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Letter from the Alumni Association president

It has been almost 20 years since my sister, brother and I established a scholarship in honor of our parents. Our father became totally disabled at a very young age. He frequently told us how fortunate we were that my mother had a lifetime teaching certificate and was able to reenter the workforce. Our parents encouraged us to obtain a higher education and marketable skills. Scholarship support from ESU made it possible for us to attend a great university.

There have been many students over the years who have found themselves in very similar situations, and these alumni have represented ESU well as they have advanced in their careers. The 2005-06 school year began with the highest enrollment in the past 24 years. Of these 6,288 students, more than 1,500 students – with more to be counted as awards are processed – are attending ESU with the assistance of a scholarship.

The Distinguished Alumni awards luncheon reminded me of the great folks who have graduated from ESU. Many alumni have found it important to give back to the university scholarship campaigns or to establish a scholarship so that future students might experience the same opportunities they benefited from.

Current students experience higher and higher tuition as state funding has not kept pace with the costs of providing a quality educational experience. Today more than ever, scholarships play a crucial role in allowing students to obtain an education. Emporia State University has traditionally had a very high percentage of first-generation college students. This further exacerbates the need to keep college affordable through scholarship support for ESU students.

If you haven’t done so already, I encourage you to donate what you can to the scholarship campaign Building Blocks for Success. Your help will allow future students to receive the same great ESU experience that all of us alumni were able to benefit from, and the investment will reap rewards for years to come.

Janet (Painter) Schalansky (BA 1972, MS 1973)
Alumni Association president
The ‘warm embrace of Emporia’

This may be my first go-round as Spotlight editor, but it’s the second time I’ve been published in the magazine.

The first time was under different circumstances, when I wrote an essay recalling a heady time in my young life. I had proposed to my wife Stacy at ESU’s 2002 Homecoming, and I later wrote about it for a Spotlight essay contest on Homecoming memories.

I won the contest, I think, because the story is a highly personal one. For so many alumni, Emporia State University lives on in those personal memories. And the memories, like wine, get better with age.

Peggy Lamm (BSE 1973), a 2005 Distinguished Alumna, spoke of a watermelon feed in front of Plumb Hall her freshman year. She described the feeling she got from that experience as the “warm embrace of Emporia.”

Elwood Morris Jones Jr. (BME 1941) wrote a letter to this magazine before he passed away in 2005. Halfway through the three-page letter describing his career and college memories, he dropped in a one-sentence paragraph: “I had not really intended to tell all of this, but I felt like I was telling old friends what I had been up to.”

That’s the spirit, I thought. The Spotlight belonged to Jones and his friends. It belongs to Lamm and that watermelon feed. It belongs to you.

The spring 2005 edition was accompanied by a readership survey, the condensed results of which you’ll find on page 4. Think of the results not as numbers, but as the many ways individuals are tied to the university.

Those are the stories we want to hear. Don’t hesitate to call or e-mail me; contact information is in the masthead.

While the memories of the 50,000-plus Hornet alumni might be highly personal, those gems of the past are bound by a common thread. Surely I’m not the only guy who thought he was being clever by proposing on Wooster Bridge.

Now there’s a survey question.

Jesse Tuel (BSB 2001)
Editor

Calendar of Events

University Events

Founders’ Day Celebration
Feb. 14, 11:30 a.m., luncheon, Memorial Union Ballroom

Business Etiquette Dinner
Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom

Silent Film Festival
Feb. 23, 7 p.m., Webb Lecture Hall

Emporia Super Custom Car Show
April 30, 8 a.m., tennis courts and parking lot north of ESU Student Recreation Center

ESU Spring Commencement
May 13, 9:30 a.m., Welch Stadium

For more information:
University Advancement News & Events – www.emporia.edu/saf/news
University Events – www.emporia.edu (click on Calendar of Events)

Readings & Lectures

Bonner and Bonner Diversity Series lecture
Feb. 21, 7 p.m., civil rights lawyer Morris Dees, Albert Taylor Hall

Especially for Alumni and Friends

Alumni Association Board Meeting
Jan. 21, 9 a.m., Sauder Alumni Center
June 10, 9 a.m., Sauder Alumni Center

Alpha Kappa Delta 20th Year Reunion Banquet
April 7, 6 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom

Chi Omega Reunion Dinner & Dance
April 8, 6 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom

Emporia Connection
May 26-28, Ball on 27th, African-American alumni group, Atlanta, Ga.

Homecoming
Oct. 14

2005 National Teachers Hall of Fame inductees shine

NTfH nomination letters speak volumes

Marilyn Barrueta, a high school Spanish teacher in Arlington, Va.: “Her ever-evolving curricula brilliantly address cultural, historical, and literary issues while also giving students the opportunity to examine and untangle the ultimate questions of their existence.”
On Stage

Brass Day
Feb. 3, 12 p.m., Heath Recital Hall and Beach Music Hall

Woodwind Day
Feb. 11, 8 a.m., Albert Taylor Hall and Heath Recital Hall

Jazz Ensemble Concert
Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., Albert Taylor Hall

“Urinetown” Theater Production
March 1-4 and March 8-11, 7:30 p.m., Frederickson Theatre, Roosevelt Hall

Mid America Woodwind Quintet
March 5, 3 p.m., Heath Recital Hall

Faculty Recital by Dr. Martin Cuellar
March 28, 7:30 p.m., Albert Taylor Hall

Brass Choir Concert
April 4, 7:30 p.m., Albert Taylor Hall

The National Players in “Dracula”
April 7, 7:30 p.m., Albert Taylor Hall

Opera Concert
April 14-15, 7:30 p.m., Albert Taylor Hall

A Cappella/Community Chorus Concert
April 23, 3 p.m., Albert Taylor Hall

Orchestra Concert
April 25, 7:30 p.m., Albert Taylor Hall

“Ars And The Man” Theater Production
April 26-29 at 7:30 p.m., April 30 at 2 p.m., Bruder Theatre, King Hall

Spring 2006 sports

Indoor track

Outdoor track
March 16 ESU Spring Twilight Emporia April 1 UT-Arlington Invitational Arlington, Texas April 8 State Farm/ESU Relays Emporia

Tennis
Feb. 25 vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State (M/W) 10 a.m. vs. East Central (Okla.), Tulsa, Okla. (M/W) 3 p.m. March 1 Kansas Wesleyan (M/W) 2 p.m. March 3 vs. CSU-Pueblo, Pueblo (M/W) 5 p.m. March 8 Missouri Southern (W) 3 p.m. March 11 @ Bethel, North Newton (M/W) 9:30 a.m. @ Tabor, Hillsboro (M/W) 2 p.m. March 13 Cameron (M/W) 1:30 p.m. March 15 Southwest Baptist (M/W) 3 p.m. March 18 Northwest Missouri (M/W) 1 p.m. March 28 Johnson County Community College (M/W) 2:30 p.m. March 30 @ Washburn, Topeka (M/W) 2 p.m. April 4 Central Oklahoma (M/W) 1 p.m. April 8 @ Truman, Kirksville, Mo. (M/W) 4 p.m. April 9 @ Quincy, Quincy, Ill. (M/W) 9:30 a.m. April 11 Missouri Western (M/W) 3 p.m. April 14-15 UCO Classic, Edmond, Okla. (M/W) TBA April 18 Rockhurst (M/W) 3 p.m. April 22-23 MIAA Championship, St. Joseph, Mo. (M/W) TBA

Men’s Basketball
Jan. 21 Truman State 3:30 p.m. Jan. 22 Montana State-Billings 7:00 p.m. Jan. 28 @ Southwest Baptist, Bolivar, Mo. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 @ Truman, Kirksville, Mo. 3:30 p.m. Feb. 8 Northwest Missouri 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11 Central Missouri 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15 @ Washburn, Topeka 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18 @ Pittsburg State, Pittsburg 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 Missouri Western 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 Missouri Southern 7:30 p.m. March 3-5 MIAA Tournament, Kansas City, Mo. TBA

Women’s Basketball
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Randy William Granger, a high school art teacher in Philadelphia, Pa.: “He and the students were on their own time. Four years later, they have a prototype, a patent and a realistic hope that they will someday be able to provide this (beach) wheelchair to those who need it.”
ESU adopts University of Southern Mississippi

In the devastating wake of Hurricane Katrina, Emporia State University is going all out to help a counterpart in higher education. ESU has adopted the University of Southern Mississippi, setting a goal to raise $15,000 and organizing numerous benefits.

Over the holidays, ESU and the social sciences department planned a two-week trip to the university in Gulfport, Miss. The Katrina Helping Hands project became a three-credit-hour course for the students involved.

The benefit events began at ESU soon after the hurricane. The “Cajun Jubilation” featured the ESU Jazz Ensemble and New Orleans-style food. The Classified Assembly and Faculty Senate took donations for tickets to give away prizes.

Paul Edwards (BSE 1937), the creator of Corky the Hornet, hosted an art show in Valley Verde, Calif. The September sale of art Edwards had collected for more than 40 years raised $4,070 for the Red Cross.

A relief benefit hosted by the ESU Black Student Union, Black Women’s Network, E-Unit and Harmonious Voices of Praise included an emotional sketch of stranded hurricane victims. In November, 27 student groups were listed as participating, planning and organizing relief events.

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**NTHF nomination letters speak volumes**

John F. Mahoney, a high school mathematics teacher in Washington, D.C.: “Students recognize and appreciate John’s faith in them, and over the course of the year they, too, begin to believe that they can have mathematical success.”
Hornet alumnus developing promising anecdote

An Emporia State University graduate is at the forefront of the nation’s rush to protect itself from biological and nuclear attacks or diseases such as avian flu, and in October he returned to campus to discuss Homspera™. This drug is showing promise against radiation exposure, respiratory and immune viruses, and more.

After hearing the presentation of Dr. Mark Witten, a 1975 ESU graduate, it’s safe to say that many in the packed classroom were hoping he could get back to work immediately.

Witten, with his Scottsdale, Ariz.-based company, ImmuneRegen BioSciences, Inc., has spent 11 years developing Homspera™, and mice trials show it holds broad promise. Now the company is close to outsourcing a primate trial of the drug, and it could be commercially available by the end of 2006.

Witten, a 1992 Distinguished Alumnus of ESU, only hopes the avian flu waits that long.

“It’s just a matter of time before it gets to the United States,” said Witten. “I can’t tell you what we’re going to do, because it hasn’t been made public, but we are working in that direction.”

The drug works by inhibiting cellular death. The applications of Homspera™ are widespread, Witten said. Other possible applications include anthrax, asthma, anti-inflammatory purposes, hair growth, AIDS, bacterial infections and more.

In fact, Witten himself has taken the drug since January 2004 with no ill effects. In that time, some of his silver hair has turned back to black, and his recurrences of basal cell skin cancer have stopped.

(Above) Dr. Mark Witten (BSE 1975) gave a presentation at ESU this fall. Witten is working on a drug that is showing promise against radiation exposure, respiratory and immune viruses and more.

In the news

• Dr. Raffaele DeVito, a professor of management at ESU, was tapped to serve on the Kansas World Trade Center Board of Directors.
• Three articles in the spring 2005 Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains were authored by ESU students and faculty: Christopher Childers, who earned his master’s degree, Dr. Jim Hoy, professor in the English department, and Dr. Karen Manners Smith, associate professor in the social sciences department.
• Dr. John Schwenn, ESU’s vice president for academic affairs, was a recipient of the Graff Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.
• The ESU Cheer Squad finished first earlier this year at the Americheer Great Lakes Championship in Chicago, Ill.
• Five generations of the Hill family celebrated “Charlie Hill Day” earlier this year, honoring Hill’s long career at ESU. Hill helped to launch the first Summer Theatre season in 1955.
• Congressman Jerry Moran announced that ESU would receive $250,000 to improve distance learning. The money will be utilized to expand ESU’s teacher preparation at both the undergraduate and graduate level.
• The ESU collegiate chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma has been recognized as an Exemplary Chapter for its superior level of membership acceptance among business students in the 2003-04 academic year. The chapter is now eligible to award a $1,000 Beta Gamma Sigma scholarship in the 2005-06 academic year.

NTHF nomination letters speak volumes
Dr. Karen Crow Roark, a K-5 gifted resource teacher and assistant principal in Arlington, Va.: “She meets each child’s needs no matter their academic or personal challenge. Karen’s students love her, and their parents respect her. What else could you ask for?”
ESU touted as a model for teacher programs

The national acclaim continues to mount for the Teachers College at Emporia State University.

The college was labeled, by Dr. Arthur Levine, president of the Teachers College at Columbia University, as one of the four schools in the nation that are models for educating teachers.

The college was also featured as a model for teacher preparation in The New York Times article titled “Who Needs Education Schools?” The article appeared in the July 31 edition of the Times’ Education Life supplement.

Levine is writing a series of four reports on America’s education schools, and visited the ESU college after narrowing the nationwide list of top schools down to four. ESU made the cut, Levine said, because the college has kept a healthy balance between the teaching and research duties of faculty. Many schools favor research.

“ESU is the Camelot for teacher education,” Levine said. “Educators in Kansas and the nation used positive adjectives to describe teachers coming out of ESU. ESU’s teacher education program is very impressive.

“At many universities, there tends to be a rift between academics and experience. Faculty are more likely to research teaching instead of teach. ESU has bridged the gap. That is what makes this one exemplary. That gap doesn’t exist.”

The other three schools chosen as models are Stanford University, the University of Virginia and Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wis.

In the news

ESU was named one of the “Best in the Midwest” by The Princeton Review. The ranking was based on surveys filled out by current ESU students.

Athletics

Football Traditions Barbeque a tasty success

No one left hungry from the Football Traditions Barbeque hosted Sept. 17 to benefit the Emporia State University football program – not the players, not the Hornets’ supporters, and definitely not the program.

In only its second year, the annual dinner raised more than $16,000 for the football program through ticket sales and an auction, compared to more than $12,000 last year. Players and parents mingled with ESU fans, friends and alumni during a feast fit for offensive linemen. The dinner was organized by Emporians Russ and Jeannie Jenkins and Kurt and Shiela Steinikuhler.

The Texas Roadhouse, an Olathe restaurant, donated its catering services to the barbecue. Five hundred pieces of rib-eye steak, 500 pieces of chicken and 400 pounds of pulled pork, along with green beans and mashed potatoes, were made from scratch that day. The meal might have cost $8,000 to $10,000, but the Roadhouse was generous enough to donate it all.
ESU enrollment soars to 24-year high

Emporia State University reported the highest number of students in nearly a quarter century in its fall 2005 enrollment figures.

After the 20th day of class, ESU reported to the Kansas Board of Regents a total of 6,288 students, the highest fall figure since 1981.

“Our students come to ESU, in part, because we are a student-centered university and offer small classes and provide personal attention that they both want and need,” said ESU President Kay Schallenkamp. “We are committed to continuing to offer high-quality academic experiences that prepare students for their careers.”

Minority enrollment increased 5.9 percent from last year. “Reaching out and engaging those frequently underrepresented populations is a high priority at ESU,” said Laura Eddy, director of admissions. “This focus has resulted in a continual increase in minority enrollment.”

Kansas first-time freshmen enrollment is up 4.3 percent from last year, as ESU welcomed 1,601 new students this fall. Also the graduate program, which comprises approximately 31 percent of ESU’s total enrollment, is up 6.2 percent from last year. Much of the growth in graduate classes is driven by ESU’s off-campus programs, which include distance education, online courses and courses taught on-site in greater Kansas City and western Kansas.

Hornet boosters give back by the thousands

Interim director takes on Advancement

The generosity of the Hornet faithful has made the past fiscal year one to remember as Emporia State University alumni and friends donated $4.44 million, a 22.5 percent increase over the previous year.

Standing at $53.2 million, the foundation’s net assets support the university’s mission through student scholarships, faculty support and more. At the end of FY04, net assets were $48.2 million.

Additionally, ESU controller John Blaufuss* became the interim executive director for University Advancement in October when Boyce Baumgardner accepted the position of assistant vice president for academic initiatives. Blaufuss will stay on until a nationwide search for the post is completed in 2006.

*On a tremendously sad note, Blaufuss died Dec. 22. The alumnus, long-time employee and friend of ESU was struck by an automobile in Emporia while jogging in the early morning. Our hearts go out to his family.

Check the summer edition of Spotlight for more about Blaufuss’s life.

Sociology makes move to Butcher Education Center

The Emporia State University sociology and anthropology department recently made a move from Roosevelt Hall to the Butcher Education Center, boosting its classroom space and paving the way for new programs.

The department gained two classrooms, so it now has a total of six. A faculty lounge, conference room, student lounge, and a larger computer lab were also new additions.

“The move has been good,” said Nathaniel Terrell, associate professor and department chair. “Our faculty members are closer together, and the facilities are excellent.”

Terrell said he looks forward to the department continuing to grow. Plans are underway for an anthropological field school to study Native American culture, and a new major may be on the horizon.

“We are in the beginning stages of possibly implementing a new major, crime and delinquency studies,” terrell said.

NTHF nomination letters speak volumes

In other NTHF news, Dr. Hector Ibarra, a 1998 inductee, was named Wal-Mart’s National Teacher of the Year in 2005. Ibarra teaches at West Branch Middle School in West Branch, Iowa.

If your home, business, classroom or office is decorated with ESU memorabilia, we want to know about it. The more black and gold, the better! Send your pictures to Jesse Tuel at tueljess@emporia.edu or Sauder Alumni Center, 1500 Highland St., Emporia, KS 66801-5018. Include a contact name, phone number and address, along with a description of the picture.

The top photos will appear in the next edition of Spotlight, and some of the scenes may even get a visit from a professional photographer as we discover hidden pockets of Hornet mania.
**Young freshman excelling in debate**

Zahra Nasr-Azadani, a freshman at ESU who just turned 17, was named the top speaker in her first two debate tournaments of the fall semester.

The Emporia native graduated from high school in three years and became a Virginia Endly Scholar, the only full-ride scholarship offered at ESU. After three years of high school debate, the freshman earned “top speaker” honors at tournaments at the University of Northern Iowa and Wichita State University.

“My older sister debated in high school. She would come home with research and information. I liked to learn new things whenever I could,” Nasr-Azadani said. “I thought it would be good. I was interested in politics, and it was easy to argue and get paid.”

“As an Endly Scholar, we expected Zahra to be among the most intellectually gifted students we’ve had on the team. She is definitely that and more, bringing a smile and great teamwork to a close squad,” said Ken DeLaughder, debate coach.
Morris Dees, civil rights lawyer and co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, is the 2006 Bonner and Bonner Diversity Series lecturer.

Dees will speak on “A Passion for Justice” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, in Albert Taylor Hall at Emporia State University. The lecture is free and open to the public.

In 1971, Dees co-founded the law center, a non-profit group that specializes in lawsuits involving civil rights violations, domestic terrorists and racially motivated crimes. Besides guiding lawsuits that bankrupted the KKK, imprisoned perpetrators of hate crimes and increased awareness of radical militias, Dees also develops ideas for “Teaching Tolerance,” the law center’s well-regarded education project.

The Bonner and Bonner Diversity Lecture Series was established in 1992 by Drs. Thomas and Mary Bonner, ESU’s first and second African-American faculty members.
Teaching

ESU grad named state history teacher of the year

Walt Cochran (MA 2000), a social studies teacher at Gardner Edgerton High School in Gardner, was named in October as the 2005 Preserve America Kansas U.S. History Teacher of the Year.

The award program, a project of the Preserve America White House initiative, earned Cochran a $1,000 honorarium. The Gardner Edgerton High School will also receive an archive of historical materials in Cochran’s name.

Cochran teaches U.S. history and American government and also chairs the school’s social studies department. As a state winner, he competed for the national teacher of the year.

Alumni share knowledge and experiences

Communication professors Dr. Steve Hunt (BFA 1992) and Dr. Scott Titsworth (BFA 1991) visited Emporia State University in October, lecturing in several classes, presenting on campus and delivering the keynote address at the annual Pflaum Debate Tournament banquet.

Hunt is a professor of communication and co-director of the basic course at Illinois State University, and Titsworth is an assistant professor of communication and basic course director at Ohio University in Athens.

Both were in ESU’s debate program during Glen Strickland’s tenure as coach. Hunt was a member of the ESU debate squad that finished in the top three of the CEDA national sweepstakes. Titsworth was the media lab coordinator for the department of communication and theatre in 1992, and acting director of forensics and lecturer in 1994.
Making admissions work look easy, the 2005 Hornet Heritage Award recognized the Hastert, Peat and Schlobohm families as the multi-generational model of devotion to Emporia State University.

Why so easy? Jolene Hastert-Prochko had no choice but to attend ESU.

She was getting roped in. Her father Vernon Hastert (BSE 1963, MS 1964) came first, followed by her two brothers Jay Hastert (BSB 1984) and John Hastert (BSB 1987). Because of her father’s alumni status, she qualified for a scholarship.

“And then of course I never thought of going anywhere else,” said Jolene (BSE 1995). “After my father and two brothers went there, I had no choice!”

It’s families like this that have Corky in the bloodlines. At Family Day on Sept. 17, about 15 graduates and other family members celebrated the award at events surrounding that day’s football game.

“It was kind of like a big family reunion on both sides,” said G. Charles Schlobohm (BSB 1974).

Schlobohm, whose mother Laura Schlobohm (MS 1971) has four children with ESU degrees, married Barbara (Peat) Schlobohm (BSE 1972, MS 1975). One of Barbara’s nieces, Amy (Peat) Hastert (BSE 1986), married Jay Hastert, the brother of Jolene.

So Hornets do grow on trees. And this family tree will someday have more branches.

“I know that some of my second cousins are going there now,” said Jolene. “I’ll definitely encourage my kids to go there. They’re 4 and 2 now, but I don’t think it’s ever too early to encourage them to go.”

Are there Hornets nesting in your family tree? Send us a nomination for the 2006 Hornet Heritage Award! To be considered, sketch an “ESU family tree” and send it to Hornet Heritage, Sauder Alumni Center, 1500 Highland St., Emporia, KS 66801-5018 or sacpc@emporia.edu or fax to (620) 341-6635. All entries not selected this year will be retained for future consideration. Updates to earlier nominations are welcome.
George Breidenthal and Twakisha Jones, another scholarship recipient of Breidenthal’s, are both products of the Kansas City, Kan., school district.

Abby Vitt, an Emporia State University education major, is benefiting from a scholarship provided by George Breidenthal (BA 1972).

A circle of giving

Twakisha Jones has a passion for education, and she’s not the only one excited about it. A man she hadn’t met until recently is paving the way for Jones and others by providing students with scholarship support.

Jones and six other Emporia State University students, pursuing their elementary education degrees through ESU Teachers College classes offered at Kansas City Kansas Community College, are benefiting this fall from a scholarship program established by George Breidenthal, a 1972 ESU graduate and Kansas City Kansas Board of Education member.

The legacy of Breidenthal’s gift will continue in the lives of the students. Jones, 33, wants to run a tutoring service that focuses on reading. And she’s already decided to give back, once she’s able to.

“We do need help,” Jones said of college students. “Whether it’s big, small, little, we do need the help. It means financial help, but it also means someone out there cares.”

“At the peak of my success, I plan to give back to someone.”

It is efforts like this that form the foundation of Emporia State University’s scholarship campaign, Building Blocks for Success. The public phase began in late October. At the end of November, $10.2 million was already raised.

Breidenthal was thrilled to meet with a couple of the students he’s helped through the Breidenthal Education Scholars Program

“The payoff is in helping other folks,” Breidenthal said this fall, while talking with Jones at KCKCC. “If there’s a niche, something that you’re excited about – whether it’s athletics or engineering – you can help a kid fulfill their dreams. It makes us all better.”

As a board of education member for the last 22 years, Breidenthal is perfectly positioned to understand the needs of education. He designed the scholarship program, which supports students in the educational partnership between ESU and KCKCC, to retain talented teachers in the Kansas City, Kan. area.

Abby Vitt, 21, a Bonner Springs native, is another Breidenthal scholarship recipient. By studying in the ESU program in Kansas City, Vitt is able to stay close to home, keep a job she’s held for five years, and earn a teaching degree from a nationally-respected Teachers College.

“It makes it really nice, because the classes are so small, you make good friends,” Vitt said. “I don’t know what I’d do without it.”

“Not this semester but the semester after that, I won’t be able to work as much,” Vitt told Breidenthal. “I’ll have a little bit set aside for emergencies.”
A solid foundation has been laid for the $15 million scholarship campaign Building Blocks for Success. Unveiled publicly Oct. 21, the campaign had already accumulated more than $10 million.

**Legacy of Giving**

Emporia State University launches scholarship campaign

An ambitious scholarship campaign is underway at Emporia State University, aiming to raise $15 million for students and ensure scholarships in perpetuity. The campaign, Building Blocks for Success, went public at a kickoff during Homecoming, revealing that about $10 million had already been raised.

Like the pyramids of Egypt, the permanence of an endowed scholarship is real. The legacy created by each gift will last forever, benefiting students for generations to come. To the 400 in attendance at the kickoff, the message rang true.

“Funding for higher education is getting tougher, and we are going to make it a whole lot easier for young people who come after us and make this university even greater than what it is,” Tim Clothier, chairman of the ESU Foundation Board of Trustees, told the crowd. “Anything that we can do to make it easier on young people, on families, and give them the quality of education that Emporia State University offers is something that is immeasurable.”

In the last 50 years, ESU has accumulated $27 million in endowment for scholarships. Building Blocks For Success, declared in October 2003, will generate $15 million by 2007 to benefit scholarships and significantly increase the university’s ability to compete for top students. At the end of November, $10.2 million had been raised.

“We’ll get to $15 million,” said Steve Sauder, who co-chairs the campaign with Art and Sue Bloomer and Paula Sauder. “We’ve just scratched the surface. We’ve started something great at Emporia State University.”

The necessity of scholarships is evident. The number of scholarships hasn’t kept pace with the university’s growth. This fall, the university recorded its highest enrollment since 1981. And the amount of scholarship dollars hasn’t kept pace with the escalating cost of education.

The $15 million goal is broken down into various parts. The largest component is $8 million for the Presidential Academic Award scholarships. Another $750,000 will be set aside for graduate school scholarships, $1 million for activities and talent scholarships, $1.5 million for Scholars Program scholarships, and $3.75 million for college and school-specific endowed merit scholarships in ESU’s four schools: the Teachers College, the School of Business, the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Library and Information Management.

For more information about Building Blocks for Success or endowing a scholarship, contact the ESU Foundation at (620) 341-5440.
When Matt Hofmeier donated bone marrow to his older brother, Nick, he was too young to understand the significance.

It’s not lost on Hofmeier these days. The Emporia State University senior is exploring cancer therapies, an interest sparked by Nick’s leukemia diagnosis at the age of 3.

For Hofmeier and thousands of other ESU students, college can be a magical time of discovery and learning. A biochemistry and molecular biology major, Hofmeier is researching a way to destroy tumor cells under the guidance of Dr. Mike Keck, an associate professor.

“This is my research so far,” Hofmeier said recently in his lab, holding up what looks like a light bulb coated on the inside with navy blue paint. “Pretty exciting.”

The potential certainly is. The blue stuff is a methylene blue, a derived dye that Hofmeier is modifying. The dye will attach itself to the DNA of a tumor cell, and when irradiated the dye will trigger cell death. The dye compound still has plenty of refining ahead of it as Hofmeier changes its structure. Eventually it will be combined with a compound that a tumor cell will “preferentially up-take” – say, folic acid – because the dye won’t enter the cell as easily on its own.

Other photodynamic therapies are in use, but those therapies have different targets within the cell, such as a cell membrane. Hofmeier’s research, which he modestly describes as “just getting my feet wet,” attempts a variation by targeting a cell’s DNA. The hope is to develop a compound that is more selective in choosing tumor cells over healthy cells.

“It would potentially be a better therapy,” Hofmeier said. “It’d be fun to see it work like Dr. Keck and I want it to. Cure for cancer? I think that’s a long haul in a lot of different (fields of) medicine. But if patients needing treatment for skin cancer or some other form of tumor are helped, then it’s done what we’ve hoped.”

Hofmeier is two years younger than his only sibling Nick. At the age of 7, Nick received a bone marrow transplant. His brother’s marrow just happened to be a match. The firsthand experience piqued Matt’s interest in science.

The other motivation is the chance to help people. Hofmeier plans to attend pharmacy school in North Carolina, where he and his fiancée will move after his graduation in May. But the pharmacy training doesn’t necessarily mean he’ll be a pharmacist at the corner drug store. He could continue researching, or work in oncology with cancer patients.

“My interests definitely lean toward cancer, the interest in research,” Hofmeier said. “Obviously because of my brother, but not only that, everyone knows someone who has cancer. It’s something that affects everyone.”

Matt and Nick, now roommates in Emporia, are from Hutchinson. Nick, a senior sociology major at ESU, expects to graduate in December.

Matt’s studies have been supported by a variety of academic and departmental scholarships. Presidential Academic Awards scholarships and Guaranteed GPA scholarships, along with help from the physical sciences department – such as the Albert E. and Beulah H. Woodruff Scholarship and the Alfred T. Ericson Scholarship – are nudging this strong student toward professional achievements.
The research itself is supported by the K-INBRE (Kansas Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence) program, a federal grant administered by the University of Kansas Medical Center that supports research at smaller in-state universities. The grant provides ESU with scholarship support for Hofmeier and money for research supplies.

“More than anything it’s a big help for my family,” Hofmeier said of the scholarships. “That’s the biggest thing for me. Obviously family is very important to me, and my parents have done a lot for me and my brother over the years. By keeping my grades high, it helps my parents. I’m walking away from my undergraduate years without a ton of debt on my shoulders.”

Dr. Keck, who supervises Hofmeier’s research, sees the impact of scholarships in the lab.

“It seems like most of our students have to work while they’re going to college just to pay the bills, and the pressure to do that is going to increase as tuition continues to increase,” Keck said. “The more scholarship money we have available for students like Matt, the more time they have to put into projects like this.

Hofmeier examines a substance that may hold promise for better cancer therapies. The streaks on the plate started as dots of dye. The hope is to create a compound with the dye and other materials that, when radiated, will kill cancer cells.
Gifts of all kinds, like the record-setting $1.25 million gift Earl Sauder (bottom center) gave to ESU, provide scholarship support for students. Sauder’s gift is aiding 18 athletes this academic year.

One by one, Earl Sauder greeted the student-athletes who will always remember his name. Thanks to a $1.25 million gift, the largest single donation earmarked for scholarships in Division II history, 18 Emporia State University athletes are competing this year with an extra boost.

Sauder’s gift, like others large and small, will live on for ESU students of the future.

“I’m really happy to be the one who gives rather than the one who receives,” said Sauder, beaming from ear to ear, at a luncheon with the student-athletes.

A 1934 high school graduate, working on the family farm kept Sauder from playing high school sports and from attending college in Emporia. But he kept his soft spot for ESU and its athletics, and the athletes are certainly grateful.

“You work hard every day in practice, and the type of rewards that he was giving, it kind of goes beyond all the medals and plaques you can get,” said Kristen Larson, a track athlete and senior from Scandia.

“It’s a really good feeling to know I was given the opportunity – not just to play college athletics, because not everybody gets that chance – but to be a recipient of a scholarship from such a wonderful person,” said Kim Edwards, a senior volleyball player from Sioux City, Iowa. “Normally you just
write a thank-you letter. You don’t see the face behind who’s giving it. So it was a very wonderful thing.”

Sauder has been a long-time supporter of ESU and Hornet athletics.

“I didn’t get to attend college, so I didn’t get to participate in athletics,” Sauder said when the gift was announced. “But I see how important athletics can be for young people, and I wanted to make sure Emporia State can keep getting good young men and women here to play. I enjoy watching the games, and I think it’s a spectator’s duty to support local schools. I saw the need for scholarships, and I tried to help out.”

Earnings from the Earl W. Sauder Student-Athlete Scholars Program Fund are shared by the 15-sport program at ESU. John Martin, a junior baseball player from Shawnee, said the scholarship assistance kept him from accumulating extra debt.

“He doesn’t know how much we appreciate it,” Martin said. “It means a lot to us.”

### Scholarships

**Chemistry major awarded $5,000 scholarship**

Jesus Hector Zapien, a chemistry major at Emporia State University, received a $5,000 scholarship for the 2005-06 school year from the national Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

“I’m happy to have been awarded such a scholarship because it will be a way to thank the entire faculty at ESU, especially the department of physical sciences for their magnificent interest in helping me and all the students obtain a career,” Zapien said.

**Scholarship honors Emporian who loved baseball and education**

Lynn Roberts loved baseball and dedicated many years to the American Legion baseball program. As a tribute, his family and friends established the Lynn M. Roberts Baseball Scholarship Fund.

“Baseball meant a lot to Lynn, but he also realized the importance of higher education and how it enabled the college graduate to be exposed to greater opportunities,” said his wife, Clara Roberts. “I thought this scholarship would be a good way to channel that love for baseball while increasing educational opportunities for baseball players.”

**St. Joseph native receives ESU scholarship**

Jennifer Danford, a native of St. Joseph, Mo., was named the 2005-06 recipient of the Dr. Nancy Meyer Knapp Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship honors Dr. Nancy Meyer Knapp, an ESU professor of psychology and art therapy who died shortly after retiring in 1999.

**ESU names seven full-ride scholarship recipients**

Emporia State University named seven students who will receive the prestigious Virginia Endly Scholarship for the 2005-06 academic year. It is the university’s only full-ride academic scholarship, covering tuition and fees, room and board and books. ESU alumnus H. Merle Endly established the fund in honor of his sister, Virginia Endly, who died in 1998.

The students are: Zachary T. Andrews, Emporia; Anne M. Kelly, Grenola; Dacia R. Krueger, Americus; Andrea A. Leiker, Lyons; Zahra Nasr-Azadani, Emporia; Stephanie L. Schifferdecker, Mulvane; Justin R. Wieser, La Vista, Neb.
From alumni in their mid-20s to those who graduated more than 50 years ago, Homecoming weekend brought all ages together. Like others, members of the 2005 class of Distinguished Alumni were flooded with memories of what was a magical time at Emporia State University.

Deryl Wynn, Peggy Lamm, J. Andy Tompkins, Mary E. (Anderson) Devin and William J. Greene, Jr. (inset picture) are the 2005 class of Distinguished Alumni.

Deryl Wynn remembered the advice he heard while in college: “Do not let these days go to waste, because these days will be the best days of your life.”

Wynn saw himself in today’s students. “It was a great reminder of how we were goofy, ambitious, insecure, yet ready to take on the world,” he said. “(The Homecoming visit) reminded me of how ESU remains a friendly and welcoming community. I went back and things were as I remembered, yet different. The students were the same – friendly, ambitious, tolerant. They were the same as we were.”

William J. Greene, Jr. (BSB 1970, MS 1971)
Washington, D.C.
Founder and President of New Life, Inc.
Counselor, Sharpe Health School

As a student, William Greene organized programs on the Kansas State Teachers College campus for disabled students. He had a knack for it then, and he still does. He and his wife Brenda (BSE 1968, MS 1970) were inducted into the Wheelchair Sports Hall of Fame, and Greene coached the USA Olympic wheelchair track team. Greene was unable to attend Homecoming. He was, not surprisingly, committed to coaching in a tournament that weekend.
The flood of memories hit Peggy Lamm when a yellow pom-pom mum corsage was pinned onto her blouse. It was just like the Homecoming corsage she wore on the Morse Hall lawn as a student.

“I literally hadn’t thought about those since 30, 35 years ago,” Lamm said. “A real wash of memories! It just tickled me to see those when we arrived. It was just like a boomerang. It really sent me back in time.”

Lamm and the other Distinguished Alumni attended the kickoff for Building Blocks for Success, a scholarship campaign for students.

“It was lovely to hear the stories of how (alumni and students) could make it with the help of scholarships,” Lamm said. “It really is the promise of the American dream. If you show up and work hard, someone is going to help you out, and this university has recommitted to do that in a big way.”

Mary Devin and her husband went to the Homecoming musical, “Cocoanuts,” and they were reminded of the first theater production they saw in Albert Taylor Hall in 1958 or 1959 – “The Diary of Anne Frank.”

Different subjects, same quality.

“What a contrast those two productions are, but the quality of both were quite high,” Devin said.

Andy Tompkins first arrived in Emporia as a married graduate student, wondering what his apartment would look like. The chance to revisit memories was a special one.

“I think a lot of it is recapturing the feelings you had at the time,” Tompkins said. “You had all your life in front of you. It gave me a little bit of time to think about the people I had classes with at the time.”

A call for Distinguished Alumni nominees
The ESU Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 2006 class of Distinguished Alumni, and there’s still time! Nominations must be submitted by Feb. 15, 2006. The award is the highest honor bestowed on living alumni of ESU and recognizes the outstanding professional accomplishments of ESU’s finest graduates. For more information, contact the alumni office at (620) 341-5440 or visit www.emporia.edu/saf/awards/disalum.html.
In 16 years of estate planning, John Griffin has a story for every possible scenario.

Older people, particularly those who grew up in the Depression, are apt to hold onto wealth. One of Griffin's clients, a woman with $15 million in assets and one surviving relative – a brother with $10 million to his name – declined to sell her house for charitable purposes.

"John, I grew up in the Depression," Griffin recalled she said, "and I don't want to have to stand in a soup line."

Skilled investing has become routine for some, but Griffin's role, as an estate planner working for friends of the Emporia State University Foundation, is to encourage planned divestment.

"We spend a lifetime learning how to accumulate wealth, and we spend almost no time figuring out how to get rid of it," Griffin said. "Estate planning is really important because it gets assets where people want them to go at the right time."

Griffin helps people make decisions in advance. Nationwide, 70 percent of people don't have a plan in place. Without planning, assets may not follow the family's wishes. In Kansas, assets are split between the surviving spouse and the children. In Iowa, children get two-thirds, Griffin said.

Bob and Aneta Bodkin of Emporia, who are both in their 60s, are getting ahead of the curve.

"I know you have to get your affairs in order before (you pass)," said Bob, a realtor in Emporia. To Aneta (BS 1985, MS 1987), who coordinates the Women's Center on campus, it was time to investigate the options. They started meeting with Griffin in 2004, and have attended about five sessions.

Griffin first learns about the background and family of a couple or individual. Then they move into financial discussions. The services are free, and Griffin's drafted estate plans are reviewed by a lawyer of the client's choosing.

Once the document is settled, it doesn't stop there. Griffin said estate plans should be reviewed periodically, especially when there's a change in circumstances – a child dies unexpectedly, or a large inheritance arrives, or there's a divorce in the family.

And it's not just the elderly who should plan ahead. A young couple starting a family might carry life insurance to provide for children.

"Almost everybody needs some kind of plan," Griffin said. "Everyone doesn't need an elaborate plan, but everybody needs a plan. Things change as you get older. When you get into your 60s and 70s and 80s, you really have to have nailed down what you're going to do."

For more information on estate planning, contact the ESU Foundation at (620) 341-5440.

Bob and Aneta Bodkin (left) meet with John Griffin, an estate planner. The Bodkins are among the many people Griffin has assisted through the ESU Foundation.
Lorna (Smith) Baxter (BSE 1955), left, and Bob Burns (BME 1955) greet Ruth (Staton) Bloxom (BSE 1955) at the Building Blocks for Success campaign kickoff during Homecoming.

(From left) Joan (Wigger) Hoeschen (FS), Sandy (Wiggins) Burton (BFA 1980), Becky Winterscheidt (BS 1980), Morgan Rettele (BSE 1982), Joyce Wempe and Diane Inbody (BS 1980) gather during Homecoming.

(From left) Harry Stephens (BA 1965, MS 1972), Max Armstrong (BA 1965), Charley Green (BSB 1965, MS 1970) and Don Duncan (BSE 1965) are recognized as members of the class of 1965 during Homecoming.
Fraternity sets sights on new home

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity broke ground for a new chapter house bordering the Emporia State University campus as 100 alumni, collegiate members and friends and university officials looked on during Homecoming weekend.

The new house, with two levels and 4,000 square feet, will sit on the site of the chapter’s first Emporia home. Construction is expected

Kelly Jo (Hoover) Olson (BSE 1995), Becky (Davis) Clopton (BSE 1983) and Gayla (Gibb) Bazil (BSE 1962) talk before Sigma Sigma Sigma’s annual dinner during Homecoming. As seen on the poster, the chapter is raising funds to renovate the chapter house.

Members of Sigma Pi fraternity and Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority crowd together early on the morning of Homecoming. Greeks decorated three chapter houses near campus in a luau theme. Judges chose the Chi Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon collaboration as the best.
to start in the spring. From the front of the property at the southeast corner of 14th Street and Highland Street, members will be able to see the Memorial Union entrance a block away.

The chapter set out to raise $165,000, and they’re nearly there. Only $45,000 remained outstanding as of October. Mel Wagner (BSB 1991), a Phi Delta Theta alumnus, revised a familiar phrase.

“It’s not ‘If we build it they will come,’ but ‘If we build it they will come back,’” Wagner said.

Chi Omega alumnae Peggy Lamm (BSE 1973), left, and Mandy Davis (CS), second from left, the alumni chairwoman, visit with alumni and collegiate members, along with members of Lamm’s family, at the sorority’s open house during Homecoming.

Alpha Sigma Alpha hosted an alumni tea during Homecoming. On hand were, from right, Jane (Carpenter) McDonald (BSE 1962), Virginia (Briix) Lowther (BSE 1953), JoAnn (Porter) Sunter (BSB 1954), Carol McGee (BSE 1963, MS 1968), Ruth (Staton) Bloxom (BSE 1955) and Betty (Kirk) Porter (BSE 1956).

From left, Zac Morris (BSE 2003) and Clint McCurry (BSB 2001, MBA 2004) fill their plates at the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity alumni luncheon at Homecoming.
In an up and down year, the Hornet football team finished the season 4-6, 3-5 in the MIAA. The Hornets played one of the toughest schedules in the nation with all six losses coming to teams with at least seven wins on the season.

After sporting the MIAA’s leading rusher in 2003 and the leading receiver in 2004, one of the goals of the 2005 season was a more balanced offense. The Hornets were the most balanced offense in the MIAA with only 206 yards separating the rushing and passing totals for the season.

Injuries played a big role in the outcome of the season. A total of 39 players started at least one game for the Hornets. Three different players shared the load at running and combined to rush for 1,224 yards and 14 touchdowns. Freshman Seville Ko led the way with 559 yards and six touchdowns. After gaining 127 yards in his debut against Fort Hays State, Ko suffered an injury against Winona State and played sporadically the next three games. In the six games in which he carried the ball at least 14 times, he averaged 87.5 yards per game and scored six touchdowns.

Justin Whitworth ended the season with the 11th-best single season passing total in ESU history with 1,670 yards and 13 touchdowns. Brandon Weems paved the way for the offensive production and was named second-team All-MIAA on the offensive line.

Adam Melichar was named first-team All-MIAA at linebacker, one of three positions he played during the season. He was joined on the all-conference squad by second-teamers Andrew Jeffries on the defensive line and Emmanuel Howard at cornerback. The Hornets ended the season ranked fourth in the MIAA in total defense.

Emporia State will return seven starters on defense and six on offense for the 2006 season, and there are 17 players on next year’s roster that started at least five games.

ESU ended the year at 7-9-3, 5-7-2 in the MIAA, the third best overall record and the second most MIAA wins in the program’s five-year history. The Hornets continued their dominance at home, going 4-2-2 at the TRYSA Complex, where they are now 25-16-5 overall and 25-11-5 against unranked opponents in the program’s history.

Brandie Booth had seven goals on the year and 38 in her illustrious career to move into sole possession of third place in MIAA career goals scored list. She earned second team All-MIAA honors. Booth ended her career as ESU’s points and goals leader for a single game, single season and career, and she ranked sixth in the MIAA in career points.

Melodie Zdanek scored nine goals to finish fourth in the MIAA in that category and added three assists to rank fourth in total points as well. She was named first-team All-MIAA.
The Hornet volleyball team enjoyed an incredible year, culminating with the program’s first trip to the NCAA Division II Tournament. ESU got off to a school record 13-0 start, the longest winning streak by a Hornet team since a 15-0 run in the middle of the 1992 season. A highlight of the season was ESU’s 3-1 upset of No. 1-ranked Truman in Kirksville, Mo., on Oct. 14. The Bulldogs had given the Hornets their first loss of the season on Sept. 16 in front of the largest crowd to watch the ESU volleyball team as a member of the NCAA.

Kim Edwards ended her journey as the career leader in assists at ESU and was second in MIAA history in that category. She earned first-team All-MIAA honors after being named to the second team as a sophomore and junior. Leah Griswold was named second-team All-MIAA after leading ESU in kills and service aces.

The Hornet women took fourth place at the MIAA Cross Country Championships, their best finish since 2000. Kristen Larson and Jonel Rossbach placed fourth and fifth, respectively, to pace ESU and earn All-MIAA honors. The team was ranked as high as 21st in the nation following their team championship at the ESU/Jock’s Nitch Invitational.

Due to injuries and illnesses, the entire Hornet men’s team was red-shirted for the season, one year after finishing second in the MIAA Championships.

Emporia State University was awarded the 2006 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The meet, a showcase event for the new turf on Jones Field and a resurfaced Zola Witten Track, will be held May 25-27 at Fran Welch Stadium. More than 600 athletes, 215 support staff and 200 local support staff are expected. The event was previously held in Emporia in 1999, when 472 athletes competed.

The competition is the fifth NCAA Division II championship event ESU has hosted since 1995.
Through the Years

Honors

1942
Elma (Johnson) Fry (LC), and her husband, Robert Fry (BSE 1944, MS 1957), celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in June 2005.

1951
Rosalea (Freeman) Snow (MS 1954), Overland Park, has written a new play titled Five Card Stud.

1953

1955
W. Art Bloomer, Wichita, is the new chairman of Integrated Data Corporation.

1958

1959
Bill Dickey (MS 1963), Pittsburg, is the interim 7-12 principal at St. Mary’s-Colgan High School.

1960
Raymond Feltner (MS 1961), Lenexa, retired June 30, 2005, as director of student services from the Blue Valley School District in Overland Park.

1962
Conrad Jimison (MS 1969), Arkansas City, retired as vice president after 37 years with Cowley County Community College.

1963
David Calvert, Wichita, was featured in The Wichita Eagle on Jan. 17, 2005, for his public service toward civil rights for people with disabilities. Calvert is a self-employed attorney.

1964
Florence (Wadsack) Wilson, Garden City, was inducted into the Garden City High School Hall of Fame in May 2005. Lorraine Aitken, Wichita, retired in June 2005 as communications operator after 21 years with the Kansas Turnpike Authority.

1966
Debra (Duffield) Carter, Emporia, retired as third-grade teacher from Walnut School after 37 years.

1967
John Henry (MS 1968), Lincoln, Neb., retired after 37 years with Lincoln Public Schools. Carol (Small) Lebbin, Towanda, retired from Price-Harris Elementary School where she taught kindergarten for 37 years. Lottie (Koehn) Miller, Wichita, retired as principal of Peterson Elementary School. Carmen (Watkins) Farinas, Naples, Fla., recently retired from her work as a library assistant in Illinois.

1968
Shirley Hurt (MS), Emporia, juried the Columbian Artists Sixth Juried Art Exhibit in Wamego at The Columbian Theatre in April 2005. Ron Poplau (MA), Kansas City, was named the 2006 Kansas Teacher of the Year by the Kansas State Department of Education. He also received the national Disney Teacher Award. Poplau is a sociology teacher at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School in Shawnee.

1969
Bill Fraley, Peoria, Ariz., retired as physical education teacher from Estrella Middle School. Leon Hannebaum, Salina, recently celebrated 25 years in business with his company, Hannebaum Grain Co., Inc. Bill Hoffman (MLS), Ft. Myers, Fla., who writes under the name Henry Hoffman, recently published the novel “Drums Along the Jacks Fork” through Echelon Press. Steven Sigel, Mechanicsville, Va., is the new deputy director for the Virginia Department of Forensic Science.

1970
Ann (Dunhaupt) Birney (MLS 1977), Admire, presented a history lesson on April 12, 2005, at the Syracuse Fair Building as part of a program by the Syracuse Historical Society. Marc Johnson, Fort Collins, Colo., is the interim director for Cooperative Extension at Colorado State University. Johnson is the vice provost for agriculture and outreach and the dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at CSU.

1971
Linda (Wagner) Coxon (MS 1978), Spring, Texas, retired after 34 years of teaching for Shawnee Mission Schools in Shawnee Mission. Merry (Hutter) Gumm, Douglass, authored the book “Help! I’m in Middle School…How Will I Survive?” published by NSR Publications. Dennis Reiling, Oskaloosa, completed 30 years as a magistrate judge for Jefferson and Jackson counties. Rod Turner (MS 1974), Wichita, is newly employed with UnitedHealth Group and is responsible for senior product services.

1972
William John, Kansas City, retired from Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad after almost 40 years. Lana (Scrimsher) Oleen (MS 1977), Manhattan, was appointed to the Midwestern Higher Education Commission by Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. Janet (Painter) Schalansky (MS 1973), Topeka, is the new president of the Kansas Children’s Service League Foundation. Schalansky is also a new board member on the St. Francis Health Center Foundation’s board of directors. Marilyn (Stude) Webb, Plains, was organist in an organ-piano fundraiser at her church. Webb teaches special education at Plains Elementary School.

Max McCoy, an award-winning novelist, screenwriter and investigative reporter, visited his alma mater for a week in November, holding a question-and-answer session and a silent auction to benefit graduate scholarships. McCoy (MA 1994), who has written four of the Indiana Jones books, was also presented with the Outstanding Master’s Alumnus Award.
1973

**Russell Jenkins**, Emporia, received the Emerald Award at the 125th annual meeting of the Association of Network Representatives. Jenkins is the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network representative in Emporia. **Carol (Murray) Mallicoat**, Wellsville, was named a Wal-Mart teacher of the year. Mallicoat is a kindergarten teacher for Wellsville Elementary School. **Christine (Hartman) Peters**, Tatamy, Pa., was honored as a 2004 Volunteer of the Year for the Crime Victims Council of Lehigh Valley. **Andy Tompkins** (MS), Topeka, retired as the longest-serving education commissioner of Kansas and is now an associate professor for the University of Kansas School of Education’s educational leadership program. Tompkins also received the 2005 Clyde U. Phillips Award for Distinguished Service from Pittsburg State University. **Nancy Ward**, Las Vegas, Nev., was awarded the 2005 Distinguished Educator’s Award in Mathematics for the second year. Ward is the math department coordinator and teacher for Bonanza High School in the Clark County School District.

1974

**Rebecca Morgan**, Sante Fe, N.M., was featured in the April 8, 2005, edition of the *Albuquerque Journal* for her work at the Southwest Children’s Theatre. **Rudy Pouch** (MS), Lyndon, was elected 2005-06 council chair for the Multiple District MD17 Kansas Lions Clubs International. Pouch recently completed his 2004-05 term as K7 District Governor. **Debbie Sawtelle**, Towanda, was named the Butler Community College 2005 Master Teacher.

1975

**Drew Naccarato**, Edmond, Okla., is the new director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services’s Data Services Division Research and Strategy unit.

1976

**Brady Burton**, Clay Center, is the 2005-06 superintendent of schools for the Randolph-Blue Valley school district. **Anita (Billings) Drew**, Overland Park, was featured in the June 7, 2005, *The Kansas City Star’s* Business Leaders section. Drew is a senior client consultant for RJ Dutton, Inc. **Connie Lindell** (AS, BSB 1977, MS 1984), Lawrence, was awarded the Mountain-Plains Business Education Association Secondary Business Teacher of the Year Award in June 2005. Lindell is a business teacher at Santa Fe Trail High School in Carbondale.

1977

**Gregory Fitch** (MA), Jefferson City, Mo., is the new commissioner of higher education for the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) in Missouri as of January 2005. **Milton Siegele**, Southlake, Texas, recently published an article titled “Gas Station Moments” on the Faith in the Workplace website (www.faithintheworkplace.com).

1978

**Dayle (Hammond) Fischer**, LeRoy, was featured in the February 23, 2005, edition of the *Gridley Glean* newspaper for her volunteer work in the LeRoy community. **Rita Petty**, Topeka, is the new manager of office services and executive assistant to the executive vice president and chief executive officer of Kansas Electric Power Cooperative Inc. **Colette Winkelbauer**, Lawrence, was promoted to Deputy Warden, Support Services at Lansing Correctional Facility in January 2005.

1979

**Norma Hafenstein**, Denver, Colo., received the University of Denver’s 2005 Distinguished Service to the University Award. **Karen Robinson** (MLS), Florissant, Mo., recently joined the faculty at the University of Missouri-Columbia’s School of Information Science and Learning Technologies. Robinson is also on the library faculty at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

1980

**Lori (Fitzmorris) Kiblenger** (MS 1988), Chanute, is the new assistant principal at Royster Middle School. **Andrea (Kapell) Loewy** (MS), Lafayette, La., is a new professor of music and graduate coordinator at the University of Louisiana and principal flutist of the Acadiana Symphony. Loewy recently released a CD by Centaur Records titled “Apparitions and Whimsies.” **Julie Whiting** (FS), Denton, Texas, received a doctor of audiology (Au.D.) degree from Arizona School of Health Sciences (ASHS) on March 12, 2005.

Members of Alpha Kappa Lambda share the spotlight with ESU President Kay Schallenkamp at the unveiling of a $16,000 statue the fraternity dedicated to the university. The falcon standing west of Wooster Lake represents the fraternity’s strength in its heyday, said Gary Sherrer, who pledged the fraternity in 1959 and later served as Kansas lieutenant governor. “One of the goals we have is to continue beautifying this campus,” Schallenkamp told the crowd. “As we continue to beautify the campus grounds, this statue will hopefully be a challenge to other Greek organizations to add to what the AKLs have done.”

1981

**Brady Anshutz** (MS 2002), Harveyville, is the new principal at Mission Valley High School in Eskridge. **Sandy (Witkopf) Rieger**, Gardner, is the 2005-06 governor of the Gardner Rotary District 5710. **June E. (Green) Unrein** (BSE 1981), Colorado Springs, Colo., was named one of the 2006 Top Ten Business Women of AWBA (the American Business Women’s Association).

1982

**Michael Fine**, Tallahassee, Fla., is the new coaching and recreation coordinator at Florida State University, ending his 21-year career at University of Kansas. **Kiva (Drosselmeyer) Sanders**, Shawnee Mission, has been promoted to Hallmark Sales Development Manager Card Specialty with Wal-Mart.
Kieth Hiester (BA 1957), left, and George Charlsen (BA 1961) share a laugh at the South Central Kansas Alumni Chapter gathers for baseball at “ESU Night at the Wranglers” in Wichita last June.

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1983
Mary (Evans) Mikkelsen, Oklahoma City, Okla., is the new vice president and controller of Kerr-McGee Chemical, LLC.
Cora Zaletel (MA 1985), Pueblo, Colo., was recently named to the board of the Higher Education Association of the Rockies (HEAR). Zaletel also recently received the Anna Tausig Award as part of the YWCA’s Tribute to Women.

1984
Paul Andresen (MS 1985), Berryville, Ark., was ordained on June 25, 2005, and installed as minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Berryville.
John Ericson, Tempe, Ariz., recently released his second CD titled “Canto” on the Summit label.
Jaye Hastert, Paola, is the new business manager for USD 368 in Paola.
Dave Robertson, Wichita, was promoted to executive vice president for Koch Industries and named to its board of directors.
Rochelle Schmidt (MS 1986), Emporia, is a 2005 inductee into the Newton High School Athletic Hall of Fame.
Marilyn (Edwards) Shaw (MS), Derby, was inducted into the Southwestern College Educators Hall of Fame in April 2005.

1985
Jami (Taylor) Calvert, Wichita, is the new owner of Club Z! In-Home Tutoring, a national one-on-one home tutoring franchise.

1987
Dennis Ford (MS 1991), Hutchinson, is a new rehabilitation services program administrator for the Hutchinson Service Center.
Gary Frothingham, Lancaster, Ohio, graduated with honors from DeVry University in Columbus, Ohio in June 2005.
Kevin Harker, Leawood, was promoted to executive vice president for the Heartland Affiliate of the American Heart Association, headquartered in Overland Park.
Cindy (Heerey) Henning, Wichita, was selected as one of Wichita Business Journal’s 40 Under 40. Henning is a senior manager, Assurance Services for Allen, Gibbs & Houlik LC.
Lisa Wagner, Chicago, Ill., performed a one-actress play titled Deep Listening as part of a seminar for health-care professionals at the Providence Medical Center in Kansas City.

1988
Lori (Womacks) Johnson, Rantoul, was recently nominated for the Kansas Teacher of the Year award. Johnson is a fourth-grade teacher at Trojan Elementary School in Osawatomie.

1989
Tony Divish, Wamego, is a major in the Kansas Army National Guard.
Steve Gegen, Wichita, was selected as one of Wichita Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 for his success as vice president and commercial loan department manager for Legacy Bank.

1990
Cameron Leiker, Harker Heights, Texas, was featured on a PBS special called Frontline for his efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom.
Maj. Leiker is the operations chief for 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment.

1991
Christy (Sandwith) Bright, Wichita, was selected as one of Wichita Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 for her success as an interior designer for Cessna Aircraft.
Rennie Geyer, Yorktown, Ind., was featured in the April 23, 2005, edition of The Star Press for his accomplishments in mountain climbing.
Howard Wheeler, Manhattan, is a major for 1st Battalion 635th Armor.

1992
Melissa (Golladay) Hansen (MS 2004), Prairie Village, is a new boys and girls crossing county coach for St. James Academy in Lenexa.
Donna Jacobs (MBA), Arroyo Grande, Calif., is the new vice president of nuclear services for Pacific Gas & Electric in Avila Beach, Calif.

1993
Patti (Wiggins) Butcher (MLS), West Columbia, S.C., is the new state library director for South Carolina.
Rick Golubski, Newton, has been selected as vice president of the Greater Wichita Chapter of Construction Financial Management Association for 2005-06.
Tom Grady (MS 2002), Iola, was chosen as Outstanding Faculty by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development.
Cindi Hickey (MLS), Lawrence, received Library Journal’s annual Movers & Shakers Award for 2005. Hickey is the coordinator for the Institute for Continuous Education, School of Library and Information Management, ESU.
Kevin Klein, Wichita, was promoted to regional director of Central National Bank’s Hesston, Halstead and Newton branches.

1994
Mario Bonilla, Wichita, is the new senior manager in the tax department of Grant Thornton LLP.
Celso Doria, Sao Paulo, Brazil, is vice president of Morgan Stanley Technology and was promoted to manage all of the Americas branches, including Canada and Latin America, excluding the headquarters in New York, N.Y.
Kerri (Young) Elstun, Shawnee Mission, is the new softball coach for St. James Academy in Lenexa.
Linda (McGuire) Fockele (MS), Topeka, retired as Title I reading teacher from Santa Fe Trail High School in Carbondale. Fockele was a teacher for almost 30 years.
Michelle “Shelly” (Odgers) Parks (BSE 1994), Salina, was named the National Teacher of the Year by the National Head Start Association. She is a preschool teacher at Heartland Programs in Salina.
Stephanie (Firkins) Pascua (MS 1996), Eudora, authored and self-published the children’s book “When a Sneeze Leaves.”
Renee (Morrill) Sharpe, Independence, was promoted to vice president and controller of Condon National Bank.

1995
Luis Agenol Marrero, Bonita Springs, Fla., published a book in September 2005, titled “When You Dream, You are Not Alone.”
Garrett Martin, Wamego, organized a charity motorcycle ride in April 2005 to benefit the Manhattan-Area Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group.
Rudy Ortiz (MS), Austin, Texas, was recently awarded the James W. Vick Texas Excellence Award for Academic Advising. Ortiz is an advisor in
the Department of Biomedical Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin. **Tricia Suellentrop** (MLS), Shawnee Mission, received the *Library Journal*’s annual Movers & Shakers Award for 2005. Suellentrop is a teen services librarian for Johnson County Library. **Shane Windmeyer**, has published his third book, “Brotherhood: Gay Life in College Fraternities.”

**1996**

**Jarod Allerheiligen**, Naperville, Ill., is a recipient of the 2005 Pratt Community College Outstanding Alumnus Award. Allerheiligen was also promoted to assurance partner of Grant Thornton, LLP. **Everett Starling**, Jersey City, N.J., is a new editorial producer for Major League Baseball Advanced Media in New York, N.Y. **Brian Wilkinson**, Wichita, was selected as *Wichita Business Journal*’s 2005 40 Under 40 for his success as tax senior manager for KPMG, LLP.

**1997**

**Shane Gagnebin**, Bonner Springs, was honored as the Kansas Young Democrat of the Year at the 72nd Annual Kansas Young Democrats State Convention. **Aaron Lake**, Lawrence, performed the role of Beast in Disney’s play, *Beauty and the Beast*, at The Little Theatre On The Square in Sullivan, Ill. **JoLynne (Morgan) Noe**, Lexington, Ky., was recently elected to the University of Kentucky Women’s Forum Board. Noe is assistant director of assessment at UK. **Gina Poernter**, Emporia, is the new director of Life Balance Health & Wellness. **Tate Toedman** (MS), Sabetha, is a new middle school teacher and boys head basketball coach at Wetmore Attendance Center.

**1998**

**Darren Elliot**, Topeka, coached the Kansas City Kansas Community College’s debate team to two community college national championship titles for the second consecutive year. **Ben Kohl**, Manhattan, earned a master of science degree in adult, occupational and continuing education from Kansas State University on May 13, 2005. **Michael Schumacher**, Overland Park, earned his master of arts and school leadership degree from Baker University on May 16, 2004.

**1999**

**Jaryl Seth** (MBA 2001), Silver Lake, is a new applications programmer/analyst for the Kansas Department of Revenue in Topeka. **Keri (Boeckman) Strathman**, Goff, is a new Title 1 teacher at Wetmore Attendance Center in Sabetha.

**2000**

**Renee Arnett**, Mission, has been selected to participate in the National Institute for Leadership Development LEADERS Program. Arnett is a counselor for the Career Services Center at Johnson County Community College. **Kellie Brubaker** (FS), Lawrence, is a new dental hygienist for Dr. Ted Jowett, DDS in Topeka. **Jeff Harkin** (MS), Lawrence, is the new assistant principal at Pioneer Trail Junior High School. **Brian Winson**, Riverside, Calif., is a new member of the management team of Harry’s Pacific Grill in Corona, Calif.

**2001**

**Shane Duncan**, Lincoln, is included in the 2005 edition of Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers. Duncan is a Lincoln High School teacher. **Trisha Gresnick** (BA 2001, MS 2004), Tonganoxie, is the new assistant director of student activities at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

**2002**

**Amanda (Lorenza) Biery**, Ponca City, Okla., is the new special education teacher at American Legion Children’s Home for Ponca City Public Schools. **Roger Edmonds** (MBA 2004), Pratt, is a new associate for the Pratt office of Kennedy and Coe, an accounting firm. **Susan (Hinde) Walters**, Iola, is a sixth-grade science and language arts teacher at Iola Middle School.

**2003**

**Ryan Majors**, Olathe, is the new head football coach for Shawnee Mission North High School. **Fatima Nguyen**, Emporia, is a new accountant for Wendling Noe Nelson & Johnson LLC, Certified Public Accountants and Management Consultants in Topeka. **Luke Smith**, Wellington, is the new head coach for Wellington High School’s girls basketball team. **Elizabeth Wilson-Agin** (MS), Emporia, is featured in the April 20, 2005, edition of the *Marion County Record* for developing a technique to identify unmarked grave sites.

**2004**

**Sarah (Thon) Dent**, Lenexa, is a new world geography and U.S. history teacher at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. **William Dent**, Lenexa, is a new English teacher and assistant football coach at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. **Myra Johnson**, Manhattan, is a new registered nurse for Mercy Regional Health Center. **Crystal Kaba**, Wichita, is a kindergarten teacher at Cloud Elementary. **Heather Leckey**, Smithville, Mo., is a solution delivery consultant for Cerner Corporation, a healthcare information technology company. **Krystal Littrell**, Olathe, is an account manager for Assessment Technologies Institute and a
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certified Jazzercise instructor. Amy Wilson, Octawa, is a new fifth-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School.

2005
Tiffany Schweigert, Olathe, is a theatre, debate and forensics teacher at Mulvane High School. Cortney Woodruff, Wichita, was promoted to compliance inspector for Kansas Quiznos.

Former Students
Greg Noll, Winchester, was appointed to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Advisory Board by Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

Correction
Robert Howard (BA 1952), Wichita, is included in the 2005-06 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is a lawyer with Foulston Siefkin.

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A second set of ESU babies has been born to a trio of Topeka couples with ties to ESU. The “E” is Kylie Cleverdon, the daughter of Gary (FS) and Anne (Walshire) Cleverdon (BSN 1998). The “S” is Connor Kueser, the son of Craig (BS 1996) and Carrie (Haag) Kueser (BSE 1998, MS 2001). The “U” is Halle Pavlik, the daughter of Jerry (BSB 1997) and Amy Reid Pavlik (BSE 1997, MS 2002). The latest arrivals were born within six months of each other. The first set – Mallory Kueser, Cade Michael Pavlik and Courtney Grace Cleverdon – made an appearance in the fall 2002 edition of Spotlight.
‘I love you, my dear student’

Rebecca Stevens, the daughter of former KSTC president John King, wrote of her beloved teacher, Jeanette Bigge.

In May my father called to say that Jeanette Bigge, our Emporia State University laboratory high school teacher for many years, had passed away. Phone in hand, I could see Ms. Bigge, arms folded, waiting for us to quiet down. She would smile at the shy ones and raise her eyebrows at the over-exuberant.

Ms. Bigge retired from Emporia State University in 1977, where for 30 years she taught teacher training classes and was an instructor in on-campus schools.

The last time I was in her class was in 1959, but she and I had corresponded. Because of ill health, she tried to catch up with a 2003 note.

“I love you, my dear student,” she wrote.

And love us she did. She loved us all – the rough ones and the scared ones, the cocky and the quiet. She remained that presence in our lives who we hoped to make proud and who we avoided disappointing. She mattered, and I wanted to say goodbye somehow.

My father said she would be buried in Stockton, Kan., so I called information and asked for all the “Bigge” numbers. I called the numbers, trying to be courteous and non-intrusive, but the final message was tearful. “Please kindly call with information about memorial services for Ms. Jeanette Bigge. I am a former student she taught and helped and would like to send flowers.”

That night we got little sleep after packing for a sailing trip in the Gulf. Each day out on the water I thought about my granddaughter, Katie Lou. Who will inspire her to read Cather? Will there be as fine a teacher as Ms. Bigge?

Because of ill health, she tried to catch up with a 2003 note. Ms. Bigge’s room was on the upper floor of Roosevelt High School. Its windows looked out over the shaded campus. Most of us high school students were fifties-silly. The girls liked to stroll arm-in-arm singing, but Ms. Bigge made sure we were focused.

She taught the core curriculum. During my junior year, we had a unit on American writers, in which Ms. Bigge introduced me to Willa Cather. Since then I have read everything Cather ever wrote.

See Ms. Bigge, arms folded, waiting for us to quiet down. Her family also told of her life. For many years, had passed away. Phone in hand, I could see Ms. Bigge, arms folded, waiting for us to quiet down. She would smile at the shy ones and raise her eyebrows at the over-exuberant.

While out on the water, I thought about my granddaughter, Katie Lou. Who will inspire her to read Cather? Will there be as fine a teacher as Ms. Bigge?

A message from Stockton was waiting when we returned home. Ms. Bigge had been buried alongside her family in Stockton Cemetery near her childhood home. Her family also told of her life.

Born on a farm homesteaded by her grandfather near Stockton, Ms. Bigge had been buried alongside her family in Stockton Cemetery near her childhood home. Her family also told of her life.

I miss her dignified presence presiding even at a distance over our lives. I grieve that she will not personally teach my granddaughter, but I rejoice that some of Ms. Bigge’s students have become the teacher she was.

Thank you, Ms. Bigge, for being my teacher, and for teaching me about Willa Cather, so I can share her books with Katie. Thank you for caring about all of us all these years.

Rebecca Stevens

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FAC – Faculty
FF – Former faculty
FS – Former student
LC – Life certificate
RF – Retired faculty
RS – Retired staff
STA – Current staff
TC – Teaching certificate

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