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Letter from the Foundation Board

Typically this time of year, we tend to reflect on the success and failure of our efforts over the year. It’s hard for many to point to “success” in our current economic climate. Failing banks, mortgage foreclosures, and trillion dollar debt seem to be the everyday headline in the news.

Yet we are fortunate to find both our university and Foundation well positioned for future growth, ready to ensure that all of our current and prospective students have the best opportunities that higher education has to offer. The Foundation has executed the right decisions over the past years, producing positive results. Last year, the Foundation awarded nearly 1,900 scholarships to students.

The ESU Foundation’s future growth continues to be dependent upon all of us who have already taken advantage of the quality opportunities and education that ESU provides. Now is an excellent time to give back to the university that gave each of us the chance to be what we are today. The Foundation staff, with several new additions, is ready to hear from you. Please take the time to reflect on the opportunities that ESU has given you and your family, and take advantage of the chance to provide an even greater opportunity to a current or future ESU student.

Serving you for ESU,

Tim Shadoin (BS 1992), Haven, Kan.
First Vice-Chairman, ESU Foundation Board of Trustees

Letter from the Alumni Association Board

Another decade has come and gone. Ten years ago, the world feared Y2K. We endured Sept. 11, watched Bush vs. Gore, and now we struggle with economic malaise. I am reminded that we only grow through change. Walt Disney said it best: “Change is inevitable. Growth is optional.”

Looking to the future, your Alumni Association staff and Board of Directors are seeking opportunities to strengthen your participation with ESU. Knowing how busy you are, we’re offering activities designed to fit your schedule. For example:

- **Alumni Chapter Activities.** The past decade was one for growth in alumni events. The Kansas City chapter has followed the Wichita area chapter’s strong track record by hosting a sold-out Boulevard Brewery event and planning a 2010 scholarship golf tournament, as the South Central chapter has done for years. Not to be outdone, the Salina, Topeka and Flint Hills chapters were exceptionally active, hosting happy hour gatherings, athletic watch parties and more.

- **Future Alumni Recruitment.** The Alumni Association works with the Admissions Office to recruit students at Kansas high schools. Alumni volunteers host teacher luncheons while admissions representatives promote the value of an ESU degree. In 2010, the program will be expanded into the Kansas City area. If you are interested in helping, please call the alumni office.

- **Affinity Savings and Product Marketing.** With more than 52,000 ESU alumni, marketers have been anxious to offer savings to you. In 2010, you will receive information about our new relationship with Liberty Mutual, an insurance broker providing a range of discounted insurance products. We hope you’ll take the opportunity to determine if the offerings meet your needs.

In closing, I’m always captivated by your successes. Thank you for sharing, reaching out, and giving back. My request for you is simple – get involved and reconnect with ESU, by attending events, participating in Homecoming and sharing your Hornet pride. If you wish to connect with ESU in any way, please send a message to alumni@emporia.edu.

With cheers for ESU,

Russ Everhart (BSB 1990, BSB 1990, MS 1996), Overland Park
President, Alumni Association Board of Directors
Graduating, again

“Writing is easy. All you do is stare at a blank sheet of paper until drops of blood form on your forehead.”

- Gene Fowler, author

At a bit melodramatic, to be sure. I’d never go so far as to say that an approaching Spotlight deadline looks like a thunderous frothing buffalo coming straight for me.

Or maybe I just said it. One way or another, the buffalo cometh, and I lurch forward and begin to write feverishly. The writer claims this is not procrastination; rather, he is listening to his surroundings to reveal the right metaphor. That moment came as I lounged in my parents’ Lawrence living room in December, ruminating on the large looming life-changing news vibrating inside my chest cavity, that I’m packing up the family to move to Virginia Tech in February as the new magazine editor.

I’m leaving home for the second time.

I left home the first time to come to Emporia State University, a wide-eyed freshman in 1997. Thirteen years later, ESU is unmistakably my home. It paved the way for my start on life, a degree, a wife, a job, a daughter, a second degree, and a son. Adjectives cannot do these things justice, so I will not even try. Except for “beautiful” as it pertains to my wife, who’s been asking me what I’ll write in this space.

Now I’ll leave home for the second time, and live outside Kansas for the first time. It feels like the healthy thing to do, to enter the great unknown and outrun a new breed of bison. These challenges are why we leave home in the first place, why we decided to go to college, why we embrace ambition and striving and providing a better life for those we protect.

As a writer, the greatest encouragement is to know you’re reading, and thus I am content to leave the Spotlight in your hands. Demand the best from your alma mater, and from yourself.

Jesse Tuel (BSB 2001, MA 2008)
Editor, jtuel@emporia.edu

Letters to the editor

What an unforgettable Homecoming!

There were Corky banners suspended from every lamp post on Commercial Street, also from east to west on the highway through town on 6th Street. That in itself impressed me!

The first thing we did the day after arriving in Emporia was to go to Peter Pan Park and take some pictures of the stone house where I proposed to Marialice, my wife (mother of Wendy, Bill and David – no longer with us). On the way back to the campus we stopped at William Allen White’s home, Red Rocks, and took in some of his history. We were contemporaries and he was kind enough to write for me a letter of introduction when I applied for a job at the Walt Disney Studio animation in Burbank, Calif., in 1937.

It was a memorable Homecoming and I appreciate so much when you asked me to do the cover for Spotlight. A good story you did, too, in the alumni magazine. Thanks!

- Paul Edwards (BSE 1937), Santa Barbara, Calif.

Paul Edwards also let us know that four of the Corky drawings in the summer 2009 edition were not his – a fact which was also brought to our attention by Phyllis (Leroux) Spade in the letter below.

I was greatly flattered to see several of my “make-do” versions of Corky in your “Papa Hornet” story about Corky’s creator, Paul Edwards. While it’s obvious I was no rival for his Disney job, my wardrobe-correct hornet at least served to keep Corky fulfilling his role during those wartime years when every commodity was in short supply except hope and heart. You may notice that mine wore a happy, smiling face. It was no time for aggression; there was plenty of that abroad.

Although I knew little of copyright laws, more than mere courtesy prompted my retaining Edwards’ “©” notice on those ersatz bugs while he was likely putting his life on the line for me. At the same time, it was necessary to admit that some imposter was the culprit. That, plus a healthy measure of ego, explains my “Phyl” on each figure.

Good story. Thanks for the memories.

- Phyllis (Leroux) Spade (BME 1947), Wichita

See all the letters online at www.emporia.edu/spotlight.
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**Save the date for Homecoming 2010**

- Alumni Celebration Dinner: A Tribute to Excellence
- Distinguished Alumni and Outstanding Recent Graduate Awards
- Golden Anniversary Class Recognition: KSTC Class of 1960
- ESU Football vs. Truman State University
- Alumni and Friends Post-Game Reception
- Athletic Hall of Honor
- Celebrate 100 Years of Greek Life on Campus!

- For more information on any of these events, contact the Advancement office at (620) 341-5440 or visit www.emporia.edu/saf.

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**The spotlighters**

Are you a Spotlighter? Get on board 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 summer edition.

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University Events – www.emporia.edu (click on Calendar of Events)

Athletics – www.emporia.edu/athletics
What can University Advancement do for you?

The Alumni Association

- **Distinguished Alumni Awards.** Many alumni are having a national impact in their professions. Nominate someone for this award by March 1, 2010, by contacting alumni relations at alumni@emporia.edu or (620) 341-5440.

- **Going Green and Wise.** The alumni association wants to maintain contact with you, our alumni, in a more cost-effective and green manner by keeping you updated through e-mail messages. We won't flood your mailbox but will only send you messages when they apply to you, the area you live, your academic program or for a broad message.

- **Ambassadors Hosting Convention in KC.** The ESU Ambassadors, a locally, regionally and nationally recognized student alumni organization are co-hosting the national convention of similar student organizations in Kansas City in August 2010. Drake Foster, junior, and Hannah Prophet, senior, are leading the ESU volunteers. The ambassadors have partnered with University of Missouri to host the convention.

- **Alumni Insurance Affinity Program.** The ESU Alumni Association has partnered with a well-known nationwide insurance company to offer special discounts to you – just because you have an ESU degree! You may even have coverage through the company already, but now you’ll get discounts. In the coming months, you can expect some offers to arrive in the mail. If you are interested in learning more about the program, contact alumni relations at (620) 341-5440 or alumni@emporia.edu.

The ESU Foundation

The ESU Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that exists to support ESU. We offer a wide range of services, including: creating scholarships, endowed faculty positions, and program support; and leading the fundraising endeavors for special projects (including the Memorial Union renovation project) to meet the mission of the university. We also provide free estate planning services to alumni and friends.

The Foundation works to:

- Build relationships in order to raise, manage, invest, distribute and steward private resources in support of the university’s goals, initiatives and mission

- Assist in identifying and creating awareness of the university’s funding priorities

- Offer a wide range of giving options, including: online giving, annual programs, major gift and estate planning services

- Coordinate campus and community fundraising campaigns and programs such as the Black and Gold Society and the Lyman B. Kellogg Society

From your first annual gift as a new graduate to a carefully planned gift through your estate, the Foundation serves as a resource to assist you throughout a lifetime of giving. Particularly in today’s economy, planned giving is an attractive option for alumni and friends of all ages. Find out how you can leave a legacy at ESU by contacting us at sacfound@emporia.edu or (620) 341-5440.

Visit us online at www.emporia.edu/saf.
Blue Key reunion
a singular success

Editor’s note: Just weeks after
an interview for this story, Dick
Reicherter passed away on Dec.
28. Memorials may be sent to the
ESU Foundation, 1500 Highland
St., Emporia, KS 66801, for the
Blue Key Scholarship Fund.

Dick Reicherter was plenty
excited for the first reunion of
Blue Key members on Aug. 29. This
venerable student organization,
comprised of the crème de la crème
at ESU from 1960 to 1986, was
his brainchild. As the adviser, he
molded the talents of the highly
selective group year after year, but
the 89-year-old had lost touch with
nearly all of the graduates.

Now, in late August, Reicherter
was being driven from his Topeka
home to Kansas City, ostensibly for
a small gathering at the home of
Pam (Thomas) Konetzni (BSB 1981,
MBS 1984).

Small? So he thought. He had no
idea that Pam and a group of Blue
Key members had invited the entire
200-man roster from those 26 years
on campus. In a true testament to
the professor’s impact, about 100
members were there, flying in from
across the nation. “It was a complete
surprise,” Reicherter recalled in a
November interview. “I expected
eight or nine people. Tears came
to my eyes. I was taken back. I was
speechless. And I got to visit with
every one of them.”

The Blue Key organization,
generally limited to 11 seniors
and sometimes juniors, became
the model of service on campus,
something young men aspired to
join. Today, the membership roster
reads like a Who’s Who of ESU
Alumni. Gary Sherrer (BS 1963),
the former lieutenant governor of
Kansas who now serves as vice-
chairman of the Kansas Board of
Regents, emceed the reunion.

“If you think about the
percentage of people who were
Blue Key who came to the reunion,
that’s phenomenal. That said it
all,” Sherrer said. “It was a clear
statement that whatever successes
they’d had in their lives, Dick had
had a positive influence on them.”

Blue Key’s projects were
numerous and ambitious over
the years, including a $180,000
fundraising effort in the early 1980s
for the Emporia Senior Center.
Reicherter led Mark Kendall
(BSB 1984), then the Blue Key
president and now a senior equity
partner at the Laurus Strategies
headquarters in Chicago, through
the intricate steps of fundraising.
Kendall recognizes now that the
project succeeded because of
the foundation laid by Blue Key
members since 1960; over the
years the organization had built a
reputation strong enough to all but
guarantee success. “We respected
the foundation of those who came
before us,” Kendall said. “It allowed
us to go into the community and off
campus to complete Dick’s vision
and his final overture.”

If Blue Key made their presence
felt in the Emporia community,
it wasn’t without good-hearted
mischief. A Christmas Eve ceremony
to celebrate the campaign’s
completion obviously required a
Christmas tree, and, well, a fir tree
standing alone out by the baseball
field was… gone. Reicherter recalled
Kendall’s confession that the tree
was “lonely” and “they decided it
needed decorations.”

Kendall could only laugh at this.
“We were on a tight budget,” he
said. “We never took ourselves too
seriously – that was one of the top
lessons from Dick.”

Even so, they were efficient.
They met once a week at the crack
of dawn and wore suits every day.
Reicherter treated them as business
professionals and drove them hard.
“Before the phrase ‘tough love’
became popular, that’s who he was,”
Sherrer said. “He was demanding.
He didn’t mince words. His face
would get red when he spoke. But he
did it because he loved people and
he loved the organization, and he
knew it would make a difference in
our lives.”

Kendall now works with Fortune
500 companies on employee
benefits and human resources
strategies, and recognizes the
lessons as “more accurate than even
Dick imagined,” he said. “He was
spot-on on how business works,
whether it’s dealing with a CEO or
an HR representative in a small
company. He gave us more chance
to fail than others had in college,
from a business acumen standpoint,
and so it gave us more chances to
succeed.”

Wearing a Blue Key sweatshirt at
an assisted living facility in Topeka,
Reicherter was humbled and happy.
Though he has fought cancer for 12
years, he shrugs it off with a smile,
saying the doctors are baffled that
he reports no pain. They told him,
“With your positive attitude, you’re
going to live a long time.’ They have
told him, “With your positive attitude, you’re
going to live a long time.’ They have
me talking to people with cancer at
St. Francis [hospital]. You have to
have a positive attitude.”

It’s easy to spot the personality
that motivated so many
undergraduates at ESU, to the
point where the reunion prompted
more than $15,000 in donations
for the Richard F. Reicherter Blue
Key Scholarship Fund at the ESU
Foundation. As a business professor,
Reicherter pushed himself out of
his comfort zone, routinely teaching all over the U.S. and overseas, similar to how he pushed Blue Key members into new experiences.

“In Blue Key what I always tried to do, and I tried to do it in my classes too, is to create an atmosphere in which you’d get the individual student to develop his potential,” Reicherter said. “You try to create a potential for success.”

Job well done, professor.

Other successful recent reunions included:

Theatre Reunion, June 12-13, 90 people. Lunch, campus tour (toured theatres, backstage, and the catacombs, which they loved), a dinner Summer Theatre production, and after-party at the Granada.

Treble Clef reunion, Sept. 19, 30 people. Afternoon reception with Rose Hirschorn with impromptu performances led by Rose, an evening social, and some attended the Music Gala.

Alpha Kappa Lambda reunion, Oct. 2-3, 60-65 alumni. Commemorating 60th anniversary of Lambda Chapter’s founding. Friday reception, Saturday brunch, tailgating, football game, pre-dinner social, Sunday breakfast. Formal dinner with remarks by ESU president and AKL national president. Vern Swanson (BSB 1966) said the group was grateful to the Alumni Association for all the assistance and hospitality: “We’re very appreciative of what they did for us.”

Alpha Sigma Tau Reunion, Oct. 2-3, 40 people. Campus tour, social (pizza party at hotel), formal lunch in Skyline (with engraved silver from their house, as they stayed and talked for hours), breakfast on Sunday morning.

Upcoming reunions:

100th Anniversary of Greek Life at ESU, Homecoming 2010
Communication Department Alumni, date pending
Professional Development School (PDS) Reunion, the education program in the Johnson County/KC area. Those interested in helping may contact Nikki Metz, alumni programs coordinator, at nmetzi@emporia.edu or Dr. Jean Morrow at jmorrow@emporia.edu.

When opportunity knocks

Malinda Threadgill’s mother grew up in an era when graduation meant the eighth grade. Her father finished fifth grade.

Malinda got married right after becoming the only one of her parents’ 13 children to graduate from high school. Twenty years later in 2002, she found herself divorced, the mother of four sons. The income from her career in administrative support roles, most recently with the USD 500 maintenance shop in Kansas City, Kan., was suddenly insufficient.

“I knew right away I was going to have to generate more income,” Malinda said. “It’s not going to fall from the sky one day. The only way to do that is to go back to school, so that’s what I did.”

Malinda started at Johnson County Community College in 2003 while continuing full-time at the district’s maintenance shop. As she finished her associate’s degree, she discovered that ESU’s business program at the Metro Learning Center in Overland Park would be a perfect fit. “I didn’t want to go to a university that people haven’t heard of, and I wanted to stay employed with the school district.”

Malinda took advantage of the Metro Center’s specialized scheduling, taking evening classes while balancing family and work life, and earned a business administration degree in May 2009. She also had a promotion, working as the office manager to learn about the district’s custodial and maintenance operations.

Her timing was perfect. The district had implemented a program to save on energy costs, needing two energy managers to evaluate buildings and craft a strategic plan. With the requisite degree in hand, Malinda was hired as an energy education specialist and started Nov. 9.

Prof. Bill Barnes, who regularly taught classes at the Center before becoming the MBA program director in the fall, found Malinda to be a dedicated student. He particularly admires the “stick-to-it-ive-ness” that Malinda and other non-traditional students exhibit at the Center, managing their careers, family and schooling simultaneously. “It’s a challenge,”

Malinda Threadgill (BSB 2009), Leawood, is an energy education specialist for USD 500 in Kansas City, Kan.
Barnes said. “There’s no easy way to put it.”

Malinda spends most of her time in the buildings. In December, she was performing energy audits, gaining greater familiarity with HVAC systems, assessing the use of lights and equipment, and more. On the home front, Malinda’s academic motivation has accomplished even more – three of her sons are now working toward a degree or certification. “It’s done what I wanted it to,” Malinda said of her degree. “I have a better job, and my kids are motivated to do better.”

Although her mother passed away two months before her graduation, Malinda’s father saw her walk across the stage in Welch Stadium. “When the day was there, I thought, ‘This is really happening. I’m graduating from college.’ I can’t describe it,” Malinda said. “People expect bigger things out of you, and you haven’t been delivering for 20 years, and then the day is there. It’s just awesome.”

Malinda isn’t done yet. She hopes that funding for an assistant director position will be restored at the maintenance shop someday. When it is, she’ll be ready. ESU is now offering the MBA at the Metro Center.

“We just enrolled her [for the MBA],” Barnes said in December. “She is on top of the world. That’s part of the reason the Metro Learning Center is such a success. We meet a need for people who want this kind of education. Now with the MBA, we give them further opportunity to expand their horizons.”

Emporia State University’s Office of Distance Education is committed to helping students succeed. ESU’s distance learning programs, offered through the Metro Learning Center, online and in a variety of locations in Kansas and nationwide, embody the latest technology to customize the educational experience. Programs are designed for working professionals, with courses scheduled online or in the late afternoons, evenings, and/or Saturdays. To learn more about available programs, visit emporia.edu/distance.

ESU is also improving access to higher education elsewhere in Kansas, recently signing agreements with Butler Community College and Hutchinson Community College to pave the way for students to complete an ESU degree.

Go to www.emporia.edu/spotlight to read about the two programs.

New campus signs pointing the way

When we visually perceive our surroundings, does a handrail matter? A directional sign? The letters’ font on the sign?

They absolutely matter, according to ESU staff members driving the placement of new campus signs. If visitors are easily navigating campus on a first visit, all those factors are working together in concert. If not, something needs to change.

2009 Hornet Heritage Family

The 2009 Hornet Heritage family traces its roots back 144 years to the very first class of the Kansas State Normal School (now ESU). The Spencer-Smith-Brown-Hopper-LeClear family’s ESU affiliation began with three sisters – Martha, Margaret, and Elmira Spencer – who were present on Feb. 15, 1865, the first day of class at KSN, under the direction of President Lyman B. Kellogg.

Two of Margaret Spencer’s great-grandchildren carried on the ESU lineage in the 20th century. Wayne Smith (BSE 1951, BA 1951) had a son and daughter-in-law who attended ESU, and Nadine (Brown) Hopper attended the Newman School of Nursing, which later became part of ESU. Four of her children and two of her grandchildren have earned ESU degrees, while a third grandchild, Jami LeClear, is a current student at ESU.

The Hornet Heritage award, sponsored by the Alumni Association, annually recognizes a multigenerational family of Hornet alumni and former students.

The Hornet Heritage family on the football field at halftime.
At ESU, a comprehensive sign placement program is under way. Thirty building signs, 12 way-finding signs, and numerous parking and roadway signs are beginning to dot the campus. Each sign is designed with black posts and ball finials to echo a complementary project to standardize the campus’s handrails. Elements of the signs – the color, and even the font of the letters – are visually congruous with ESU’s identity. In the end, ESU’s landscape will be easier to navigate.

“It’s a unifying theme that helps tie the campus together with a single image, so you don’t get a hodgepodge of different looks,” said Mark Runge, director of university facilities.

“It’s one campus,” added Bobbi Pearson, director of facility planning.

Pearson and Kim Gaines, graphic designer for ESU’s physical plant, talked about the signs with Dick Weatherholt, facilities manager. The trio discussed which locations were next, finishing each other’s sentences, wrapped up in a project that will subtly alter the university’s visual space for decades.

“The design blends in with the environment we have,” said Gaines. “You’ll be able to see them as you go along, but they’re not offensive. They don’t jump out at you.”

Because the signs and handrails are being built in-house – involving ESU’s professional welders, carpenters, those in the sign shop, and more – ESU saves big on costs. “Our guys can build just about anything, and they do a really nice job,” Pearson said.

Other campus renovations, meanwhile, are going strong. Even in a tight fiscal climate, years of savings has allowed for critical projects to move forward without taking away from academics, Runge said.

William Allen White Library – Mechanical and electrical system upgrade, renovated library services area on the second floor, completed before the fall 2009 semester. “The electrical systems were just so bad they were unbelievable,” Runge said. “We couldn’t find replacement parts.”

Circle Drive and Sunken Garden – Widened to allow passing of parked vehicles, installed lighting throughout the area, drainage to prevent flooding, finished in summer 2009. “Year in and year out, we would get complaints on the Campus Safety Walk – and we were finally able to get lighting in,” Runge said.

Fume hoods in science labs and energy-efficient windows and lighting fixtures across campus, thanks to federal stimulus funds.

Morse Hall renovations – options evaluated and student input gathered, spring 2010; renovations begin in Southeast Morse Hall, the first phase of a multi-year project, summer 2010; planning for future phases, 2010 and 2011; Southeast Morse Hall reopens, fall 2011.

Athletics – At Trusler Complex, a 6,912-square-foot batting facility for the baseball and softball teams, now complete; and in the HPERA building, a new basketball locker room, and a weight room expanded to 4,310 square feet, to be started soon. Both athletics projects are thanks to the support of private donors.

New faces at the Foundation

Three new fundraising professionals are now on board at the ESU Foundation. Led by Chief Development Officer Roseanne Becker, a seasoned fundraising professional with 20-plus years of experience, new development officers Matt Rhea and Shanna Bassett are already meeting with alumni, donors and friends of ESU.

Becker most recently served as the vice president of university advancement at Ottawa University, preceded by fundraising roles at Creighton University, the University of Missouri – Kansas City, the Cleveland College Foundation, Albion College, Nazareth College, and the American Heart Association of Michigan.

Bassett earned her bachelor’s degree in information resource studies with a communication minor in 2007 from Emporia State. She spent the last two years as a
development coordinator for University of Kansas Endowment, raising funds for KU’s School of Medicine in Wichita. At ESU, she served as a leadership assistant and intern and a telefund caller for the Foundation. Now she’s overseeing the Foundation’s Annual Fund programs, including the Call Center, the John Blaufuss Memorial Run/Walk, and more.

Rhea comes to ESU from the National MS Society, where he was the corporate development manager. He has additional fundraising experience for the March of Dimes and for numerous political campaigns, including former Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. He earned his bachelor’s degree in political science from Baker University in 1999. Among general fundraising duties at ESU, Rhea is spearheading the private fundraising for the Memorial Union renovation campaign, “Renewing an Illustrious History.”

To get connected to the needs of ESU and its students, contact the development office at (620) 341-5440, www.emporia.edu/foundation, annualfund@emporia.edu or sacfound@emporia.edu.

Grads recognized for library media program

Abby Cornelius and Teresa Snethen, library media specialists at Overland Park’s Blue Valley North High School, were honored in the fall with the 2009 National School Library Media Program of the Year from the American Association of School Librarians. Both are graduates of ESU’s School of Library Information Management (SLIM) program, Cornelius in 2004 and Snethen in 2003. “The program award came from an idea that my predecessor Joe Amos had,” said Cornelius. “Unfortunately, Joe, also an ESU SLIM alumnus, passed away in 2006 before he and Terri could apply for the award. So last year, Terri and I decided that we would try for it.”

Alumni director steps down

Peter Brodie, alumni relations director and legislative liaison, has submitted his resignation from ESU and is looking forward to returning to the Northeast and being closer to his family.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here in Emporia,” Brodie said. “Working alongside outstanding professionals and incredible volunteers with strong dedication to their alma mater has been a very rewarding experience.”

Brodie, who grew up in upstate New York, came to ESU after serving as the alumni relations director at Franklin Pierce University. In his time at ESU, he launched an insurance affinity program for ESU alumni, broadened the marketing program for events, hosted a number of successful reunions and strengthened guidelines and procedures.

Although the review of applications to fill the position started Jan. 31, interested applicants are invited to view the job advertisement at www.emporia.edu/saf and submit materials if desired.

A presentation by two students in the department of instructional design and technology was judged the best of three solutions at the AECT-Pacificorp Design and Development Competition, Oct. 28 in Louisville, Ky. Jennifer Gibson (above right), Lawrence, Kan., and Elizabeth Ermis, High Point, N.C., collaborated online to create a training project for online support for a fictional company.

The master’s degree students were recognized alongside doctoral students. Ermis is an instructional technologist at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., and Gibson is now finishing her degree.

ESU students have competed at AECT-Pacificorp before. In 2007, Sandra Valenti (MS 2007) and Steve Harmon (BA 1993, MS 1996, MS 2008) were one of three finalist teams.
**The cornerstone of the Memorial Union now has its name.**

**The Veterans Hall of Honor** has long anchored the oldest section of the Memorial Union at Emporia State University. Unoccupied, the elegantly appointed room has a calm, quiet aura befitting its purpose of honoring those who have served the United States in war.

Occupied, as it was in late October for a press conference, the room’s aura met that noble purpose — though the buzz was anything but quiet. The audience rose to its feet with loud applause when Ret. Brig. Gen. Art and Sue Bloomer were announced as the donors who stepped forward to name the Veterans Hall with a $150,000 gift and provide a leadership example for the Memorial Union renovation fundraising campaign.

The Bloomers’ generosity is a tale of the past and present coming together for a singular purpose. In their Wichita home, the general’s office begins the story. Models of each airplane he flew in his 31-year career in the U.S. Marine Corps, including 330 combat missions over Vietnam, line shelves along the upper walls. Framed signatures from U.S. congressman and military brass pay tribute to a man who rose to the rank of brigadier general, retiring as the commanding general at the Marine Corps Air Bases in El Toro, Calif. The Medallion of Merit, the highest honor given by Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, is displayed near ESU’s University Service Citation award, given to the couple for their devotion and service to the university.

A cable channel devoted to financial news is on mute, feeding information to the then-chairman of the ESU Foundation Board of Trustees who currently chairs the board of Ironhawk Technologies and serves as the director of Cornerstone Growth & Income REIT. After retiring from the military, Gen. Bloomer went on to a distinguished civilian career, serving as a principal officer and executive vice president of American Protective Services, Inc. and much more.

In 1954, Art and Sue married in Emporia. Back when Art was sweeping the gym floor for 65 cents an hour, and when Sue was meeting with her Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority sisters and learning to play bridge, the Bloomers remember the Memorial Union as a central place for meals and socializing. Art graduated from Kansas State Teachers College in 1955, and Sue attended KSTC in 1953-54.

The couple left Emporia in 1956, bound for Quantico, Va., with everything they owned packed into the seat of a 1952 Chevy, including a brand new baby. Art’s pay as a lieutenant wouldn’t come in until weeks after their arrival, and with $100 to their name, they had to make it last, Art said. “You think we had that much?” Sue said with a laugh.

Art and Sue raised three children amid Art’s three 13-month overseas assignments — to Japan in 1961-62, to
Vietnam in 1968-69, and to Japan and Vietnam in 1974-75. Art credits Sue for holding their home together and raising their three children. “I’m pretty proud of the way they turned out, and she gets the credit for that,” he said.

The mobile military family didn’t reconnect with ESU until the mid-1980s, around the time Art was promoted to brigadier general and named an ESU Distinguished Alumnus. Finishing each others’ stories and comparing facts of their timeline together, the Bloomers say they met former ESU President Bob Glennen through Sue’s brother and sister-in-law, and “that was the beginning” of their new association with ESU. In California the Bloomers hosted an ESU alumni event, and Art arranged an air show complete with helicopters, F-4s, and ordnance exploded on the ground to look like a bombing run. When they moved to Virginia, another brother of Sue’s put them in touch with former President Kay Schallenkamp, and the Bloomers agreed to chair a $15 million scholarship campaign before moving back to Wichita.

All along, the couple’s affinity for ESU was growing. The opportunity to support the Memorial Union renovation project was a culmination of their desire to honor veterans, encourage others to give, and pay homage to their alma mater. “Art and I both felt that we wanted to give back to the school that gave so much to us,” Sue said.

“If you measure your own success by any standard, consider what Emporia State had to do with that – and consider how you might return the favor,” Art added.

“It will certainly be satisfying to know that the Veterans Hall of Honor bears our name,” Art said, to which Sue added, “It will certainly be something we never thought about when we were sitting in the Union playing bridge!”

Others are stepping forward to support the mission of the Memorial Union as it undergoes a major facelift. ESU students voted overwhelmingly to approve student fees to finance 90 percent of the union’s renovation, while the ESU Foundation is working with donors to raise $2.5 million in private funding. In the fall, Dr. Monte and Lynda Miller of Topeka volunteered to name the Union Activities Council president’s office, and the Sunderland Foundation, based in Overland Park, has given $50,000 to the project.

“We are absolutely humbled by the tremendous generosity of the Bloomers and everyone else who has supported the renovation project. For the Bloomers, the gift even further cements the lasting legacy that they have created for Emporia State University students,” said Judith Heasley, ESU Foundation President and CEO of University Advancement. “They have invested so much in ESU in recent years – with their time, talent and treasures – and we are ever grateful. The Bloomers have influenced this university in a positive and permanent way.”

For more on the renovation, visit www.emporia.edu/murenovation. Of special note is a video tour of the building narrated by President Michael Lane.
Throughout the 1990s, Randy Scott (BSE 1979) and his colleagues knew that analyzing diseases on a molecular level would prove fruitful. As the scientific community unlocked the human genome, research increasingly suggested that genomic analysis of individual cancer tumors could predict the best treatment method for each patient.
On the horizon, Scott knew, was personalized medicine instead of one-size-fits-all therapy for cancer patients. Across all cancers, treatment is only about 25 percent effective, yet most patients are treated with chemotherapy. Consider breast cancer: 85 percent of early-stage patients have a good prognosis, and chemotherapy may not be necessary. Scott and his team reasoned that if a diagnostic test could help define which women are most likely to recur, and which will respond to chemotherapy, the impact on a patient’s health and on health care costs could be greatly improved.

So in 2000, Scott left his company, Incyte, and founded Genomic Health, Inc., in Redwood City, Calif. He drafted a business plan in a week, and then worked from his pool house with his first employee on board to finalize a plan for leveraging genomic analysis to guide personalized cancer treatment decisions. The “aha” moment came in the fall of 2003 when Scott’s chief medical officer called him to outline test results that were positive beyond their expectations. “It was a tremendous amount of excitement,” said Scott, named a 2009 Distinguished Alumnus in the fall. “Sometimes science moves slowly and sometimes it moves in an instant.”

In 2004, Genomic Health introduced Oncotype DX®, a diagnostic test to analyze breast cancer tumors. The test was soon validated by others in the scientific community, honored at conferences and written about in peer-reviewed journals. Genomic Health held a public offering in 2005, raising more than $60 million. Since Oncotype DX became available, more than 8,000 physicians in more than 50 countries have used the test to guide treatment for more than 120,000 patients, and it is now considered a standard practice in making personalized treatment decisions. The company is going global, recently opening an office in Switzerland. Operating at the forefront of personalized medicine, the company is now launching a similar diagnostic test for colon cancer that could replicate the success of the Oncotype DX breast cancer test.

“Don’t get buried in one thing, but be aware of what’s around you and learn in a variety of ways.”

In all this, he’s most proud of building efficient organizations through people. “The science and technology is very rewarding to see, but it has been great to see teams of people coming together,” he said.

Scott came to Emporia from Augusta, Kan., where he had long harbored a love for chemistry. His studies started in chemical engineering, but he didn’t like the math as much. It was Dr. Robert Smalley’s inspirational lectures in biochemistry classes that ignited Randy’s mind, combined with the opportunity to do hands-on research as an undergraduate.

Scott and his wife Eileen (BSE’80) met at ESU in his junior year, marrying in 1980. They have three children. Looking back, Scott isn’t sure he would’ve done anything differently in his career. There’s a tendency to second-guess decisions, he said, but added that failure adds to learning. “Maybe I wouldn’t have learned what I did if I hadn’t,” he said. “You learn more from your failures in life than from your successes.”

In this 2013 article, Scott shares the message he wants to share with students and young professionals. Having detailed knowledge in your field is important, Scott said. “But continue to learn outside of that. I read everything I could on business and economics and that greatly helped me. Be well-read, not just a specialist in your field. Don’t get buried in one thing, but be aware of what’s around you and learn in a variety of ways.”
When a coffee mug equals a donut

Long division and the X-Y axis may be the only vague recollections many of us have about math classes. If we like movies and saw “Good Will Hunting” or “A Beautiful Mind,” we are reminded that there are mathematicians whose minds wrestle with concepts on some higher and entirely unreachable plane.

In topology, the mathematician considers a coffee cup and a donut to be the same object, because they both have a hole.

Leah (McBride) Childers (BSE’03, MS’05) doesn’t need any reminders. Childers is finishing up her Ph.D. at Louisiana State University, studying geometric group theory. The field is a blend of algebra and topology, which she describes as “souped-up geometry.” Try this on for size: Childers explains that a topologist considers a coffee cup and a donut to be the same object, because they both have a hole – in the cup’s handle, and the donut’s middle. If they were made of Play-Doh, one could be deformed into the other.

Named the 2003 Newberg Outstanding Senior, Childers’s days now involve research, reading math papers and applying the concepts to problems. She works primarily on paper and classroom boards, and her problem-solving often begins with pictures. “My husband makes fun of me because I’m always drawing pictures,” Childers said. “Every drawing I
“Every drawing I do is an experiment to see what happens, in general, and then I can go try and prove that.”

Childers is primarily attracted to the Torelli subgroup, one of the mapping class groups not well understood by mathematicians. “The problem I would love to solve is this Torelli subgroup,” she said. “We don’t know if it has a finite presentation.”

A “finite presentation” would imply a finite number of generators. She compared it to the English language, where every word is a combination of the 26-letter alphabet. With the Torelli subgroup, mathematicians have a common set of letters from which they can write. But they don’t know whether two different words – or, the English language’s parallel of “dog” and “cat” – have the same meaning or a different meaning. In the language of the subgroup, they don’t know whether there is an infinite number of words that mean the same thing, or a finite number. “We’re trying to narrow it down,” Childers said. The future university professor has found her niche, intrigued by the interplay of algebra, geometry and topology. “I have a lot of internal curiosity going on,” she said.

Childers and her husband Chris (BS’02, BSE’02, MA’04), who is finishing his Ph.D. in history at LSU, are searching for teaching jobs now. They’ve compared the responses they get from people when explaining their lines of work. For Chris, it’s complete acceptance – everyone claims to be a historian in some subject, Leah Childers said. Her field, however, is a bit different.

“Often the response I get is, ‘Oh, I hate math.’ I say we all have our strengths and weaknesses. I try to remember that when I’m in the classroom teaching, to try to make it accessible,” she said. “It is sometimes isolating, though, that very few people understand the subject.”

Still, her internal curiosity pays dividends. Her knowledge of math may outpace the vast majority of the population, but she recognizes something else, too. “The more I study, the more I know I don’t know,” she said. “If graduate school taught me anything, it’s how much I don’t know. There are many lifetimes of work. You carve out a niche and prove a few theorems and keep going.”

At ESU, Childers worked with several programs under the guidance of Dr. Betsy Yanik to encourage young women to consider entering the math and science fields. Go to www.emporia.edu/spotlight to read about the programs.
It’s no coincidence that a student who willingly took two semesters worth of classes in his first semester at ESU would be recognized today as one of the leading hydrocarbon chemists around, producing groundbreaking work in surface science to understand and control what happens at the interface of materials such as gases, solids and liquids.

At Norton County High School in northwest Kansas, Dr. Bruce Koel (BS 1976, MS 1978) of Belle Mead, N.J., was in class every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. So when he reached ESU, he did the same thing – enrolling in 27 or 30 credit hours, with 10 of them being an honors chemistry class.

“Nobody told me not to do that,” Koel explained. His GPA that semester?

“It was fine, luckily,” he added with a laugh.

We’re not surprised. Today, the professor leads the Center for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Penn. In 2007, he was awarded the George A. Olah Award in Hydrocarbon or Petroleum Chemistry from the American Chemical Society for his major contributions to the field. An ACS publication about the awards cites one colleague saying Koel “has had a major impact on hydrocarbon chemistry” as indicated by his large number of invited talks and a citation rate of approximately 24 citations per paper, while another professor says that Koel’s work “comprises the most detailed and complete exploration of the chemistry on platinum-tin alloy surfaces.”

Koel’s research involves how metals and metallic alloys carry out chemical reactions, underpinning various industrial technologies. The applications are numerous, whether removing sulfur from oil to make gasoline or using iron nanoparticles to remove arsenic from groundwater. Or consider fuel cells, quite expensive for their use of platinum. NASA won’t balk at the price for a space shuttle’s power supply, but the cost is prohibitive to power millions of individual vehicles – and the world may not even have enough platinum for those vehicles. But perhaps Koel can develop ever-thinner layers of platinum and tune the surfaces to behave properly.

As Koel explained, in a monolayer (one atomically thick layer) of platinum, the chemical and physical properties behave differently than bulk platinum. When he was at the University of Colorado, Koel noticed that a palladium monolayer on a gold or platinum surface displays an electronic structure and chemical properties similar to silver. “As you grow the film thicker or change the substrate, you change it in subtle ways,” Koel said, what he called “strange behavior at the surfaces.”

Koel’s fascination with surface science hinges on catalysis. Hydrogen and oxygen will rest peaceably in a balloon until a catalyst – such as a spark – is added. The goal is to carry out the explosion in a controlled fashion and harness the energy. Where the elements interact is where Koel wants to be. His college classes in chemistry and physics pointed the way.

“I always saw myself at the interface,” he said. “Gas and liquid don’t penetrate solids, so surface chemistry is where the action is. If you’re an iron atom at the middle of an iron block, it’s only the iron atoms at the surface that carry out catalysis, or rust, or erode, or dissolve. It’s only those at the interface that are interesting for processing, manufacturing and more.”

At Lehigh University, the 1998 ESU Distinguished Alumnus has some of the best tools in the world at his disposal, such as an X-ray photoelectron spectrometer, one of seven in the world. He’s also receiving a device for high-sensitivity ion scattering, the first of its kind in the United States, to measure the composition of elements present at the nano-level.

Koel started his graduate training at ESU at a time when the field of surface science was relatively new, having been launched in the mid-1960s. Now the renowned chemist enjoys teaching freshman chemistry courses, perhaps recalling his first semester at ESU, to share the potential of science on the atomic level.

Koel was at the University of Southern California when he first jumped at the chance to teach chemistry to non-chemistry majors. Outside the chemistry major, the course’s curriculum wasn’t rigid – he wasn’t tied to teaching specific concepts for the benefit of more advanced classes later on.

“You get to reach people who don’t know much about science or have an interest in it,” Koel said, “because we live in a very scientific world, voting on scientific issues and making informed decisions. It’s a great opportunity to teach the foundations of the scientific method, and science in general.”
For every breakthrough in the pharmaceutical industry, for every new drug introduced to the marketplace, Dr. Brian Cathers (BS 1992) of San Diego knows all too well that there are countless other drugs that are nixed in the early phases of research.

Cathers is the head of the biochemistry for Signal Pharmaceuticals, a subsidiary of Celgene and a mid-size pharmaceutical company with about 3,000 employees worldwide. In his six years with Celgene, only one drug – Revlimid, the company’s most well-known – has been approved by the FDA, and Cathers wasn’t involved.

Nonetheless, it’s the potential for success that drives him. Cathers oversees a team of 20 scientists, and has been responsible for ushering two drugs into clinical development, with one going into Phase II testing with patients soon. “It’s a pretty neat feeling, but you don’t know yet [whether the drug will be successful],” Cathers said. “At least you know that the potential is there to help people.”

Celgene’s worldwide goal is to be the top hematological company. The two main therapeutic areas are cancer and inflammation, with an emphasis on meeting the most severe medical needs. Cathers and his team manage a portfolio of projects, generally targeting enzymes believed to be critical for disease processes. Scientists clone, express, purify and assay (a method to measure enzyme activity) the enzymes, attempting to block the disease’s progress.

Even when they fail, they have success: they’re able to rule out one more possibility, and they press forward. Cathers says it comes with the territory.

“That’s one of the tough parts. My wife often jokes with me, ‘How do you stand the failure?’ The failure rate is very high at every step. As scientists you get used to it,” Cathers said. “It’s part of the process. It’s learning. In science you’re building upon what others have done. It’s contributing to knowledge. It’s exciting when you figure something out and know something that no one else has ever known. But there’s a lot of failure associated with that.”

Cathers, named an Outstanding Recent Graduate at ESU in 2001, describes his job as being “knee-deep in science,” but he also handles administrative logistics for a complex operation – coordinating work flow with other departments, planning strategies and supervising his team. Long-term, he’d like to be the head of research at a small or mid-sized pharmaceutical company, and he’s considered starting his own company.

If there’s one thing he’s noticed about his ESU education – working alongside graduates from a number of high-profile universities in California – it’s the quality. Cathers said the ESU chemistry department was top-notch, filled with Ph.D. professors who wanted to be in the classroom, when other institutions often place graduate assistants in teaching roles who don’t want to end up teaching. An ESU degree and another degree might both come from accredited school, but ESU’s class sizes and professors made the difference, Cathers said.

Cathers, a native of Chanute, Kan., came to ESU by way of Friends University, where he went to play football and earn a degree in finance. But a chemistry class his freshman year held his interest the most, while in football, a knee injury and coaching change led him to ESU. It’s where he met his wife, Susan (Hurt) Cathers (BS 1992). As an upperclassman, Cathers was drawn to the medicinal chemistry department at the University of Kansas, for its mix of chemistry and biology, and finished his master’s and Ph.D. degrees. He had found his path.

“That suits me,” he recalls thinking. “And you’re always told to do what you love.”
It was the fall of 1957 when basketball coach Gus Fish asked Ron Slaymaker, a sophomore on the team, to go to the bus stop. Monroe Fordham, a tall African-American player from Orlando, needed a ride to campus. Slaymaker still remembers the green and orange letter jacket Fordham wore, and the small amount of possessions he brought to Emporia.

“But what he did have was a good attitude and he had a good family upbringing,” Slaymaker said.

Slaymaker won’t ever forget Fordham, and it’s not because of the jacket colors. It’s the success that Monroe and the young woman he met in Emporia and married, Freddie Mae Harris, achieved in their careers. Coming from backgrounds of poverty, Monroe and Freddie Mae persevered, leveraged the opportunities of ESU into long teaching careers. Freddie Mae taught elementary school, while Monroe became Dr. Fordham, an author, historian and department chairman at Buffalo State College. Slaymaker watched the transformation from the start, and still marvels at it.

“Wow. I remember him when he walked on this campus,” said Slaymaker, who became the assistant basketball coach in Monroe’s senior year and then served as ESU’s head coach from 1970 to 1998. “Theirs is a real Emporia State success story. It’s got to be one of the best.”

The ‘ultimate’ profession

Monroe was raised in Orlando, while Freddie Mae grew up in Mississippi and then Kansas City. In the 1940s and 50s in the South, the reality was poverty and racism. Both were the first from their families to attend college. Looking toward the future, though, Monroe remembers the stature afforded to teachers in the African-American community – it was the “ultimate” profession, he said. And in Emporia, their optimism was met with open arms.

The Fordhams, married in 1960 in Kansas City, earned their teaching degrees and landed teaching jobs in Wichita. Freddie Mae was selected as one of the teachers who would integrate the schools while Monroe guided students into the civil rights movement, and both earned their master’s degrees from ESU while there. In their teaching careers, the Fordhams in turn tried to “infuse students with the same optimism and determination we had,” Monroe said.

“We knew we were living examples of what could be done if young people were willing to apply themselves,” Monroe said in a December interview from his Tonawanda, N.Y., home, where Freddie Mae answered the phone. “I was transformed by my experience in Emporia – my wife was too. Both of us came from poverty backgrounds. To become a teacher was a revolutionary thing for both of us.”

‘A new feeling’

Alongside the academic success of the Fordhams is a story of a friendship that disregarded the norm of segregation. The transition began in Monroe’s Orlando high school. Showing promise as a ball player, Monroe’s coach – Art McAffee (MS’58, EDS’60), who coached under Gus Fish in Emporia – told Coach Fish about Monroe.

At KSTC, Monroe excelled in basketball, becoming a fierce rebounder, and he earned honorable mention as an All-American in track and field. Monroe and Slaymaker worked the early shift together at the Ranch House Motel, cleaning rooms, playing practical jokes on each other, and earning $1 per hour. But race was still a factor on occasional road trips. Once, Slaymaker said, the African-American players were refused service at a restaurant in Oklahoma. The entire team followed Coach Fish’s lead. “He did not hesitate – we just walked out,” Slaymaker said. “[Segregation] wasn’t standard
procedure in the ‘50s, but it was still around. I remember thinking, ‘Wow, that’s wrong – but we’re doing the right thing.’”

Monroe remained guarded, even around Slaymaker. “I distinctly remember him telling me one day he didn’t trust me for a long time,” Slaymaker said, adding that Monroe said this toward end of his first year in Emporia. “It kind of startled me because I didn’t know what he meant. What he meant was I treated him like a regular person and we were friends, and he thought I wanted something because I was good to him. Over the years he taught me a lot – me, a white middle-class guy from small-town Kansas – he taught me a lot about race relations.”

Monroe had expected Kansas to be different, but to witness it was to move beyond an expectation. “I never had a personal friend that was white, who would think of our relationship and think of me as an equal,” Monroe said. “Living in a segregated society, you assume things are second-nature. Your parents and high school teachers told you, ‘That’s the way the South was.’ Going to Kansas for both of us was a new experience. We knew intellectually that things would be different, but once you see people are different, you kind of have to grow to that. Instinctively you continue to think of people the same way. It was hard to understand, but at the same time intellectually you know people are different. But it’s a dramatic thing to see it.”

‘Where I was supposed to be’

Monroe estimates that there were several dozen African-American students at KSTC by the time he left. One of those students was Freddie Mae Harris. She had been drawn to Emporia from Kansas City Kansas Junior College, having met Dr. Laurence Boylan from KSTC, who was recruiting in the predominately African-American high schools.

Freddie Mae recalled Boylan’s description of campus in an autobiographical article. “We knew we had found our school,” she wrote. “We wanted to sing and shout.”

Freddie Mae arrived in 1959, reassured by having a prearranged job in Emporia to pay her way. “The campus was full of beautiful trees. There was a bridge that led from the girl’s dorm to the Student Union. A stream of water flowed over rocks beneath the bridge. I felt that I was where I was supposed to be,” she wrote.

A matchmaking friend introduced her to Monroe, and they went to see a movie, “A Summer Place.” Their busy schedules kept them apart for most of her freshman year, but he was on her mind.

As that year progressed, they gravitated toward each other. They married and had their first child in Emporia; Cynthia was born while Monroe was playing in a road game.

Monroe and Freddie Mae retired in 1998, capping off a decade when he was named an ESU Distinguished Alumnus and inducted into the ESU Athletics Hall of Honor. He was honored at Buffalo State College in 2002 with the “Monroe Fordham Center for Regional History,” to locate and preserve the regional histories of underrepresented groups, so the Fordhams decided upon an appropriate honor for Freddie Mae at ESU: the Freddie Mae Harris Fordham Scholarship at the ESU Foundation, reserved for education majors. They established the scholarship with a $25,000 gift, and Monroe said they plan to add to it in the future, in order to inspire the next generation of ESU students.

Monroe came to Emporia wearing his high school letter jacket, displaying the bright green and orange colors Slaymaker first saw. The young man from Orlando soon learned that high school colors in Kansas were a bit more “subdued,” as he recalled. If anything, though, the colors were just as optimistic as Monroe and Freddie Mae when they shed the legacy of poverty and racism, and chose to leave a permanent legacy of their own.

-Jesse Tuel

Go to www.emporia.edu/spotlight to find links to the autobiographies that Monroe and Freddie Mae wrote.
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Los Altos, Calif.  
BSE 1979, ESU  
Ph.D. 1984, University of Kansas  
• Co-founder and CEO/executive chairman of Genomic Health, Inc.  
• Co-founded Incyte  
• Silicon Valley Entrepreneur of the Year (NASDAQ and Ernst & Young)  
• Biotech’s Top 25 influential insiders (Forbes magazine)  
• Top 100 private technology companies in North America (Red Herring Magazine)

Sue (Naylor) Swaim  
Aurora, Maine  
BSE 1967, ESU  
MA 1980, University of Northern Colorado  
• Executive director emeritus, National Middle School Association  
• Teaching and principal positions in Kansas and Colorado  
• Numerous awards  
• Developed “Month of the Young Adolescent” program  
• 70-plus articles in national and state journals

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Holden, Maine  
BSE 1976, MA 1982, ESU  
Ph.D. 2005, University of Maine  
• Program officer, Maine Health Access Foundation  
• Past executive director, Maine Reentry Network, Maine Dept. of Corrections  
• Past regional executive, Maine Dept. of Health and Human Services  
• Past deputy commissioner, Maine Dept. of Education  
• Numerous awards

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Montgomery, Ala.  
BA 1966, ESU  
MS 1969, Iowa State University  
JD 1973, University of Iowa  
• Retired from Alabama Supreme Court, January 2009  
• Former University of Alabama School of Law faculty member  
• Published more than 30 articles and given numerous presentations  
• Contributing editor of the Federal Circuit Bar Journal  
• Served in many professional organizations

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- Former market analyst, Payless Shoe Source  
- Ran three political campaigns on campus focused on different parties  
- Assisted ESU with interns  
- Served American Democracy Project at ESU

Mark F. Schmelzle  
*Valley Center*  
*BSB 1999, MBA 2000, business*  
- Senior manager, Allen, Gibbs & Houlik  
- Certified Public Accountant, licensed in Kansas  
- Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants  
- Serves as assurance manager specializing in serving middle-market, closely held businesses  
- Ten years of experience serving clients in diverse industries

Jodie (Kimball) Leiss  
*Emporia*  
*BSE 2003, MS 2006, education*  
- Instructor at ESU in the department of health, physical education and recreation  
- Teacher at Village Elementary School in Emporia, 2003-2008  
- Coordinator for Kansas Kids Fitness Day  
- President of the Kansas Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Association  
- Vice president, health section, Central District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
The ESU Athletics Hall of Honor

The 2009 ESU Athletics Hall of Honor inductees joined an illustrious group of 154 former student-athletes, coaches and administrators and teams who have distinguished themselves, the university and their professions through their athletic achievement.

Phil Delavan, Track & Field/Cross Country Coach, 1966-78. Phil coached 35 All-Americans and seven national champions in his 12 years at ESU. He coached field events for the 1972 U.S. women’s Olympic team and coached the 1970 and 1973 U.S. teams at the World University Games.

Deandra Doubrava, Women’s Track & Field, 1994-99. Deandra was a 14-time All-American and two-time national champion in track and field. In 1999, she was named the USTFCCCA D-II Women’s Track Athlete of the Year and the CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year. She won an MIAA-record 18 conference championships.

Aneta Kausaite, Women’s Basketball, 1996-98. ESU’s first Kodak All-American as member of NCAA, Aneta was the MIAA’s MVP in 1998. She is currently 15th in career scoring and 11th in assists at ESU despite just playing two years, and led ESU to the NCAA championship game. She was the first D-II player in the WNBA, playing one season with the Detroit Shock.

Jurgita Kausaite, Women’s Basketball, 1997-99. A first-team All-American and MIAA MVP in 1999, Jurgita set the D-II record for most field goals in a single NCAA tournament with 55. She is 14th in career scoring at ESU despite playing just two seasons. ESU went to the NCAA D-II Final Four in both of her years.

Brian Shay, Football, 1995-98. A three-time All-American and the 1998 Harlon Hill Trophy winner as the top D-II player, Brian was the all-time leading rusher in all levels of collegiate football. As a senior he ran for an MIAA-record 2,265 yards with 29 rushing touchdowns, and scored 32 total touchdowns in 1997. He signed with the Kansas City Chiefs and played in NFL-Europe and the XFL.


The 2008 Athletics Hall of Honor

We are also pleased to recognize the 2008 class of inductees, honored at Homecoming in October 2008.

- Arthur Peals, Track & Field, 1969-73
- Carl Prophet, Faculty Athletic Representative
- Ryan Sprecker, Men’s Basketball, 1985-89
- Jason Stuke, Men’s Track & Field, 1993-98
- Cora Zaletel, Gymnastics, 1979-83
- 1963-64 NCAA National Champion Men’s Cross Country/NAIA National Champion Track & Field Teams

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ESU track and field athlete Craig Saalfeld picked up a pair of silver medals at the 21st Summer Deaflympics Games in Taipei, Taiwan, in the fall of 2009, notching second-place finishes in the decathlon and 4x400m relay. He also placed fifth in the high jump.

In the decathlon, Saalfeld won the high jump and 400m to hold a 6-point lead in the overall standings after the first day. He increased his lead to 126 points following a win in the 110m hurdles, the first event of day two. He placed sixth in the discus and fifth in the pole vault to maintain his lead over Russian Viktorovich Tsybizov going into the ninth event, the javelin. Saalfeld placed sixth in the javelin and Tsybizov won the event to take a 171-point lead into the final event, the 1500m. Saalfeld ran a personal-best 4:37.13 to place second and beat Tsybizov by just over eight seconds but it was not enough to overtake the Russian in the overall standings.

Also on Saturday, Saalfeld teamed with Delvin Furlough, Josh Hembrough and his brother Michael Saalfeld to qualify for the finals of the 4x400m relay, and the team picked up a silver in the 4x400m relay behind Ukraine in the finals.

Saalfeld is set to return to Emporia State for his senior year of eligibility in outdoor track and field in 2010. He redshirted the 2009 outdoor season with a ham string injury.

The Deaflympics requires its participating athletes to have a hearing loss in their better ear of more than 55 decibels. The Deaflympics is an international event recognized by International Olympic Committee and the term Deaflympics is authorized by IOC.

Three-sport athlete does it all at ESU

 Dustin Andrews became the first person in history to score a point in an MIAA football game, MIAA Tournament basketball game, and the MIAA indoor and outdoor track and field championships. The senior from Greenwood, Mo., is believed to be the first “true” three sport athlete at Emporia State since ESU Hall of Honor member Keith Caywood competed in football, basketball and track for the Hornets from 1938-41. Andrews was 7-of-11 on PAT’s and 2-of-2 on field goals for the Hornet football team and is an All-American high jumper for the ESU track and field team. In early January, he was averaging 8.5 points and 3.3 rebounds a game, and shooting .429 from behind the arc.

Go to www.emporia.edu/spotlight to read the highlights from the fall 2009 semester’s sports – football, soccer, volleyball and cross country.
**Through the Years Submissions**

We have adjusted the policy for “Through the Years” content to encourage more of a two-way conversation through your Spotlight magazine. Information for the “Honors,” “Nuptials” and “Births” sections must come directly from the individual alumnus/a. High-quality photographs are encouraged, and will be considered for use in the magazine. Entries may be edited for clarity or length. Entries may be sent to alumni@emporia.edu or to: Spotlight magazine, 1500 Highland St., Emporia, KS 66801-5018.

### Honors 1940s

**Ken Peery** (BA’47), Topeka, has published his new book, *Desires of My Heart – A Lawyer’s Journey from Law to Justice*. The book tells the story of his life including service in WWII and his career as a lawyer.

### 1950s

**Don Holst** (BSE’53), Chadron, Neb., published two books, *American Men of Olympic Track And Field: Interviews With Athletes and Coaches*, and *Famous Football Players in Their Fourth Quarter*. Don was a four-year football and track letterman and in 1968 served as an Olympic training coach.

**Duane Anstine** (BSE’56), Hutchinson, was inducted into the Kansas Teachers’ Hall of Fame. He began teaching in 1956, and then while employed at Doskocil Foods he served on the Hutchinson Board of Education as president and vice president. He returned to the Hutchinson schools as director of personnel until retiring in 1997.

**Max Donaldson** (FS’57), Denver, Colo., is a professional speaker with his expertise on a unique subject – celebrity gravestones. It began when he discovered an engraving error on the tombstone of jazz saxophonist Charlie Parker’s grave, which inspired his first rubbing (a graphical reproduction of the actual tombstone). His show, “Fun with Celebrities,” took him to 17 states in 2009 alone. Go to www.emporia.edu/spotlight to read more.

**Vaughn Nelson** (BSE’57), Canyon, Texas, wrote a chapter on wind for *Texas Renewable Energy Resource Assessment, 2008*. Vaughn retired as the dean of the graduate school of research and information technology at West Texas A&M University.

**Daniel Austin** (BS’58), Plantation, Fla., professor emeritus at Nova University, was selected Mentor of the Year by the Broward County school district and received the 2009 Reasons to Believe Award from the Kansas City Kansas school district.

**Marlow Ediger** (BS’58, MA’60), North Newton, published articles in *Edutracks*, *CT Journal of Science*. For full service at NO CHARGE set up your Hire-a-Hornet account today at www.emporia.edu/careerservices. All services are available online and in person.

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1960s

Dr. Genevieve “Genny” (Rummell) Cramer (BS’60, MS’66), Springfield, Mo., professor emeritus of the graduate reading program, taught 27 years of teaching at Missouri State University, where she chaired programs and departmental and college committees and volunteered. Bob Ott (BS’60), Salina, was given the Cherryvale Alumni Association’s Outstanding Alumni Award. Bob and his wife operated Ott Oil Company for 32 years before selling it in 2000. Virgil Funk (BSE’61, MS’67), Topeka, was inducted into the Kansas Teachers Hall of Fame. The long-time school administrator and teacher retired from the Topeka school district in 1998 and became active in the Kansas Association of Retired School Personnel, serving as president for two years. Terry Parks (BSE’61, MS’65), East China, Mich., retired as the St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency’s mathematics and science center director. He was with Shawnee Mission public schools for 23 years before going to Michigan. James “Jim” Johnson (BSE’63), Charleston, Ill., was named The Daily Eastern News’ Person of the Year for fall 2008/spring 2009. He is the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at Eastern Illinois University and spearheaded creating the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Dr. Marilyn (Romero) Middlebrook (BSE’64, MS’70), Stillwater, Okla., joined the athletics department at Oklahoma State University in 1997 and is now the associate athletic director for academic affairs and director of academic services for student-athletes. Lonn McCurdy (BS’66), Wichita, was featured in the Wichita Business Journal for his auctioneering. The son of an auto auctioneer, he started McCurdy Auction LLC in 1982. Sherryl (Pock) Longhofer (BSE’68, MS’73, MS’93), Topeka, was elected International South Central vice president for Alpha Delta Kappa. The past Kansas Master Teacher retired from the Auburn-Washburn school district in 2003. George Korphage (BS’69), Bowie, Md., retired after 35 years with BNA, Inc., in Washington, D.C., spending the last 19 years as chief financial officer.

At the 2009 Kansas Student Affairs Conference, Oct. 8-9 at Baker University, a number of attendees had connections to ESU. Front row, left to right: Teresa Clounch (BSB’89, MS’96), associate dean of students/director of residence life, Baker University; Adrienne (Collins) Runnebaum (BSB’04, MBA’06), assistant director of multicultural affairs, University of Kansas; Shanna Smith (BS’03, MS’07), case manager/counselor, ESU; Kelly Burns (BSE’02), coordinator of career development center, Baker University; Rebecca Roach, advisor/recruiter, Labette Community College (BA’04). Second row, left to right: Jason Bosch, assistant director of student involvement – Greek life, ESU; Sally Crawford-Fowler (BS’90), assistant director of student wellness, ESU; Lynn Hobson (BFA’78, MS’96), ESU assistant vice president for student life; Brett Bruner (BSB’06), director of student life, Baker University; Skip Sharp (BSE’60, MS’66), vice president for student affairs, Colby Community College; JoLanna Kord, ESU director of recreation services; Donna Drake, addictions counselor, ESU. Third row, left to right: Taylor Relph (BFA’09), graduate assistant for the minor in leadership, ESU; Michelle Hernandez (BSB’09), graduate assistant for Greek life, ESU; Deborah Kohl (BSE’97), coordinator for community development, Kansas State University; Mary (Decker) Shivley (BA’01, MS’04), director of leadership, ESU; Joel Figgs (BS’91, MS’93), dean of enrollment management, Cloud County Community College; Whitney McGinnis (BIS’09), graduate advisor for ASG & RSOs, ESU. Others with ESU connections were at the conference but aren’t pictured here: Dr. Harry Stephens (BA’65, MS’72), former ESU vice president of student affairs; Dr. Dick Merriman (BSE’76, MS’78), president of Southwestern College; and Natalie (Porter) Wright (BSB’06), assistant director of admissions, Tabor College.
1970s
Virginia (Martin) Allain (BA’70, MLS’71), Kissimmee, Fla., is publishing her mother’s memoirs; the first book is My Flint Hills Childhood: Growing Up in 1930s Kansas by Gail Lee Martin, and the second one is in progress. Ted Bilderback (BS’70, MS’73), Raleigh, N.C., was named interim director of the J.C. Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State University. He is a 1999 ESU Distinguished Alumni. Jo Ann (Jacques) Chance (BSE’70, MS’73), Cheney, had an article and poem published in Common Lot, the UCC Women’s magazine. The poem was also posted online following the national UCC General Synod, at which she was a delegate. Jim Lucas (BSE’71), Carl Junction, Mo., was inducted into the Joplin Golf Foundation’s Golf Hall of Fame. He played basketball for KSTC. Ron Stair (BA’73), Olathe, is now the minister of First Christian Church of Monett, Mo. Joe Markley (BME’75), Chapman, wrote “We Are the Music Makers,” performed by the Community Chorus at Reading and Emporia’s United Methodist Churches and at a Habitat for Humanity concert. Joe retired after teaching for more than 25 years at Chapman High School. Denise Scribner (BSE’75), Wichita, retired from the Girls Scouts of the USA after 32 years of service at the local and national levels, and now teaches ecology and biology at Goddard High School. She was asked to join the Kansas Environmental Literacy Leadership Team, and she wrote and received a Kansas Green Schools grant to install a wind-powered pond aeration unit at the school’s Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site (OWLS). Nancy (Trimble) Kern (BSE’78, MA’80), Kalamazoo, Mich., was named chief advancement officer for Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Council, serving 33,000 girls and 10,000 adult members. Herb Kuhn (BSB’79), Lohman, Mo., is the fifth president and CEO of the Missouri Hospital.

To follow the stereotype, the typical college grad’s first job would involve very little public recognition.

Unless you’re Fred Kipp. Then it involves your face on a Major League baseball card, pitching in front of tens of thousands of fans.

Kipp (BSE 1953), 78, was among the former Dodgers honored in Los Angeles for two recent 50-year anniversaries – in the summer of 2008 for the Dodgers’ 1958 move from Brooklyn to Los Angeles, and in the summer of 2009 for the Dodgers’ 1959 World Series win.

At his Overland Park home in December, the persona and energy that gave Fred the poise to throw a no-hitter for Kansas State Teachers College is evident. He parlayed that poise into a successful career in construction, and he still runs a firm he started in 1993.

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As his baseball career came to a close in the mid-1960s, he returned to the Kansas City area and began working in construction. He went out on his own in 1975 and founded KLC, Inc., in 1993, specializing in utilities, drainage and concrete work. When Clair Hutchinson spearheaded the renovations of Welch Stadium in the 1990s, with the new Zola Witten Track and Hutchinson Family Pavilion, it was Fred that helped with the track and later oversaw the construction of the concession stands and restrooms. Back in the Kansas City area, Fred’s stamp is all over the infrastructure of years of rapid growth; while driving around he’ll find himself saying, “I’ve worked there, I’ve worked there….”

Not bad for a native of tiny Piqua, Kan., who went to Kansas State University in 1949 on a basketball scholarship before transferring to KSTC so he could play baseball. He earned his education degree in 1953 and started playing professionally that year, and in 1996, he was inducted into the Kansas Baseball Hall of Fame.

As a businessman, he’s still active. While visiting in his home in December, a young man dropped by to pick up a paycheck. Although Fred is selling KLC to a colleague, he’s staying on to work with him. Just like his pitching career, Fred is the starter and reliever.

“Any team sport is going to teach you teamwork,” he said. “Sports are up and down like business. You have to survive the downs and ride the tops. Competitively, it teaches you how to compete.”
Actress Karl Malden, who was awarded an honorary doctorate of fine arts by ESU, died July 1, 2009. Through his wife Mona, formerly Mildred Greenberg, who attended Kansas State Teachers College, Karl became acquainted with the ESU theatre program and provided an honorarium to provide for an ESU scholarship in his name. Go to www.emporia.edu/spotlight to navigate to the Emporia Gazette’s account of his career.

Association, was appointed to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, and serves on the Health Policy Institute board at the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. The ESU Distinguished Alumnus was previously an independent health care consultant specializing in Medicare and Medicaid Issues. Brig. Gen. Kevin Leonard (BS’79), Fort Belvoir, Va., was promoted to a 2-star general in the U.S. Army.

1980s
Kelly (Smith) Gillespie (BSE’81), Lee’s Summit, Mo., wrote an article, “Going South,” about the threats that songbirds, raptors and ducks face from disappearing forests in Central and South America as they annually migrate south from the United States. The teacher in Lee’s Summit started the Avian Conservation Alliance of the Americas, a partnership between the Audubon and the Missouri Department of Conservation. Toby Holmes (BSE’84), Claflin, now the principal at Claflin Jr./Sr. High School, had been the K-12 counselor at Claflin. Dr. Dianne (Cole) Welsh (MS’84), Greensboro, N.C., co-authored a college course textbook, Global Entrepreneurship, and is the Hayes Distinguished Chair of Entrepreneurship at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Lynne Roberts (BSB’85), New Orleans, La., is sales and use tax manager for Entergy Services, Inc., and was previously a tax accounting supervisor for Sprint Foundation. Tom Akins (NDU’86, BS’91), Topeka, is the vice president of development and planning and the foundation president for Brewer Place Retirement Community. He formerly worked in public relations for Kansas Children’s Services. Jacqueline “Jacki” Emig (BSB’86), Wichita, is now a Social Security Administration service representative, and was formerly an Accenture service representative.

Kassie Edwards (BFA’89), Lawrence, is nationally certified in therapeutic massage and bodywork and was awarded the 2009 Community Leadership Award from the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc., for her work with the River City Reading Festival. Robert Swanson (BS’89), Emporia, was promoted to vice chairman of Hartsook Companies, Inc., in Wichita. He has provided fundraising counsel to numerous nonprofit organizations and formerly served as CEO and president of the ESU Foundation.

1990s
Therese (Brink) Edgecomb (BS’90), Lawrence, teaches sixth grade at Sunset Hill Elementary School and formerly a M.E. Pearson Elementary fourth-grade teacher. Heidi (Strohm) Koger (AS’90), Osage City, was designated as a certified medical transcriptionist by the Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity. She is a home-based medical language specialist/editor for Webmedx out of Atlanta, Ga. Sherry Truhlar (BS’91, BA’91), Alexandria, Va., was featured in the “Making It” section of The Washington Post Magazine for launching Red Apple Auctions, focusing on benefit events that raise money for schools. Angel (Peavler) Zimmerman (BS’91), Topeka, of Valentine & Zimmerman, P.A., Attorneys at Law in Topeka, was recognized by the Kansas Bar Association as the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year. Mark Edgecomb (BSB’92), Lawrence, is now a Farm Bureau insurance agent in Lawrence. Kelly Jo Karness (BSE’97), Iowa City, was featured on the cover of The Triangle of Sigma Sigma Sigma for becoming the president of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA). Now the associate director for the office of student life at the University of Iowa, Kelly Jo joined Tri Sigma at ESU in 1993. Dan Sell (BSE’97), Plattsburg, Mo., is a science teacher and the defensive coordinator at Excelsior Springs High School, Mo. Dr. Arthur White (BA’97), Tahlequah, Okla., resigned as an assistant professor.

Three outstanding ESU alumni in the Wichita area were recognized in the latest “40 Under 40” class by the Wichita Business Journal.
• Rick Golubski (BSB’93), Newton, senior tax manager at Allen, Gibbs & Houlik, L.C.
• Amy (Weller) Liebau (BS’94), Chapman, attorney at Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm, L.L.C.
• Michael Ruggiero (BSB’97), North Newton, director of finance for Great Plains Health Alliance.

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professor at Northeastern State University and is now an assistant professor and director of jazz studies at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Danielle Tyler (BSE’99), Olathe, was named the marketing director at Paul Davis Restoration of Kansas City after teaching in the Olathe school district.

2000s

Dr. Nicole Palenske (BS’00, MS’02), Pella, Iowa, earned her Ph.D. in biology from the University of North Texas and is now an assistant professor in biology and exercise science at Central College. She is pictured with her sister Denise (Palenske) Ybarra (BS’86). Mark Daniels (BSE’01), Orlando, Fla., is the manager of "American History in the Sunshine," a federal grant program to enhance the teaching of traditional American history. Michael Black (BS’02, MS’05), Salina, is the new director of residence life at Kansas Wesleyan University. He served as interim assistant director of residential life and complex director at ESU, a hall director at the University of Toledo, and an area coordinator at Millikin University. Helen Rigdon (MLS’03), Mission, is the associate director of public libraries for the Kansas City, Kan. public library. Helen began her library career in 1985 and is a level four Kansas certified public library administrator. Nicki Taylor-Morris (BS’04), Concordia, is a court services officer in the 12th Judicial District and a co-recipient of the Rick Land MXTE Award, saluting officers who show mental toughness and extra effort. Jesse Haller (BA’05, MBA’09), Emporia, is a Social Security Administration service representative in Emporia. Jenny Harder (BS’08), Emporia, is the director of induction and recognition for the National Teachers Hall of Fame. Drew Donahoo (BFA’09), Macomb, Ill., is pursuing a degree in college student personnel at Western Illinois.

Friends

Paul Moore, Topeka, was named a Distinguished Alumnus by the Tonkawa High School Alumni Association. He was an associate professor at ESU, teaching piano for 40 years before retiring in 2000. At ESU, he was an academic advisor and developed the group piano program.

Births

Nissi Marine Balloqui, daughter, born to Alfred (BA’04) and Elizabeth (Burns) Balloqui (BS’04), Aug. 18, 2008. Katherine Elizabeth Richardson Bleeker, daughter, born to Warren Bleeker (BA’96) and Teri Richardson (MS’97), April 27, 2009. Kevin Ray Cline, Jr., son, born Jan. 9, 2008, and Kyndall Marie Cline, daughter, born Aug. 12, 2009, to Kevin (BIS’03) and Tracy (Cade) Cline (BSN’99). Makinley Elizabeth Cook, daughter, born to Brian (BS’00, BS’00) and Alicia (Schroeder) Cook (BSE’99, MS’09), Nov. 24, 2008. Gracen Noelle Dame, daughter, born to Andrew (BFA’09, MBA’05) and Havi (Wilcox) Dame (BS’04), June 18, 2009. Nessa Maryn Deas, daughter, born to L. Vernon and Amy (Jones) Deas (BS’02), Dec. 21, 2008. Aedri Leigh Grooms, daughter, born to Justin and Kim (Gibson) Grooms (BSB’05), July 21,

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Steven R. Anderson (BS’70). Donald D. Andrews (BS’73). Richard J. Burney, Jr. (BME’71,
Four men who roomed together at 1314 Highland St. in the late 1950s reunited in the summer of 2009 at the Sauder Alumni Center: from left, Ron Bowen (BS 1959, MS 1964) and Mary Lou Bowen (BS 1959), of Holton, Kan.; Bob Harvey (BSE 1957), Herndon, Va.; and, Dr. Dan Austin (BS 1958), Plantation, Fla.; and, seated, Delayne Bowen (BSB 1958), Norman, Okla.
Top left: Paul Edwards (BSE 1937) designed Corky the Hornet 77 years ago, and traveled to Homecoming from his California home to celebrate. No stranger to the sidelines, Paul was the head cheerleader as an undergraduate.

Top right: At left, Drew Donahoo (BFA 2009), Mim Hiesterman (FS 1957), the South Central Kansas Alumni Coordinator, and 2009 Distinguished Alumna Dr. Becky Hayes Boober (BSE 1976, MA 1982) mingled in the Dr. John R. Webb Atrium.

Middle right: At right, ESU President Michael Lane (center right) visits with, from left, Dr. Richard Carlson (BS 1962) and Dr. Bruce Prall (BSE 1963, MS 1965).

Bottom left: The Class of 1959 gathered for a Golden Reunion at Homecoming, pictured here at a Saturday morning reception.