senior years. The couple’s three children, Jim Shepherd and wife Mary, Joyce French and Judy Hawkins continue to follow in their parents’ footsteps by supporting the scholarship fund and enjoy meeting all of the Shepherd Scholars.

For Alli Jordan, the ceremony held a special surprise. She was also recognized with the Roe R. Cross Scholar Award, presented by ESU professors named as Roe R. Cross Distinguished Professors. For the fourth year, the elite circle of professors honored one of the Shepherd Scholars with an additional scholarship.

Jordan, an English major from Overland Park, was introduced by Amy Sage Webb, associate professor of English. “She is an embodiment of all the qualities this scholarship represents,” noted Webb, adding “she leaves everything much better and stronger than when she finds it.”
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6 p.m. Reception
6:30 p.m. Dinner
Tickets: $25 per person.

Make plans to attend the Alumni Celebration dinner and honor this year’s award winners.